

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

November 16, 2025

**IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST we welcome you
to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!**

Immanuel is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, and is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Immanuel was founded by the Virginia Theological Seminary. We are one parish that worships in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card — located in the pews or display stands at the entrances of the chapels. Please give your card to an usher or place in the collection plate. Thank you. For the latest information on our online worship service and to view a video of our most recent service, please visit our website (www.icoh.net).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Ann MacNamara, Aster, Jim, Nancy, Spencer, and Zuzanna Wise, Carol Crossmire, Caroline Bergmark, Carolyn Ferguson, Catherine Sinclair, Chris von Schoening, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Debbie Hewson, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Jane, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Mary Jane Ruhl, Nancy Bishop, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, Susan Montague, Tom and Martha Shimkin, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Andrew Davis, Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Barbara Kellner, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Caleb Lusk, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Cicely, Donna Becker, George Rustigian, Gerry, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackson Sirhal, Jean Couban, Jodi Wilson, Joe Micelli, the Rev. John Hogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Lea Gorman, Lilly Pinner, Louise Jackson, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, Margie Lidoff, Marie, Mary Horner, Marty Childs, Mary Muniz, McQuade Milligan, Melvyn, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Sofia, Soundary Dilan, Stacey, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, Thomas Henry, Val, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Doug Henry, Rebecca Wise, Caitlyn Becker, Francesca Gabriel, Cilla Houck, Judith Atwood, and Suzanne Dawkins.

Pray for those serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, Scott, and Philip Pretzinger.

Those who have died: Betty Flanders, sister of Brian Ply; and John Howard Eisenhower, husband of former parishioner and Parish Office Manager Dotty Eisenhower, and father/father-in-law of Mark and Jeannie Cummins Eisenhower. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

FORUM HOUR “*BEING FAITHFUL ON TUESDAY*” **TODAY, The Welcome Center @11:30 a.m.**

Following the fall retreat at Holy Cross Abbey, come hear the Rev. Dr. Frank Wade’s reflections at a forum hour **today at 11:30 a.m. in the Welcome Center** across from Immanuel Chapel.



IMMANUEL CLERGY DAY AT THE VIEW ALEXANDRIA, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

The View is a retirement community affiliated with Goodwin Living, right across the street from Goodwin House, Alexandria. The Rev. Susan D. Parsons is leading this Eucharist at 11 a.m. today.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, November 18th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, November 19th, Zabriskie Chapel

Quiet Prayer, Wednesday November 19th, 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

The Oratory Chapel inside Immanuel Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of John*” Thursday, November 20th

@10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Compline, Friday November 21st @ 8:30 p.m, online via Zoom

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs*

Join Sarah for fellowship this **Wednesday, November 19th** from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. **All are welcome!**



IMMANUEL'S STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN *Putting God First*

Immanuel's Every Member Pledge Campaign continues through Sunday, November 23rd, with the theme of ***Putting God First***. This is our annual opportunity to consider our many blessings and to pledge what we will give back to God and towards God's purposes through Immanuel for next year. As in the past, our campaign will feature several Immanuelites sharing their testimony of what giving has meant to them in their faith journey. You may pledge by using the QR code at right, or by returning the pledge card from the stewardship mailing, or by clicking on the Give button on our website. Our annual pledge is among the many ways we strive towards *Putting God First*.



ALIVE! Diaper — and Formula — Drive: November 2025

Two months a year (January and June), Immanuel donates food to ALIVE! to help Alexandrians with food insecurity. This year we are adding a diaper, baby wipe, and **baby formula** drive in the month of November.

All sizes of diapers are needed, including adult-sized for older children with disabilities. Please consider adding a package of diapers or wipes to your grocery or drug store cart. We've placed collection boxes in the narthex of both chapels for drop-offs throughout the month of November.

Questions? Contact Lisa Clausen at Lisa.clausen@verizon.net

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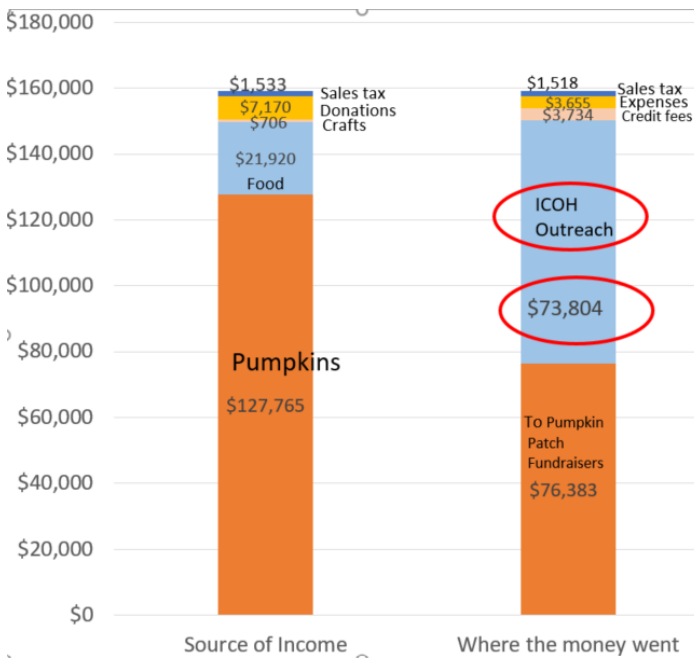
Please invite your neighbors, friends, family and visiting holiday guests to join us for a special Thanksgiving Eucharist on **Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 26th at 6:30 p.m. in Zabriskie Chapel.**



OUTREACH MONEY RAISED BY 2025 PUMPKIN PATCH

This is our 32nd year selling pumpkins to raise money for outreach. We received four truckloads of pumpkins and assorted gourds in boxes on pallets, which we unloaded with a pallet jack, forklift, and lots of volunteer labor. Once again, many parishioners, scouts, students, and community groups helped unload the pumpkins, and many crafters, bakers and soup-makers provided goods to sell. We involved our parish in a large-scale cooperative effort, welcomed hundreds of community residents to our front yard, supported the Navajo pumpkin growers, and most importantly, raised money for local, national, and international charities that need funds more than ever.

For many customers it was their first visit. They heard about us from friends, from good reviews on the Internet, or simply saw all that orange on our front lawn as they drove by and were curious. Many other customers have been coming for more than a generation. Every visiting child (and some parents) got a “pumpkin patch visitor” sticker, and everyone left with a smile and a good feeling.



The left bar of this chart graphs the sources of income. From bottom to top they are: pumpkin and gourd sales (\$127,765), food sales (\$21,920), craft sales (\$706), donations and tips (\$7,170), and collected sales tax (\$1,533).

Over 30% of the money raised for outreach came from the sale of food items including soups, pies, breads, cupcakes, cornbread, cookies, and some apple crisps. This represents countless hours of cooking and baking by dozens of parishioners and friends. 100% of the after-tax receipts from the sale of food goes to outreach. Thanks to everyone who provided this great-selling tasty merchandise!

The second bar portrays the disposition of the funds. From top to bottom, \$1,518 went to the state for sales tax, \$3,655 paid for net expenses, \$3,734 went to Square for credit card fees, and \$76,383 went to Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers, the national outfit that provides the pumpkins, pays the Navajo reservation where the pumpkins are grown, and pays for the boxes, pallets, and shipping costs.

Pumpkin Patch expenses came to \$6,455, including renting the forklift and paying its operator, pallet removal, compost removal, food for unloading and cleanup crews, and a bakery display case. Immanuel’s operations budget contributed \$2,500 toward these expenses, \$300 came from designated contributions, and the remaining \$3,655 came out of patch earnings.

The “bottom line” figure is \$73,804 for local, national, and international outreach.

Our heartfelt thanks to the great many of you who stepped up in so many ways to make it possible. And thanks be to God!

Christmas Families 2025

Let's plan for a very successful Christmas Families project this year. Here are the key dates, more information to follow.

Bold: For all parishioners, Plain: Activities for which many volunteers are needed

Sunday Nov. 23	First day to sign up to provide nice, lasting, and inspiring gifts for the children in a family, Next sign-up Sundays Nov. 30 and Dec. 7
Friday Dec. 05 Saturday Dec. 06	Books (Connie Kurz, Laura Snow Friday: Book set up in parish hall, starting 1 pm Saturday: Saturday Book assignment in parish hall, 9 am – 3 pm
Sunday Dec. 07	Last day for signing up for a family
Saturday Dec. 13	Tagging of gifts in Santa's workshop (above Ross store, 112 N Washington St., (Andy and Alisa Biache) Lego sorting. (Dagobert Soergel and Biggs Family) Set up in parish hall 1pm until done (Linda Serabian)
Sunday Dec. 14	Ingathering of gifts and blessing at the altar (all services) Wrapping forum hour in parish hall. 9 am – 4 pm Special collection to buy gifts for children not signed-up for
Monday Dec. 15	Delivery to and sorting at DCHS, 4850 Mark Center Dr (Linda Serabian)

Linda Serabian <serabian@somaarchitects.com> Dagobert Soergel <ds@dsoergel.com>



Advent Wreath Making and Pizza Lunch: Join Rev. Sarah on November 30th at 11:30 in the Zabriskie Parish Hall to make an Advent wreath and enjoy a pizza lunch.



TWO CHALICE BEARERS NEEDED 2ND AND 3RD SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH

We now offer healing prayers on the second Sunday of each month at both services, and we need to have two Chalice Bearers at the 10:00 a.m. Eucharists. Please consider signing up to serve.

SIGN-UP TO SERVE: NOVEMBER - JANUARY 2026

IT'S EASY AND ONLINE

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through January 2026* ONLINE by visiting the landing page of our website at ICOH.net and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at left. If you're a student planning to spend occasional weekends home, feel free to **sign-up for only a Sunday or two**. Training for all lay ministries available upon request. **THANK YOU for your participation!**



CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net)	Rector
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Peter Kent	Junior Warden: Administration
Mark Fearer	Social Justice
Matt Haskin	Worship
Rich Hobson	Outreach
Taylor Houck.....	Adult Formation and Discipleship
Dave John	Fellowship
Doug Onley	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Mary Ann Ring.....	Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Brian Rush.....	Senior Ministry, Pastoral Care
Kristin Whitman	Newcomers and Communications
Sydney Onley	Youth Representative

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 10:00 a.m. *First Sunday in October, November & December 2025*
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

Online

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

PRIESTS ASSOCIATE

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley
 The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke
 The Rev. Jan A. Maas
 The Rev. John R. Smucker
 The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

RECTOR EMERITA

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth

MISSION STATEMENT: Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, striving to be in relationship with God and each other as Christ has taught us, actively attempting to sense and to serve God’s plan with great love. We are guided by Mark 16:15: “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,” to learn, discern, and proclaim the Good News by being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.



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Ways to GIVE