

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

June 8, 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: Aggie Fortune, Agnes Soos, Ann MacNamara, Brad Ashton, Catherine Sinclair, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Jim Wise, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Kitty Montie, Lynn Gas, Marcus, Melissa Ennis, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Andrew Davis, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian Tolson, Bridget Rice Rose, Cadence Claypoole, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Donna Becker, Dorothy Gerhart, Gerry, Dwight and Mary Horner, Emily, George Rustigian, Gerald, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackie Claypoole, Jean Couban, Jessi Napolitano, Joe Micelli, José Maria, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Smith, Judi Rhodes, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Michael, Mark Rogers, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Patricia, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Richard Zitelli, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Ryan Willis, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Tim Williams, Wanda, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: William Alexander, Sara Latimer, Addie Biache, Andrew Drennon, Anthony Gabriel Jr., Betsy McWhirt, Margaret Messenger, Dorathea Peters, and the Rev. Dr. Frank Wade.

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: Cynthia Wright Lasserre, aunt of Priscilla Allen; Roberta Maxwell Du Teil, grandmother of Jennie Reading; and Mark Ewing Riley, father of Emily Riley. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

FINAL DAY for IMMANUEL'S EASTER APPEAL

Immanuel Parishioners moved to support this appeal may choose one of the three methods below:



- (1) **Write a check** to Immanuel with **Easter Appeal Haiti–Micah** or **Easter Appeal Christ Church Refugee Ministry** in the memo line
- (2) **Donate online** via the QR Code at right and look for **Easter Appeal** dropdown options
- (3) from Immanuel's web site www.ICOH.net, under GIVE, select ONLINE GIVING, then Give Here: select the Easter Appeal dropdown option you want.

Donations made to **Easter Appeal** (without further designation) will be split between both ministries. Thank you for your support.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, June 10th @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, June 11th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of Luke*”
Thursday, June 12th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Compline, Friday June 13th @ 8:00 p.m, online via Zoom

Praying with Scripture will not meet today, so that participants may attend the Pentecost Potluck Picnic. Meditation will resume on **Sunday, June 15th, in the Octagon Room** following the 10 a.m. Eucharist.



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

Join Rev. Sarah for conversation over coffee this Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!

Mark Your Calendar: Next week, June 18th, the Rev. Dr. Frank Wade will join us at Alexandria Pastry Shop.



Second Eucharist Time Change: Beginning *next Sunday, June 15th*, our 10:30 a.m. Eucharist moves to 10:00 a.m. for the summer.



JUNE Food Drive for ALIVE!

Traditionally, Immanuel dutifully collected canned goods and non-perishable foods for ALIVE! for two months each year. **The need remains great, and the list of categories has grown as a result.** Our last collection in January was a great success bringing in over 500 pounds of food. Let's do it again in JUNE! Bins will be placed in both narthexes for the five Sundays in June. Below is a list of suggested items.

CANNED GOODS: Fruit, vegetables, soups, beans, pasta sauce, diced tomatoes, fish and meat (chili, chicken, tuna, salmon, beef ravioli, etc.)

RICE AND PASTA: Spaghetti, noodles, mac & cheese kits

COOKING OIL: Vegetable, canola

CEREAL: Cold or hot, including oatmeal

DRIED BEANS AND LENTILS

PANCAKE MIX: Complete (just add water), and table syrup

PEANUT BUTTER AND JAM/JELLY

KID-FRIENDLY, SINGLE-SERVE MICROWAVABLE ENTREES: Soup, ravioli, mac & cheese

Thanks in advance for your participation.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES IN AUGUST CAMPAIGN FOR LEARNING 2025

Haiti and Alexandria (*financially-challenged and refugee families*)

First sign-up and special collection today, ingathering and special collection Sunday August 10.

Help children with school supplies - critical tools for learning!

It is hard to learn to write if you don't have a pencil. Christmas Families in August is about making sure that many more children have pencils so they can learn and develop to their full potential — a small step to moving education towards contributing to a more equal and just society. We get referrals from the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) and the Refugee Ministry administered by Christ Church for the Alexandria Episcopal churches. We are expecting 100 families with 200 children who need help.

There are two ways you can help:

(1) Sign up to provide a backpack filled with school supplies for the children in one family, starting today and ending Sunday, August 3 We will give you all the information you need.

(2) Donate money through the special collections held today and Sunday, August 10. The money will go to the **Haiti Micah project**. For the 150 children it serves, education offers the only path out of extreme poverty. In Haiti, there is no free public education. This funding adds to the Easter Appeal specifically for school supplies (50%, last year \$2,000), **Community Lodgings** (25%, last year \$1,000)

Buying school supplies for families not signed-up for (last year \$1,200).

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A Fond Farewell to Emily and Allan: As our season draws to a close, we are saying goodbye to two of our wonderful section leaders in the Immanuel Choir, Emily Riley and Allan Gervacio.

They have sung solos beautifully and have added immeasurably to our worship services with our choir's sound. We will miss them, and they will be very hard to replace. Emily has sung with us for ten years and Allan for eight and their contribution cannot be overstated. We wish them well and pray for their continued success as singers.

Finally, should you, a colleague, friend, or neighbor know of an experienced soprano and/or tenor that might consider replacing them in our choir, please have that person/them contact me directly at jtavernier@icoh.net by July 31st.



The Wall That Heals, a ¾-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial -- along with a mobile Education Center -- is coming to Alexandria on **June 12–15, 2025**, displayed on the grounds of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. TWTH honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces in the Vietnam War, and it bears the names of the

58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. It will be open 24 hours a day and is free to the public.

Scan the QR code at right to visit the website and learn more about the exhibit, including a calendar of special events and ways to participate in honoring the fallen during this event.



**ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE SHRINEMONTERS at
THE SEMINARY'S 1823 CAFÉ JUNE 13TH**

The Shrinemonters perform live at 1823 Café (affectionately known as "the Pub") on Friday evening, **June 13th** for an evening of song, refreshment and fellowship. Immanuel's own *old-time music* group will be performing two sets of their favorite, mostly singalong tunes (including, for example, *I'll Fly Away*, *Will the Circle be Unbroken*, *Swing Low*, *Sweet Chariot*, and *Rivers of Babylon*), starting at about **6:00 pm** that evening and likely lasting until about 8:00 pm. We'll have Immanuel alum Michael Duane sitting in with us, which we are all looking forward to. All are welcome. No cover charge. Drinks and food are very reasonably priced. For those who have not yet had the pleasure of visiting the Pub, it's located on the VTS campus, just behind the little white post office on Seminary Road. Questions: please contact Doug John at wendymjohn@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study: "GOD'S PROMISES"
SATURDAY, JUNE 21st @ 8:00 AM, Held Online via Microsoft Teams**

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, June 21st** online via Microsoft Teams (find this bulletin on our website under the "Worship" tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 a.m. Our new theme for 2025 is *God's Promises*. This month we will read **Numbers 23:19 - 20** "*God is no human being that he should lie, no child of Adam to change his mind...is it his to speak and not fulfill?*" using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage "Breakfast Bible Study"](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

[Join MSTeams Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 / Passcode: 027913

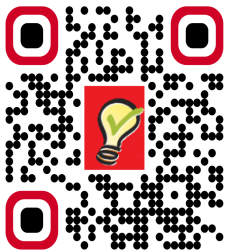


**Mark Your Calendar: FORUM HOUR ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
Sunday, June 22nd, 11:45 a.m., The Welcome Center**

Join us for an in-depth presentation on the topic of AI (Artificial Intelligence) on Sunday, June 22nd in the Welcome Center. Our speaker is Dr. Najam Hassan, Chair of Computer and Data Science, Capitol Technology University in Laurel, Maryland. You may find his bio at: <https://www.captechu.edu/news-events/faculty-spotlight-dr-najam-hassan>



**SIGN-UP TO SERVE THIS SUMMER: JUNE - AUGUST 2025
IT'S EASY AND ONLINE**



Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through July 2025* 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 — or planning Summer travel — feel free to **sign-up for only a Sunday or two**. Training for all lay ministries available upon request. **THANK YOU for your participation!**



Save the Dates: November 7-9, 2025 - Spiritual Retreat at Holy Cross Abbey, Berryville, VA
The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade will serve as retreat leader this fall. The registration fee is \$350.00 per person. For scholarship consideration, contact [Father Randy](#) directly. Look for registration materials in early August.

CLERGY AND STAFF

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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
Bert Shelters	Evangelism and Newcomers, Communications
Sophie Johnson, David Lloyd, Sydney Onley, and Isabelle Young-Smith	Youth Representatives

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:30 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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