

The Feast of the Resurrection

Easter Day



HOLY EUCHARIST at 7:30A.M.

APRIL 20, 2025

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

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3606 Seminary Road
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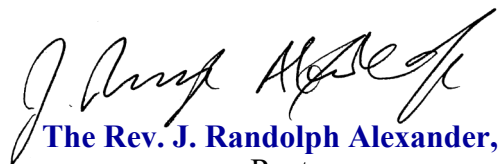
Welcome to the celebration of Christ's Resurrection at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!

Here you will find a very varied group of people who have in common our desire to live into the greatest commandment Jesus Christ ever offered, that *we are to love God with all of our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves* (Matthew 22:37-40).

Immanuel welcomes all of God's beloved children to find a home here. Whether you are visiting, a long-time member, or a seeker coming back to Church, welcome!

May the depth of God's love for you, the extent of Christ's sacrifice for you, and the power of Christ's Resurrection from the dead all speak to you in unique ways this year. If you are interested in finding out more about Immanuel please fill out the welcome card in your seat, and we will be in touch. Truly, Christ is Risen, and that changes the world.

Happy Easter!


The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.
Rector

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

The Collect of Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Gloria in excelsis

***Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he

went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.



The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

After the words "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!",
the congregation responds with "*The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*"

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And with thy spirit.*

Welcome from The Rector

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

All things come of Thee, O Lord,
and of Thine own have we given Thee.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And with thy spirit.*
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*
Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

The Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant:

*Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen*

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

Response: Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

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*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

*If you are physically unable to come to the Altar, please let an usher know
that you would like to have Communion brought to you*

Post Communion Prayer

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*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the
spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy
Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of
thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very
members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the
blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs,
through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly
beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy
grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do
all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the
Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.
Amen.*

The Easter Blessing

The Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*



SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

- Crucifer:*** Beatrice Osumba
Reader/Intercessor: Amy Thomas
Altar Guild: Susan Gildersleeve
Flower Guild: The Immanuel Flower Guild
Usher: Dodd Sims
Vestry Counter: Amy Thomas
Coffee Hour Host: Sujatha Augustine
Celebrant: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons



Signature Easter Blooms: PATRONS

Tom and Sally Guy
Brown

In thanksgiving for the Allen and Preston
O'Neil Family

Douglas Henry

In memory of Mary Ellen Henry

In thanksgiving for the Clergy of Immanuel

Pam Willard

In memory of Jeannette, Philip, Phil, Charlie

Darrell and Leah Wilson

In memory of Stanley Keith Twaddle

In thanksgiving for Immanuel

Signature Easter Blooms: SPONSORS

Anonymous

In thanksgiving for the Generous Hospitality shown to
Dignity Northern Virginia by the Community of ICOH

Jan and Hugh Campbell

In thanksgiving for our grandchildren: Claire, Chloe,
Virginia, Elizabeth, Hugh III, and Matthew Campbell

Matt and Kathryn Jackson Haskin

In thanksgiving for Adeline Haskin

Nancy Jennings

In thanksgiving for the Immanuel Church Family

Doug and Wendy John

In thanksgiving for our grandchildren Thomas, Cora,
Ben, and Scarlett

The Maas/Hicks Family

In memory of Georgia S. Maas

Diane Walker

In memory of Michael Walker

Easter Flower Dedications



Anonymous

In memory of James William "Bill" Kilpatrick

The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

In memory of my beloved mom, Martha "Marti" Ann Burkett Spurlock

Julie and Denis Bruns

In memory of Virginia Lee Bruns

Carolyn Ferguson

In thanksgiving for Mike Ferguson

Tom and Deborah Hewson

In memory of Bill and Susan Davis

The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke and
Ms. Judy Adkins

In memory of Patty McGrane

Doug and Wendy John

In thanksgiving for our grandchildren Ben, Scarlett, Thomas, and Cora

The Kirby Family

In memory of Joseph L. Kirby

Ann MacNamara

In memory of Lawrence and Margaret MacNamara, Lawrence MacNamara, Jr., and Helen C. Angle

Jim and Laura Snow

In memory of our parents, Dr. John and Ardath Snow, and Philip and Cecelia Burge

Music
Easter Music: PATRONS

Douglas Henry

In thanksgiving for the Immanuel Choir

Mary Ann Rehnke

In memory of Charles O. Willis

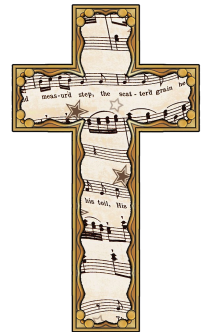
Darrell and Leah Wilson

In memory of Marjorie June Banbee

Music Easter Music: **SPONSORS**

Anonymous	In thanksgiving for our choir and Jane's leadership
The Christoffersen Family	In memory of Becky Cotton Christoffersen
Anthony Christino III and Adrienne Goins	In thanksgiving for their daughters, Martha and Ruth
The Hobson Family	In memory of Richard R.G. Hobson
Kirby Family	In thanksgiving for Jane Tavernier
Maas/Hicks Family	In thanksgiving for Caroline L.M. Hicks
The Rev. Dr. Anne Gavin Ritchie	In thanksgiving for The Immanuel Choir
Denise Freeland and Paul Smyth	In thanksgiving for Jane Tavernier and the Immanuel Choir

Easter Music Dedications



Randy Alexander	In thanksgiving for Patty, William, Peter and Andrew and the fellowship we share at Immanuel; In memory of Connie Smith, Betty Lineberry, Joe and Mildred Alexander, and Ed and Dorothy Phaneuf
Anonymous	In memory of James William "Bill" Kilpatrick
Carolyn Ferguson	In memory of Mike Ferguson
Tom and Deborah Hewson	In memory of Tom and Betsy Hewson
Doug and Wendy John	In thanksgiving for our grandchildren Thomas, Cora, Ben, and Scarlett
John and Edna Roberts	In memory of our parents Mr. and Mrs. Bus Knight and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roberts
Katherine Smith and Brian Young	In thanksgiving for our beloved daughters, Gabriella Grace and Isabelle Sophia Young-Smith; In memory of our parents, Bob and Ann Young, Eleanor and John Smith
Rosi Urbine	In thanksgiving for Dwight and Mary Horner

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

April 20, 2025

EASTER

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, Ann MacNamara, Catherine Sinclair, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gilma Balcarcel, Gordon Johnson, James, Jim Wise, Joan Raybold, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Kitty Montie, Lynn Gas, Marcus, Margaret, 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, Betty Hicks, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Cadence Claypoole, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Donna Becker, Dorothy Gerhart, Dwight and Mary Horner, Emily, George Rustigian, Gerald, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackie Claypoole, Jean Couban, Jessi Napolitano, Jill Lane, Joe Micelli, José Maria, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Smith, Kathy Porter, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Marty Childs, Michael, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Patricia, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Ryan Willis, Sarah Minor, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, Tim Williams, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Martha Shimkin, Lucas Thompson, Gil Donahue, Nancy Jennings, Laura Good, Sharon Biache Blanchét, Gordon Johnson, Kristi Kubista-Hovis, and Jessica Turner.

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: Victims of the mass shooting at Florida State University, Tallahassee. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

10:15 AM April 27th: A (Godly) Play Experience for *Adults*

Before next Sunday's 10:30 a.m. service, we invite parents and other interested adults to come and experience Godly Play for yourself, in **an adults-only session** that will be led by one of our Godly Play storytellers. Meet us in the Oratory at 10:15 a.m., and then you will be led to a separate space for the adults-only session.

If you have children in Godly Play (designed for ages 1-8), we especially encourage you to join for the session to experience it for yourself and learn more about the practice and purpose of the structure of the sessions. And, if you've ever thought that you might want to become a Greeter or Storyteller, it's a great way to see what it's all about. (We are in need of both!)

Announcements

The office is closed next week, so join us when our normal full schedule resumes the week of August 27th.

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, April 29th @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, April 30th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of Luke*”

Thursday, May 1st @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Compline, Friday May 2nd @ 8:00 p.m, online via Zoom

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs Resumes May 7th*: Due to Easter Week and Clergy Conference, *Wednesdays in the World with Rev. Sarah* will resume on May 7th from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



SIGN-UP TO SERVE: APRIL - MAY 2025 IT'S EASY AND ONLINE

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through May 2025* ONLINE by visiting the landing page of our website [at ICOH.net](http://atICOH.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 the Feast of Pentecost only. Training for all lay ministries available upon request. **THANK YOU for your participation!**



Reserve your spot *today*

IMMANUEL'S PARISH RETREAT AT SHRINE MONT

Immanuel has reserved our usual Memorial Day weekend parish retreat at Shrine Mont, and it's time to sign up now if you plan to attend. Please contact Kathryn Jackson Haskin by email or phone if you have any questions and if you plan to attend (kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com). **The deadline to register is May 9th.**

Our daily rates are below, and the minimum reservation is 2 overnight stays per person. You can sign up for 2 days (usually Saturday lunch to Monday after breakfast) or three days (Friday dinner to Monday breakfast). Children under the age of 3 are free. Meals are included; please include any food restrictions when you RSVP.

Single room, private bathroom: \$126/day/person

Double room, private bathroom: \$97/day/person

Youth (4-13): \$66/day/person

*If you need financial assistance to attend, please contact a member of the clergy directly to discuss.

IMMANUEL CHURCH ON-THE-HILL EASTER APPEAL

Immanuel's Easter Appeal begins today and will end at Pentecost. Two of the ministries Immanuel supports have especially urgent needs:

HAITI MICAH PROJECT -- EMERGENCY IN MIREBALAIS

For over ten years, Immanuel has supported the **Haiti Micah Project (HMP)**, founded in 2005 by Joseph Constant, then a priest at Virginia Theological Seminary. HMP established an orphanage and vocational school, along with a large nutrition program feeding impoverished children. Incorporated as a Virginia charity, HMP employs a staff of over twenty in Mirebalais, Haiti. Mirebalais is also home to the country's most advanced medical facility, the University Hospital. Haiti has been gripped with violence and unrest since 2021—but mainly in its capital, Port-au-Prince. However, two weeks ago, Mirebalais was overrun by armed gangs. A local priest described the situation in terms of “unspeakable scenes of terror unfolding before our very eyes”. People living in Mirebalais have been killed; and others “walk barefoot, without clothes, without food, without hope.” Thankfully, the Haiti-Micah staff evacuated its children to another town. They are safe but traumatized. We don't know the status of HMP facilities in Mirebalais; but the town's schools, churches, and businesses are closed. The immediate goal is to get food, clean drinking water, clothing and temporary shelter for staff and children. The international response to this emergency has been one of detachment. Yet the children of Mirebalais are precious to God. They pray—as we do-- for their daily bread and to be delivered from evil. It may seem hopeless, but they need our prayers and our help to survive.

CHRIST CHURCH REFUGEE MINISTRY

Christ Church Refugee Ministry has been helping refugees in Alexandria since 2016. The Refugee Ministry – with the help of several Immanuel parishioners – has supported 113 families (roughly 475 individuals) by building relationships with each family, and providing Care Team-support, assistance, and friendship. 13 newer families still need some assistance, but the remaining 100 are self-sufficient – a wonderful metric considering it takes an average of 6 months for a family to become self-sufficient. Right now -- Christ Church Refugee Ministry has the highest number of families seeking help at one time in the history of the ministry. The current urgent situation emerged in late January this year when after going through the US State Department's 2-year vetting process, these families -- legally in the US, resettled in Alexandria, and promised 3 months of financial resource support—learned overnight with no notice -- the new administration cut all funding to their resettlement agencies. Most families are Afghan, and many of the fathers served with U.S. military or aid groups. Most have children. Rent assistance is especially critical in the early months, as newly arrived parents try to find jobs, enroll their kids in school, learn the bus systems, learn/improve English, and just navigate a completely new life. Our donations help these families stay housed, learn English, and have emergency medical/dental care until they are self-sufficient. And...they will know people in our community care about them and their children.

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.

With grace and gratitude at Easter, we remember Jesus' words: “*Love God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.*” (Matthew 22:37-40).



Thank you so much.

Mark Your Calendars: CAR WASH FUNDRAISER for SCOUTS

Please support Immanuel's own BSA Scouts Troop 131:

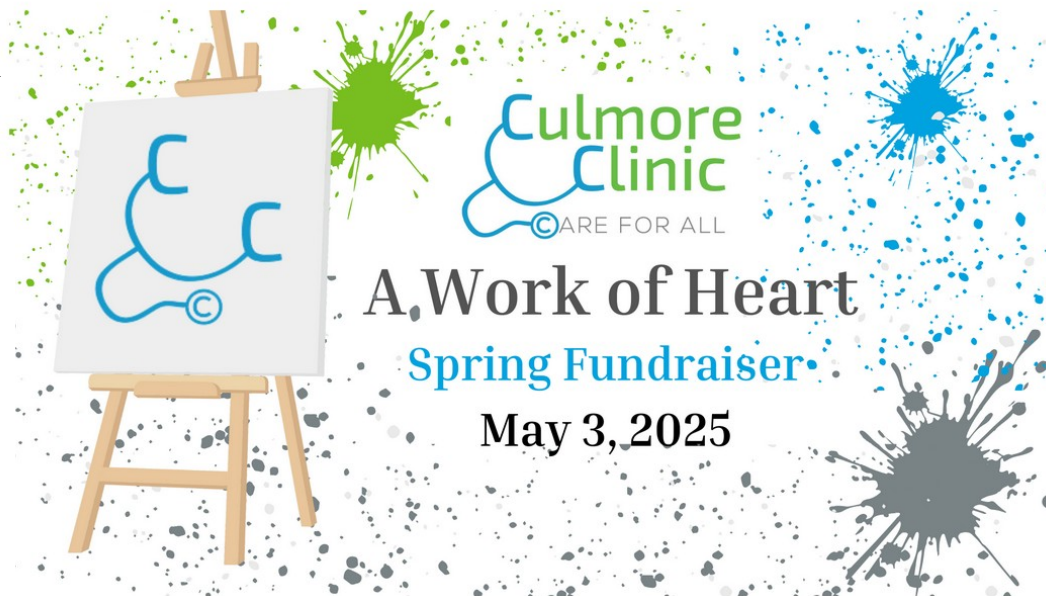
Saturday, May 17
9:30am - 1:30pm, Zabriskie Chapel Parking Lot

The boys will be in the church parking lot, cars washed for donations!



For details — and to RSVP — please scan the QR code below.

Thank you.



Event Information

When:

May 3, 2025

Where:

Hendry House 2411 24th St. N.Arlington, VA 22207

Order of Events:

5:00 p.m. - VIP Art Experience*

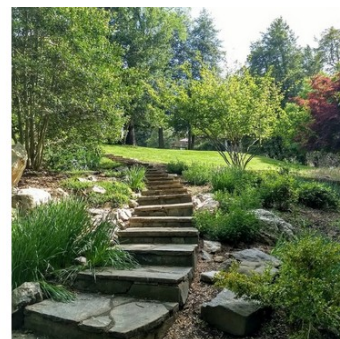
6:00 p.m. - Tasting Reception

7:30 p.m. - Clinic Update

8:30 p.m. - Closing Remarks

Attire: Garden Party Attire

Parking: Free parking is available at Hendry House.



***Donors of \$1,500 or more gain access to an exclusive VIP Art Experience!**

Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study: **“GOD’S PROMISES”**
HOLY SATURDAY, MAY 17th @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Microsoft Teams

Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, May 17th** 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 **2 Peter 1:3–11** “...*the greatest and priceless promises have been lavished on us, that through them you should share the divine nature*” using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit our webpage “Breakfast Bible Study”, or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

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HONORING GOD'S CREATION

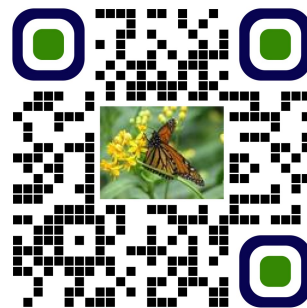
Did you know that Immanuel has a Creation Care Ministry website? As people of faith who care deeply about our planet home, the Creation Care Ministry Team seeks to build climate literacy so we can take meaningful actions at home and in our church. We learn about and adopt ways to reduce our climate impact and live more gently on the Earth.

We invite you to explore Immanuel’s Creation Care website and would enjoy hearing your reactions and comments. Did you learn something new? What area of Creation Care interests you the most? Are you unsure about solutions to climate change?

You can access the website by scanning the QR code at right.

Or from the Immanuel Website, you go across the top of the homepage to Serve. Click it and the drop down menu shows the Creation Care Ministry link which you will select.

If you would like more information about this Ministry Team and its upcoming projects, please contact: Denise Freeland, eco.voce@verizon.net



Mindful Parking: Help Us Help Others

Keeping our physically-challenged parishioners and visitors in mind, we ask all to please keep the parking spaces **directly in front of** both chapels for those in need of handicap spaces. Thank you for your understanding and full cooperation.

CLERGY AND STAFF

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 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](#)

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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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