



LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Immanuel Friends and Family,

It is both a genuine privilege and a true responsibility of every priest to invite Christians to give, to contribute towards all that we do together in Jesus' name. We are each blessed by God, and then invited to give back from our time, our talent, and our treasure. You may have heard me say before that, should you ever encounter a Christian community which never asks anything of you, it probably would be best to run away quickly. Giving of all that we are is a central act of Christian discipleship, of following Jesus.

The theme of our Every Member Pledge Campaign this year at Immanuel celebrates our calling and great honor to serve together in community, rooted and grounded in God's love and in the community where God has placed us. I believe Immanuel's mission and ministry is close to God's heart of love. This parish church, our parish home, deserves the support of all of us. This invitation goes to all of our established members, as well as to our many newcomers.

Pledge packets have been mailed to all households. If you have not received one please do give the office a call and we will rectify that! Please cards may be returned by mail, or dropped in the offering plate. You may pledge online easily at our web site: icoh.net, or you may email our Treasurer, Tom Hewson, directly at the office: 703.370.6555.

May this campaign be an opportunity truly to engage in inventory and thanksgiving, and then consciously giving back. May this be a further opportunity to continue our re-engagement and returning following the deprivations and restrictions of the past couple of years. Commitment Sunday is November 20th.

God bless you all,

Randy

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr
Rector





HARVEST DINNER

The Harvest Dinner returns this Dec 3rd! Check out the website or call the hotline to make a reservation by Nov 21st!

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

10:00 Sundays at Immanuel Chapel in the Oratory, Children's Chapel is a time each week for the little ones to explore an aspect of Christian worship AND an opportunity for parents / grandparents to hear how we talk to children about faith.



THANKSGIVING EVE

Put our Thanksgiving Eve service on your calendars now! Eucharist at Zabriskie at 6:30 is a respite from Thanksgiving preparation with/for the family AND it's an opportunity for our church family to gather and be thankful too!

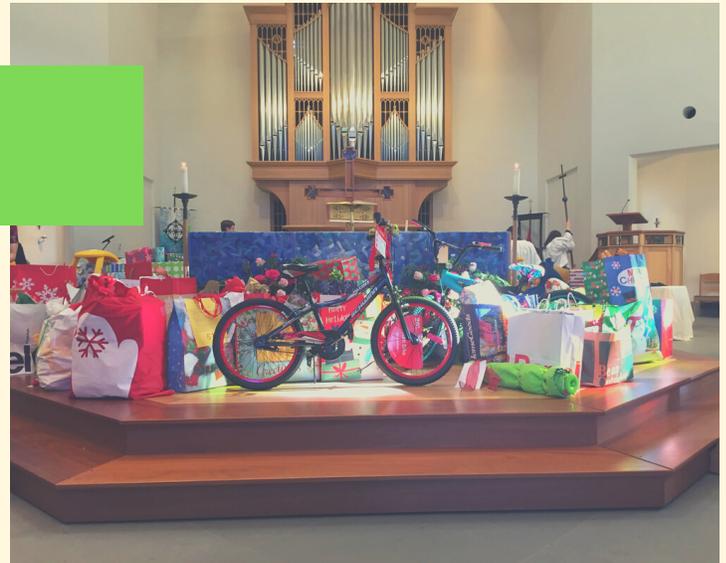


CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

5:00 PM on Dec 18th, come back after the fourth Sunday of Advent and see (or participate in) the annual Christmas Pageant featuring Magi—even though they are part of the Epiphany story!

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

*Important Christmas Families dates are:
Sat Dec. 10 Santa's Workshop
Sun Dec. 11 - Ingathering / Blessing
Special collection
Wrapping at forum hour
Loading rental truck*



WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED



The eBlast continues to have a clickable [link for signing up](#) to acolyte, read, and intercess—but that's not the only way to sign up! Call or email the clergy! We'd love to lead worship with you!!

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT



OUTREACH MONEY RAISED BY 2022 PUMPKIN PATCH SETS NEW RECORD!

By Rick Glassco

This is our 29th year selling pumpkins to raise money for outreach. We received five truckloads of pumpkins in boxes on pallets, which we unloaded with a pallet jack, forklift, and lots of volunteer labor. Once again, many parishioners, students, and community groups helped unload the pumpkins, and many crafters, bakers and soup-makers provided goods to sell. Once again, 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 question many people have been asking has been “Did the money we raised for outreach from this year’s pumpkin patch sales beat our record from last year?” The answer is “Yes!” We were blessed with five full weekends to sell, the decision to order a fifth truckload of pumpkins, and only a few rainy days.

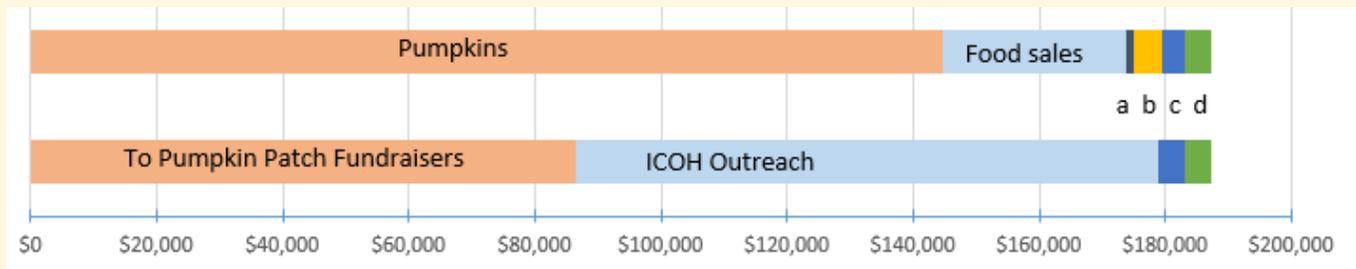
Here is the summary of the sources of income.

Pumpkins	\$144,657
Food items	\$29,149
Craft items	\$1,248
Donations	\$4,327
Tips	\$3,661
VA Sales Tax	\$4,358
Total	\$187,400

Here (on the next page) is where that money went!

Virginia (sales tax)	\$4,358
Square (CC processing)	\$4,139
Patch Fundraisers	\$86,563
Outreach	\$92,340

The top bar of the following chart graphs the sources of income: pumpkin sales, food sales, craft sales (labeled a), donations (labeled b), tips to cover credit card fees (labeled c), and collected sales tax (labeled d).



The second bar portrays the disposition of the funds. \$4,358 went to the state for sales tax, \$4,139 went to Square for credit card processing, and \$86,563 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. The remaining \$92,340 has been retained by our church for outreach activities. The “bottom line” figure of \$92,340 exceeds the 2020 net of \$90,048, and last year’s net of \$91,257.

We do incur other costs for operating the patch. The bottom line figure reported above does not reflect expenses such as fork lift operation, soup containers, trash removal, and supplies. This year’s expenses were covered from last year’s profits, and are expected to be about \$3,000.

Our sales were the highest by far on the weekends. We didn’t set a new record for daily gross sales, but we came close. Our top-selling day was Saturday the 15th, with sales of \$16,949, followed by Oct. 16 and Oct. 22 with sales over \$15,000. We had several rainy days early in the month, and on Halloween day, but not enough to force the patch to close.

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!

Calendar in Brief:

For up to the date information about the week you are currently in, make sure to sign up for and check the eBlast and the parish website!

Nov 22nd - 12:15 PM Senior Brown Bag Lunch

Nov 20th - Commitment Sunday

Nov 20th - Sabbatical Forum with Rector

Nov 21st - Christmas Flower, Greens, and Music Dedications

Nov 23rd - 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist

Nov 24th - Parish Office Closed

Nov 27th - Christmas Families Signups

Dec 3rd - 5:00 PM Reading The Grinch (probably)

Dec 9-11th - Advent Retreat: Watching, Waiting, Hoping: Advent in a Changed World

Dec 10th - 3:00 PM Christmas Families "Santa's Workshop"

Dec 11th - Lessons and Carols

Dec 14th - 6:30 PM EYC Watches Elf and Eats Junk Food

Dec 18th - 5:00 PM Christmas Pageant

Dec 21st Senior Adult Luncheon @ Goodwin House

Dec 21st - 6:30 PM Christmas Caroling

Dec 24th - Christmas Eve Services

- 5:00 PM Festive Holy Eucharist

- 10:30 PM Midnight Mass

Dec 25th - Christmas Sunday, 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist



Service Schedule:

SUNDAYS

8:00 am, Holy Eucharist Rite I

Zabriskie Chapel, 3606 Seminary Rd, Alexandria

10:00 am, Children's Chapel

(Side chapel at Immanuel Chapel, 3737 Seminary Rd., Alexandria)

10:30 am, Holy Eucharist Rite II

With Godly Play for 3-7 year olds

Immanuel Chapel, 3737 Seminary Rd, Alexandria

TUESDAYS

10:00 am: Morning Prayer

Zabriskie Chapel

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 pm: Holy Eucharist Rite II

Zabriskie Chapel, address above

FRIDAYS

8:30 pm: Compline

Via Zoom

HOLY DAYS

Seasonally, we worship on the Principal and Major Feasts celebrated throughout the Anglican Communion



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If you're missing the Almond Tree, our once quarterly newsletter which was many pages of all the wonderful things going on in our community and our area—we have just the things you are looking for here on the Immanuel website. Go to www.icoh.net OR use this QR code to take you directly to our larger news reel. If you'd like to submit things to that news reel, please reach out to office@icoh.net

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING?



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