

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Parish Notes

November 17, 2024

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. Both chapels offer 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. 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, Barbara Ramsdell, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Joseph, Ken and Mia Mason, Kenny, Lynn Gas, Mable Randolph, Marianne Ingold, Margaret Messenger, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, and Wendy Hoge.

Pray for Our Friends and Family: Ann Langdon Days, Anna Woodward, Ashleighana, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Hicks, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Gerhart, Felicia Balzano, George Rustigian, Gerald, Jack Allen, Jean Couban, Jean Williams, Jennie Rae, Jessi Napolitano, Jill Lane, Joanne Perla, Joe Micelli, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Di Misa, Kathryn Anschutz, Kathy Porter, the Rev. Kelly Moughty, Lavinia Johnson, Lilly Pinner, Linda Gill, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Michael, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Marty Childs, Matteo Kabay, McQuade Milligan, Mary Leonard, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, the Rev. Rosa Harper Crawford, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, Sarah Minor, Shelby Ochs Owen, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, and Winnie Kidd.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson, and Scott.

NASA Astronauts on Extended Service Aboard the International Space Station: Commander Barry “Butch” Wilmore and Pilot Sunita “Sunni” Williams.

Praying with Scripture: An Opportunity for Reflection After Eucharist

Silent prayer or mediation draws us closer to God. When we focus on one of the Sunday scripture passages, we may discover more of God’s message to us. We will explore praying with scripture in the **Octagon Room** off the small Oratory Chapel following the 10:30 a.m. service. Pick up a treat at coffee hour, bring your bulletin, and join us to meditate on one of the scripture passages for the day. Our prayer time will conclude by 12:30 p.m.

Announcements

Weekday Worship and Study Opportunities

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, November 19 @ 10:00 a.m. Zabriskie Chapel

Noontide Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, November 20, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Job*”

Thursday, November 21 @ 10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

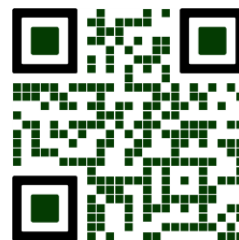
Evening Compline, Friday, November 22 @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom



Our faith tells us that an essential aspect of living gratefully is giving back in thanksgiving to God and towards God’s great purposes in the world. To fulfill this crucial part of our faith we announce Immanuel’s **Every Member Pledge Campaign for 2025** with the theme “**Living Gratefully**.” This is an opportunity for all of us to give back to God from all we have been given.

Immanuel’s Campaign runs from November 3 through Commitment Sunday, November 24. All parishioners should have now received a pledge packet; if you did not, please let us know!

You may use the QR code to make a pledge, or complete a pledge card and mail it to the church office, or place it in the offering plate. You may also pledge online using Immanuel’s [website](#), by clicking the green *Pledge Here* button.



As of Thursday, November 14, we have received 40 pledges, for a total of \$282,206.

Prayerful and intentional pledging expresses our thanks for God’s many gifts, and it supports our beloved parish church in all of its many vital ministries and our life together in Christ.

Immanuel’s Third Annual Blood Drive—SIGN UP NOW!

We are partnering with Inova Hospital for the third time to host a blood drive on **Sunday, November 24**, from noon to 4pm in the Zabriskie parking lot. Use the QR code below to pick a time, or you can reach out to Katherine Maas at katherinemaas@gmail.com You do need to sign up, since they do not take walk-ins.

Blood drives are a meaningful way to help our community—one in seven people entering the hospital need blood and a single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood. The blood from our drive will likely be used within 48 hours after it ends.

Please see recently **updated eligibility guidance** <https://www.inovablood.org/donate-blood/eligibility/> If you are not eligible to donate, please consider volunteering at the registration table—even helping out for an hour would help! Please contact Katherine with any questions or to express interest in volunteering. Thank you.



Link To Schedule Appt.

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD WITH THE REV. SARAH SPURLOCK BIGGS

We will gather again this Wednesday, November 20.

Join her this Wednesday from 10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!

SIGN UP TO SERVE IN SUNDAY SERVICES THROUGH DECEMBER 2024

It's easy to sign up online!

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services through December online — including Thanksgiving Eve, Feast of Christ the King, Gaudete Sunday, and Christmas masses —by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net and clicking on the Red SignUp Genius Button.

Thank you for your participation!

BINGO. NOVEMBER 24. 5:30 - 8:30. PARISH HALL.

For Fellowship, Gratitude, and Celebration!

Immanuel is providing pizza & salads & water & lemonade.

Please bring your own tasty beverages and dessert.

BINGO begins at 6:15 pm.

Yes, there will be prizes!

Rides can be arranged!

Please RSVP to Kathryn by Nov 22 with the number of people so we know how much pizza to order. Also, let Kathryn know if you **need a ride** or can **give a ride!**

kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS NOVEMBER 2024

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE. Please join us for luncheon and conversation at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday of the month, which will be **November 20**. Please RSVP to Rev. Susan if you are not a resident of Goodwin House and to Susan Kernan if you are a resident.

FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH. Please join us for the last Senior Ministry and Fellowship brown bag lunch of 2024 to take a sneak-peek at what awaits us in 2025! We will be meeting in the Parish Hall at 12:15pm on the fourth Tuesday, **November 26**. Bring your own sandwich or salad, and Senior Ministry and Fellowship will provide beverages and dessert. There is no cost for this event and no reservation is required.

CHANGE A LIFE! BECOME A BOOK BUDDY

Alexandria Tutoring Consortium (ATC) is helping first and second graders learn to read, and they need you!

Work with a student once or twice a week, now through May, at one of the following elementary schools: James Polk (9:40 – 10:20) or Ferdinand Day (1:50 – 2:20). ATC provides training, weekly materials, and ongoing support. It is important to honor the year-long commitment because you really do become Book Buddies and your student will look forward to seeing you every week.

For more information contact **Alexa Allmann** at aallmann@alexandriatutors.org or go to <https://alexandriatutors.org/tutors/sign-up-to-become-a-tutor/>

VOLUNTEER FOR ALIVE!

One of Immanuel's outreach partners is ALIVE!, the oldest and largest private safety net in the City of Alexandria dedicated to fighting poverty and hunger.

There are many volunteer opportunities at ALIVE! each month.
Go to <https://www.alive-inc.org/we-need-volunteers-alexandria-va/>
to find the list and easy directions for signing up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Mark the date: December 1

10:30 a.m., Immanuel Chapel: Youth Led Sunday, followed by
Advent Wreath Making in the Zabriskie Parish Hall

All are welcome – please join us

+ THANKSGIVING EVE EUCHARIST +

*Please join us for a special Eucharist for Thanksgiving
on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday November 27th, at 6PM,
in Zabriskie Chapel.*

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
 The Rev. Susan D. Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net) Associate Rector
 The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs (sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net) Assistant Rector
 The Rev. Reggie Hayes (rhayes@vts.edu) Deacon Intern
 Beatrice Osumba (bosumba@vts.edu) Seminarian
 Dr. Jane Tavernier (jtavernier@icoh.net) Director of Music
 Tom Hewson (thewson@icoh.net) Treasurer
 Mollie Lambert (mlambert@icoh.net) Assistant Treasurer
 Mike Morgan (mmorgan@icoh.net) Finance Manager
 Aleta Y. Powell (apowell@icoh.net) Parish Administrator
 Tamika Martin (tmartin@icoh.net) Audio Visual Technician
 Gilma Balcarcel Nursery Coordinator
 Miguelina Guzmann Nursery Assistant
 Tim Lawhorn Sexton

THE VESTRY

Gerry Anderson Senior Warden and Senior Ministry
 Amy Thomas Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care
 Peter Kent Junior Warden: Administration
 Taylor Houck Adult Formation and Discipleship
 Brad Ashton and Philip Brown Stewardship and Planned Giving
 Julie Bruns Outreach
 Kathy Lloyd Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
 Mark Fearer Social Justice and Pastoral Care
 Brian Rush Evangelism and Newcomers
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Caroline Bergmark Registrar, Communications
 Sophie Johnson, Sydney Onley, David Lloyd, 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. 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.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays 9:00a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Ways to GIVE