

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
May 24, 2026



**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 AND THOSE IN SPECIAL NEED: Ann MacNamara, Carolyn Ferguson, Catherine Sinclair, Charlene Murphy, Chris von Schoening, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Debbie Hewson, Dick and Norma Taliaferro, Doug and Janet, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Hugh Campbell, Jim Hobson, Jim and Nancy Wise, Joseph, Ken McDonald, Kenny, Leif Christoffersen, Margaret Coakley, Mary Ann Rehnke, Mary Jane Ruhl, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Thom Hussey, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice, Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Father Antranig Baljian, Barbara Kellner, Barbara Sagan, Becky Smith, Beth and Jake, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian and Joyce, Brian Van Buskirk, Bridget Rice Rose, Caleb Lusk, Carol Ordning, Charlotte Kellogg, Claire DeMaggio, Cy Murphy, Donna Becker, Frances, George Rustigian, Gerry, Gerry and Nan Hardison, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jean Couban, Jill Perkins, Jodi Wilson, John Wise, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Karen Landry, Khristie Greiner, Leea Gorman, Lilly Pinner, Linda Taucher, Lizzy, Louise Jackson, Lysbeth, Madeline, Marcia Richardson, Margie Lidoff, Mary Albach, Mary Horner, Mary Muniz, McQuade Milligan, Melvyn and Stacy, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Polly Hewson, Russ, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Thomas Henry, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: David John, Rayna Johnson, Logan Marcu, Mave Milligan, Rachel Wilson, Army Robinson, Deborah Kirby, Anna Skubel, Nancy Bishop, Jackie Rustigian, and Patsy Rogers.

Those who have died: Victims of The Islamic Center of San Diego shooting: Officer Amin Abdullah, Nader Awad, and Mansour Kaziha. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, May 26th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II, May 27th @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

***Quiet Prayer*, Wednesday, May 28th @ 5:15 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel**

Compline Friday, May 30th @ 8:30 p.m., online via Zoom

**Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Genesis*” Resumes Thursday, June 11th
@10:30 a.m. online via Zoom. *Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.***

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR OUTREACH (submitted by Jamie Conrad): Your prayers are requested this week for the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, a nonpartisan group that brings together people from all faith traditions to advance economic, racial and social justice in the Commonwealth of Virginia.



Due to the holiday, clergy and staff travel, **Morning Prayer will be held on just one day this week: Tuesday May 26th at 10:00 a.m. in Zabriskie Chapel.** All are welcome to participate.



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs* May 28th :

Join Mother Sarah for coffee and fellowship at the Alexandria Pastry Shop on **Wednesday, May 28th.**

All are invited to attend.



GRADUATE CELEBRATION NEXT SUNDAY, 10:00AM, IMMANUEL CHAPEL

Do you know a 2026 graduate? Please let Rev. Sarah know by emailing sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net — so we can celebrate our graduates together on May 31st!



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

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services **ONLINE** through **AUGUST 2026** by visiting the landing page of our website at ICOH.net and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at right.

If you're a student planning to spend occasional weekends home, feel free to **sign-up for a Sunday or two during the summer only.** Training for all lay ministries available upon request. **THANK YOU** for your participation!



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP MAY EVENTS:

MAY 26th: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH: SAINTS ALIVE! Do you ever wonder if there are folks among us who will be recognized in future times as saints? When Pauli Murray spent her third year of seminary at VTS in 1975-76 she was 65 years old, and had been a civil rights lawyer, a co-founder of the National Organization for Women, and a published author and poet. Extraordinary certainly, but...a saint? But Murray, who was ordained in January 1977 and died in July 1985, was added to the Calendar of Commemorations of the Episcopal Church, and thus to Holy Women, Holy Men at General Convention 2012.

Come and let's learn more about Pauli Murray's life and talk about what role Holy Women and Holy Men have in our lives. (Rescheduled from January.)

We will meet in the Parish Hall at 12:15pm on **Tuesday, May 26**. Bring your own sandwich or salad, and drinks and dessert will be provided. No RSVP is necessary.

June 5th TRIP to TOUR THE SUPREME COURT: As a special event for the country's 250th birthday, SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP will travel to the Supreme Court on Friday, June 5. We have been offered an opportunity to tour the Supreme Court, including the chambers and the private spaces used by the justices (including their basketball court!). We will leave the Zabriskie parking lot at 11:45am, to allow approximately a half hour to get through security (valid government issue photo ID required). Our tour will start at 1:00pm and last approximately an hour, returning to the parish hall no later than 3:00pm. Eat your lunch first, as there will be no time to eat on this trip, but snacks will be available in the parish hall upon our return so that we can munch and talk about what we experienced at the court.

The co-pay to ride in the van is \$25, and there is no cost for the tour. RSVP to Karen Besser (Karen.Besser@gmail.com) as early as possible. There are only 23 slots available for this event.

AS ALWAYS, friends and family are welcome to join all Senior Ministry and Fellowship activities.



Help others find Immanuel! Your review on Google can help people searching for a faith community. It only takes a minute.

- ☆ Scan the QR code at right
- ☆ Sign in to your Google account (*it's free to create one if you don't have one*)
- ☆ Click "Write a Review"
- ☆ Share a few sentences about your experience

Your words may be exactly what someone needs!



MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY'S NEW THEME FOR 2026: "**CONTENTMENT**"

(in accepting love and rejecting fear) **SATURDAY, JUNE 20th @ 8:00 AM**, Held Online via Microsoft Teams

Join Immanuel's first monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study for 2026 on **Saturday, May 16th** 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 2026 is *Contentment*. This month we will read **Luke 19:37-44** "*Jesus wept over Jerusalem*" 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](#)

THE LIVING STONES CAMPAIGN

Calling all Shrine Mont lovers - now is the time!



For 100 years, Shrine Mont has been a welcoming “place apart” for rest, devotion, fellowship, learning, and renewal, where all, regardless of background or belief, may grow in the grace of God. As Shrine Mont enters its second century, they are asking us to help prepare for the next 100 years through support of the Living Stones Campaign.
(Please scan or click the QR code at left.)

The “quiet phase” of the campaign is already complete, with more than \$10 million in pledges committed, and now it is Immanuel’s time to shine as leader during the public phase and help reach the total goal of \$15 million. Our hope is to raise \$75,000! To kick things off, the Vestry has generously pledged \$37,500 over the next five years, starting in 2027, and now invites the entire congregation to join in a matching gift challenge running through December. If we can raise an additional \$37,500, we will meet our \$75,000 goal together!

Every gift, large or small, helps us be faithful stewards of this beloved mountain retreat. More information and opportunities to learn about the campaign will be shared in the coming weeks, and **Kirk Gibson, Shrine Mont’s Director of Development**, will join us for a forum hour on June 7th, to share more about the exciting things happening on the Mountain.

We hope you’ll join us in meeting this exciting challenge! Gifts and pledges may be made directly to Immanuel and should include a note designating them for the Shrine Mont Matching Gift. Contributions do not need to be made immediately or all at once. Planned gifts and pledges that can be fulfilled over the next five years are welcome.

If you have questions, please reach out to [Hartley Hobson Wensing \(ahobson10@icloud.com\)](mailto:ahobson10@icloud.com), [Carrie Cuddy \(carriecuddy@verizon.net\)](mailto:carriecuddy@verizon.net) or [Jennifer Wade Greiner \(jennifergreiner@comcast.net\)](mailto:jennifergreiner@comcast.net).



JOIN OUR REFUGEE MINISTRY CARE TEAM AND MAKE A LASTING IMPACT!

The Refugee Ministry at Christ Church has three new families that are in need of Care Team volunteers! Care Team volunteers provide critical support by staying in touch with families, offering companionship, and ensuring they feel welcome in their new community. They help with appointments, community events, and services like career support, school involvement, and basic needs. Your kindness can help these families thrive and adjust to their new life! Be the bridge to resources, fun activities, and connections. Get involved today and make a difference—one family at a time. Ready to lend a hand? We need you and we train you! If you are ready to take the first step, schedule a meeting with our Refugee Coordinator, Cessilye by scanning the code at right.



If you have questions or would like more information on what is typically needed, please feel free to contact Kathy Conrad kathypconrad@gmail.com or David Atwood atwooddavid@comcast.net.

CLERGY AND STAFF

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 Rich Hobson Outreach
 Martin Horne Communications
 Taylor Houck Stewardship and Planned Giving, Registrar
 Dave John Fellowship
 Jim Kurz Senior Ministry
 Mary Ann Ring Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, Newcomers, and Evangelism
 Brian Rush Social Justice
 Diana Walker Worship, Pastoral Care
 Sydney Onley Youth Representative

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, *First Sunday of every month*
 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
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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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