

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

May 10, 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, Kathryn Tatko, 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 Ording, 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: Adeline “Addy” Haskin, John Richards, Marisa Temoshok, Erik Scharnweber, Zoe Powell-Switaj, Greg Lambert, Everett Post Jr., Jennie Reading, Dick Taliaferro, Susanne Wanamaker, Abby Binder, Zachary Cohn, Adrienne Goins, Isaac Kubista, Mary Ashton Campbell, Peter Alexander, Caitlin DeMulder, and François Gas.

Those who have died: Enechi A. Modu, best friend of staff member Aleta Powell; the four victims of the Plant City, FL shootings. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

FORUM HOUR: *Mother’s Union in Kenya, TODAY @ 11:15am, The Welcome Center:*

Please join our seminarian (and mother of two) Beatrice (Betty) Osumba for a special forum on Mother’s Day. She will share her ministry experience with the Mothers’ Union in Kenya, specifically within the Diocese of Maseno West. In this forum, we will gain insight into the life, mission, and impact of the Mothers’ Union in supporting families, strengthening faith, and fostering community within the Anglican Church. We will also learn how this ministry has shaped Betty’s own calling and how it will continue to influence her work in the Church.



Praying with Scripture will not meet today, so that all can attend Beatrice’s Forum Hour; the prayer group will resume on May 17th.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer, Monday-Friday @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II, May 13th @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

***Quiet Prayer*, Wednesday, May 13th @ 5:15 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel**

**Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Genesis*” Thursday, May 14th
@10:30 a.m. online via Zoom. *Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.***

Compline Friday, May 15st @ 8:30 p.m., online via Zoom

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR OUTREACH (submitted by Lisa Clausen): Your prayers are requested this week for the non-profit ALIVE! which, through faith and love, helps Alexandrians faced with emergency situations or long-term needs, become capable of assuming self-reliant roles in our community.



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP MAY EVENTS

Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship will travel to the **FRANCISCAN MONASTERY OF THE HOLY LAND IN AMERICA, WASHINGTON, DC**, on **May 12th** to enjoy their beautiful, serene gardens in spring bloom. Rather than a guided “tour,” we will be free to wander at our own pace. The paths cover approximately half a mile, and while about half of the garden encompasses a hillside, they are fully accessible and there are lots of seats for rest and relaxation.

We will leave from the Zabriskie Chapel parking lot at 10:00am and plan to return no later than 1:00pm. A free lunch will be provided for us in the Parish Hall upon our return. Co-pay to ride in the van is \$25 and there is no cost for the gardens. Please RSVP to Karen Besser at Karen.Besser@gmail.com.

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE-ALEXANDRIA on May 20 at noon in the Fillmore room. Please join us for luncheon and conversation. 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: 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.

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

Immanuel announces, with great joy, that our own **Kathryn Jackson Haskin** has been made a postulant for the priesthood in the Diocese of Virginia. She will begin studies at the Virginia Theological Seminary in the Fall. May God's blessings be upon her, and Matt, and Adeline, as she prepares for this significant journey.



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@gmail.com.



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

(in accepting love and rejecting fear) **SATURDAY, MAY 16th @ 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 **Isaiah 30:18-26** **"...blessed are all who long for him"** 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



RSVP needed: Alexandria Regional Youth Games Night - May 17, 6-8pm



Come together with youth (rising 6th-12th grade) from Episcopal Churches across Alexandria for a night of fellowship and games, hosted at Grace Episcopal Church, Russell Road. Dinner will be provided, but please send your youth with \$5 to help offset the cost of food. We will play games (outside, weather-permitting); both chill games and active games will be offered. RSVP via the QR code at left. Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah at sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net.

Rising 6th graders! You are most welcome to attend!

FREE CONCERT NEXT Sunday, May 17th @ 4p.m, Zabriskie Chapel

Dr. Jane Tavernier presents The Lyric Opera of Arlington's
"The Magic and Mystery of Wagner"

All of the Immanuel/VTS Communities are invited to attend this special, free Community Event

Hosted by our own Dr. Jane Tavernier, Director of Music, this program of Wagner's will include:

Les Trois Mélodies
Wesendonck Lieder
Wagner Arias, Act 1 and 2 of Die Walküre

Performed by:

JENNIFER WILSON (soprano)
GEOFFREY HOOS (tenor)

with **FRANK CONLON**, concert pianist



Immanuel parishioners have been invited to attend a **Zoom-based focus group as part of the search for the next Dean and President of the Virginia Theological Seminary**. This will be an opportunity for people from the search firm to hear more about our special relationship with the Seminary and what we believe some central qualities would be in the next Dean.

Here are the details to participate:

Listening Session: **Tuesday, May 19 @ 2:00pm-2:45pm**

Meeting Link: <https://imsearch.zoom.us/j/92268150931?from=addon>



GRADUATE CELEBRATION, MAY 31ST, 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 *through JULY 2026* ONLINE — including **Foreign Language Readers** for the Feast of Pentecost in Zabriskie and Immanuel Chapels, **and at Shrine Mont** — 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 this season, and/or the Feast of Pentecost only**. Training for all lay ministries available upon request. **THANK YOU** for your participation!



CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net)	Rector
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Doug Onley	Junior Warden: Administration
Brian Ply	Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds and Creation Care
Jennifer W. Greiner	Adult Formation and Discipleship
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
 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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Ways to GIVE