

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

May 5, 2024

IN THE NAME OF 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: Gilma Balcarcel, Philip and Colette Brown, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Marianne Ingold, Johnson/Gildersleeve Family, Joseph, Kenny, Norma Jean Lawton, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Mable Randolph, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, Norma Taliaferro, Francine Wargo, Zuzanna and Spencer Wise.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, Peter Blackledge, Jean Couban, Steve Davis, Dana DeCecco, Joyce Di Missa, Joseph Fabian, Gerald, Linda Gill, Betty Hicks, Louise Jackson, Joanne, Tom Kellner, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Lillian Kozuma, Ann Langdon-Days, Lysbeth, Marge McGoff, Joe Miceli, Michael, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Carol Ording, Shelby Ochs Owen, Pamela, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Jennie Rae, Sue Rehnke, Roger, Emily Rogers, Bridget Rice Rose, Shawn Rush, George Rustigian, Barbara Sagan, Brother Efrain Sosu, Stephen Spurlock, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Jean Williams, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Martha Shimkin, Lucas Thompson, Gordon Johnson, Mark Loach, Jessica Turner, Kristi Kubista-Hovis, Linda Serabian, Briggs Burkhalter, Madison Eaton, Mark Fearer, Marjorie Glassco, Chandley McDonald, Benjamin Arp, Andy Biache, Alisa Pereira, Phoebe LaMountain, Thomas Wirth, Anne Patton, Aria Enright, Adeline Haskin, John Richards, Jay Sheffer, Marisa Temoshok, Zoe Powell-Switaj, and Geoff Sheffer.

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

SPRING PARISH POTLUCK TODAY AT 11:45AM, ZABRISKIE PARISH HALL AND GARDEN

Join us for a spring parish potluck, after this service, in the Parish Hall and the Garden. Parishioners are asked to please bring enough to share with 8-10 people. Mark your dish with your name and plan to take your leftovers home with you. Volunteers for set up, helping to refill items during the potluck, and clean up are needed and welcome - see Kathryn Jackson Haskin.

Whether you have a dish to share or not, **all are invited to join us** for food, fun, and fellowship!

CREATION CARE SUNDAY AT IMMANUEL

The Episcopal Church's **Covenant for the Care of Creation** is a commitment to practice loving formation, liberating advocacy, and life-giving conservation as individuals, congregations, ministries, and dioceses. Immanuel's Creation Care Ministry Team uses this covenant as our guide.

In Jesus, God so loved the whole world. We follow Jesus, so we love the world God loves. Concerned about the global climate emergency, drawing from a range of approaches for our diverse contexts, we commit to form and restore loving, liberating, life-giving relationships with all of Creation.

LOVING FORMATION: For God's sake, we will grow our love for the Earth and all of life through preaching, teaching, storytelling, and prayer.

LIBERATING ADVOCACY: For God's sake, standing alongside marginalized, vulnerable peoples, we will advocate and act to repair Creation and seek the liberation and flourishing of all people.

LIFE-GIVING CONSERVATION: For God's sake, we will adopt practical ways of reducing our climate impact and living more humbly and gently on Earth as individuals, households, congregations, institutions, and dioceses.

To learn more about Immanuel's Creation Care Ministry Team, contact Denise Freeland at eco.voce@verizon.net.

We invite you to visit our website for hopeful and helpful information at www.icoh.net or find this bulletin on our website under "Worship Service Bulletins" under the "Worship" tab, and click on the recycle icon on the back page under the masthead.

RECOGNITION

Seed packets distributed today are offered in honor of all Immanuel gardeners — past and present — who have generously given their time and expertise to beautify our Memorial Garden and Grounds. Their loving commitment enables our gardens to flourish and bloom.

CREATION CARE NEWS

Immanuel Solar Update

Immanuel's solar panels will soon have been operating for two years. The SolarEdge monitoring application measures the amount of electricity generated since our church solar sys went operational (on June 7, 2022). Click on this link [Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill](#) to see what our solar panels generate each day, week, month, or year.

Environmental Benefits:

As of April 30, 2024, our solar panels

- **Prevented emitting over 178,000 pounds of carbon dioxide** into the atmosphere, equivalent to
 - **Planting 1,342 new trees** or
 - **Supplying a year of carbon-emissions-free electricity for 17 houses** (per U.S. Energy Information Administration, average annual electricity consumption for an American household in 2021 was 10,632 kWh)

- **Generated 72% of the electricity Zabriskie Chapel-Parish Hall needed between January and December 2023**—nearly three quarters of the electricity our church needed for the year came from our clean, sustainable solar panels!

Cost Savings for 2023:

70 % Savings on Electricity Bills: Even though the church building used about the same amount of electricity in both 2021 (pre-solar) and 2023 (12 months of solar), because our solar panels generated 72% of the electricity needed during 2023, Immanuel only spent **\$2,906.41 on Dominion electricity bills – a savings of \$6,808.21 over what we spent on electricity in 2021 (\$9,714.62).**

- **Bonus – SREC Payments:** In addition to electricity bill savings, Immanuel receives approximately \$3,150/year from the Virginia Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) program. SRECs are a performance-based incentive that let a solar system’s owner (Immanuel Church on-the-Hill) earn additional income from solar electricity generation. **Immanuel received \$3,146.70 for the solar electricity generated by our panels during 2023.**

When Immanuel’s 2023 SREC earnings (+\$3,146.70) are applied to its 2023 electricity costs (-\$2,906.41), Immanuel spent less than \$0 on electricity last year! In fact, the solar panels gave us a net positive of + \$240.29. Let us celebrate this fragile earth, our island home, and cut our carbon emissions wherever and whenever we can!!!

Immanuel Zabriskie Chapel-Parish Hall Building				
Year	Electricity Used (kWh)	Electricity Cost	SREC Earnings	Electricity Actual Cost
2023	86,670	\$2,906.41	\$3,146.70	(-\$240.29)
2021	85,040	\$9,714.62		

Alexandria Residential Solar Info

[Solarize Alexandria](#), a program that provides residents guidance and resources for installing home solar power systems, is holding its annual campaign **through Sunday, June 30, 2024**. During this period, Alexandria homeowners can [sign up](#) to receive a free solar satellite assessment of their property and discounted prices from vetted solar system installers.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Solarize Alexandria! Solarize Alexandria is part of the broader Solarize Virginia program, a grassroots, community-based outreach initiative managed by the state non-profit Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP). LEAP provides ongoing customer support and education throughout the Solarize process. To sign up for free or learn more information, go to solarizeva.org.



A Celebration for Zabriskie Society Members and Friends

Music filled the air and cherry blossoms were everywhere! Forty-five parishioners gathered on Saturday afternoon, April 20, for a festive and fun-filled reception to honor and thank our Zabriskie Society members.

These parishioners have made arrangements to support Immanuel with a future, planned gift through their will, life insurance, retirement plan, financial account, or other program. Festivities included lots of time for socializing, abundant food – including a cherry tart for dessert – and cherry blossom-themed party favors.

Father Randy inspired all with his remarks about how the endowment has grown during his rectorship from several hundred thousand dollars to well over a million dollars today. He commented on the significant role the endowment plays in Immanuel's financial life today and for its future.

Wilton Corkern, Chair of Immanuel's Trustees, introduced Trustees in attendance and their role monitoring the endowment.

Kerry Kelly Wade, co-planner of the event, reminded everyone that making a planned gift allows us to imagine the ministries we will be supporting one hundred years from now. We can imagine the impact a future gift will have!

This festive reception was blessed to have vital help from these creative, dedicated, and hard-working volunteers: **Phyllis Sims, Linda Donahue, Diana Walker, Diane Adams, Danette (Dani) Kauffman, and Kerry Kelly Wade.**

If you would like more information about making a planned gift, pick up a copy of *Your Generosity Lives On – Planned Giving at Immanuel* found in Zabriskie Chapel brochure racks or contact Dani Kauffman.

Linda Donahue, Diana Walker, and Phyllis Sims volunteered their creative talents, time, and hard work



Frank Wade, Hartley Hobson Wensing, Kay Hobson, and Jennifer Greiner enjoy party festivities.

Parishioners enjoyed a dessert of cherry tarts, each decorated with a chocolate garnish in the shape of the Zabriskie Society's infinity logo.

In his remarks, Father Randy reminded all that the generosity and impact of a planned gift stretches into infinity.

Parishioners gathered for a Festive Reception on April 20, 2024, to thank and honor our Zabriskie Society members who have made a commitment to Immanuel's strong future with a planned gift.



Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES *All are welcome to participate*

Morning Prayer Tuesday, May 7th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, May 8th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study "*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*"
resumes Thursday, May 9th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, May 10th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Immanuel's Children's Chapel meets each Sunday, 10:00 --10:25a.m, in the Oratory at Immanuel Chapel! (The Oratory is a small chapel on the other end of the hallway—opposite the parlor/coffee hour). Our Children's Chapel is a 25-minute service rich with prayer, Bible stories, music, and reflections to teach our children about God's love. **All are welcome!**

MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY *Saturday, MAY 18th, 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom*

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, April 20th online via Zoom (find this bulletin on our website under the "Worship" tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 AM. Our new theme for 2024 is *Anxiety!* This month we will read **Matthew 6:25–34** "*I am telling you not to worry about your life...Can any of you...add one single cubit to your span of life?...will (your Father) not...look after you?*" using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage "Breakfast Bible Study"](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

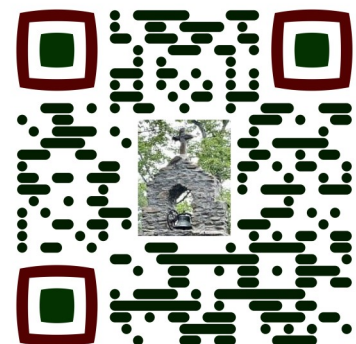
[Join Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 /Passcode: 027913

REGISTER NOW for the SHRINE MONT PARISH RETREAT

Our parish retreat at Shrine Mont is Memorial Day weekend. The retreat officially **begins on Saturday, May 25th**, at noon and ends after breakfast on Monday, May 27th. There will be time throughout the weekend to get to know new friends, reconnect with those you've known for years, enjoy nature, and worship together.

The details, including fees, how to register, and frequently-asked questions, can all be found on our website: just scan the QR code at right.

See you at Shrine Mont!



CREATION CARE NEWS

While Alexandria City is honoring Earth Month throughout April, our Ministry Team invites you to view Immanuel's Creation Care Website for some very hopeful and helpful information reflecting our actions in caring for our fragile island home, planet Earth.

To visit our webpage, please scan the code at right.



EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: MAY-JULY

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through Pentecost, June and July* ONLINE via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button**.

Please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild Server, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer online via [SignUp Genius](#) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net and [clicking on the red button](#). **If you're a student — or planning Summer travel — feel free to sign-up for the Feast of Pentecost only.**



If you are a first-timer and need training, please contact Agnes at the office on **Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** (ext. #206), or via email at asoos@icoh.net. Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to Mother Susan at sparsons@icoh.net or indicate so in the comments box under your name on the online form. **THANK YOU — especially to all who have signed-up!**

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS

Tuesday, May 28th Senior Ministry Brown Bag Lunch with Guest Speaker TOM KERNS, 12 Noon, Parish Hall: Our May brown bag luncheon will feature fellow parishioner and architect Tom Kerns, who will share with us his experience designing the beautiful Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church, Annandale, VA. You will want to hear this presentation before our June outing, which will be a visit to Epiphany with Tom to see the church and enjoy its icons in the setting that he designed.

Tuesday, June 25th: Senior Ministry Brown Bag Lunch with Guest Speaker THE REV. PETER ACKERMAN: Immanuel's former Assistant Rector the Rev. Peter Ackerman, now Rector of the historic Christ Episcopal Church, Chaptico, St. Mary's County, MD, will tell us about his recently published memoir, *Mom, Dad, Me and Classic TV-Growing Up with Classic Television's Harry Ackerman and Elinor Donahue*.

You won't want to miss any of these activities, so please watch for announcements of dates and times, and schedule them into your busy spring calendars. For questions and to RSVP, please contact Karen directly at Karen.Besser@gmail.com

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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 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
 Philip Brown Fellowship
 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
 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, 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.



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