



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

August 3, 2025

Pastor's Corner "Immanuel Music & Unified Worship"

Before I write anything else, I first want to give **thanks to our heavenly Father, to Melissa, and to her amazing team of volunteers for a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School!** When "The Weekly" hits your inbox, we'll be enjoying day four of five days of a fun, engaging exploration of what it means to "Live it Out" with Jesus, focusing on loving others like Jesus loves us. Please continue praying for these final two days, and be ready to welcome these kids and their families when they come to visit the second service as we celebrate VBS Sunday.

The past three Sundays we have been reflecting on the understanding that we gather on Sundays to be renewed in our worship of God in Jesus. "**Unified Worship**" is a recurring phrase from these past weeks, and one we've been applying in particular to our liturgy, our music, and our weekly worship as one congregation with two services.

The phrase "Unified Worship" emerged as our music enters a new season of growth. In May, Immanuel Music (the name for our music ministry) articulated its mission with these words:

*The Music Ministry of Immanuel is One Team, with One Mission: Engage the hearts of people in Spirit-filled **Unified Worship** of God through Jesus Christ.*

*The term "**Unified Worship**" reflects the biblical teaching that, though we are diverse, we are called to be one in Christ (Gal. 3:28; 1 Cor. 12:12-14). It is worship rooted in the rich history of*

the Church while remaining open to the Spirit's movement today, bringing together the "best of the best" from both past and present.

*Worship is not about **style**—it's about the **heart**.*

God is shaping the heart of Immanuel to transcend style and allow flexibility in how the Holy Spirit brings us together in unity under Christ to glorify Him through music and technology using the best of music both ancient and modern.

Colossians 3:15-17 is the foundational passage for Immanuel's Music Ministry.

Over the next several months the music ministry will move forward in various ways: weekly rehearsals, 1st Tuesdays of Praise and Prayer, new music on Sunday mornings, and the occasional use of a technology called "MultiTracks" that supplements instrumentation. **If you would like to participate in Immanuel Music as a vocalist or instrumentalist, or in assisting with A/V, please talk to [Meredyth Stirling](#), [Phoebe Giannini](#), or [Dan Ellison](#).**

We are taking one more important step forward in our music ministry: **the formation of a discernment committee** that will assist me in calling a Worship Leader/Music Minister. That person will be instrumental in leading us further into Unified Worship (pun intended!). We will begin by spending the month of August praying for the formation of the committee.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3:16)

Your Pastor in Christ,

Travis +

Missions Corner—Pastor Sallie's Sojourn

When God calls you go. So off to Bali I will go in a few months.

What is your address? Where are you staying? Are you close to the beach? These and many other questions are being brought forward.

I will be staying at the Anglican Theological College in an apartment. This college is really a gift from God. The story of its construction is long so here is the short version. The diocese had no money to put toward an Anglican College. That didn't stop the people from purchasing an old hotel for \$900,000 and renovating it for another \$500,000. All of these costs are paid in full! God is on the move.



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Southeast Asia is experiencing a whirlwind of the Holy Spirit. Please pray that the Holy Spirit continues to bless the College and their goal of planting churches in all 37 provinces of Sing-a-por.

PS: Bali is a small island so yes I will be close to several beaches!

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

In Christ,

Sallie

Uganda Mission Trip: Kathy Oravetz is going on another Wheels for the World mission trip to Kampala, Uganda from September 12-21. She is asking for prayers for those in Uganda and the US who are organizing the event, for the folks who have/are refurbishing the wheelchairs (done by people who are incarcerated in the US), and for travel preparations including safe transport and delivery of all the wheelchairs. If you are so led, financial contributions are also welcome and can be made at: [Kathy Oravetz - Wheels for the World Uganda \(Kampala\) 2025's fundraising page for Joni and Friends](#). The deadline for contributions at this link is August 12. There are no deadlines for prayers! As time approaches Kathy will put out a small list of items that will be helpful. The list is small as her luggage is limited.

Worship

Please join us, each Sunday at 8:00am or 10:30am at 7075 Hoadly Road, Manassas, VA. You may also join us at 10:30am via [livestream](#).

Morning Prayer is offered via [Zoom](#) every Thursday at 8am.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85934655171>

Meeting ID: 859 3465 5171

Morning Prayer is offered at Immanuel Tuesday - Friday, in the Nave from 8:30am - 9:30am.

Midday prayer is offered Tuesday – Friday in the Nave at noon.

Visit iachurch.org/worship for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 3,	VBS Sunday	10:30am Nave
August 5,	Prayer and Praise	7-8pm Nave
August 6	Rock the Block	6:30-8:00 pm
August 17,	Back to School Sunday	10:30am Nave
	Small Group Sign-ups	Narthex
August 19,	Pray for Prodigals	7-8pm Nave
August 24-25	Hilda Barg Meals	
Sept 3	New Member Class	7-8:30pm Nave
Sept 7	Small Groups Begin	
Sept. 19-20	Hilda Barg Meals	

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Vestry Corner: At the July 22, Vestry meeting, the Vestry considered the financial situation in Immanuel's operating fund. We're pleased to share with you that, given the faithful giving of our congregation, pledges are being met as expected at this point in the year. However, expenses have exceeded our pledge income and projections indicate we may experience a shortage later in the year. To ensure the Vestry is acting as good stewards of what the Lord provides through your giving, we unanimously voted to reduce certain budget line items, with anticipated savings of about \$26,000. If our financial situation improves over time, we will restore some of these budget reductions later in the year. If you have questions or would like to talk more about this, please reach out to Deb Tomchek or Scott Ankers, or any member of the Vestry. You can also talk with Margaret Mann, the Chair of the Finance Committee, or Tyra Harpster, our Treasurer. We are so grateful for your continued giving to Immanuel.

Also at our meeting, Jerry Fitzsimmons, the Vestry Liaison for Communications, reported on changes he has recently made to the Immanuel website (iachurch.org), updating and adding important information. Those seeking a new church often first look at the church's website and we think you will be impressed with the

changes Jerry has made. Although still a “work in progress,” please take a few minutes to review and appreciate what Jerry has accomplished on our behalf.

Call For Delegates for Synod: Each year the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic (DOMA) conducts an annual meeting (Synod) with delegate representation from the Clerical Order and from the Lay Order. Our Rector and Assistant Priest are members of the Clerical Order. Immanuel can elect three members to the Lay Order. Each delegate and alternate shall be an Eligible Voter in the Congregation represented and shall have been confirmed or received by a Bishop of the Province or another province of the Anglican Communion. Additionally, delegates must be willing to affirm the Fundamental Declarations of the Diocese and affirm Title II, Canon 5 of the Diocese Canons. These documents can be provided upon request. Synod this year is being held in Baltimore from Friday, November 14, at 7:30 PM through 4:00 PM Saturday, November 15. Anyone can attend but only delegates can vote. Please prayerfully consider nominating yourself or others. If you wish to nominate others, please ask for their agreement to serve. Nominations should be presented to one of the election committee members, Deb Tomchek, Scott Ankers and Mike Harpster.

Rock The Block: Wednesday., August. 6th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Martin Luther King Elementary, 13224 Nickleson Dr., Woodbridge – is an opportunity to share the love of the Lord Jesus with students and their families. We will prayerfully distribute new backpacks, school supplies, socks, children's books and snacks to those in need. Sign-up sheets and a school supply collection box are in the church foyer. For more information, please contact Dean or Pat Tony at patbtony@gmail.com

Men's Retreat: Men of Immanuel, mark your calendars! Our annual Men's Fall Retreat will be held October 31 – November 2 at beautiful Cacapon State Park in Berkeley Springs. This weekend is designed to strengthen your relationship with God and foster deeper connections with other men of faith. We're excited to

welcome back Pastor Will Archer, who will lead us in a powerful time of teaching on the theme: "Living a Spirit-Filled Life." Retreat Highlights Include:

- Inspiring Teaching with Pastor Will Archer
- Group Sessions & Reflection Time
- Outdoor Activities (Hiking, Golfing, Skeet Shooting)
- Fellowship & Worship

Registration starts July 31, At that time, a registration link will be sent via email using our church's software, Realm. Participants must use that link to register.

If you are not a member of Immanuel but wish to attend, please provide your email address to receive the registration link. Contact Nick Makrides or Bob Mann to be added to the list. To complete your registration, a \$100 deposit is required. Deposits can be submitted: in the offering plate or directly to church office personnel. Single room: \$370, Double Room \$265. Due to limited lodging, this year's retreat is open only to men over 18.

Don't miss this opportunity for spiritual renewal, connection, and encouragement. We look forward to seeing you there!

Meals for Hilda Barg: Immanuel Anglican Church will be providing meals to the Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center on August 24th & 25th. Please sign up to prepare and deliver one or more of the menu items by clicking [here](#) or by visiting our website. Delivery instructions are on the sign-up page. Your generosity helps shine the light of Jesus for those in need.

Mission and Outreach Food Cupboard: The August Food Cupboard Ministry food of the Month is white or brown rice- in one- or two-pound bags only. Thank you, Immanuel, for your generosity in providing lots of canned vegetables and many other foods for our PWC neighbors last month! "Every donation brings hope and relief to a neighbor in need. Thank you for standing with us and making a real impact!"- ACTS on Facebook.

Further Implementation of Realm: The Rector and Wardens have asked Mike Harpster to explore the unused portions of our computer database, Realm. Realm was implemented 10 years ago to keep track of our pledges and giving. New features have been implemented. The Immanuel men have recently started to receive emails informing them of the Monday Night Dinners. On or about July 31, the men of the church will receive an email from Realm to sign up for the Men's Retreat. Mike is working with Phoebe Giannini and Phil Oravetz through Realm to schedule music and acolyte volunteers (team members) for the worship services in September and beyond. Ministry Leaders will be contacted to work with Mike to see how Realm can help them with management and communications for their teams.

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Immanuel Kids: Immanuel Kids: This Sunday we celebrate VBS Sunday! During Children's Church, we will review what we learned throughout the week and then share the Live It Out song with the congregation. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, prayed, and supported VBS, your support made this week possible!

Youth Group: Youth in 6th-12th grade are invited to join youth group Sundays after the service from 12:15 -1:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. Bring a friend and come ready for games, great conversations, and growing closer to God. Contact Melissa Byers mbyers@iachurch.org to join our newsletter for important dates for our youth. The Youth Group will **NOT** meet on August 3, since we will be celebrating VBS Sunday.

Monday Men's Dinner: All men, that is IAC members and guests are invited to join us for some fellowship and conversation at our weekly Monday Men's Dinner this time at United Buffet, located at 2942 Prince William Pkwy, Woodbridge, this coming Monday, August 4, at 5:00 pm. New attendees are always welcome so come join us and bring someone with you.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: Our group is enjoying a summer break. We plan to meet for a Fellowship Dinner at 5:30 p.m. on August 4 at Ruby Tuesdays. We will begin our next Bible Study on Monday, August 25, using Sarah K. Howley's book "Word: An 11 Session Study of Matthew". This is part of "The Son Reveals the Father" series. The group meets via ZOOM. Please contact Kathy Oravetz, 571-334-8786 or koravetzdpt@gmail.com for more information.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study: Join us Tuesdays at 10:00 AM in Room 1 as we continue the study, **The Gospel of John: Savoring the Peace of Jesus in a Chaotic World.** You can also join us via Zoom , click [here](#). Meeting ID: 859 5395 5885 Passcode: 642280 Questions? Call or text Barbara Finney at 703-405-2651

Tuesday Ladies Dinner: The next dinner will be at Red Lobster located at 2544 Prince William Parkway, Woodbridge, on August 19, at 5:00 pm. We get together to enjoy a meal monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. Please RSVP to teharpster@comcast.net.

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion: The following meetings are scheduled at 8:00 am, classroom #1, as we discuss Warren Wiersbe's commentary, BE VICTORIOUS, on Revelation:

Aug. 2: Read Chapter 8 (The Terrible Trio) in the commentary (pages 121 - 133), in Revelation 12-13. Be prepared to discuss questions on pages 134-135)

Aug.9: Read Chapter 9 (Voices of Victory) in the commentary (pages 137 - 148), Be prepared to discuss questions on pages 149-150. In your bible, Revelation 14-16.

Books are available for \$10 from Alan Clark at (703)627-4725 or alan.clark1@verizon.net. Coffee and donuts are provided. Join us and bring a friend or join us via [ZOOM](#). Meeting ID:827 91399156.

Saturday Men's Breakfast: The men will meet next time for the monthly breakfast at 8:00 AM Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Immanuel. Mark this on your calendar. Please come and feel free to invite others to share this time together for food and fellowship. The sign-up poster is in the Narthex before you enter the Nave.

Women's Book Club: SUMMER BEACH READS ARE OVER! It's time to plan our reading for the 2025/26 women's book club. We will meet at Cathleen Giannini's home on Tuesday, August 12th at 7 PM to vote on our books. Please come prepared with your choices, both fiction and non-fiction for this year. Try to bring at least 3 suggestions but no more than 4 of any genre. (Trying to avoid WWII). ADDRESS is 14823 Courtlandt Heights Rd. Text or call 703-851-0908 or email cragchat1@gmail.com or my old email cragchat@gmail.com will still get to me. If you have been thinking about book club, come check us out. This is an informal group who enjoy being together.

County Community Activities

Cold War History Buffs: Gary Powers, Jr., a leading authority on the Cold War, will be speaking on September 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm at Immanuel Anglican Church. He is speaking as part of a fundraiser for The Cold War Museum. The cost is \$20.00. Please use the poster in the Narthex to sign up. For more information, contact Bryan Zwanzig at BandKZwanzig@gmail.com or 703-408-2039.

Not receiving The Weekly? You can sign up on the IAC website by going to [here](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page and complete the subscribe form. If you need help, contact the Parish Administrator at office@iachurch.org.

Lost and Found

The found items are on the Usher's Table.

Building Usage

If you or your group would like to use a room at the church, please contact the office at office@iachurch.org or tharpster@iachurch.org to schedule the date, time and room. Unscheduled meetings cannot always be accommodated.

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