



# The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church  
Prince William County

March 22, 2026

Pastor's Corner

**"Vestry Retreat: Vestry Reflections"**

Last week I gave you an overview of our recent [Vestry Retreat](#). For this week's "Pastor's Corner," I asked Vestry members to share a few sentences reflecting on our time together. Here are their reflections:

**Tim Timmons, Jr. Warden, Liaison for Building & Grounds**

*Our retreat reminded me that faithful leadership begins with listening—to God and to one another. I'm grateful for the shared time of prayer and reflection that renewed our sense of calling together as a Vestry.*

**Monika Dew, Liaison for Community**

*God works in mysterious ways and shows us how to go. He is helping us with all our problems.*

**Jerry Fitzsimmons, Registrar, Liaison for Communication**

*The retreat was an amazing opportunity to be patient and listen together as a Vestry. I'm very excited about moving forward in faith and seeing how God moves in Immanuel this year.*

**Paul Giannini, Liaison for Pastoral Care**

*The Vestry felt the presence of the Holy Spirit and heard HIM telling us to focus on refining the following: the Newcomers ministry, Life Groups and joyful Biblical giving. I also heard HIM speak encouragement to us through THE WORD in 1 John 4:18 which tells us to remember to do these things without fear because "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear."*

**Nick Makrides, Liaison for Mission & Outreach**

*The Vestry Retreat was a wonderful time of fellowship, learning, and vision casting. We left feeling energized and unified, ready to lean into the work God has set before us this year.*

**Vickie Morse, Liaison for Worship**

*God is on the move at Immanuel! He is calling His people to be **obedient** and **trust Him**. Let us watch Him work as He reveals the roles in which each of us are to participate. To Him be the Glory!*

**Deb Tomchek, Sr. Warden, Liaison for Administration**

*Our Father God drew us together during prayer and worship. We learned about our spiritual gifts and shared stories, food, and fellowship. Most importantly, we received God's plan for Immanuel. In 2026, Immanuel will be filled with the Spirit's miraculous power through personal and congregational growth and giving. Jesus is always faithful and we are deeply thankful.*

(Jack Sova, Liaison for Formation/Discipleship, was unable to attend the retreat.)

In addition to their encouraging words, you'll notice that each Vestry Member serves as a "Liaison" for an area of Immanuel's life together. A Liaison is responsible for supporting the various ministries at Immanuel, and for facilitating communication between their leaders and the Vestry. They are also available to you for your questions, suggestions, and concerns.

I am grateful to the Lord for the gift of each member of our Vestry, and for the gifts that they bring.

Your Pastor in Christ,

Travis +

## 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](http://iachurch.org/worship) for more details.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 1-29	Baby Bottle Campaign	9-10:30 & 11:45-1	Narthex
Mar 25	Compline	8:00-8:30 pm	Nave
March 29	Palm Sunday	8:00 am	Nave
		10:30 am	Nave
April 2	Maundy Thursday/with nursery	7:00 pm	Nave
April 3	Stations of the Cross	Noon	Outside
	Good Friday Service/ with nursery	7:00 pm	Nave
April 4	Contemplation and Rite of Reconciliation	9-noon	Nave
	Easter Vigil	8:00 pm	Nave
April 5	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00 am	Outside
	Easter Service	10:30 am	Nave

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Baby Bottle Campaign:** As an Abundant Life Church that supports Life First in rescuing babies from abortion and spreading the Gospel to the parents, we annually participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign. Because of Immanuel's generous giving, loving and compassionate heart and through your joyful offerings last year we finished 3rd amongst all the Abundant Life Churches. We ask you to stop by the Baby Bottle Campaign station in the Narthex to sign up and take a baby bottle (or 2). Place your spare change inside (dollars and checks are OK too!). Please return the baby bottle (empty or full) anytime. The Baby Bottle Campaign "officially" ends on Palm Sunday, March 29th. If you have any questions please contact Paul Giannini, [pjgiannini13@gmail.com](mailto:pjgiannini13@gmail.com).

**BP4 KIDS (Backpacks for Kids):** This ministry provides weekend bags of food placed in the backpacks of children in cooperation with school guidance counselors at ML King Elementary. To help with food, you may consider ordering: <https://www.amazon.com/Hormel-Compleats-Chicken-Alfredo-Ounce> (other options for Compleats are available), or individual cartons of shelf milk, or individual size boxes of cereal. Please bring these to the church building, and we will store them until the next packing date. Thank you for all your generous help. You make a difference in the lives of children! To be informed about our next packing event and/or for more information, please contact Dean or Pat Tony [patbtony@gmail.com](mailto:patbtony@gmail.com).

**The Food Cupboard Ministry:** For the month of March, we are collecting 2-pound bags (no larger) of flour and sugar. Many families in PWC are struggling and your support for this ministry can make all the difference. Every donation helps restore dignity, hope, and stability. The food cupboard is to the left as you enter the storage room located between classrooms 1 & 2.

**Blessing Bags:** Thank you to all who are supporting this ministry. The first twelve bags have been delivered to ACTS! What are Blessing Bags? They are donated purses given to women in need at

the ACTS Women's Shelter in Dumfries, VA. All necessary items can be found on a list on the side of the collection box, along with tags of Immediate needs required to complete unfinished purses. If you have questions, would like to help, or your small group would like to assemble purses, please contact Lee or/ and Jennifer at Lee: Home- 703) 590-7918 or Cell- 703) 298-5240. Jennifer: Cell- 571) 427- 8713

## COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

**Register now for Immanuel's Women's Retreat!** April 24-26 at White Sulfur Springs, Mann's Choice, PA. Our speaker, Dr. Erika Moore, will lead us through Ezekiel's four visions, offering us reasons for hope, reassuring us of God's power, presence, and faithfulness to his promises, even in the most disappointing and confusing circumstances. Paperless (and SIMPLE) registration is available on Realm. Feel free to bring guests! Single occupancy rooms are sold out. Questions or help registering can be directed to Barbara Finney: 703-405-2651 [blynn56@verizon.net](mailto:blynn56@verizon.net) or Taira Oravetz: 703-963-8812 [tairaoravetz@gmail.com](mailto:tairaoravetz@gmail.com). Reservation deposits (\$100.00) are due by March 15.

**Immanuel Kids:** Getting invited to a party is one of the best feelings, and being left out is one of the worst. But there's good news, Jesus never leaves anyone out! He invites everyone to spend time with him, experience his love, and share it with others. This series will remind kids that Jesus' invitation is always open, and we're never too far away to join the party! In this 5-week series, kids will learn that I'm invited to believe in Jesus, love like Jesus does, experience Jesus' miracles, ask Jesus for help, and worship Jesus.

**Youth Group:** Middle and high school students are invited to Youth Group each week. We meet on Second Sundays at 6:00 PM, and on all other Sundays from 12:00- 1:30 PM. For more information, contact [mbyers@iachurch.org](mailto:mbyers@iachurch.org).

**Sunday Night Men's Bible Study:** Men meet each Sunday night except the third Sunday of the month. Currently studying the Book of Genesis. They meet from 7-8:30 pm in classroom 4. If you have any questions, see Mike Harpster (MikeHarpster@comcast.net).

**Men's Dinner:** All Immanuel men and their guests are invited to join us for some fellowship and conversation at our weekly Monday Men's Dinner. The next dinner will be on March 23, 2026 at Wegman's located at 14801 Dining Way, Woodbridge. New attendees are always welcome so come and join us and bring someone with you.

**Women's Monday Night Bible Study:** We are studying, "Cold-Case Christianity" by J. Warner Wallace. The participants' guide can be found here [Cold-Case Christianity Participant's Guide: A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels: Wallace, J. Warner: 9781434711441: Amazon.com: Books](#). The group meets on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. via ZOOM Please contact Kathy Oravetz at 571-334-8786 or [koravetzdpt@gmail.com](mailto:koravetzdpt@gmail.com) for more information and the ZOOM link.

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study:** Join this lovely, caring group at 10:00 am in Classroom #1 as we dive into Isaiah using the Melissa Spoelstra book and video: "Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting God More". We'll unpack Isaiah's words to reveal that you can trust God more than your own human effort or the counterfeits the world suggests. You won't be striving harder but instead trusting more deeply in the Faithful One who is so worthy of our utter dependence. In Him you'll find the comfort and peace you need to sustain you. Contact Barbara Finney at [blynn56@verizon.net](mailto:blynn56@verizon.net) or 703-405-2651 for workbooks or more information.

**Tuesday Ladies Dinner:** The next dinner will be at Brothers located at 5135 Waterway Drive, Dumfries, on April 22, 2026 at 5:00 pm. For this month only we are gathering on Wednesday. Please RSVP to [Teharpster@comcast.net](mailto:Teharpster@comcast.net).

## Saturday Morning Men's Discussion:

March 16: Men's Breakfast is on March 21, 8:00 am, so there is no meeting of the Men's Saturday Bible Discussion Group

March 21: There is no meeting of the Men's Saturday Bible Discussion Group but join us for the Men's breakfast.

We start at 8:00 am in Room 1. Coffee and donuts are provided. Laughter is free. For more information, contact Alan Clark on 703-627-4725. Join us and bring a friend or join us via [ZOOM](#). Meeting ID:827 91399156.

Women's Book Club: The next Women's Book Club meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at the home of Alice Cade The meeting starts at 7 pm. Alice's address is 12907 Valleywood Dr Woodbridge. We are reading, THE FROZEN RIVER by Ariel Lahon. Please call Cathleen Giannini at 703-851-0908 or email at [cragchat1@gmail.com](mailto:cragchat1@gmail.com) with any questions. Let Alice know if you will be attending at 703-283-4358 or [alicecade0@yahoo.com](mailto:alicecade0@yahoo.com)

Men's Breakfast: The men will meet March 21, for the monthly breakfast at 8:00am. Come join in for a hot breakfast and fellowship.

## Financial Update

### Operations

Revenue \$125,375	Expenses \$100,901	Over \$24,474
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### Building

Revenue \$34,950	Expenses \$30,841	Over \$ 4,109
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Income for these months has been above average because several donors have made payment of their full annual pledge. The Operations fund pays for salaries & admin costs, mission outreach, ministry expenses (such as children, youth and adult, altar guild,

fellowship), and facility expenses (such as insurance, maintenance of property, equipment costs). The Building fund pays for the monthly mortgage, that loan amount due monthly is \$15,420.

### County Community Activities

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### 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](mailto:office@iachurch.org) or [tharpster@iachurch.org](mailto:tharpster@iachurch.org) to schedule the date, time and room. Unscheduled meetings cannot always be accommodated. Please note the configuration pictures in each room on the wall near the light switch. After your meeting, please return the room to the arrangement in the picture without exception. All rooms are used for many different activities.

### Parking Lot

If you or your group need to leave vehicles in the parking lot overnight during an activity, please contact the Parish Administrator before leaving. You will be asked to leave the make, model and license number of the vehicle, your departure and return dates and times. Any vehicles left in the parking lot without notification are subject to towing at the owner's expense.