



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

September 13, 2026

Pastor's Corner "Remembering 9/11"



Tuesday morning, I stopped by the Prince William County Administration Center to visit the two 9/11 memorials on the grounds. After I took the above photo, I read the plaque, pausing at these words: *"These four pieces of steel came from the remains of the World Trade Center and are arranged to represent how they might have fallen."* As I remembered the suffering and fear of that day, I noticed how the beam on the left looks like a cross, reawakening in me the awareness that Jesus entered into the suffering of that day, and the days that have followed.

I walked up to the reflecting pool—a pentagon of Pennsylvania flagstone, framing two columns of water, and

off to the side a single limestone block from the collapsed portion of the Pentagon. Twenty-two names are engraved on the wall of the pool, memorializing the men and women from Prince William County who died that day, *“most of whom perished at the Pentagon.”* As I prayed for them and their loved ones, I thought of the words of commendation from the Anglican burial rite:

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

Our God does not stand apart from the fear and sadness, the pain and violence of this world. In Jesus, He not only stands with us, but receives it all into Himself, acting in deep yet unseen ways to redeem and restore. Our confidence in this restoration is rooted in the resurrection of Jesus, *“who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel”* (2 Timothy 1:10).

As Christians, twenty-five years later we remember that terror-filled time with grief *and* hope, yearning toward that final day when we will witness the culmination of the words of the enthroned Christ, *“Behold, I am making all things new”* (Revelation 21:5). Until then, our part is to walk with Jesus into the suffering of this present world, sharing in word and deed the true hope given to us in Christ.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ... For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor

rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 8:18, 38-39)

I invite you to join me this Friday, September 11th, as I offer a brief “Liturgy of Remembrance” during our Midday Prayer service at noon at the church. I would also encourage you one day this week to visit the memorials at the [Prince William County Administration Center](#), and perhaps [pray this “Prayer for the 25th Anniversary of 9/11”](#).

Your Pastor in Christ,

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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 at Immanuel Tuesday - Friday, in the Nave from 8:30am - 9:00am.

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

Visit iachurch.org/worship for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept-Nov	Book of Judges Study	9:15am CR1
Sept-Nov	Confirmation Classes	9:15 am CR 4
Sept 18 & 19	Hilda Barg	sign ups coming soon
Sept 19	Sunset Hike	6:00-8:00 pm
		Neabsco Creek Boardwalk
Sept 20	Cruciform	5-7pm Nave
Life Groups		Sign-up on Realm
October 6	Praise and Prayer	7-8:30 pm Nave
October 3	Chili Cook-off	5-8 pm Nave
October 4	Blessing of the Pets	3-5 pm Parking Lot
October 18	One Service Sunday	9:30 am
	Parish Meeting	

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Cupboard Ministry: For the month of September, we are collecting Pasta, Rice and Peanut Butter. The food cupboard is to the left as you enter the storage room located between classrooms 1 & 2.

Blessing Bags: Updated lists for the contents of the Blessing Bags are available. Please pick one and fill a bag for a woman in need. To date 44 purses for the ACTS Domestic Violence shelter have been delivered! Thank you to all who have donated to this ministry. Please contact Lee or Jennifer Roberds at (703) 298-5240 if you have any questions.

Meals for the Hilda Barg Center: Immanuel Anglican Church will be providing meals to the Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center on September 18th & 19th. Please sign up to prepare and deliver one or more of the menu items by [clicking here](#) or visiting our website. Your generosity helps shine the light of Jesus for those in need.

Backpacks for Kids You Can Make a Difference in the Life of a Child! Backpacks for Kids is a mission of Immanuel at ML King Elementary School. During the school year, we prayerfully provide bags of food for guidance counselors to place in the backpacks of children who otherwise would not have much to eat over the weekends. How you can help: 1) Give financially and /or provide non-perishable food: Individual cartons of milk, pre-packaged meals, breakfast or trail bars, fruit cups, mac and cheese, etc. 2) Help pack food once every 4-5 weeks (Weds. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. at Immanuel) 3) Deliver food to ML King Elementary. and most importantly, *PRAY for students, teachers, and

families to know how much the Lord Jesus loves them. POC: Pat Tony - patbtony@gmail.com

Blessing of the Pets: calling all creatures great and small....Immanuel will host the blessing of the pets on October 4, from 3-5 pm in the church parking lot. More information to follow.

Sunset Hike: Join your Immanuel family on Saturday, September 19, from 6-8 pm for a fun and relaxing evening as we delight in God's creation at Neabsco Creek Boardwalk! Come stretch your legs, enjoy some great fellowship, and experience the beauty of nature as the sun sets over Neabsco Creek. Take in the peaceful sights and sound of the wetlands, breathe in the fresh air and enjoy a beautiful evening together.

Bill Mehr Banquet: The Cooperative Council of Ministries' (CCoM) is hosting the 9th Annual Bill Mehr Banquet at St. Matthews Lutheran Church located at 12351 All Saints Place, Woodbridge on Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 6-9:00 pm. You can purchase tickets [here](#). All proceeds will benefit the Bill Mehr Drop-in Center for the Homeless and our direct aid programs.

MISSION TRIPS

Kevin Robertson is heading to Surabaya, Indonesia to serve with Joni and Friends Wheels for the World(TM) . He will then continue to meet with other in-country mission partners. He asks for prayer for all those whom God has called to be served and hear His Good News.

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Immanuel Kids: In the jungle, every day is an unpredictable adventure! But to safely navigate the vines, animals, and tricky terrain, we'll need a guide to help lead us. This four-week series follows the life of Moses and his journey to leading the Israelites out of Egypt. Through his story, we'll discover how God teaches us how to lead, and learn how to follow God's lead as God leads us to safety, and to what we need.

Youth Ministry: Middle and high school students meet on most Sundays from 12-1:30 PM; on the second Sunday of each month, they meet from 6-8 p.m. For more information, contact dtomchek@aol.com.

Sunday Night Men's Bible Study: The men meet each Sunday night except the third Sunday of the month which is reserved for Cruciform. The next meeting will be on September 27 in classroom 4 beginning at 7pm. The men finished the study of Daniel and will start a new study on 1st, 2nd and 3rd John entitled "Abide" by Jen Wilkin. If you have any questions, contact Mike Harpster here or Scott Finney here.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: We will meet for dinner and fellowship on Monday, September 14, 5:30 at Ruby Tuesday. Our study of Mark resumes with Mark 12 on September 21 at 7 p.m. via ZOOM. Please contact Kathy Oravetz at 571-334-8786 or koravetzdpt@gmail.com for more information.

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 September 14, at Outback located at 14580 Potomac Mills Rd, Woodbridge. New attendees are always welcome so come and join us and bring someone with you.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study: Join this Bible study beginning **October 6th** as we embark on Melissa Spoelstra's study on *Angels: Finding Hope in God who Reigns Over Heaven and Earth*. Melissa traverses the terrain of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation to learn about angels—who they are, what they do, and what they have to do with you. There's no reason to fear or ignore what's happening in the supernatural, unseen realm—we can live with confidence that God is in control of it all. **Angels** is a call to put your hope in the God of angel armies who reigns over heaven and earth. We meet Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Room 1, or you can click [here](#) to join via Zoom: Meeting ID: 859 5395 5885 Passcode: 642280. Contact Barbara Finney to pre-order your workbook (\$22.00) or to ask any questions: 703-405-2651 or blynn56@verizon.net

Tuesday Ladies Dinner: The next dinner will be at Dixie Bones located at 13440 Occoquan Rd Woodbridge, on September 15, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP [here](#).

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion: It's September already! That means it's time to restart our Saturday Morning Men's Group! We will be meeting this coming Saturday, September 12, at 8:00 am in classroom 1. Instead of a study series, we were thinking of using N.T. Wright's book "Simply Jesus" to guide our discussions. We will share more about that on Saturday. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact David Robertson at: [drobertson1952@verizon.net](mailto:d Robertson1952@verizon.net) or 703-470-1620.

Saturday Morning Ladies Coffee: Once a month on the third Saturday, the Immanuel ladies will meet for coffee. The next meeting is September 19, 2026, at 9:30 am at IHOP on Hoadly Road. Please register [here](#). For more information contact Monika Dew at 202-257-2348.

Men's Breakfast: The men will meet September 19, for the monthly breakfast at 8:00am. Come join in for a hot breakfast and fellowship

Cruciform: Join the men of Immanuel and the community on September 20, 2026, for a deep dive into men's decision-making paths at Cruciform Crossroad Conversations - a journey of self-discovery and growth. Real talk. Real faith. Real growth. Participate in in-depth conversations about the challenges men are navigating in today's world. Bring a friend. Open to all men from all churches - 18+. Food included.

Men's Fall Retreat – Save the Date! November 6-8, 2026
Cacapon Resort State Park, Berkeley Springs, WV. This weekend is designed to strengthen your relationship with God and foster deeper connections with other men of faith. We're excited to welcome a new speaker, Matthew Yi, who has preached at Immanuel in the past. He will lead us in a powerful time of teaching on the theme: 5 Truths, One Hope. Retreat Highlights Include: Inspiring Teaching with Matthew Yi, Group Sessions & Reflection Time, Outdoor Activities (Hiking, Golfing, Skeet Shooting) Fellowship & Worship.

Registration opens on Aug14. A registration link will be sent via email using our church's software, **Realm**. Participants must use that software to register. Or click [here](#):



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 (nickmakrides@yahoo.com) or Bob Mann (mannrm@comcast.net) to be added to the list. To complete your registration, a \$100 deposit is required. Deposits can be submitted in the offering, clearly marked "Men's Retreat." or directly to church office personnel. Deposits will be accepted from Aug 14 through Oct 6, or until all rooms are filled—so be sure to register early! Costs are Single Room: \$370.00 or Double Room: \$260.00/person. Full payment is due by Oct 25. Due to limited lodging, this year's retreat is open to men age 18 and older. Don't miss this opportunity for spiritual renewal, connection, and encouragement. We look forward to seeing you there!

Women's Book Club: After great discussion on our classic read for the month, time to move forward to a fascinating book called: Code Name Helene by Ariel Lawson. It is a historical fiction based on the life of a woman whose name should have gone down in history. Book club will meet on October 13, at 7 PM at Kathy Westcott's house, 3708 Beaver Ford Rd Woodbridge. Please let her know if you plan to be there or not at 703-987-5206(cell) or 703-670-6641 at home. Email is ktwestcott@gmail.com. Call or text Cathleen Giannini at 703-851-0908 with questions.

Financial Update thru July 31, 2026

Operations

Revenue	\$359,605.25
Expenses	<u>\$291,578.87</u>
Net	\$ 68,026.38

Building

Revenue	\$126,519.81
Expenses	<u>\$ 59,784.68</u>
Net	\$ 66,735.13

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

Art in Motion: a one woman show with mixed media paintings. The show is currently running through October 28, at the Montclair Community Library located at 5049 Water Way Drive, Drumfires, VA.

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Lost and Found

Lost and found items can be found in the basket 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. 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. Please return the tables to the closet at the end of the session.

Parking Lot

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