



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

August 9, 2026

Pastor's Corner *So Many People Involved*

As I was catching up on email after my extended sabbath, one in particular made me smile. The Rev. Sam Pascoe wrote, "Thanks again for the chance to worship with your amazing congregation. I rarely see a congregation in which so many people are involved in so many ways."

So true!

Immanuel is the amazing congregation that it is because of the multitudinous ways you express the love of Jesus to each other, and to our communities. Here are just a few of so many examples:

- **Melissa Byers and her incredible team of volunteers** (I can't name them all, but I will add that **many of our youth** were among them!) creating a VBS experience that lived our mission in such tangible and fun ways—Refuge, Reconciliation, and Renewal in Jesus on full display!
- Tuesday morning in the office, **Tyra Harpster** providing a listening, caring, wise presence to multiple people stepping in to share their lives with her.

- **Paul and Cathleen Giannini** attending to people at home and in the hospital during July when a pastoral presence was needed.
- **Jeannie Brill** walking people to their cars with an umbrella during the downpour after church.
- **Lee and Jennifer Roberds** organizing the Blessing Bags ministry, and **many of you** making possible the 44 purses filled with necessities we've given to the ACTS Domestic Violence Shelter so far this year.
- **Josephine and Gabriel McGrath**, along with **Scott and Sheridan Knowles**, providing beautiful, worshipful music for Bridget (formerly Eveie) and Chris Morgan's wedding, and **Kathy Westcott** preparing the Sanctuary with her usual attention to reverent detail. And ensuring we could hear and see it all—**Scott Cheatham** on sound, **Barbara Finney** on video, **Scott Finney** on slides.
- **Taira Oravetz** and **Mike Wright** behind the scenes, cleaning and arranging furniture.
- **Jean Ellerbe and Josephine McGrath** filling in on the piano with faithfulness, joy, and skill as Meredyth Stirling continues recovering from her shoulder surgery. And **Dan Ellison** and **the Music Ministry** leading us in singing praises every week.
- **Kevin Robertson** going to the Poconos for Joni and Friends Family Retreats (Aug. 2 - Aug. 7) to serve families affected by disability.
- So **many of you** who provided meals for the Oravetz and Stirling families.
- Open up the ACTS cabinet or look on the Rock the Block donation table and you'll see visual (and edible!) evidence of **your** generous involvement in the needs of our community.

I could easily continue the list of examples. I am genuinely grateful for the clear expression of God's love through your involvement.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. (Philippians 1:3-5)

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.

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 is a member of the Clerical Order and Immanuel can elect three delegates and an alternate delegate to the Lay Order.

Synod this year is being held in Fairfax, VA at Truro Anglican Church on Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14. Anyone can attend but only delegates can vote.

Each delegate and alternate shall be an eligible voter in the congregation they represent and need to be 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.

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, Jerry Fitzsimmons or Monika Dew at office@iachurch.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 11	Rock the Block		6-7:30 MLK
August 29	Ladies Coffee	IHOP	10:00 AM

COMING THIS FALL

Adult Class	Study led by Julie Walsh
Life Groups	Sign-ups coming soon
Confirmation Classes	Sign-ups coming soon
Ladies Coffee	
Synod	

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Cupboard Ministry: For the month of August we are collecting canned fruit, canned vegetables and canned soups. 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.

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. If you would like to financially contribute, you may at:

<https://secured.joniandfriends.org/campaign/robertson-kevin-household-wheels-for-the-world-indonesia-surabaya-2026/c774624>

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS



ROCK THE BLOCK is this Tuesday, August 11th, from 6:00-7:30 pm, at ML King Elementary, 13224 Nickleson Dr, Woodbridge! Please pray about his opportunity to bless students with new backpacks, school supplies, socks, children's books, DVDs, and more. Thank you to our VBS kids and others for your monetary donations along with gently-used books and family-friendly DVDs. School supply needs: school scissors (blunt-tipped), glue sticks, erasers, pencils, color markers, crayons, etc. YOU are making a difference! POC: Dean or Pat Tony patbtony@gmail.com. Volunteer sign up click [here](#) or use QR code.



Immanuel Kids: As the sun sets and you nod off to sleep, an entire nighttime world awakens. Along with our dreams and slumber, the night can also mean shadows and unfamiliar sounds. Who makes us feel safe when the world is dark and scary? In this four-week series based on the life of Joseph, we'll learn about how God watches over us and loves

everyone the same. No matter what we go through, God will make things right, which is why we can obey God above anyone else.

Youth Ministry: Middle and high school students are invited to Second Sunday @ 6 PM on August 9 for an evening of fun, fellowship, and Bible study. Be sure to save the date for our Youth Family BBQ on August 30 as we kick off the new ministry year! For more information, contact mbyers@iachurch.org.

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 August 9 in classroom 4 beginning at 7pm. The men finished the study of Daniel and will be planning the study to begin in the fall. This week the meeting time will be split between planning and Fellowship concluding by 8:30 pm. If you have any questions, contact Mike Harpster at MikeHarpster@comcast.net or Scott Finney at ScottSFinney@verizon.net.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: We have considered such questions as "How do the father's words in 9:24 echo your own feelings at times?" (Mark 9:24 "I do believe, help me overcome my unbelief!"); "What have you learned from this passage (Mark 9:2-29) about what to do when you face problems and crises?" All ladies are welcome to join us as we study the Gospel of Mark using N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides- MARK. We are on Mark 9:30-50 and chapter 11 of the study guide. You don't need to be reading the study guide ahead and you may join at any time. Monday evening gatherings 7-8:30 p.m. via ZOOM. Please contact Kathy Oravetz at 571-334-8786 or koravetzdpt@gmail.com for more information and the ZOOM link.

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 August 10, Red Lobster located at 2544 Prince William Parkway, Woodbridge. New attendees are always welcome so come and join us and bring someone with you.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study: Join this caring group at 10:00 am in Classroom #1 to study 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. Contact Barbara Finney at blynn56@verizon.net or 703-405-2651 for workbooks or more information.

Tuesday Ladies Dinner: The next dinner will be at Montclair Family restaurant, located at 17001 Dumfries Rd., Dumfries, on August 18, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP to Teharpster@comcast.net.

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion: The group is taking a break for the summer. Discussions will resume on September 14, 2026, at 8:00 am in classroom 1. Please come prepared to recommend the next study series. For more information contact Gary Grey at: gary8638@gmail.com or 703-966-2812.

Saturday Morning Ladies Coffee: Once a month the Immanuel ladies will meet for coffee. The first meeting is August 29, 2026, at 10:00 am at IHOP on Hoadly Road. For more information contact Monika Dew at 202-257-2348.

Men's Breakfast: The men will meet August 15, 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 August 16, 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. Stay tuned for the next meeting date.

Women's Book Club: I hope any women who love to read have been reading some good books this summer. It is that time again!!! We will meet to determine this year's reading list on August 11, at 7 PM. We will meet at Cathleen Giannini's home, 14823 Courtlandt Heights Rd. Woodbridge. Come prepared with 3 selections to present to the group with your best sales pitch. Try to make one a non-fiction book, but any suggestions are welcome. We have newcomers to the church so we would love to have you come. We are an informal group and welcome you at all meetings or just the ones you like the sound of the book. Please call Cathleen Giannini with any questions or to let me know if you are coming at 703-851-0908 or cragchat1@gmail.com. If you are interested but unable to attend the meeting but would like a schedule for the year sent to you, let me know. SEE YOU SOON!!!!

Financial Update thru June 30, 2026

Operations

Revenue	\$315,340.85
Expenses	<u>\$252,342.15</u>
Net	\$ 62,998.70

Building

Revenue	\$113,072.41
Expenses	<u>\$ 51,573.78</u>
Net	\$ 61,498.63

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

Put your notice here!

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

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. If your group is using the hallway space and set up tables, 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 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.