



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

September 8, 2024

Pastor's Corner "Members of Immanuel Anglican Church"

As our Immanuel family continues to grow, I've had a number of new people ask me, "So how do I become a member of this church?" Others, who have been attending for two or three years, have wondered whether they themselves are yet members. These questions and wonderings reveal that we have not communicated a clear membership process that enables people to know they fully belong to Immanuel Anglican Church.

Membership in a local congregation is important! It's similar to a wedding vow. It is a mutual commitment that creates a life-giving connection to others, upheld by God in the midst of pain and joy, hardship and celebration.

Members of Immanuel Anglican Church are baptized Christians, resting in the grace of Jesus, who commit to:

- **Trust in Jesus:** In Jesus, we grow to love God fully, participating in the Triune God's life and purposes.
- **Affirm and practice core beliefs:** We grow in understanding, upholding, and living what we believe as revealed in Holy Scripture, expressed in the Creeds, conveyed through Anglican practice, and experienced in the Sacraments and sacramental rites.

- **Love each other:** We grow in loving fellow members as Jesus loves us, putting on “compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one as a complaint against another, forgiving each other...” (Colossians 4:12-14).
- **Give to and receive from the church family:** We grow in serving the Immanuel family through regularly sharing our time, talents, and treasures, “for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God” (Ephesians 4:7-16).
- **Serve the community:** We grow in serving our immediate communities and the world through prayer, compassionate acts, and proclaiming the refuge, reconciliation, and renewal that comes only through Jesus.

These Spirit-empowered commitments provide the foundation for living our vision—*Immanuel: God with us...for the sake of others*. They also are the trellises supporting how we **Worship**, **Grow** and **Serve**, the three expressions of our life with God in Christ, which in turn are the fruits nourishing our congregation’s (proposed) mission:

“We cultivate a Spirit-filled family that offers Refuge, Reconciliation, and Renewal to the communities of Northern Virginia and beyond, inviting all people to experience life with God in Jesus Christ.”

Don’t overlook the joyous truth that when you make such a commitment to this church family, we in turn are making this commitment to you! “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ... If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together” (1 Corinthians 12:12-27).

The next several weeks I will be preaching about what it means to be a member of Immanuel Anglican Church. On October 20th, you will be invited to officially say “yes” to being a part of the Immanuel family. If you’re already a member, you’ll be invited to recommit to the vision and mission, worship and life which the Lord has given to our congregation.

I encourage you to listen attentively these next several Sundays—not just to the sermons, but to God’s Spirit, to hear whether he’s inviting you to join our family.

Your Pastor in Christ,

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INFORMATION

September 8, 2024

Worship

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

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

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

Visit iachurch.org/worship for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 15, 9:15-10:15am

September 20, 21

October 1, 7:00-8:30pm

October 6

October 25-27

November 24

Confirmation Classes begin

Meals to Hilda Barg

Tuesday Night Prayer Classes begin

Blessing of the Pets

Men's Retreat, Cacapon, WV

Bishop Chris Visitation

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Learn about Prayer for Physical, Emotional and Spiritual Healing:

This October, a 5-week class is being offered for anyone who wants to learn more about prayer. Whether you are a beginner or have some experience or serve on a Prayer Team, you will find this class beneficial. On Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm at Immanuel Church, we will view a teaching video from the Christian Healing Institute and have time for discussion and sharing. For information or to rsvp, please contact Margaret Mann at 703-609-3069 or email MargMann@comcast.net.

Men's Monday Dinner: You are invited to join the men of IAC for dinner at *Texas Road House*, located at 14389 Potomac Mills Rd Woodbridge, VA, on Monday, September 9 at 5:00 pm. All men, IAC members and guests are welcome to come. Please join us for dinner and casual conversation. Come put on your Yee haw and join us for the Men's Monday Dinner.

Immanuel Choir: The youth are cordially invited to join us. We need your voice to join with us to sing praises to God. There is room in every section particularly the bass section. No prior experience necessary, just a willingness to lift your voice in praise. Please come and meet with us every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Immanuel where we learn and practice anthems to be sung about every two weeks for the Sunday morning 10:30 worship service. Also, there are plans in the making to prepare for and present a **Christmas Cantata** during the upcoming Advent season. Those that would like to participate only in the cantata are welcome to join us for that. More details to be announced later.

Ladies Tuesday Dinner: The next dinner will be at Hector's, 2233 Tackett's Mill Dr., September 17 at 5:30 pm. We get together to enjoy a meal monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. Please rsvp to teharpster@comcast.net so a seat is reserved for you.

Men's Saturday Breakfast: The men will meet at Immanuel at 8:00 AM on September 21. With almost everyone back from vacation we will be returning to the "normal" routine. Please come and feel free to invite others to share this time together for food and fellowship.

Immanuel Youth Group: Students (6th-12th grade) are welcome to attend youth group every Sunday after service from 12:15 pm.- 1:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. Join us as we learn from the Bible and the Anglican Catechism, eat food, and play games. For more information, contact Fr. Drew at Drew.McGinley@anglicanchaplains.org.

Women's Book Club: The book club meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10th at 7 PM. at the home of Monika Dew, 14315 Raddock Ct, Woodbridge, 22193. We will be reading the novella, Mrs. Caliban by Rachel Ingalls. Please call Cathleen Giannini at 703-851-0908 or email at cragchat@gmail.com with any questions.

PROGRAMS

Sunday Nite Men's Bible Study Join us on Sundays at 7:00pm. in classroom 4 for a look at Revelation. Each session will include opening prayer, an audio followed by discussion, and we'll wrap up by 8:30 pm with a closing prayer. No homework and just listen if you like.

Immanuel Kids: If you're a grown-up and you've been following Jesus for a while, you've probably figured out a few ways to grow spiritually. The kids you're parenting or leading, on the other hand, aren't grown-ups, so they might need a little help from you to figure out how to grow spiritually. So what should spiritual growth look like for a kid? We like to think about it in terms of four spiritual habits. To help kids grow spiritually, teach them to **spend time with God, spend time with others, use their gifts, and share their story.**

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: On Monday, September 9, we will meet at 7 pm via Zoom to continue our study of 1st Peter using the Serendipity Bible format. This week we will be discussing 1st Peter 4:12-19. All are welcome to join us. For more information, please contact Deb Tomchek at dtomchek@aol.com or (703) 597-4136.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study is using the study based on Season 4 of *The Chosen*. For any questions, please contact Barbara Finney at 703-405-2651 or blynn56@verizon.net. We would love for you to join us!

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion Group: The IAC men will meet on 9/07/24 to continue our study of Genesis using Wiersbe's Commentary "Be Obedient". In preparation, read Genesis 16 in your bible, and Chapter Five, "Beware Of Detours" in the commentary (pp.69 - 77) and ponder the questions on pages 78 & 79. The meeting will be in Classroom #1. Need a book? Contact Michael Dominguez at (703)791-7817 or

mdoming13@gmail.com. All IAC men are encouraged to attend; feel free to bring a friend. Coffee and donuts will be available. Here is the link: <https://iachurch.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7c748aaa4c951466365758f50&id=cae94f72bc&e=69440a42ed>

Mission and Outreach Food Cupboard: Immanuel, thank you for your generous donations to the ACTS food pantry food cupboard ministry on Kickoff Sunday! A Mission and Outreach Team member delivered 236 pounds of food and other urgently needed items to ACTS this week! **The September Foods of the Month are peanut butter and jelly in plastic containers.**

Meals for Hilda Barg Homeless Shelter: Immanuel will be hosting the Hilda Barg Homeless Shelter on September 20 and 21. Menus and needed items along with delivery times and directions are on the [Sign up Genius website](#). There are still a couple of items left! Amid all our gifts let's praise the Lord by caring for those less fortunate. Contact Tyra Harpster for more information at teharpster@comcast.net.

Lost and Found

The found items are on the Usher's Table.