



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

July 5, 2026

Pastor's Corner Thanks and Prayers for Our Nation

As the 250th Independence Day approaches, I've been reading through various quotes about the birth of the United States of America. John Adams, a primary author of the Declaration of Independence, wrote the following words to his wife Abigail after the vote to declare independence:

"I am apt to believe that [Independence Day] will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other..."

On this 250th Fourth of July, there will be ample opportunity to participate in the "Pomp and Parade" celebrating the independence of our nation. I look forward to the food and fireworks ("Illuminations!") as my family gives thanks for the many gifts we enjoy by living in this country – the simple pleasures of burgers and jazz; the remarkable beauty of intermingled cultures and ethnicities; the profound legacy of a nation founded on the truth that God created each person to enjoy equality, life, liberty, and happiness.

On the Fifth of July, we have the opportunity to participate in “solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty.” Last Sunday we remembered that even as we give our primary allegiance to Jesus, whose “kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36), the Lord directs us to seek the welfare of the nation in which he has placed us (Jeremiah 29:7). The greatest gift we give our nation is our faithful, uncompromised worship of the one true God, what we offer to him every Sunday (and every day!) at Immanuel.

Within that worship, we also seek the welfare of our nation through intercession and thanksgiving (Jeremiah 29:7; 1 Timothy 2:1-4). Last week we handed out notecards so you could write down your prayers and thanksgivings for our nation. Bring those cards with you this Sunday so that we can create our “Prayer Wall.” (We’ll have additional cards available as well.) After the Nicene Creed, our music ministry will offer “America the Beautiful” [as an intercession](#) for our country. During the music, you will be invited to bring your cards into the sanctuary, placing them in crevices of the stones behind the Table. We will then pray through a series of Collects taken from our Book of Common Prayer.

The Prayer Wall will remain in place throughout July, inviting us to remain in intentional intercession for these United States. “America! God crown thy good with brotherhood...God mend thine every flaw...God thy gold refine...God shed his grace on thee!”

Your guest celebrant and preacher will be [the Rev. Wade Bradshaw](#). Father Wade is a priest in our diocese who is becoming a trusted friend of mine. He and his wife Chryse have formed a monastic community and retreat center in central Virginia named [Benediction Farm](#), where they also

raise water buffalo! I'm confident you will enjoy them, and they will enjoy you.

And even while I'm on vacation, I'll still be praying for y'all.

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 taking a break for the month of July. It will be offered again beginning August 3, 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

July 9	VBS Workday	4-6:00 pm
July 9	VBS Training	6-6:30 pm
July 11	Movie Night	6:30-8:30 pm
July 17	Youth Kayaking on Occoquan	10:30-1:30pm
July 19	VBS Training	9:30-10:00am
July 21	VBS Workday	1-3:00 pm
July 27-31	Vacation Bible School	9-1 Nave
August	Prayer Walks	more information to follow

COMING THIS FALL

Adult Class

Study led by Julie Walsh

Life Groups

Sign-ups coming soon

Confirmation Classes

Sign-ups coming soon

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Movie Night at Immanuel! Date: July 11, 2026 Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Join us for a fun-filled evening at Immanuel's Outdoor Movie Night—an event for all ages! Bring your family, invite your friends, and most importantly, invite your neighbors to share in this special community gathering!

To help spread the word, postcards are available in the narthex for you to hand out throughout your neighborhood. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome others to Immanuel and let them know about our upcoming Vacation Bible School, taking place July 27–30 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This year's feature, *DAVID*, is the ultimate underdog story. More than the tale of a shepherd boy facing a giant, it is a powerful story of faith, courage, and God's purpose. *DAVID* encourages us to live boldly, trust God more deeply, and love others more generously.

Immanuel will be providing water bottles and popcorn. To help us prepare, please sign up [here](#) or use QR code.



We hope you'll join us for an inspiring evening of fellowship, fun, and faith—and bring a neighbor along! Oh! And don't forget your lawn chair or blanket!

Shirt Sales: Did you miss out on our last sale? Or do you want a different color? Or a different size? Here's another chance to order your Immanuel Polo or T-shirt. **NOTE: time is limited! Orders must be placed and paid for by Sunday, July 12.** (Cash or checks only) See Barbara Finney or call: 703-405-2651 or email: blynn56@verizon.net.



What is ROCK THE BLOCK? It's one of Immanuel's opportunities to prayerfully bless Martin Luther King Elementary School students with new backpacks, school supplies, socks, children's books, DVDs, and more. **Save the date:** Tuesday, August 11th from 6:30-8:00 pm located at ML King Elementary, 13224 Nickleson Dr, Woodbridge, VA 22193. Volunteer sign-up click [here](#). We are partnering with our VBS kids and others to collect monetary donations along with gently-used books and family-friendly DVDs. Volunteer Sign-up will be available soon. For more information, please contact Dean or Pat Tony patbtony@gmail.com.

Food Cupboard Ministry: For the month of July we are collecting canned tuna, canned salmon and 1 pound plastic jars of 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. Please contact Lee or Jennifer Roberds at (703) 298-5240 if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Vacation Bible School: Kingdom Quest VBS is coming July 27-31! Kids are invited to join us for an exciting week of games, music, Bible adventures, and fun as we learn to live out our faith together. Registration is now open, and we're also looking for volunteers to help make the week a success. Sign up to attend at iachurch.org or contact mbyers@iachurch.org to volunteer or learn more.

Immanuel Kids: Nothing brings a family together—or stirs up some friendly drama—like a family game night! Just like in games, family life can have its own ups and downs, whether it's with our given or chosen families. In this 4-week series, kids will explore how Abraham's family navigated challenges and blessings while learning how we can care for our families, serve them well, and remember that we're all part of God's family. As they do, kids will learn that **we can believe God's promises, we can pray for our families, we can trust God to provide, and we're all welcome in God's family.**

Youth Ministry: Middle and high school students are invited Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm for our Summer Study, which will serve as our regular Youth Group gathering throughout the summer. Save the Date for Second Sunday @ 6PM on July 12 and Kayaking Friday, July 17. Signups will be shared soon! 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 July 5. They will continue the 8-week series viewing a DVD authored by J.D. Greear. Men facing the cultural challenges

of today will connect to the ancient wisdom of Daniel and learn that the power to make a difference is found in the commitment to be different. Beginning at 7pm in classroom 4 the time will be split between Listening, Discussing and Fellowship concluding by 8:30 pm. If you have any questions, see MikeHarpster@comcast.net or ScottSFinney@verizon.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 July 6, Red Robin, located at 14090 Worth Ave, Woodbridge. New attendees are always welcome so come and join us and bring someone with you.

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 or 703-405-2651 for workbooks or more information.

Tuesday Ladies Dinner: The next dinner will be at All American Steakhouse, located at 5594 Ashland Community Square, on July 21, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP to Teharpster@comcast.net.

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion:

No meeting due to July 4 holiday.

Next meeting is July 11 to discuss Wiersbe's Chapter Eleven, "The Power Of His Resurrection", John 20:19-31, pages 163-173, and the questions on pages 174 & 175. In your bible read John 20.

Books are available for \$15. 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.

Men's Breakfast: The men will meet July 18, for the monthly breakfast at 8:00am. Come join in for a hot breakfast and fellowship

Financial Update thru May 31, 2026

Operations

Revenue	\$271,698.41
Expenses	<u>\$216,815.24</u>
Net	\$54,883.17

Building

Revenue	\$83,625.41
Expenses	<u>\$40,044.00</u>
Net	\$40,581.41

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

There are containers and dishes in the kitchen. If they are yours, please pick them up! Other 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.