



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

Feb 1, 2026

Pastor's Corner "Your 2026 Vestry"

Several times this week I have thanked God for the gift of technology, along with those who create it and maintain it. I am so grateful that gift made it possible for us to gather and worship our Father together as we prayed through the office of Morning Prayer. It was the most fully attended zoom service we've ever offered, and I could feel my joy increasing with each face and name that appeared on the screen. Thank you for the gift of your presence!

Thank you also for remaining present to elect by acclamation our **newest Vestry members**: Monika Dew, Nick Makrides, Kevin Roberston (serving for 1 year to complete a vacated spot), and Tim Timmons.

They join our **continuing Vestry members**: Paul Giannini, Jerry Fitzsimmons, Vickie Morse, Jack Sova, and Deb Tomcheck.

We will give thanks for these women and men and commission them at the **Annual Meeting after the One Service Sunday now scheduled for February 15 at 9:30am**. We'll also give thanks for our outgoing members as we bless and release them.

Our new Vestry met for the first time this past Tuesday night, and made the **following annual appointments** for the 2026 Term:

- Senior Warden: Deb Tomchek
- Junior Warden: Tim Timmons
- Vestry Registrar: Jerry Fitzsimmons
- Treasurer: Tyra Harpster

Lydia Schnack remains as our Pledge Records Secretary, entering her final year of this three-year appointment. Jack Sova also remains as one of two Vestry members on the Finance Committee, and Nick Makrides was appointed to fill the Vestry spot left open by Kathy Oravetz. Kathy, however, was also appointed as a non-Vestry member of the Finance Committee, which is chaired by Margaret Mann.

Vestry Liaison roles will be assigned at a later meeting.

The Vestry also voted to pay down the mortgage principle by 10%, which will result in considerable savings this year. Further evidence of God's faithfulness and generosity through his faithful, generous people.

Please commit to pray regularly for our 2026 Vestry as they gather for prayer, listening, discernment, and decision-making as we grow in living our vision, *"Immanuel: God with us...for the sake of others."*

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 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](#) for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 03	Praise and Prayer	7 pm Nave
February 07	Ministry Leaders Meeting	10-11:30 am Nave
February 07	International Dinner	TBD Nave
February 08	World Mission Sunday	
	Scout Sunday	
February 13-16	Youth Retreat	
February 15	One Service	9:30 am Nave
February 15	Annual Meeting	Following Service
February 17	Pancake Cupper	5 pm Narthex
February 18	Ash Wednesday Services	noon and 7 pm Nave
February 22	First Sunday in Lent	

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scout Sunday - February 8, 2026: On February 8th, Immanuel will be celebrating Scouting programs by recognizing our youth Scouts and adult leaders. To help us celebrate, current Scouts and leaders are

asked to wear their uniforms. We will also be asking Eagle Scouts and Gold Award Girl Scouts to come forward for a blessing with the current Scouts. Don't worry – you don't need to find your old uniform! Come as you are – a role model for our youth. To help honor Eagle Scouts and Gold Award Girl Scouts not in attendance, send pictures to Becky Ragon, beckyragon25@gmail.com, for a picture collage to be shared during the blessing.

The Scouting America and Girl Scouts programs are based on a duty and promise to serve God and to help others. Lord Robert Baden Powell, founder of the global Scouting movement, said "In doing your duty to God, always be grateful to Him. And it is a good thing to bless other people. In doing your duty toward man, be helpful and generous, and always be grateful for any kindness done to you and be careful to show that you are grateful. Remember again that a present given to you is not yours until you have thanked the giver for it. While you are living your life on this Earth, try to do something good which may remain after you. It is something to BE good, but it is far better to DO good. First love and serve God; second, love and serve your neighbor."

Thank you to all current and past Scout leaders for your commitment to helping young people grow into better individuals and for showing them how to live the principles of Scouting. Remember to do a good turn daily!

BP4 KIDS - Backpack for Kids: Thank you for offering your support, gifts, and prayers for all to experience life abundantly in all its fullness in Christ Jesus! Our BP4 Kids ministry provides weekend bags of food placed in the backpacks of children in cooperation with school guidance counselors. Questions? Contact Dean or Pat Tony patbtony@gmail.com

The Food Cupboard Ministry: For the month of February, we are collecting canned tomato products (whole, diced, crushed, pureed, stewed, sauce and paste) and canned peas. The food

cupboard is to the left as you enter the storage room located between classrooms 1 & 2.

Blessing Bags: What are Blessing Bags? They are donated purses given to women in need at the ACTS Women's Shelter in Dumfries, VA. These purses are filled with donated toiletries, and each woman will receive 1 purse during their stay. It is our prayer and goal to complete 10 purses PER Month in this ONGOING Ministry. 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. Ministry Leaders: Lee & Jennifer Roberds. 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

Immanuel Kids: Immanuel Kids: Jesus was a true trailblazer—not just for his time, but for *all* time! Jesus' teachings and way of life often went against the grain of what people expected, showing us a whole new way to live and love. While blazing new trails, Jesus never wavered from the path of following God, and he paved the way for us to follow his lead. In this 4-week series, kids will learn to trust Jesus even when it's not easy, show others the way to God, let God's love take the lead, and pray the way Jesus prayed.

Youth Group: Youth Group is for youth in 6th-12th grade. Youth Group meets on Sunday after the 10:30 service. High Schoolers interested in Feb 13-16 Breakaway Retreat contact mbyers@iachurch.org.

Breakaway High School Retreat (February 13–16): Breakaway is a Christ-centered weekend retreat where high school students gather for worship, teaching, and community with other believers.

- Please pray for our students, leaders, and all the preparation and travel involved. Pray for open hearts, deep faith, and God's transforming work in our students.
- Any high school students interested in attending should contact mbyers@iachurch.org.
- We are still in need of financial support, if you are able to give, your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

Sunday Night Men's Bible Study: The men will meet February 1, 2026, to continue their study of Genesis. They meet from 7-8:30 pm in classroom 4. If you have any questions, see or email Bob Mann (mannrm@comcast.net) or 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 February 1, 2026 at Outback Steakhouse located at 14580 Potomac Mills Road, Woodbridge. New attendees are always welcome so come and join us and bring someone with you.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: Women's Monday Night Bible Study: Please contact Kathy Oravetz at 571-334-8786 or koravetzdpt@gmail.com for more information. We are continuing our Monday night studies with a video series "Truth Rising", a Colson Fellows program. It will be facilitated by Lydia's daughter, Kristina. From the website: [The Study - Truth Rising](#)

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 Longhorn Steakhouse located at 13237 Worth Ave. in Woodbridge on February 17, at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP to Teharpster@comcast.net, so reservations can be made.

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion:

1/31/26 Read Chapter Eight in the commentary, "Contrasts and Conflicts", pp.123 - 135, and the questions on pages 136 & 137. In your bible, read John 8.

2/7/26 Read Chapter Nine in the commentary, "The Blind Man Calls Their Bluff", pp 139-149, and study the questions on pages 150 and 151. Read John 9 in your bibles.

Books are available for \$10 from Alan Clark at (703)627-4725 or alan.clark1@verizon.net. Coffee and donuts are provided. Join us and bring a friend or join us via [ZOOM](https://zoom.us). Meeting ID:827 91399156.

Women's Book Club: The next Women's Book Club meeting will be on Tuesday February 10th at the home of Kathleen Harding. The meeting starts at 7 pm. Kathleen's address is 3731 Russell Road, Woodbridge, We are reading, THE BERRY PICKERS by AMANDA PETERS. Please call Cathleen Giannini at 703-851-0908 or email at cragchat1@gmail.com with any questions. Let Kathleen know if you will be attending at 703-590-5162 or kathleenmharding@aol.com

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

County Community Activities

Polar Plunge: Support Jeannie and Jacob Brill as they participate in the Polar Plunge on February 7 in Virginia Beach to support the Virginia Special Olympics. See the poster in the narthex and scan the QR code to donate financially to support the Brill's

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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 or tharpster@iachurch.org to schedule the date, time and room. Unscheduled meetings cannot always be accommodated.