



# The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church  
Prince William County

October 27, 2024

## Pastor's Corner Immanuel's Mission & Ministry

What a wonderful time we had together this past Sunday! The energy and engagement at the Mission Fair were vibrant and encouraging. I'm very grateful to Karen Oravetz, Jazmyn McGinley, and the Ministry Leaders for the organization, creativity, and investment they put into this event. For those of you who weren't able to attend, take a look at the posters hanging in the nave, and consider whether there are ministries the Lord may be nudging you to join.

I also thought it would be helpful to provide you with the latest iteration of our proposed mission statement that I presented during my sermon:

*We cultivate a Spirit-filled family that goes into our communities and the world to offer Refuge, Reconciliation, and Renewal, inviting everyone to experience life with God the Father in Jesus Christ.*

The Vestry will finalize this statement in November, after which we'll begin integrating it into the language and life of our church family.

Another important moment from this past Sunday was the offering of our pledges and membership forms to the Lord. This was a significant time of continuing the flow of relationship by giving to our Father in gratitude for all He has given to us. If you have not yet turned in your pledge cards and [membership forms](#), please mail them or bring them into the office before the end of October.

Finally, there's a delightful, worshipful surprise awaiting you the next time you enter our worship space. Thanks to a generous donation, we have new furnishings in our Nave and Sanctuary, including a beautiful Holy Table! At a future service we'll decommission with gratefulness the Holy Table and lectern that served us well in the wilderness, and bless the new ones.

Please pray for the men who will be on retreat this weekend, and we'll be praying for the rest of you who will gather to worship our good God at both services at their usual times this upcoming Sunday.

Your Pastor in Christ,

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# INFORMATION

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## 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](http://iachurch.org/worship) for more details.

## IMPORTANT DATES

October 26	Immanuel Women Gathering at Harpster House
October 25-27	Men's Retreat, Cacapon, WV
October 29, 7:00-8:30pm	Tuesday Night Prayer Class
November 2	Fellowship: Chili Cook Off
November 15-16	Diocesan Synod
November 24	Bishop Chris Visitation

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **women of Immanuel** are gathering at the Harpster house for fun, food and fellowship on **October 26, 2024 from 4:00 to 8:30** pm. Beverages and paper products will be provided. Please bring your favorite dish to share. RSVP to Tyra at [teharpster@comcast.net](mailto:teharpster@comcast.net) or 703-402-1791 by Friday, October 25, 2024, with what you will bring and how many are coming. See you Saturday!

**Chili Cook-Off:** Grab your cowboy hats and boots church family, and join us on Saturday November 2 for the Annual Chili Cook-off! Dinner will be from 5-6, with line dancing from 6-8. If you are submitting chili for the competition, please have your chili at Immanuel at 4pm for judging; other chili, dessert, and all the fixin's can arrive between 4:30-5. (If you signed up to be a chili judge, please arrive **no later** than 4:30!!) This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors--but please sign up on the board so we can make sure we have seating for everyone! Yee-haw and see you there!

**Welcome to Advent:** Prepare for the Advent season by making your own Advent wreath! Join us Saturday, November 30 from 10am-11am for a special event where we'll come together to create beautiful advent wreaths for our homes and hearts. This is for all ages, invite a friend to come along! Supplies for 1 wreath per family are provided. Sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4FAEA72CA2FA7-52604979-welcome> or contact Melissa Byers at [mbyers@iachurch.org](mailto:mbyers@iachurch.org) for more information.

**Christmas Gift Card Drive for Coles Elementary:** We are excited to announce a gift card collection to support our local elementary school- Coles Elementary! Your generous contributions will help provide Christmas gifts for families in need. Gift cards can be

placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning or dropped off at the church office by Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact Melissa Byers [mbyers@iachurch.org](mailto:mbyers@iachurch.org) for more information.

**Men's Monday Dinner:** You are invited to join the men of IAC for our weekly dinner at *Noodles & Company*, located at 13900 Shoppers Best Way, Woodbridge, VA, on Monday, October 28 at 5:00 pm. All men, IAC members and guests are welcome to come. Join us this coming Monday for Men's Monday Dinner and enjoy a tasty, customized bowl of noodles from their widely varied menu and most importantly some fabulous fellowship. You need to stop thinking "I should try this" and just come. We would love to have you join us.

**Backpacks For Kids:** Backpacks For Kids is back at King Elementary School for the 2024-25 school year! Each week Immanuel will provide weekend food to 40 kids in need. You can help by donating food from the [Amazon Wish List](#), bringing food to Worship Sunday mornings (the collection box is to the left when you walk in the front door) or writing a check and including Backpacks For Kids in the memo. See [iachurch.org/backpacks](http://iachurch.org/backpacks) for details. We also need help packing bags and delivering food each month. If you are interested in helping pack or deliver food, contact [mbyers@iachurch.org](mailto:mbyers@iachurch.org).

**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.

**Ladies Tuesday Dinner:** The next dinner will be at Dixie Bones BBQ, 13440 Occoquan Rd, Woodbridge, VA 22191 on November 19 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](mailto:teharpster@comcast.net) so a seat is reserved for you.

**Men's Saturday Breakfast:** The next time the men will meet is at 8:00 AM on Saturday, November 16 at Immanuel. Mark this on your calendar and just let Alan Clark or Mike Harpster know you are coming, so they can obtain adequate provisions. 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](mailto:Drew.McGinley@anglicanchaplains.org).

**Women's Book Club:** The next Women's Book Club will be on Nov. 12th at 7 PM. We will be meeting at the home of Kristi Ellison, 13134 Lodi Ct. Manassas, 20112. We will be discussing *The Women* by Kristan Hannah. Please contact Kristi ([ellisonfam@verizon.net](mailto:ellisonfam@verizon.net)) or Cathleen Giannini with questions at [cragchat1@gmail.com](mailto:cragchat1@gmail.com) or 703-851-0908.

## 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:** People often say, "It's about the journey, not the destination," when their travel plans don't work out how they expected. This phrase couldn't have been more true for Job, who went through a shocking journey. In this 4-week series, kids will hear from Job's story as he learned to navigate loss and trust God's itinerary every step of the way. Through the story of Job's perseverance and faithfulness, kids will learn that **God is with them no matter what they go through, they can show God's love in small ways, God is bigger than they could ever understand, and they can trust God will make everything right.**

**Women's Monday Night Bible Study:** On Monday, October 28. we will continue our study of Romans using Warren Wiersbe's *How to be Right with God, Yourself, and Others*, reading and discussing Chapter 4. We meet via Zoom from 7-8:30 pm. For more information about the Women's Monday Night Bible Study, contact Deb at [dtomchek@aol.com](mailto:dtomchek@aol.com) or (703) 597-4136. Please join us!

**Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study:** Join us as we dive into Beth Moore's *James: Mercy Triumphs*. In this 8 week study, we will learn that our heartbreaks, sickness and failures are not empty. Those holes in our hearts leave space for mercy to fill, making us complete. ***Your story is powerful.*** Tuesdays, starting October 22 at 10:00 am – noon in Room 1. In person or via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85953955885?pwd=U21UK1MyYWozRks1TXlBR2dwbWNyZz09>

Meeting ID: 859 5395 5885    Passcode: 642280

No small groups. No compulsory sharing. Enjoy learning YOUR way.

If you would like a study guide (you can go deeper with 5 days of course work each week), contact Barbara Finney at 703-405-2651 (call or text) or [blynn56@verizon.net](mailto:blynn56@verizon.net).

**Saturday Morning Men's Discussion Group:** The IAC men will NOT MEET on 10/26 due to the MEN'S RETREAT. SMMDG will resume on 11/02/24. In preparation read Genesis 22, in your bible, and Chapter TEN, "THE GREATEST TEST OF ALL" (pp.131) in Wiersbe's Commentary including the questions on pages 141 and 142.

Also, you can attend via ZOOM - <https://iachurch.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7c748aaa4c951466365758f50&id=cae94f72bc&e=69440a42ed>

**Mission and Outreach Food Cupboard:** A member of our Mission and Outreach Team delivered **228 pounds of food** from our food cupboard to ACTS Hunger Prevention Center this week. Thank you, Immanuel, for helping ACTS give Thanksgiving food to 1,000 neighbors who will come there in November! The food cupboard ministry will continue to collect **15 oz. cans of pumpkin and 29 oz. cans of yams until November 10th.**

### **Lost and Found**

The found items are on the Usher's Table.