

Immanuel Episcopal Church

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In the Diocese of Virginia

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The Rev. Charles B. Spigner, Interim Rector
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Anne Cooper, Britton Trimble, Treasurers
Seselia Coles, Sexton

The Vestry

Jeff Piland, Senior Warden
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Ministry Points of Contact

Altar Guild - Lindsay Ryland & Boo Elmore
Cemetery Committee - Gerry Gravatt
Godly Play - Heather Wilson, Ann Sydnor,
Mary Beth Ivanhoe
Cherub School Board - Suzy Miller, Cheryl Anderson
Finance - Anne Cooper, Britton Trimble
Landscape - Page Causey
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Paula Neely
Nursery - Mary Beth Ivanhoe
Old Church Foundation - Holly Hamel
Refreshments - Eleanor Fukushima
Stewardship - John Fulton
Ushers - Richard Neely

*We follow the way of Christ
to serve the community and foster spiritual growth
through worship, education, fellowship, and joyful song.*



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Out of Old Church - November 2016

Excerpts from The Rev. Charles Spigner's October 16 Homily

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not lose heart... This parable of the judge and the widow, the gospel passage for this Sunday, is a lesson about faithful prayer. The widow keeps going to the judge with her request to grant her justice against her opponent. The judge initially declines her request but eventually gives in, citing her persistence and determination. The point of the parable: be unceasing in prayer and do not lose heart, for God is eager and faithful to answer our prayers.

Jesus sets an example for us. Jesus prays continually throughout his ministry. He often went off alone to pray. He taught his disciples to pray. He understood the power of prayer. Prayer sustained him during the most challenging and difficult times of his ministry. We are called to be a people of prayer.

It has been a little over five weeks since my surgery. Now that I am back, it seems I was never really away from this faithful community. Elizabeth and I felt your support and love and kindness every day. We were sustained and strengthened by your persistent and faithful prayers. You gave us the determination to come through a hard ordeal. We shall always be grateful for all that you have done for us.

This experience taught us, among other things, how vitally important it is to be active members of a faith community. We were reminded every day that it is never necessary to go it alone. You were with me as I went into the operating room, you were with Elizabeth and my daughters as they waited to hear from the surgeon.

I have made progress but I still have a way to go. I am undergoing cardiac rehab and expect to end up being about as good as new as one can be. Despite the last five months of regular episodes of back and chest pain without a proper diagnosis, I am told that there is no heart damage. This bodes well for a full recovery and many more good years ahead. We are thankful.

I want to thank Britton and Jimmy for their support and encouragement. They have kept things going and made it possible for me to rest easy and not worry. I want to thank Jeff and Warren for their leadership and pastoral concern.

We are back now and look forward to the coming months. We are hopeful. We are grateful. We thank God for you.

Blessings,

Charlie+

Walk in Love and Pledge Card Ingathering

We'll gather in our 2017 pledge cards on Sunday, November 6. ***If you have not already, please pick up a 2017 pledge card.*** We invite you to pray for Immanuel as we prepare our church for 2017.

Cub Scouts' November Calendar

- 11/1 - 6:30 regular meeting
- 11/5 - (Saturday am) Scouting for Food bags in
- 11/8 - no meeting
- 11/12 (Saturday) hiking outing
- 11/15 - parent/leader meeting at Allen residence
- 11/22 - no meeting
- 11/29 - 6:30 regular meeting

Parish Office Hours

Britton Trimble, Parish Administrator, is generally in the office Mondays-Thursday, 9am-4pm. She usually takes a 1pm-2pm lunch break.

Old Church Community Thanksgiving Service

Mark your calendars for the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 20 for Old Church's annual Thanksgiving service. It'll be held at 3pm at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. As always, clergy and lay leaders from Mt. Zion, Bethlehem, and Immanuel will lead the service, and the choirs of all three churches will sing.

From Your Search Committee

We want our parish to know that your search committee is hard at work and praying faithfully together as we prepare for the coming of our new priest. Here is the prayer used at every meeting and by committee members in their daily lives. We invite the parish to pray for us as this is our work together. *Dear Lord, Surround us this night with your abundant love. Guide our hearts and minds in a way that is pleasing to you. Give us patience to do your work, wisdom to seek the desires of our congregation, and the ability to use the gifts you provide us in our search for a new rector. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.* The Search Committee: Jim Trimble, Whitney Anderson, Pat Cowling, Boo Elmore, Suzy Miller, Alex Wilson, and Nerine Woodard.

Christian Education: *Feasting on the Word and Godly Play*

Adult: Join us as we view and discuss a DVD series, *Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses*. We meet in the Parish House on Sundays after the 10am service.

Children: Godly Play will be held on November 6, November 20, December 4, and December 11. Age groups will be split: 4 year olds through 2nd graders will meet in the right side of the Parish Hall, while 3rd graders through 5th graders will meet in the library.

CornerStone Update

November's suggested donations are Thanksgiving-related items. Thank you for helping local families in need celebrate Thanksgiving!

BBQ and Oyster Roast and Auction

The annual BBQ and Oyster Roast and Auction will be held on November 5. It'll start at 4:45pm this year. ***Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office for \$30 each.*** Letters you can take to businesses asking for donations to the Auction are available in the Parish House.

The auction committee is collecting items and gift certificates for the Silent auction. ***We already have donations of artwork by Patti Bartol and Anne Piland, a spa package, and more!*** Please contact Kay Jewell or Belinda Cowling about donations. We are looking for speciality items, art, wine, antiques, etc. for the live auction. Please contact Teresa Davis at 804-339-4189. Let Kay, Teresa, or Belinda know if you can help with checkout and breakdown of tables and rooms after the event.

Securing the Parish House

If you are the last person to leave the Parish House, it's up to you to lock up and arm the security system. If the system only beeps once when you try to arm it instead of starting the 45 second countdown of beeps, it's not armed. Pull the main door more tightly closed and try again. In humid weather, the Parish House's front door does not always close easily. If you set off the alarm by mistake, or can't get the system armed, please call Britton Trimble, Parish Administrator, immediately at 814-7342.

Yoga at Immanuel

Come join us for Integral Hatha Yoga on Tuesdays, 4:45 pm - 5:45pm in the Parish House, except for November 1st & 8th. The recommended donation is \$12. Beginner to intermediate levels are welcome; please bring your own mat. The class is being taught by Martha Childress, RYT 200. Martha has taken 200 hours of training to become certified to teach Yoga through the Integral school, which was founded by Sri Swami Satchidananda, who stated the goal of Yoga is "an easy body, a peaceful mind and a useful life." Contact Martha at c86c88@aol.com if you have questions.

Sanctuary Choir at Immanuel

Join us in the church November 19, 7pm, for a concert by Sanctuary, St. Stephen's Compline service choir. Tickets are only \$15, and will be available at the door. Please see Jimmy Hicks, Minister of Music, or call the Parish Office for more information.







New Baby Jarvis

Michael and Stephanie Jarvis are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Lauren, on Monday, October 17, 2016. She is welcomed also by her big brother, Austin, and her grandparents, Jerry and Melissa Jarvis.

Financial Update as of October 25, 2016:

	Budgeted	To date	Percentage
Total Pledges	\$138,000	\$103,980	75%
Total Other Income	\$51,750	\$32,768	63%
Total Income	\$189,750	\$136,748	72%
Total Expenses	\$205,234	\$102,661	50%

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 No Yoga this evening! 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	2  Choir: 7:30-9pm	3	4 Parish Office Closed	5  BBQ & Oyster Roast and Auctions: 4:45pm
6 All Saints Sunday 9:55am Godly Play 10am Holy Eucharist Pledge Card Ingathering & Adult Christian Education	7 6:45pm - EfM 7pm - Venture Crew	8 10am - Wardens' Meeting No Yoga this evening! 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	9  Choir: 7:30-9pm	10	11 Parish Office Closed	12
13 26 Pentecost 10am Holy Eucharist 11:15am Refreshments & Adult Christian Education	14 6:45pm - EfM 7pm - Venture Crew	15 4:45-pm- Yoga 6:15pm -Vestry 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	16  Choir: 7:30-9pm	17	18 Parish Office Closed	19 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Parish House Floors waxed</div> Music in the Old Church Presents <i>Sanctuary</i> (St. Stephen's Compline choir) 7pm
20 Christ the King Sunday 9:55am Godly Play 10am Holy Eucharist 11:15am Refreshments & Adult Christian Education 3pm Old Church Community Thanksgiving Service at Mt. Zion Baptist	21 6:45pm - EfM 7pm - Venture Crew	22 4:45-pm- Yoga 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	23	24 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> <i>Parish Office Closed.</i> Parish House Rented	25 Parish Office Closed	26
27 1 Advent 10am Holy Eucharist with Advent Lessons & Carols 11:15am Refreshments & Adult Christian Education	28 6:45pm - EfM 7pm - Venture Crew	29 4:45-pm- Yoga 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	30  Choir: 7:30-9pm			

November 2016 Service Participants

Sunday, November 6: 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Britton TrimbleChalicer
 Patti BartolEV
 Britton TrimbleLay Reader
 TBANursery
 James TrimbleNursery
 Members of Stewardship CommitteeRefreshments
 Roxanne RazoAltar Guild
 Heather WilsonAltar Guild
 Zach StoutUshers
 Alex WilsonUshers
 Patti BartolRides for Hiroko

Sunday, November 13: 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Linda YorkChalicer
 John FultonEV
 Eleanor FukushimaLay Reader
 Kay JewellNursery
 Bill JewellNursery
 Gerry GravattRefreshments

Janet GravattRefreshments
 Jane RuffinAltar Guild
 Ann SydnorAltar Guild
 Zach StoutUshers
 Alex WilsonUshers
 Boo ElmoreRides for Hiroko

Sunday, November 20: Last Sunday after Pentecost

Ann GarnerChalicer
 Patti BartolEV
 Joan BealLay Reader
 Heather WilsonNursery
 Alex WilsonNursery
 Ken MillerRefreshments
 Suzy MillerRefreshments
 Kay JewellAltar Guild
 Ann SydnorAltar Guild
 Zach StoutUshers
 TBAUshers
 Jane RuffinRides for Hiroko

Sunday, November 27: First Sunday of Advent

Maria KoenigChalicer
 John FultonEV
 Shelley Loving RyderLay Reader
 Mark IvanhoeNursery
 Mary Beth IvanhoeNursery
 Ron DavidRefreshments
 Susan DavidRefreshments
 Anne CooperAltar Guild
 Britton TrimbleAltar Guild
 Zach StoutUshers
 Alex WilsonUshers
 Jeff PilandRides for Hiroko

November Birthdays

28 - Molly Sydnor
 29 - Mary Beth Ivanhoe
 29 - Savannah Kramer

1 - David Jennings
 2 - Brian Stout
 2 - Lydia Minich
 3 - Ben Collins
 7 - Jerry Cooper
 10 - Elaine Gardner
 10 - Kerry Clarke
 13 - Richard York
 14 - Cate Dews
 18 - Marion Jones
 20 - Russell Minich
 22 - Anne Piland
 23 - Julian Ruffin
 25 - Nancy Falls



November Anniversaries

4 - Al and Cornelia Dews
 8 - Robert & Virginia Flournoy



happy anniversary