The Weekly:
July 17th, 2020

THE SACRED GROUND SERIES
Immanuel to Engage in Conversations on Race and Racism through the Episcopal Church’s Sacred Ground Series

_Sacred Ground_ is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America’s history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. The 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.

_Sacred Ground_ is part of _Becoming Beloved Community_, The Episcopal Church’s long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. This series is open to all, and is specifically designed to help white people recognize and reckon with the fact of white privilege in our society, both past and present. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love. Click [here](#) to learn more.

_Every_ member of Immanuel is urged to participate in these conversations, which is a serious commitment to self-examination and which challenges our ways of thinking, speaking, and acting about race and racism. This is not a 45 minute adult formation class like those held after our 10 am Eucharist on Sundays. We will spend substantial time together in dialogue, story-telling, and discussion of the readings and videos. Please give serious thought and prayer to your commitment to this important work.

Because we are not yet meeting together in shared space, this program will begin as a series of Zoom meetings. (Anyone not familiar with Zoom will be coached through the process of joining a Zoom meeting.) Participants will be asked to complete the readings and videos individually before each session, then join with others in their small group (a dialogue circle) to delve into conversation about what we’ve discovered or what questions have arisen. When possible, groups may begin to meet together in shared space, either at Immanuel or in a member’s home.

Meetings will typically be 1.5 to 2 hours long, depending on the size of each group and the preparation done in advance. Links to the videos and readings will be provided. The entire program will consist of 10 meetings, and groups will meet every 2-3 weeks. In order to accommodate all parishioners who wish to participate, we will form groups which meet at different times of day, as well as days of the week. The following Doodle Poll will give you an opportunity to let us know what time commitment will work for you. Please click on the link and provide your feedback as soon as possible so that planning may begin for each group. It is our hope to begin walking on Sacred Ground together in early September.

_Doodle Poll - Availability for Sacred Ground Meetings_

Please call or email the Rector with any questions about Sacred Ground, or to volunteer your services to help lead our congregation through this important work.

**PARISH HAPPENINGS**

**On-going Work in the Churchyard and Secret Garden**

There are 13 grave beds where flowers can be routinely planted. Last fall more than 400 bulbs were planted for spring blooming. The photos below show a before and after look of one area of the churchyard. We have many visitors walking through and it’s important that we give the impression that, during the Covid closure, we still are an active parish caring for our buildings and grounds.

- Bob Davis
Like most performing arts organizations during this time of pandemic, the Newark Symphony Orchestra was forced to cancel most of its spring performances for the 2019-2020 season. And given current conditions, it’s unlikely that the NSO will be able to resume rehearsing as a full orchestra, or performing concerts for live audiences anytime soon.

In order to continue making music that can be shared with our audience, the NSO is piloting a series of small group performances. Small groups of musicians will meet to rehearse and record without an audience, under conditions where all the musicians present can practice prudent social distancing. The recorded performances will then be shared with the NSO audience in a virtual concert, via the NSO Facebook Page and YouTube channel. The French horn section of the NSO is one of the first small groups from the larger Orchestra to be actively engaged in recording a virtual concert for future broadcast.

Immanuel has kindly agreed to host the NSO horn section in the Parish House for these recording sessions. The first of these sessions was held on July 5th, and the next session is scheduled for the upcoming weekend. In the photo taken at the July 5th session, section members shown are (left to right): Doug Senn, Mikki Senn, Linda Heckert, Steve Getty and Bonnie McDonald. Not pictured is our recording engineer Dan Getty.

The NSO horns are grateful to the Rector and Vestry of Immanuel for graciously allowing our use of this space, and to Junior Warden Bob Irwin for his kind efforts to facilitate the process.

- Steve Getty
Immanuel services are available on the website and Facebook, with links to a downloadable bulletin, at the following times. We encourage you to like, follow, and turn on notifications from Immanuel on Facebook during this time, so as not to miss any news or posts (we promise we won't inundate you).

Services are posted:
- Virtual Eucharist - Sunday, 11:30am
- Midweek Meditation - every other Wednesday, 6pm
- Evening Prayer - Thursday, 6pm

Compline is held over Zoom on Sunday at 7pm - new details below.

Please join us, and share with family and friends!

Our first Movie Discussion Night on Zoom was a great success, and we hope you will join us for the next one.

Date & Time: Saturday, August 1 at 7pm
Movie: The Good Liar (2019)
Zoom leaders: Glenn Rill and Suzanne Souder

RSVP to glennrill@hotmail.com if you plan to participate so he can send you the link to join the Zoom meeting.

The Good Liar is about a con man (Ian McKellan) who attempts to woo and fleece a very rich widow (Helen Mirren). Is he successful? He is, after all, a very good liar. Watch the movie ahead of time and come ready to talk about the social and religious questions raised by the story and the values it highlights.
If you want help getting started with Zoom before Movie Discussion Night, please email or call Glenn (302-322-1692). He will set up a time to talk you through it. Rest assured, it's very easy. Glenn and Suzanne have used it many times with groups from Osher Lifelong Learning and know from experience that you don't have to be a young techie to use Zoom successfully.

Available Flower Memorial Dates

Memorials can be a Sunday closest to a set date (such as a birthday, anniversary, or passing), or a specific Sunday in the month (such as the 1st Sunday in October), and can be recurring or one time happenings. Please contact the office on (302)328-2413, or Mark on (302)654-2562 or at mbac56@aol.com, if you would like to talk about an offering.

These Sundays are available for dedicated flower offerings:

2020  
  - August 13

The office will be functioning remotely during the week, please email immanuelonthegreen@comcast.net with any needs.

RECTOR'S VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

There may be a short waiting time before you are able to enter the Virtual Office, but please stay online in the waiting room. If you have any problems, or need to arrange a longer meeting with Fr. Keene, please email immanuelonthegreen@comcast.net.

**TUESDAY - 5:30pm - 6:30pm**
Join Zoom Meeting  
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87871520134?pwd=MStTOVdsSFNOaGlkMDF0dlZtdmpYdz09

Meeting ID: 878 7152 0134  
Password: 330952

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THURSDAY - 11:30am - 12:30pm
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89925622637?pwd=ZHhp0aDZRR21MVDIPVHBHViszbWFRdz09

Meeting ID: 899 2562 2637
Password: 175568

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+1 253 215 8782 US
+1 301 715 8592 US
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
Virtual Compline - Zoom Details

Sunday Evening Compline continues online using Zoom. Please log on as early as 6:45 to say hello to everyone, then mute yourself at 7 p.m. in order to say the responses and prayers. Trust that you are still praying with others at this time; it's just a problem with audio lag that prevents us from saying them with everyone's audio enabled. Here is the link to join Compline:
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85793300932?pwd=Y1F4VGIxQ2xhRktpNWloRXJvdlG1NQT09

Meeting ID: 857 9330 0932
Password: 784732
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You can download the accompanying bulletin [here](#).

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The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God by Charlotte Keeton, in loving memory of Susie B. Jedynski, and Christopher James Fisher; and by Felice Jo Lamden and Barry Hutton, in loving memory of Keith & Mildred Gunsauls.

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PRAY FOR

The Sick
Kerstin Almquist, Betty Bacher, Shayla Benoit, Steve Boone, Jared Brito, James Cheney, Nancy Davison, Jackie DiGiallonardo, Priscilla DiGiallonardo, Robert DiGiallonardo, Thomas DiGiallonardo, Charles Wesley Evans, Debra Thaïs Evans, Imelda Hamilton, Gary Hicks, Steve Hoyt, Mary Elizabeth Mayer, Michaela (Mickey) Merrill, Susan O'Malia, Sandy Richardson, Sharon Robinson, Georgia Shinn, Steven Updegraff, Joyce Wells, Devon, Holly, Jennifer, Michael, Michelle, Rebekah, Sophia, and Stephen.

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July Birthdays
- Week 1 - Barbara Vellrath
- Week 2 - Alexa Maloney
- Week 3 - Gary Walton, Bob Irwin, Karen Kennedy, Valerie Long
- Week 4 - Sarajayne Knoll, Kerstin Almquist
- Week 5 - Brian Waibel, Emily White

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July Anniversaries
- Week 3 - Steve Boone and Robb Mackes, Katie Meloro and Matthew Pisarcik

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STAY CONNECTED

The FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) struggle is real. If you haven't already, be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), for memes like this one:
And then there was the day Ezra the Complainer told God he wanted tea with his manna.

Is that a manatee?

Stay up to date on all the latest happenings by visiting our website.

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