

# *Immanuel's Messenger*

*December 2015 / January 2016*

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## ***From the Rector***

After a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday weekend and the start of Advent, we now enter December with a full line-up of things to note. I would like to especially thank everyone for our Prayer & Pie celebration including the choir, all who brought pies, all who helped clean up, and everyone who attended! This has become a wonderful way to give thanks together and to share in fellowship before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Please remember the following events and offerings throughout Advent, Christmas, and into the new year!

**Sundays December 6, 13, and 21.** The second, third, and fourth Sundays of Advent. Join us at 8am or 10:15am each Sunday.

**Tuesday, December 22.** 7pm Dress Rehearsal for the Pageant.

**Thursday, December 24. Eve of the Feast of the Nativity (Christmas Eve).** 4:00pm Family Friendly Holy Eucharist with Choir. 9:00pm Caroling in the Church. 9:30pm Festival Holy Eucharist with Choir and Candlelight.

**Sunday, December 27- Parish Christmas Celebration.** No 8am. Once service at 10:15am

which will include the Pageant and Holy Eucharist followed by a pizza party in the Parish Hall. Pageant participants arrive at 8:45am.

**Sunday, January 31- Taize Service and Candlemas.** No 8am. Candlemas and the blessing of candles will take place at 10:15am.

### **Looking Ahead:**

**Tuesday, February 9- Shrove Tuesday.** Mardi Gras Celebration & Pancake Supper in the Parish Hall at 6pm. An Ash Wednesday Prayer Service follows in the church between 7 and 7:30pm.

**Wednesday, February 10- Ash Wednesday.** Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at Noon in the Church.

**Sunday, March 13- Morning Prayer.** No 8am. One service of Morning Prayer at 10:15am.

Please note that Christmas Flower donations may be given in Thanksgiving for someone or something, or in memory of someone. Please use the Sunday bulletin insert or the form on page 6 of this newsletter. There is no set amount, so any donation is appreciated. The deadline is December 14.

We will also be accepting donations to the Christmas Outreach Offering throughout

December and the first week in January. Donations will be split three ways between a local, national, and international ministry. Please see the upcoming Sunday bulletins for full details about the offering.

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking  
Rector

## ***From the Director of Music***

### **Christmas Pageant**

The Christmas Pageant will take place during the 10:15am service on Sunday, December 27. It will be followed by a parish wide pizza party!

If there is anyone who would like to participate in the Christmas Pageant who has not talked to Jen yet, do so as soon as possible - parts are filling up fast! Rehearsals are at various times, depending on what part you are playing (and can be worked out around your schedule) with the following exceptions:

Mandatory Dress Rehearsal on Tuesday,  
December 22, at 7pm  
Call time on December 27th: 8:45am

### **Choir**

The choir has been hard at work preparing for Christmas services! They will be singing at both services on Christmas Eve, as well as for the Christmas Pageant on December 27th.

### **Planning ahead**

Sunday, April 17, 4pm - Trio Amaranth will be playing a concert in the parish hall! Trio Amaranth is a classical piano trio (piano, violin, and cello) made up of Azer Damirov, Julia Morelli, and Gretchen Hull (you may remember Gretchen's solo piano recital here two summers ago). This is an event you don't want to miss!

Jen Newgent  
Director of Music Ministries

## ***From the Sunday School***

Sunday School has been blessed with an array of teachers this fall. Thank you to all of our volunteers who are keeping things fresh and fun! We are also especially excited about our growing nursery with 9 active little ones- 7 boys and 2 girls! Please see the two articles above from Mother Megan and Miss Jen for more information on our new Christmas Pageant Program to be held the Sunday after Christmas.

Thank you,  
Anne Greene  
Sunday School Coordinator

## ***Youth Group News***

The youth group will be meeting on Friday, December 11, at 7pm, to rehearse their section of the Christmas Pageant. This will be followed by a Mandatory Dress Rehearsal on Tuesday, December 22, also at 7pm. The pageant will take place during the 10:15am service on Sunday, December 27. The cast will have an 8:45am call time. If you would like to participate in the pageant and have not let Jen know yet, do so as soon as possible, as spots are filling up!

-Mother Megan and Miss Jen

## ***Christmas Outreach to the boys at Catonsville Children's Home.***

Please donate gift cards purchased at Walmart or Target. Each gift card should not exceed \$25. There are 13 boys this year, and we would like to give each boy \$50. *Even if you would like to give more than \$25 dollars, please make sure each individual card is \$25 or less. This helps us a great deal with dividing them between all the boys fairly.* Gift cards may be given to MJ Shanks, Linda Ambrose or Donna Sieverts on or before December 13th. Thank you. For further information on the Catonsville Children's Home check out their website, [www.thechildrenshome.net](http://www.thechildrenshome.net).

## ***Other Outreach News***

### **BBQ Cook-Off and Square Dance**

Held on a beautiful Saturday evening in October, this annual event drew a spirited crowd of regulars and newcomers. There were seven contestants in the Cook-Off and everyone present voted for their favorite dishes. Three of our regulars took top honors: First place went to Sam Stewart-Sicking for his BBQ Baked Beans; second place to Julia and Emma Whatley for Perfect Pulled Port Nachos; and third place to Andrei Turner for P3 BBQ - Perfect Pulled-Pork BBQ. Our new caller, Bruce Simperts, adapted quickly to our talent level and kept us moving the whole time! The \$80 in proceeds collected will be donated to our Christmas offering.

### **Outreach in November**

Once again, Immanuel participated in collecting donations to provide Thanksgiving baskets (full of ingredients for a Thanksgiving dinner) and turkeys in support of the annual initiative by the Assistance Center of Towson Churches. The full tally of Immanuel's donations is very impressive: 18 households donated a total of \$1,089 which will provide Thanksgiving dinners to 33 needy families! Thank you to everyone who donated and to Liz Sieck and Betsy Powell who picked up the "baskets" of groceries and delivered them to Trinity Episcopal Church in Towson.

### **Local Food Banks**

We continue to provide consistent support to the Hereford Food Bank and more recently, to the North County Food Bank at Pine Grove Methodist Church in Parkton. This latter organization also provides used clothing and has a particular need right now for clothing for pre-school and elementary age girls. Please bring your donations to our drop-off spot at the rear of the church. Staples such as cleaning supplies, cereal, peanut butter and soup are always welcome.

### **Plans for our Christmas Offering**

At its November meeting, the Vestry voted to split our Christmas offering in three ways -- to support international, national and local concerns. The theme this year is homelessness. One third of the offering will be donated to support refugees fleeing from Syria and neighboring countries. Our donation will be channeled through Episcopal Relief and Development. In the United States, we will provide support to families uprooted by recent torrential rains in South Carolina and/or Texas. This donation will be channeled through the local Episcopal Diocese or Red Cross. Locally, we will direct the final third of our Christmas offering to support Neighbor-to-Neighbor, a local non-profit dedicated to preventing homelessness in Baltimore County. We have dedicated our Easter offerings for the past two years to this worthy effort.

### **Christmas Gift Idea**

Finally, if you are seeking a Christmas present for someone on your list "who has everything", or "who doesn't want anything", then consider the "Gifts for Life" program of Episcopal Relief and Development ([www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org)). You can purchase animals, mosquito nets, new wells or myriad other items that will help low-income families around the world move towards increased self-sufficiency.

Rudi Horner

## ***From the Senior Warden***

Thank you to everyone who took part in the celebration of important milestones at Immanuel Church:

- Dary's 10 year anniversary as our Parish Administrator
- Jen's 5 year anniversary as our Director of Music Ministries
- A "big birthday" for Mother Megan+

Thank you also to Dary for the spectacular coffee hour following our special "Praise Service" on October 25. We also had an opportunity to learn

more of Mother Megan's+ faith journey during this special service.

In January/February and throughout the winter and early spring we will be gathering in small groups with Mother Megan+. She started her ministry with us in these small gatherings. These gatherings will provide an opportunity to recreate the intimate atmosphere and check in.

Faithfully,  
Liz Sieck  
Senior Warden

### ***Special THANK YOU.....***

To my dear friends at Immanuel:

Thank you for the flowers and gift cards in recognition of my 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary as your Parish Administrator.

I enjoy serving and being a part of this "little church on the hill." My ties to Immanuel go way back to the 60's. It was my best friend's church and she and her husband were married here December 19, 1970 by the Rev. Paul Zeller.

I truly appreciate the cards and lovely sentiments expressed by all of you!

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

May God Bless You,  
Dary Schmidt

### ***Parish Luncheon - Note of thanks***

Thanks to all who brought something to share for the Parish Luncheon on November 8, 2015. Immanuel has some wonderful cooks. A special thanks to Rudi Horner, Tara McDonough, Liz Sieck and everyone who helped clean up especially the Whatley family and the Conner family.

Linda Ambrose

## ***Celebrate Mardi Gras at the Pancake Supper***

***Shrove Tuesday  
February 9, 2016  
6:00 PM in the Parish Hall  
(Snow date: Possibly 2/14 after church)***

Celebrate Fat Tuesday at Immanuel's Annual Pancake Supper beginning at 6 PM on February 9<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. Feast on pancakes, hominy made by our own "Hominy Hon," sausage, fruit, and the Stewart-Sicking's traditional ice cream sundaes. The fee is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. All proceeds from the Pancake Supper go to benefit The Ark, a preschool for homeless children in Baltimore City.

Bring your family and friends for a festive evening. Look for the *Mardi Gras Table* in the Parish Hall after Christmas. It helps with planning to know your intentions, so please reserve your spots in advance. One can also call Mary Jane Shanks at 410-557-6047 or email [mjshanks@zoominternet.net](mailto:mjshanks@zoominternet.net).

A flyer will be sent in a future e-announcement, appear in the next newsletter, and will be on the website as well. Print it out to give to friends. Flyers will be in the Parish Hall, too.

**WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP!** Mary Jane will be emailing some of you to schedule servers, flippers, mixers, and for setup and cleanup. There will also be a Volunteer Sheet at the *Mardi Gras Table*. Please sign-up.

After supper, sometime between 7 and 7:30 PM, we will parade over to the church for an Ash Wednesday Eve prayer service. We hope to see you all there.

M. J. Shanks

## ***Pledge Drive 2016 Continues***

Immanuel Church has received pledges totaling \$113,935 toward our 2016 budget. We appreciate each pledge from 51 households in our parish community.

These generous pledges for the upcoming year enable us to plan meaningful worship and a variety of fulfilling programs. Our educational, diverse, and enjoyable events strengthen our community, giving us more opportunities to know each other.

Every pledge is significant, an affirmation of members' commitment to our parish. Thank you to everyone who has already pledged, and we look forward to hearing from thoughtful members who are still planning their 2016 pledges.

If you need a pledge card, there are some at the entrance to the Church, and you're welcome to phone Deborah Cunningham, 410-358-2225, to request that one be mailed to you.

Tara McDonough and Deborah Cunningham  
Co-Chairs, Pledge Drive 2016

## ***Property Perusal***

The Property Committee continues to monitor the physical plant of our little Church on the hill. We will be having the gutters cleaned and the leaves removed from the grounds once Mother Nature has finished with her Fall foliage. We will be looking to make a new landscape addition in the form of a young Dogwood tree in front of the Rectory while also addressing any grass seeding needs around the campus. We are also looking into the possibility of a new light fixture outside of the Parish Hall's kitchen entrance to make the area more aesthetically pleasing to the eye.

We continue to look for anyone who would like to offer their time and talent to the Property Committee... and we promise that we would never ask you to do anything that we have not already done.

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iligently serving the cause,  
The Property Committee

## ***From the Parish Register***

### ***Deaths***

#### ***Barbara Spraker Vosburgh***

August 8, 1917 – October 31, 2015

## ***Vestry Meeting Notes***

Vestry meeting notes will be available in the next newsletter.



***Christmas  
Memorial and  
Thanksgiving  
Flowers:***

If you would like to celebrate something or honor the memory of a loved one with a Christmas flower offering, please send the form to the Church office by **Monday, December 14th**. We will use money received toward the beautiful greens and decorations in the Church, and print a list of all those Memorials and Thanksgivings for insertion in the Christmas bulletins. There is no set amount for offerings, so that all may feel welcome to participate. If you send us a check, please note "Christmas Flowers" on the memo line.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Names(s) to be included on the list of Memorials:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Things/People to be included in the Thanksgivings:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you.

Betsy Powell, Flower Guild

***From the Office:***

**Reminder:** My office hours are Mon. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Wed. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You may reach me at 410-472-2828.

If I am unavailable, please leave a voice message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

You may also email me at:

[Dary@ImmanuelGlencoe.org](mailto:Dary@ImmanuelGlencoe.org)

**Dary Schmidt - Your Parish Administrator**

**Newsletter Deadlines**

All articles, photos, inserts, and updates are kindly requested by 2:30pm on:

**The *second Monday* of odd months.**

Please give to Dary, or email to [Dary@ImmanuelGlencoe.org](mailto:Dary@ImmanuelGlencoe.org)

Following our long-standing, intentional practice, Immanuel Episcopal Church in Glencoe, Maryland, extends a warm welcome and an invitation to join us in community and worship to all people who desire to love and worship God, follow the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, and seek loving fellowship with others in His church. We extend this welcome and invitation especially to all who may have particular reason to think they may not be welcome because of physical appearance, physical or mental ability, ethnic or religious background, sexual orientation, financial circumstance, or past or present sins. We confess that we are not a community already perfected in love. But we want to become more fully loving, and we welcome into our community all who wish to join us in this endeavor.

## ***Clergy and Staff***

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking, Rector, [Megan@ImmanuelGlencoe.org](mailto:Megan@ImmanuelGlencoe.org)  
Miss Jen Newgent, Director of Music Ministries, [Jen@ImmanuelGlencoe.org](mailto:Jen@ImmanuelGlencoe.org)  
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## **Vestry and Officers**

Liz Sieck, Senior Warden, Doug Whatley, Junior Warden,  
George Klein, Treasurer, Deborah Cunningham, Registrar,  
Susan Baxter, Joe Chadwick, Andy Crosby,  
Betty Cummings, Luke Harlan, Michele O'Connor,  
Nelly Perkins, Betsy Powell, and Darcy Turner



**SATURDAY**  
**DEC 5**  
**7-11 AM**



**Boy Scout Troop 485's**  
**North County**  
**Santa Breakfast**

**Camp Puh'tok Lodge**  
17433 Big Falls Road, Monkton

**Pancakes**

**Sausage & Bacon**

**Biscuits & Gravy**

**Scrambled Eggs**

**Belgian Waffles**

**Crafts to Make**

**Portraits with Santa**

**Princess Manicures**

**Kringle's Bakeshop**

**Professional Storytelling**

**Grinch's Evergreens**

**Holiday Music**

**Games**

**Tickets**

\$10 in advance

\$12 at the door

Free for children 5 and under

To purchase tickets in advance, send your check payable to Troop 485 by November 30:  
North County Santa Breakfast  
PO Box 327, Sparks MD 21152  
or visit the Wegmans Hunt Valley Service Desk  
Questions? Call Bob Ryan at 410-472-2748

**Ample Parking**







# North County Santa Breakfast

Saturday, December 5th 7:00-11:00am

Camp Puh'tok Lodge, 17433 Big Falls Road, Monkton



Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 485



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Kringle's Bakeshop ~ The Grinch's Evergreens

Enjoy a family meal in the beautiful rustic setting of the Camp Puh'tok Lodge. As you sit by one of two fireplaces, you will enjoy a scrumptious breakfast of Belgian waffles, pancakes, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, and biscuit and gravy!

*Take home a portrait of your family with Santa. And, what child (or adult) can resist a personal visit with Santa this time of year?*

Tickets may be purchased at the door, by mail using the form below, at Wegman's Hunt Valley, or from any member of Troop 485

*Ample parking with shuttle service to the lodge will be provided!*

Purchase your tickets by mail and save \$2 off the door price.

*Children 5 years of age and younger eat free!*



Enjoy holiday story telling with a professional storyteller. For a small fee, kids can have fun with holiday games, crafts and Princess manicures or Princely tattoos.



**Questions? Call Bob Ryan at 410-472-2748**



**To buy your tickets in advance, send your check payable to "Boy Scout Troop 485" by November 30:  
North County Santa Breakfast, P.O. Box 327, Sparks, MD 21152**

***Ticket orders by mail will receive 2 FREE GAME coupons!***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each = Total Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ FREE (age 5 and under)

Or Visit *Wegmans* in Hunt Valley to Buy Tickets