

Immanuel's Messenger

October / November 2015

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From the Rector

Services and Events 2015-2016 so far...

Some of these were listed in the previous newsletter, but please check for the addition of new details and a few new events. Especially note the meeting of Lectors, Acolytes, and Chalicists added for Tuesday, November 3, as well as the annual Parish Christmas Celebration.

October- Pledge Drive continues throughout the month. Pledges will be blessed at the Annual Meeting service.

Saturday, October 10- Annual Cook-Off and Square Dance. See details at the sign-up table at Coffee Hour and in the Parish Hall. We are looking forward to our cook-off theme of "BBQ" and, as always, a fun night of square dancing for all ages and abilities!

Sunday, October 25- Praise Service. No 8am. A service with special music will take place in the Parish Hall. Casual Dress Sunday! Wear your jeans or other casual clothes to church!

Sunday, November 1- All Saints' Sunday. No 8am. One service at 10:15am.

Tuesday, November 3- Lector, Chalicist, and Acolyte Meeting and Training. Lectors meet from 7-7:30; Chalicists and Acolytes together meet from 7:30 to 8:30. It has been a long time since we have had a refresher, and a few things have changed here and there. All service participants must attend in order to remain on the

schedule. If you absolutely cannot make this date, please contact me and we will offer an alternate date later in November.

Sunday, November 8- Annual Meeting. No 8am. The Annual Meeting will take place during the sermon time of the 10:15am service.

Tuesday, November 24, 7pm- Prayer & Pie. A brief Thanksgiving Prayer Service with music and hymns will take place in the Church at 7pm. Pie, cider, and wassail will follow in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm. Bring friends, families, and neighbors!

Sunday, December 27- Parish Christmas Celebration! Exact time and details forthcoming, but please see Jen's article below for our plans so far. The event will take place in the late afternoon or early evening. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us for this fun and festive Christmas celebration for all ages!

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

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

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking
Rector

From the Director of Music

The summer concert series was again a success! Thank you to everyone who attended one or all of

the concerts. Thank you to Joe Chadwick and all his helpers for organizing and providing the sherbet portion of Schubert & Sherbet. We are already making plans for next year!

Other special music coming soon includes the annual Praise Service (on Oct 25 at 10:15am) and a night of Thanksgiving music during our Prayer Service and Pie Social (on Nov. 24 at 7pm).

The annual Parish Christmas Celebration will occur on Sunday, Dec. 27, in the afternoon/evening, again with a parish-wide pizza party and pageant. This year, the pageant will be multi-generational and in the style of a variety show, with each act portraying a section of the Christmas story. We are hoping to include many different acts and will be approaching people over the next few weeks to try to get as wide a variety as possible. If you'd like to participate, whether or not you know exactly what you'd like to do, see Jen. We have many possibilities, both on-stage and off-stage! Stay tuned for the exact time and other details.

Jen Newgent
Director of Music Ministries

From the Sunday School

Our Sunday School year is off to a great start! We have a great schedule of teachers lined up along with some fun lessons and games this fall. We also have all new faces from Oldfields in our Child Care room, ready to welcome your children! As always, if you would like to guest teach or help out, please let me know.

Thank you,
Anne Greene
Sunday School Coordinator

Youth Group News & Confirmation Class

We would like to thank everyone who joined us in September to help bake cookies and deliver them to Alex & Emily Haller, Barbara Vosburgh, and

Marge Tuttle. Liz Sieck also received a few as a benefit of being a Senior Warden who lives very close by. We know that the youth group learned many things during this event, including, but not limited to, the following facts: A batch of cookies does not require the whole bottle of vanilla; only one or two pumps of dish soap are needed to do dishes (not the whole bottle, no matter how big your mixing bowls are!); and the parish hall ovens heat to a temperature within perhaps 100 degrees, give or take, of where they are set. We hope they also learned the value of community as they baked cookies, decorated cards, and made deliveries at Broadmead and other homes.

If you need to be added to our email communication list, please let one of us know. More events will be coming soon, including information and programs related to Confirmation Class, which we hope to begin during the second half of this program year.

-Mother Megan and Miss Jen

Outreach News

Immanuel continues to be a regular contributor to two local food banks. Parishioners are invited to bring packaged food items and cleaning supplies at any time. Special needs are often mentioned during the announcement time in the service. Also, please start bringing your "Box Tops for Education" clipped from many kinds of common grocery-store products and we will build up our supply again for future distribution to local schools. And finally, the Graul's receipts this year are blue and it's time to start collecting them. Thanks to everyone!

Rudi Horner

From the Senior Warden

Despite a deluge of rain from the day before, "Mass in the Grass" was able to take place on Sunday, September 13. We formed two teams, HOPE and CRUSH HOPE, ably represented by their respective Captains, Deborah Cunningham and Rudi Horner. The two teams went head to head during the TRIVIA segment of our service.

We ended up tying after offering up our answers for different value questions concerning four categories: Bible, Sermons, the Episcopal Church, and Name that Hymn.

Thank you to Mother Megan and Jen for all of the work they put into the questions and format of "Mass in Grass". It was the perfect transition Sunday from our lower key summertime mode to the start of our program year on Sunday, September 20 when Immanuel returned to two services and Church School began.

Now is also the time to consider becoming a part of the worship on Sundays either as a Chalice, Acolyte, Reader, or Usher. If you are crunched for time, this is a great way to give back to the church since your participation will take place during the service. Training and patient people are available for new volunteers. We look forward to hearing from you and answering any questions you may have.

Faithfully,
Liz Sieck
Senior Warden

Planning Your 2016 Pledge

Expect your 2016 Pledge Packet in the mail just after the weekend of October 3 & 4, 2015. You can place your confidential pledge card (in the envelope provided) in the offering plate at Immanuel or you can mail it to the church office.

Please take an extra minute to list the names of all family members joining in your pledge – because children of all ages share in the activities and life of our parish.

If you do not receive promptly your Pledge Drive mailing, please call Deborah Cunningham, 410-358-2225, or Tara McDonough, 410-472-1255. We welcome you to approach either of us at church if you have questions regarding Pledge Drive 2016.

On Sunday, Nov. 8, during the 10:15 service that includes the Annual Parish Meeting, all pledges received thus far will be blessed. Your generous

pledge will be combined with the Vestry's frugal spending to support an enriching, diverse program at Immanuel Church.

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

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COOK-OFF SQUARE DANCE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
COOK-OFF 5:30 - 6:30
SQUARE DANCE 7:00**

It's Cook Off time again, and this year it does not coincide with Baltimore County's three-day weekend. Each year we have some returning cooks, and some new ones, so which ever category you fit, you'll be welcome! If you're waiting for an excuse to try a new BBQ recipe, this just could be the time. If you have a family favorite, by all means, share it with us. The competition is stiff -- even among the Whatley siblings! -- and everyone goes home a winner. After a delicious dinner (which you don't have to fix), stay and enjoy the Square Dance and be amazed at all the very light-footed parishioners in our midst. Please contact Liz Sieck (jagers@comcast.net or 410-472-2119) to sign up.

LET'S COOK SOME BUTT!



Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Mark your calendars - November 8, 2015 is the Annual Meeting of the Congregation during the 10:15 am service. There is NO 8:00 am service. There will be a pot luck luncheon after the meeting in the Parish Hall. Please bring a dish to share. Drinks will be provided.

Property Perusal

The Property Committee, with Vestry approval, hired a stone mason to repair and replace the stone walkway to the Church as well as the stairs down to the offices and Sunday School. We repointed the stone, replaced loose stones and improved the stone stairs so the risers are uniform. Thanks to Andy Crosby's diligent research, it looks like the Rectory will be getting a new boiler just in time for the temperatures to plummet. Chad Crowe continues to provide the Church with a multitude of services from technical input to weed whacking the path to Oldfield's School. We have a Scout who will be painting/sealing the bridge on the Mary Horner Path along with placing bird houses around the Cemetery. As you can see, the physical plant of our little Church continues to be nurtured and maybe one day we will get ahead of all the issues that are part of maintaining an historic Church and campus.

Always diligent,
The Property Committee

Vestry Meeting Notes

VESTRY REPORT

Immanuel Church's Vestry does not hold a regularly-scheduled meeting in August. However, our Rector informally polled the Vestry and officers regarding a proposal for our parish to purchase 1/8 page in color, in the advertising section, of the September and/or October issues of the "Country Chronicle." The invitation to come

to Immanuel will be paid with much of our unspent 2015 Visitor/Newcomer budget, and will be seen by countless people because those two issues are especially viewed, thanks to the popularity of the annual Hereford Fall Festival, held in October. With no objection to this suggestion, the Rector authorized Rudi Horner, Chair of our church's Visitor/Newcomer efforts, to submit the announcement for publication.

Our Vestry met on the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 8, at which time we learned that, just days earlier, stones were professionally re-set in the historic stone walkway leading to the entrance of our church from two directions. We had been looking forward to this repair job, among others, being performed this summer. We were disappointed that a couple more boxwood shrubs, out-of-doors at the altar end of the church, are now afflicted by the too common boxwood blight.

The outdoor stairs leading to the church office and Sunday School rooms were nicely repaired during the last week of August.

The malfunctioning Rectory boiler will be replaced as previously planned and approved.

We discovered that the non-asphalt seal-coating of our large parking lot was not expected by the contractor to last more than one year. Therefore, the fact that seal-coat wore entirely off one big corner of the parking lot within 3/4 year when we had much snow, ice, and heavy rain was not outside of what the product was supposed to offer.

Deborah Cunningham
Registrar

THANK YOU.....

To my dear friends at Immanuel:

Thank you for the flowers and gift cards in recognition of my 10th 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

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

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

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

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