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Immanuel's Messenger
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From the Rector:

Looking Toward the Program Year

As we move into August, we begin even more planning for the program year. Please consider these exciting opportunities and new areas of development for our community:

New Outreach Committee: As mentioned last month, a new outreach committee will be formed soon. Our first meeting will be in August or September, so please contact me immediately if you are interested.

New Parish Life Committee: Also mentioned last month, this new group will look at special events, festive receptions, educational opportunities, coffee hour, and more! We will gather soon to consider events for September through December, so contact me if you enjoy helping with parish fellowship and formational events!

New Website Design: Pam Swanson is hard at work with several parishioners consulting to give us a fresh, updated, engaging design. If you coordinate a ministry, please send me a paragraph of text describing that ministry. We are also developing an on-line parish calendar that you can check for events anytime. Keep an eye out for our fall launch of the new site!

New Educational Series: In the September newsletter I will announce a full program for adult formation throughout the year. If you have not

yet purchased your copy of *The Hidden Power of the Gospels* by Alexander J. Shaia, I will help coordinate orders in early September.

And finally- a special opportunity sponsored by The Diocese of Maryland and The Diocese of Southern Virginia. Please see the Rev. Kingsley Smith's article in this newsletter about the September Emergent Village conference being held at our Cathedral in Baltimore. If you are interested in attending with us, let one of us know.

More information is forthcoming about all of these ministry opportunities and more! Watch for details, plan to participate, and come grow through this exciting New Year for us!

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

Immanuel Episcopal Village

Here is a two-day conference at our Cathedral in Baltimore:

Episcopal Village Mission Event

Friday, September 24, 2010 at 10:00 AM - Saturday, September 25, 2010 at 12:00 PM

Ancient wisdom proclaims 'It takes a village to raise a child.' What if this wisdom were applied to the church? 'Episcopal Village' (EPV) is a grassroots community and initiative, resourcing Episcopal dioceses, parishes and leaders for emerging, fresh expressions of mission with an Anglican ethos and 'village'

The rector and I plan to attend this two-day conference in September because it addresses the very issue I am exploring now: what are parishes for in the 21st Century--a culture more and more secular and economically challenged. We encourage as many parishioners who can to join us as we "gird up our loins" for new ministries in a new decade. Tell her or me if you are interested, at least by August 15. We can share the conference fees.

~~Kingsley Smith

Immanuel's Graduates are on the Move!

Headed off to Elementary School:

- ◆ Allison Greene graduated from Sunny Days Preschool and will be in kindergarten at Seventh District Elementary.

Moving on to Middle School:

- ◆ Giles Perkins graduated from Riderwood Elementary School and will be entering the 6th grade at St. Paul's.

Heading on to College

- ◆ Chloe Probst graduated from Hereford High and will attend Towson University in the fall.

Please email Nelly Perkins (ngp@prestoncapital.com) if there are other Immanuel graduates who should be recognized. We will include their names and information in the next newsletter.

Nelly Perkins

Stewardship

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Cathy Tipper, our bookkeeper, and I met in early June to send out six-month statements. We discovered that almost all of our pledging units were up-to-date in their payments; i.e. they had paid at least one-half of their 2010 pledge to Immanuel Church by June 30th.

Thank you all so very much. For those of you who are not quite up-to-date, I hope this note, in lieu of a statement, will serve as a reminder that the parish counts on all of us to keep our pledge payments current.

With appreciation,
Faithfully yours,

Mary Frances Wagley, Stewardship Chair

Women of Immanuel

I would like to thank all the women who have helped the Women of Immanuel be so successful. In particular, thank you to Liz Sieck, Vice President and Marcella Riisager, Treasurer. They have devoted hours, effort and energy in helping to plan and coordinate our activities. Would also like to thank Donna and John Sieverts for hosting our Potluck Dinner/Meeting on June 9th. Welcome to Mary Jane Shanks who has agreed to be the WOI Secretary.

"Many hands make light work." Thank you.

Linda Ambrose

African Crafts Looking for Volunteer Coordinators

The African Crafts sale is scheduled for the last two weeks in October. Last year's volunteer coordinators are no longer available; thus we are looking for two new volunteers to take over this effort. If there is no response, then we will cancel the sale. Please contact Rudi Horner (410-472-0211) if you are interested.

Plant Swap

Do you have flowers or ground cover that have migrated to places where you don't want them? Instead of just tossing them on the compost heap, consider bringing them to the plant swap at Immanuel. All you have to do is to put them in portable containers (you don't want back) and put them on the table designated for this in the Parish House. Place a sign by them that gives the name, color and sun requirements (e.g., full sun; partial sun; shade) and your name. Monitor the table and remove any remaining plants that haven't found a new home in a reasonable time. Don't count on anyone coming by to water them. Anyone who wants a plant can take one or more! You don't need to have donated any in order to take some. This will go on for several months, as long as donated plants continue to show up and are adopted by others.

Rudi Horner

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Coffee hours are a time of fellowship and are held immediately after the 10:15 a.m. service (after 9:00 a.m. in summer). It is a wonderful time to catch up on news with friends and meet new ones. We need Coffee Hour Hosts. The coffee, tea and lemonade are provided. All you have to do is setup and cleanup. If you would like to bring a snack or two, that would be most appreciated. If you need assistance in setting up and/or cleaning up, please let us know. If you would like to host a coffee hour, please call Bobbie Ensor at 410-472-2206.

Property Perusal

There is a truism that says something about we get more than we give. Over the years of working on Immanuel's property committee, I've logged many hours, but boy, the stuff I've been able to learn!

As a little girl, I was fascinated with the old men in the hardware stores in rural towns. Wearing dungaree overalls, with thin white hair and thick

old fingers, they seemed to know about everything and how to fix anything. How did they acquire all that knowledge? I marveled. I wanted to be like them...to know all that stuff!

hmmm...somebody go thank Chuck Gilbert for me.

As we do some final touchups to the inside of the rectory, I've seen how tile grout gets repaired and how poorly-installed tile (when? who? years ago!) needs to be pulled up and re-glued to get it right. Outside, I've learned that window glazing, once a profound mystery, is just silly putty for windows, and applying it is a matter of patience and practice. I actually kind of like doing it, and am glad to have taken on that task. And I'm learning the where's and how's of ladders in challenging presentations.

Later this summer, we'll be having an enormous dead tree removed from the hill. It kindly signaled us that it's time by dropping a large branch in warning (which somehow, channeling Archimedes, Kingsley moved!). We'll be working with someone who knows old wood floors, to get the splintered and worn chestnut floorboards, probably cut right on Immanuel's grounds years ago, repaired to be a safe flooring for Sam's bedroom. And we'll be replacing the worn sinks in the rectory kitchen.

There's always a list, and through the year things large and small get done. The property committee is grateful for the financial stewardship that helps to keep Immanuel a gently welcoming place.

Thank you.

Katie Ritter

Property Chair

What loves warm months? Weeds!

If you're having a stressful day and need some peace, or want to catch up on conversation with a friend, we encourage you to do it on your knees at Immanuel.....

....in the garden, that is! The beds around the church perimeter always need weeding in the

summer, and it's a great place to be for an hour of friendship or solitude.

Weeds can be simply thrown over the hillside! We are planning to plant impatiens on the entrance side of the church. Please let us know if you want to help.

Note: If you're inclined to do a little more, we always have The Great Pachysandra Planting ongoing. Yank up some roots from the downside of the driveway hill, and transplant them on the upside of the driveway. They help stabilize soil and roots. No \$2000 to Keil Tree for removal of downed trees! Yay! A simple, free solution!

Katie Ritter
Property Chair

Sunday School News

Church School begins September 12th. See you there.

Coleman Mettee
Sunday School Coordinator

The Eagles are Flying!

It is a sign of merit and a badge of honor for any Boy Scout Troop to initiate a member as an Eagle Scout. For three to do so in one year is really special, but that is what Immanuel's Troop 485 did this spring. They are Andrew Woodson (who also became an assistant troop leader), Stewart Hall and William Vaccacio. We congratulate them, and Gene Ruhl and the other troop leaders. #485 has trained 72 Eagle Scouts from the Hereford area since 1962!

Last week the BSA celebrated the 100th year of scouting in America--but our troop was not in the Inner Harbor with hundreds of other boys

because they were at their summer encampment at Camp Goose Pond in Pennsylvania, where they learned much scouting lore by hiking, woodcrafts, boating and swimming. Also, following the lessons taught for many years by Dr Alex Haller, they were trained in basic first aid--so they can truly "Be Prepared" when needed. By the way, they raised the money for their bus by the successful strawberry festival at church in June.

All this is reported by our loyal parishioner Buzz Firey, who has recently moved to Manor Care, 7001 Charles St., Towson (410-821-7600). He was an assistant troop leader for many years. He's doing pretty well but remains confined to a wheel chair, so he does not get back to church often. He'd love to see any of his old friends--or make some new ones.

2010 Parish Directory

Please make the following changes to your 2010 Parish Directory:

Change of Address:

Buzz Firey
Manor Care
7001 Charles St., Room 119
Towson, Maryland

410-821-7600

Beth McCulloch
504 Limerick Circle
Mays Chapel North
Unit 102
Lutherville, Maryland 21093

410-616-9374

“Cash for Kids”

We are looking for a volunteer to collect and tally the Graul's grocery receipts for next year's "Cash for Kids" campaign. Graul's will send us their announcement letter and guidelines sometime this month. The Project begins the middle of September 2010 and runs through March 2011.

Please consider lending a hand with this very worthwhile project which will benefit our Sunday School.

Please call the church office to volunteer:
410-472-2828

Thank you Sarah Ebert for helping with this year's collections!

From the Office:

Reminder: My office hours are Mon. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Wed. and Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 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: office.imm@verizon.net

Dary Schmidt - Your Parish Administrator

Newsletter Deadlines

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

The *second Monday* of each month.

Please give to Dary, or email to office.imm@verizon.net

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, immanuelrector@gmail.com
The Rev. Kingsley Smith, Assisting Priest, pksmith@comcast.net
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Chuck Gilbert, Treasurer, Nelly Perkins, Registrar,
Deborah Cunningham, Todd Ensor, Doug Gunn,
Gayle Hagan, Bunkie Hopkins, Catherine Klein,
Katie Ritter, Donna Saddler,
Mary Jane Shanks, Pam Swanson,
and Mary Frances Wagley

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Aug 1 **10 Pentecost**
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

Aug 8 **11 Pentecost**
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

Aug 14 10:00 a.m. **Tea & Talk**

Aug 15 **12 Pentecost**
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

Aug 17 7:30 p.m. **Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall**

Aug 18 2:30 p.m. **Newsletter Deadline**

Aug 22 **13 Pentecost**
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

Aug 26 1:00 p.m. **Newsletter Team Meets**

Aug 29 **14 Pentecost**
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist II