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Immanuel's Messenger
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From the Rector:

Getting Ready for Fall at Immanuel

As a focus on summer sun turns to falling leaves of autumn, we begin new academic years, new athletic and extracurricular programs, and, of course, a new church program year! What little things might you notice in our worship and programs? Where might you focus your attention for our community?

Notice Our Hymns and Prayers. We will be working with the seasonal use of hymns and service music. Each new liturgical season will bring with it an intentional Song of Praise (Gloria, Kyrie, or other hymn of praise), set of Morning Prayer canticles, and offertory hymn. I hope that you will enjoy some of these choices that are fun to sing and help set the tone for each season.

Attend Adult Education. There will be a variety of education options listed in upcoming Sunday bulletins. We never stop learning, and we always seek to deepen our spirituality, so please consider this very important part of our life together. Opportunities to learn, share, and grow as a community are some of the most important offerings we can make; please make this a priority in your time. Although several topics will be offered throughout the year, a main focus for the fall and winter will be looking at *The Hidden Power of the Gospels* by Dr. Alexander Shaia. In this work we find not only in-depth exploration of each gospel, but also the four great questions of

the spiritual life: *How do we face change? How do we move through suffering? How do we receive joy? How do we mature in service?*

These are questions we encounter over and over in our personal and communal lives, and this language will become an important part of how we communicate with each other as we move forward as a community. (Dr. Shaia will also be leading the diocesan Clergy Conference for all clergy in our diocese as well as making presentations to several other local congregations and to our own vestry.) I ask each and every one of you to attend one or more opportunities to study this material.

Experience the fourfold worship service week by week. As many scholars have pointed out, there are four main parts to our principal worship services as a community. First, we gather together. Next, we have the Liturgy of the Word, which is a hearing and exploration of the Holy Scriptures, and a response to our joys and needs through prayer. Third, we move to the Holy Communion, where after experiencing the presence of the Living God in the Word, we also experience the presence of the Risen Christ at the Table. We offer the Eucharistic Prayer, a "Great Thanksgiving," for all that we have been given. We remember our salvation history, and we are nourished through the presence of Christ in our communal meal to continue our work in the world. Finally, after those key components, we are dismissed. As a community, we are gathered, taught, nourished, and sent. (Please note that after September the Liturgy of the Word will continue

on its regular schedule: traditional Liturgy of the Word on first, third, and fifth Sundays, and Morning Prayer on second and fourth Sundays. Hopefully we will have a new organist on board and this will allow September to be an adjustment period.)

Participate in Fellowship. Sign up to host a coffee hour or to assist with a fellowship event. We all love to have fun, and we all love to eat! We continue with a variety of fellowship events this year, so please offer a helping hand every time you are able.

I look forward to this program year with you and the many exciting events and programs to come!

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

Highlights from the August 17th Vestry Meeting

A committee has been formed to interview candidates for the Organist/Music Director position for the coming program year. The committee has interviewed three candidates already and will be conducting additional interviews in the next couple weeks.

Author, speaker and Pastor Brian McLaren will keynote the Episcopal Village East event on Friday, September 24th and Saturday, September 25th at the Cathedral Church of the Incarnation in Baltimore. Mother Megan and Pastor Smith will be attending and others from Immanuel are encouraged to join them. Immanuel will pay for half of the \$60 registration for those who wish to attend. Please contact the Church office for additional information.

On Sunday, September 12th we will return to our regular schedule with two services, the choir singing at the 10:15 service and Sunday School.

Nelly Perkins

Now Hear This.....

On September 12, 2010 we will return to 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Sunday Services. Sunday School will begin at 10:15 a.m.

Hereford Food Bank Collections

Please remember to bring your canned goods and other non-perishable food items to church for the offertory every Sunday. As the baskets fill, we will continue to make deliveries to the Hereford Food Bank. Thank you!

Save the Date – October 9 – Dessert Cook Off and Square Dance

Due to last year's successful Chili Cook Off and Square Dance, Immanuel will host a similar event this year for family and friends. This year, everyone will bring their taste buds to sample and judge scrumptious desserts and then work off every calorie by square dancing. It's a Win-Win! Last year, the square dancers ranged from 7 years old to 90 plus, and our caller helped everyone to not miss a step. Be on the lookout for more information about entering your special dessert in the competition, and for signing up to help out and purchase tickets.

Rudi Horner

From the Parish Register

Deaths

Colin MacLachlan

July 30, 2010

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

Work continues to move along outside the rectory. It has been interesting, while painting, to consider past property volunteers at Immanuel. You can see the work of many hands in the window glazing. Some is smooth and perfect, while other glazing is quite lumpy and uneven. Some of it appears to be original, and some is quite recent. Some is striated with cracks but holds fast to the window frame, while on other parts of the window, the glazing falls off in great chunks at the slightest touch. There does not seem to be any consistent correlation between the age or condition of the glazing and its endurance: old and new fall off or cling tight in roughly equal ratio.

Whoever worked on these windows through the years did so with good intent, even if not always great skill. They did their best to keep the wind out and the paint on. I think of those volunteers stretching back into the 1800s, and wonder. What were their names? I think of the men and women who will come after us, and hope that our work holds up well. I chuckle, picture them wondering about *us*.

History holds so many stories of our community. Buildings offer clues to some of those human interfaces, but create more questions than they offer answers. The conclusion I draw is that the efforts that Immanuel members make in repairs of any kind—physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual—while they may not be great, as long as they are done with good intention, will pave the way for others in the future to find goodness. Thank you for allowing me that moment of introspection. Now, on to another task:

We are looking at how to best manage parking for our congregants who have physical limitations. Immanuel used to have designated handicapped parking along the hill between the church and parish hall. The signs which were once there have been gone for a while. We are also concerned about their physical safety in being dropped off at the church entrance, especially when lots of cars are arriving at once.

We would like to request members to offer ideas to the property committee. How many of us need accessible parking? What and where would be easiest? How should arrivals be handled? What's safe and what's not? My number and email are in the church directory, and we would appreciate input.

Thank you for taking a few moments to share any thoughts you have. We will discuss all ideas offered and present a recommendation to the vestry in the next couple of months.

Happy autumn,

Katie Ritter
Property Chair

Sunday School News

We are looking forward to starting Sunday School on Sept. 12. Michael Neubauer has agreed to teach again. The children love love love him as our young representative. We also have a great group of mothers and fathers to teach our young people.

This year we will change our schedule. We will have our Sunday School lesson first, and at about 10:45 come to church for the collection (including our canned goods) and Communion. Please bring your canned goods to church on Sundays.

Coleman Mettee
Sunday School Coordinator

CCBC announces Music performances for fall 2010

Baltimore County, Md. – The Music program at the Community College of Baltimore County hosts a variety of performances for people of all ages during the academic year. Most of these performances are free and open to the public.

Music Forums at CCBC Essex

All performances take place Fridays at 12:20 pm, unless otherwise noted, in Building E, Recital Hall, at CCBC Essex, 7201 Rossville Boulevard and are free and open to the public. September 24 – Thomas Pandolfi, Pianist

The young American pianist Thomas Pandolfi is an exciting virtuoso who performs in recital and with orchestra both nationally and internationally. Additionally in the "Pops" genre, Thomas is considered a leading interpreter of the works of George Gershwin.

“Cash for Kids”

Thank you Sarah Ebert for again volunteering to collect and tally the cash register receipts for the “Cash for Kids” program. Graul’s Market has just given us the particulars on this year’s campaign. The program will begin September 23, 2010 and run through March 27, 2011. The receipts will be **PINK** this year. So be on the look out for those **pink** receipts starting September 23rd. Please collect them and deposit them in the container provided in the church vestibule. For each \$25,000 collected in pink Graul’s cash register receipts, we will receive a check in the amount of \$250 to benefit our Sunday School.

Your participation in this worthwhile program is greatly appreciated!

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.

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September 2010

Sep 5	9:00 a.m.	15 Pentecost Holy Eucharist II	Sep 19	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	17 Pentecost Holy Eucharist I Holy Eucharist II Sunday School
Sep 6		Labor Day – Office Closed			
Sep 11	10:00 a.m.	TBA /Church Tour Club Tea & Talk	Sep 24 - 25	All Day	Episcopal Village Conference Church of the Incarnation
Sep 12		16 Pentecost/Return to 2 Services on Sundays	Sep 26	8:00 10:15 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	18 Pentecost Holy Eucharist I Holy Eucharist II Sunday School
	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I Holy Eucharist II Sunday School Begins			
Sep 14	7:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall	Sep 27	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter Team Meets
Sep 16	2:00 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline			

*****Note that Morning Prayer as Liturgy of the Word makes its return in October when, hopefully, our new organist will be getting settled into our routines.***