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From the Rector:

***The Middle of Lent and
Approaching Easter...
..... the Journey Continues...***

From last month's article introducing us to the Season of Lent, we know that this is a time when we seek to engage in self-reflection, to consider divisions within our community, and to increase our felt sense of union as we move closer to our Easter celebration. At times in the church's history (and still today), Lent has been the season for preparing adults for baptism, thus reminding all of us to reflect upon our own Baptismal Covenant. These are promises we may sometimes fail to keep or forget altogether in our daily life, and Lent provides a time when we can renew our intention to keep them. In addition, we reflect, pray, and repent not to punish or diminish ourselves, but rather to recall that we are created in the image and likeness of God, and to realign ourselves in union with God and one another.

Alexander Schmemmann, in *Great Lent*, reminds us that there is an approach to Lent which "...prevails today and which views it exclusively in negative terms, as a kind of 'inconvenience' which, if we voluntarily accept it and 'suffer through it,' will automatically credit us with 'merits' and achieve our 'good standing' with God." However, he goes on to remind us of ancient Lenten hymns in which

Lent is referred to as a "spiritual spring," with increasing joy and light, saying:

*The lenten spring has come,
The light of repentance....*

*Let us receive the announcement of Lent with
joy!....*

*The time of Lent is a time of gladness!
With radiant purity and pure love,
Filled with resplendent prayer and all good
deeds,
Let us sing with joy....*

This reflection puts us in the frame of mind of remembering to repent, to change our ways, not for self-punishment or to prove our spiritual endurance, but with joy in changing those things which will help us to grow into deeper relationship with God and more unified relationships with one another. As we continue this Lenten journey together, I remind you of the opportunities below and encourage your presence as much as possible:

Sundays, March 13- April 17, **Preaching Series on Strengthening Unity within Community.** We will explore the ancient Lenten season as a retreat that reflects upon and heals division while revitalizing our practice of being the living Body of Christ.

Sundays, March 13-April 10, **Education at 9am in the Parish Hall.** Join us as we explore "Episcopal Church 101," bringing to mind things

we may have forgotten or never knew about the basics of our Church.

Wednesday, April 20, 7:00pm, **Tenebrae Service**. The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." In this dramatic service, extra candles are used, and all of the lights and candles on the altar are gradually extinguished until the room is in darkness. It also features readings, collects, hymns, and choir anthems. ***This will be our major Holy Week offering this year with full choir and anthems.***

Thursday, April 21, 7:00pm, **Maundy Thursday Service**. As we enter the sacred time of Easter Triduum (three days), a simple, spoken service of Holy Eucharist for Maundy Thursday, commemorating Jesus' commandment to us to "love one another as I have loved you."

Friday, April 22, Noon, **Good Friday Service**. As we continue in the sacred Triduum, a simple, spoken service including the Proper Liturgy for Good Friday, a reading of the Passion from the Gospel of John, and a brief period of silent meditation.

Sunday, April 24, **Easter Sunday**. 8am (organ only) and 10:15am (with full choir). The rector will preach at both services. 8am Celebrant: The Rev. Kingsley Smith. 10:15am Celebrant: The Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking. Broadmead service time is 3 pm at Hallowell. This will be in the central area.

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

Adult Education in Lent

We will meet on Sundays at 9am for coffee and education hour in the Parish Hall.

Episcopal Church 101

Everything you never knew, once knew and forgot, or can show everyone you still know! There are two classes remaining in the series:

April 3: The Book of Common Prayer- *Learn the basic history of the Prayerbook and explore just what exactly is in it!*

April 10: Episcopal Church Structure- *Confused about the difference between a diocesan bishop, bishop coadjutor, suffragan bishop, and assisting bishop? You're not alone. Come learn all the basics of Episcopal Church Structure.*

Good news or bad news? A scene I composed for a parenting class at Good Shepherd April 3

Where did we go wrong? Isaac and Miriam take stock of their lives.

I: When's the last time we heard from our son?
M: You mean heard about him? Yesterday I saw our friend Anna at the market and she told me about how he is up north somewhere, teaching or something.

I: No--I mean heard from him. Not a line, not a visit for months.

M: Make that years. Ever since he took up with that crowd of Gentiles it's as if he were ashamed of his family.

I: I don't think ashamed, but he sure doesn't attend a synagogue the way he used to, not on Shabbats or even Pesach and Yom Kippur.

M: Well, I've heard that he does sometimes, but he always gets into trouble because he talks about how Torah and Kosher are OK in their way but we should all open up to the goys and not be so narrow-minded and mean-spirited.

I: Yeah, I told him that strict loyalty to the faith of our fathers and the Scriptures and our holy land is how we survived all these centuries of persecution and being scattered all over the world. But he said it's a whole new age now and we can remember and honor the old religion but move into something he calls the New Covenant.

M: It really hurts. He did so well at college and then even better in graduate school. It wasn't easy,

but we sent him off to Jerusalem and he was ordained and he had a great career ahead of him-- and then he gave it all up.

I: He's really a good kid; I'm sure he knows how great our religion has been for us, but he says that since our generation there's been what his goy friends call a paradigm shift and now he doesn't want to *break* the Torah but to break it *open* for everybody. He's taking a lot of risks--no doubt about his courage.

M: Yes, and we've seen some of his writings. They're beautiful, even the parts that we don't understand.

I: Ah well--I remember at his bris the rabbi taught us that the greatest gift we can give a child, as parents and as Jews, is to let him be who he is, not what the government or his teachers or even his pastors and parents think he should be.

M: Maybe that's why he changed his name from Saul, first king of Israel, to Paul, which I'm told means "Little Man."

~~Kingsley Smith

Highlights from the March 15th Vestry Meeting

The Vestry met in March and, in place of a typical business agenda, held a Mutual Ministry Review. Quite simply, this was an opportunity for the Vestry and Officers to review with Megan what the Church is doing well and what areas we believe could be improved. The discussion was positive and constructive, and will enable us to set goals for the coming year. The congregation also will have an opportunity to participate in a similar exercise when we have small group discussions later in the Spring much like what we did last May.

Nelly Perkins

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. At this time they especially appreciate canned fruits, boxed rices and potatoes, and coffee. Thank you!

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

Women of Immanuel

There are many people who work behind the scenes. I would like to take this moment to thank Bobbie Ensor and Mary Jane Shanks for cleaning and organizing the kitchen pantry. It looks like a new pantry.

Also thanks to all who have sent in donations to the Women of Immanuel. These donations help support the WOI outreach programs throughout the year. The contributions make it possible for WOI to sponsor scholarships for Diocesan-Sponsored Youth Trips for Immanuel Youth Members and Christmas gifts for the Catonsville Children's Home.

Our next event is the annual bus trip to Brandywine River Museum in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania on April 9, 2011. As mentioned in earlier newsletters we will have a private tour with Victoria Wyeth (Andrew Wyeth's only grandchild) of the Brandywine Museum, visit N.C. Wyeth's Chadds Ford Home and Studio and have lunch at Brandywine Prime Restaurant. The bus is filled at this time. However, if you would like to be on the waiting list please contact Mary Jane Shanks. Cost is \$77.00/person.

Linda Ambrose

Parish Register

Deaths

Mim Howe
February 28, 2011

Julie Metcalf
March 2, 2011

WARM WEATHER BRINGS OUT CROWD TO PANCAKE SUPPER 2011

An unusually warm March was welcome news for this year's Fat Tuesday Feast. An almost record crowd of 90 diners feasted on hot pancakes and sausage, delectable hominy, fresh fruit, delicious ice cream sundaes and tasty rum cake. We made \$450, all of which will be donated to a charity designated by the Vestry.

Bobbie Ensor still reigns as our *Hominy Hon.* The hominy was even more delicious than last year, if that is possible. Powerhouse Bobbie also helped organize a very disheveled pantry, clean the kitchen, take the inventory, set-up the serving stations, move and cover the tables, make the punch, serve, and clean up. I can't thank her enough for providing morale support and sharing in the preparation and execution of this event.

A special surprise for the volunteers was a thoughtful gesture by Liz Sieck who contributed delightful potted flowers for each table, with the instruction that each volunteer would take one home in appreciation for their help and support. Thank you, Liz.

Another special thank you goes to Deborah Cunningham who organizes the admissions table, bringing in the change box, welcoming our guests, and tallying the numbers at the end.

Last, but surely not least, a huge thank you to the volunteers who set-up, cook, serve and clean: Decorator Rudi Horner; pancake flippers Mary J. Moses, Marianne Russell, and Ashby Shanks; sausage fryer Mark Ritter; fruit bearers

Page Crosby and Tara McDonough; Stewart-Sicking Sundaes from Megan+, Joe, and Sam (a new tradition at Immanuel); rum cake maker Emily Haller, servers and runners Fran Palmer (who also helped with set-up), Donna Sieverts and Liz Sieck; dish washers Brice and Susan Dowell; set-up and take-down crew including the Ritter Clan (Mark, Katie, Zach, Gabe, and Ben), the Mettees (Coleman, Tim, and Lucy), and all the others who pitched in. And thank you Dary Schmidt, Rev. Kingsley Smith, Linda Ambrose, and Deborah Cunningham for helping with publicity through announcements, emails and the newsletter.

Thank you all for dining with us and making it so much fun.

Mary Jane Shanks
Custodian of Pancake Breakfast 2011

Property Perspective

Mark your calendars! Saturday April 16 is a GREAT MORNING to get to know other parishoners better! There's nothing like working together to build community. We'll start at 8:30 a.m. on raking, trimming, weeding and general tidying-up.

Please bring tools appropriate to work outside on whatever you like - rakes, tarps, pruners, shovels....there's always a list! If you prefer indoor work, we can use window cleaning. All ages and abilities welcome from one to one hundred (Broadmeaders are generally the biggest turnout for this event!)

Work is concluded by about 11 and we always have a Green Tea and Doughnuts Snack & Photo on the lawn.

Thank you for coming!

Help Wish List

We need some folks to help do gutter cleaning on the rectory, parish hall and church. A former parishoner who faithfully did this task each year is no longer available. If you have ladders or are not afraid of climbing them, please let us know. April 16 is a good morning, as there will be folks on the ground to scoot away the debris - but any-time efforts are very much appreciated.

Katie Ritter, Property Chair

Sunday School News

We have been blessed to have Dr. Haller join us for Lent. He started last week by reading to us about Transfiguration. He shared stories of Moses to illustrate how there are parallels in the Old and New Testaments.

We are starting with Jesus in the Wilderness this week with Michele O'Connor leading the cooking rotation. The cooking rotation starts by having the children think up symbols for the remaining two temptations in the story. (Satan took Jesus up to a mountain, Satan took Jesus up to the top of the temple) Then they will make symbols of Lent with pretzel dough. Here are some of the ideas: Candles and fire can represent life. It can also represent the Holy Spirit that is here to guide us through Lent.

Oil represents the sanctity and holiness of this Season and this Mystery.

Water can represent life as well as purity and cleansing.

The Cross represents the Crucifixion. It represents Resurrection, as well. Symbols do not mean just one thing.

- ≡ **LIGHT** Universal religious symbol which reminds us that Jesus is the light who shows us the way.
- ≡ **BUTTERFLY** symbolizes new life and is commonly used to symbolize Easter. Out of a dead-looking cocoon emerges a new creation, free and radiant.

- ≡ **EASTER LILY** symbolizes the Glory of the Risen Lord and the joy of the faithful who believe in God's promise of new life.
- ≡ **HOT CROSS BUNS** Yeast i-oils are cooked and topped with icing, in the shape of a Cross on top. This is to remind us of the cross and the yeast in the rolls reminds us of new life.

Michael will lead the games on temptation. The game uses the children as life sized game pieces. Here are some of the questions from the temptation portion. Tempted! Game Cards

1. You broke your neighbor's window by accident. No one was home so you are tempted to just pretend that you don't know what happened. Instead you tell your neighbor about it and pay to have it fixed. Move ahead 2 spaces!
2. All your friends went to see a PG-13 movie that your parents didn't allow you to see. You were tempted to go with them, but you didn't. Move ahead 2 spaces!
3. A new kid moved into your class and he wears really thick glasses and different looking clothes. All your friends made fun of him. You were tempted to do the same thing, but you resisted. You stood up for the new kid to your friends. Move ahead 3 spaces!
4. You didn't study for your spelling test. You could easily see the paper of the person next to you -- you were tempted to cheat. You resisted the temptation and didn't look. Move ahead 2 spaces!

Gwen will lead the art rotation. The objective is to empathize with the feelings that Jesus felt in the desert.

At the end of Lent, we will have 2 one week cooking lessons on Lent. These lessons are really neat lessons on Temptation. No details here but the children will be surprised at the twist at the end.

There will be no Sunday School for Easter Day. The services will be at 8 am and 10:15 am.

Coleman Mettee, Sunday School Coordinator
Coffee hour volunteers: Please remember the Sunday School shares your space in the

kitchen on Sunday morning. We are busy cooking, learning, and sharing !!!



Easter Thanksgiving and Memorial Flowers

Easter Sunday is April 24th. We will have beautiful Easter Flowers on the altar and around the church, and will list the names of those in whose honor they are given in the Easter Sunday bulletin. If you wish to include names, please use the form below. Include your check (*with "Easter Flowers" written on the memo line*), and either mail it to the Church Office (1509 Glencoe Road, Glencoe, MD 21152), or drop it off at your convenience by Monday, April 18th. (There is no set amount for this donation).

Your Name: _____
Telephone: _____

Name(s) or events to be listed "in Thanksgiving for:"

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

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Thank you!

Betsy Powell
Flower Guild

Good Friday Offering for the Diocese of Jerusalem

In 1841, the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East was founded, to build on friendships with ancient churches in the Holy Land. Since 1922, the Good Friday offerings of Episcopal churches throughout the United States have been shared with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem which includes churches in Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon. While the Christian population of Jerusalem itself has decreased markedly over the decades, Episcopalians have for decades been urged to contribute not just on Good Friday, but anytime in Lent and on Easter Day.

Our offerings this year are essential financial support for the work of two of the four Episcopal Dioceses living and working in the diversity and conflict of Middle East. In addition to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, our donations will assist the Episcopal Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. These Christians are 1% of the general population in their areas, so we are helping with a variety of basic needs in numerous communities.

If you would like to make a donation anytime during the remainder of Lent through the Sunday after Easter, please make your donation payable to Immanuel Church and write "Jerusalem Offering" in the memo line.

Deborah Cunningham

"Cash for Kids"

WE DID IT!!! And three weeks early too! Immanuel collected a total of **\$25,622.33** in Graul's **PINK** register receipts. Thanks to all our parishioners, families and friends that helped us reach our goal. A special thank you to Sarah Ebert for taking the time to collect and tally all the receipts. Immanuel's Sunday School will receive a \$250 check from Graul's Market as a result of our efforts. And a big thank you to Graul's Market for sponsoring such a worthwhile project. We look forward to next year's kick off in September 2011.

Save the Date!

Sunday, May 8, 2011: The Annual Bishop's visit with Confirmation. There will be no 8:00 a.m. service. The Rt. Rev. Eugene T. Sutton, Bishop of Maryland, will preside at 10:15 a.m.

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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Mary Jane Shanks, Pamela Swanson,
and Mary Frances Wagley

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Apr. 3	4 Lent 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist II 11:45 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal	Apr. 15-16	Oldfields Alumni Weekend
Apr. 5	7:00 p.m. Adult Education Class	Apr. 16	11:00 a.m. Oldfields Memorial Service
Apr. 7	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Apr. 17	Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I 10:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist II 11:45 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
Apr. 10	5 Lent 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Morning Prayer w/H. E. II 10:45 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal	Apr. 18	2:30 p.m. Newsletter Deadline Easter Memorial Flower Deadline
Apr. 12	7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall	Apr. 20	7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service w/full choir and anthems
Apr. 14	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Apr. 21	7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
Apr. 15	8:00 a.m. Parish Cleanup - Boy Scouts	Apr. 22	Noon Good Friday Service
		Apr. 24	Easter Day 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist II
		Apr. 28	1:00 p.m. Newsletter Team Meets 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal