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Immanuel's Messenger

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From the Rector:

Lost Parish Registers, Parochial Reports, and Counting Sheep...

I often hear it stated, "Jesus said, 'feed my sheep,' not, 'count them.'" This is what clergy say when we do things that are really important for small numbers of people. However, there does come a time when we have to do some counting. Maybe it's for our own organizational efforts. Or perhaps its to figure out some element of parish planning. Or sometimes it's just because the Diocese and National Church require us to fill out every rector's favorite document: The Annual Parochial Report.

This report is due to our Diocese by March 1 each year, and it contains full reports on average Sunday attendance, number of members and communicants, number of deaths or members who have moved this year, number of new members, numbers of children under 16, number of services, number of baptisms and confirmations and all sorts of services, numbers in our budget, numbers, numbers, and more numbers. This is when counting sheep becomes more than a sleepless night exercise; it is one we seek to master each year as we work through the report.

In some ways this is an exercise in patience for the treasurer, administrator, and clergy. I am about to work with more numbers than I have since college math classes. But in other ways, this is a

fascinating way to look at our history, our present, and our trends.

You have all certainly heard by now, or read in many newsletter articles, that in some recent year we lost one of our parish registers. This is a loss of history and information, and it needs to be reconstructed. The Rev. Kingsley Smith has mentioned this in several articles and has worked diligently for months to create a list of parish members so we can finally figure out who is here, who is not, and who we actually need to write into this updated register.

To that end, you have two things to consider. First, while anyone who considers this their parish home may be listed as a member, you may want to consider being listed in this register as a "communicant." This means you are regularly worshiping with us, giving and working for the mission of this church, and are listed as a communicant in our parish register. You may already be listed there. If you are not, we are happy to officially transfer you from another parish into ours or discuss with you how to be listed if there is no transfer available. And a second thing to consider: If you were baptized but never had the chance to be confirmed and are interested in more information about this, please contact me. More information about both youth and adult confirmation will be forthcoming.

While more "official" definitions of active members, inactive members, and communicants exist and will be revisited by the vestry in the future, I ask you to consider being listed as an

official communicant if you are not, and to assist the Rev. Kingsley Smith, the vestry, the administrator, and all others working on this important project as much as possible. We are striving to increase our organization in every area at Immanuel, from personnel files to archives to parish registers. Please help in any way you can as we continue finding this lost information.

Thank You! and
God's Peace,

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

Fare well, Bishop Rabb

I first got to know John Rabb when we were colleagues in Baltimore County--he in Arbutus, I in Towson. Then he went off into exile (in Atlanta) but we brought him back in 1998 to be our suffragan (that is, assisting bishop) after Charles Longest retired. He proved to be just the right man to support Bishop Ihloff during some difficult times, as the Episcopal Church entered into a new millennium with new challenges. Our diocese met these better than most churches did--because we *are* Maryland, "the middle way," and because we were well shepherded by our two leaders.

When Bob Ihloff retired in 2007 John was clearly the best choice to be our bishop-in-charge, a task he performed with energy and grace. Then he became again the ideal #2 as our choice of Eugene Sutton to be our 14th Bishop reflected a diocese filled with confidence and hope.

He and Sharon will stay in our area as he takes on a limited "semi-tired" ministry at St. John's, Ellicott City.

This diocese is too big for one bishop--110 congregations from Garrett County to Garrett Island (that's the one near Havre de Grace), so Bishop Sutton will have the help of the Rt. Rev. Joe Goodwin Burnett, who has been the Bishop of Nebraska, for about two years, beginning April 1. I'll tell him what I've passed on to my other bishops: an "epi-skopos" means

"over-seer," that is, one who looks over some things and overlooks others.

The Rev. Kingsley Smith ~~

Highlights from the January 18th Vestry Meeting

Tara McDonough and Carole Hayes were welcomed to the Vestry as new members and took their oaths of office. Additionally, the Vestry voted to extend the terms of each of the Church's four officers - Rudi Horner (Senior Warden), Doug Whatley (Junior Warden), Chuck Gilbert (Treasurer) and Nelly Perkins (Registrar) for another year long term.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place this year on **March 8th at 6:00 pm**. Mary Jane Shanks will place a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall so those planning to attend can RSVP. More information will be forthcoming for this fun event!

The Vestry voted to donate the Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings on a 50/50 basis to 1) the Maryland Fuel Fund and 2) St. Etienne's Church in Haiti via the Reverend Tracy Bruce of St. John's Church in Glyndon; she and her Church have been very involved in providing relief efforts to Haiti following the devastation caused by the earthquake; St. Etienne's is in the process of rebuilding its sanctuary, which was destroyed by the earthquake and there is an immediate need for funding for this project.

The 2011 operating budget was reviewed, discussed and approved by the Vestry subject to one minor change.

Nelly Perkins

Youth Confirmation Preparation

If you have a youth interested in Confirmation, please contact the Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking as soon as possible. The preparation will be a retreat on **February 12-13**. We will meet at the church most of the day Saturday and Sunday morning, with the Confirmation Class taking part in many roles at the 10:15am service on the 13th. (Youth will return home for Saturday evening.) Pre-registration and approval by the rector is required. Thank you!

Celebrating our Rector's First Year Anniversary

Remarks Made by the Senior Warden on January 16, 2011

This time of year as we change our calendars, we often reflect on a year gone by. This past week, we all had an anniversary to celebrate in that January 10, 2010, was the very first Sunday that The Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking officiated here in her new position as rector of Immanuel Church. How many of you remember that day?

It's been a full year – the Stewart-Sickings have had a taste of four very different seasons in the country in Glencoe – at times with no phone or no electricity or no heat or none of them! *And plenty of snow to boot.* And, at other times, they have put up with too much water or too much of Mother Nature inside the rectory instead of outside. They have proved to be very flexible and are adapting quite well.

In the life of this parish over the past year, we found ourselves in the extremely fortunate situation of having our recent Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Kingsley Smith, change status and become our Assisting Priest. In that role he has provided continuity, a steady hand and all offered with a dash of wit and humor. Our clergy team

of Mother Megan and Pastor Smith is a tough one to beat!

We have celebrated familiar events such as baptisms and funerals; we have welcomed three new families – the Williams', the Probst's and most recently, the Supplee's. And on any given week, we welcome guests who come to worship with us.

This past year, in coordination with our rector, we have been introduced to the writings and ideas of Dr. Alexander Shaia and on a number of occasions, have had the delightful opportunity to have him among us to teach and preach. Who will ever forget his explanation of the origins of "The 12 Days of Christmas?"

The youngest members of the parish have become much more present in our worship through their weekly offerings for the Hereford Food Bank, through the new children's choir and through making their "joyful noises" in church every week.

All this and much more in just one year!

Indeed, it's been a full year and today we are celebrating Mother Megan's first anniversary as our rector. Please join us at coffee hour for a special chocolate anniversary cake and share your greetings with our rector and her family.

Rudi Horner

Summary of Immanuel's Outreach Activities for 2010

This article summarizes Immanuel's most visible outreach efforts for 2010. These include the quantifiable, e.g., through a check or number of volunteers and just as importantly, the non-quantifiable, e.g., outreach to fellow parishioners through the Lay Visitors. We can be proud of our outreach efforts and look forward to additional ways to participate in 2011.

The Quantifiable – what we can count

Event	Date	Amount Donated	Recipient
Donated foods	weekly	--	Hereford Food Bank
Earthquake in Haiti	January	\$320	Episcopal Relief and Development (funds from January's Lessons and Carols service)
Sheila & John Vickers Music Scholarship	January	\$1,000	Tuition support for organ student at Peabody Conservatory
Pancake Breakfast	February	\$425	United Churches Assistance Network (UCAN)
Spirituality Day	February	\$50	Speaker requested her honorarium be donated to the JHU School of Nursing
Women of Immanuel Donations	March	\$150	My Neighbors Foundation
		\$150	Hereford Food Bank
Installation Service of The Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking	April	\$176.48	Hereford Food Bank
		\$176.48	Autism Speaks
		\$176.48	Immanuel Church Discretionary Account
Easter offering	April	\$500	Haiti Music School (via The Rev. Tracey Bruce)
		\$262	Hereford Food Bank
Flea Market	June	\$300	To be determined by

			Outreach Committee
Diocesan Mission Trip to Honduras	June	\$900	Women of Immanuel scholarships to Lindsay and Michael Neubauer, donated to El Hogar Orphanage
CROP Walk	October	\$360	Church World Service
Bake Off and Square Dance	October	\$103	To be determined by Outreach Committee
Catonsville Children's Home	December	\$1,107.92	Funds from Women of Immanuel and individual parishioners for gifts for 13 boys at the FM Cottage
Christmas offering	December	\$409.50	Maryland Fuel Fund
		\$409.50	Haiti (via the Rev. Tracey Bruce, St. John's)
Paul's Place	monthly	--	3 volunteers assist at the soup kitchen
Sunday School donations	annual	\$75	Needy child at ChildFund International
Immanuel's Diocesan contributions	monthly	\$960	Immanuel sends a monthly check to support the Diocese; approximately 4% of this amount supports the Diocese's outreach

			activities.
Total		\$8,011.36	

The Unquantifiable – not easy to count, but no less important

Outreach to our fellow parishioners

Visiting parishioners; giving rides; sending notes; taking flowers

Time, talent and treasure to support community outreach events

Many parishioners donate time, food offerings and service throughout the year for events that the local community is invited to attend - Lesson and Carols, Pancake Supper, Dessert Bake-Off and Square Dance

Community outreach through our support of Boy Scout Troop #485

Immanuel provides the facilities for year-round meetings and many individuals support specific events

Time, talent and treasure to support worthy causes outside of Immanuel

Besides Immanuel, most parishioners also donate time, talent and/or treasure to a variety of local, national, and international causes.

Please let me know what I've missed above so that all outreach activities can be recognized and additional efforts can be included in the next newsletter.

Rudi Horner

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 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.

Coffee hour volunteers: Please remember the Sunday School shares your space in the kitchen on Sunday morning. We are busy cooking, learning, and sharing !!!

Coleman Mettee

Property Perusal

Things lead to other things. "In The Deep Midwinter", a Christmas carol many of us love, was originally a poem written by Christina Rossetti: in the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter long, long ago.

Rossetti wrote these words in 1872 as Europe was pulling out of The Little Ice Age. Her words made art of frozen earth.

More than any winter in recent memory, we are living with much colder conditions. While we have nowhere near the bitter temperatures of some areas, it's been challenging! But with all challenge comes some kind of good. Those who lived during the Little Ice Age endured loss of crops and terrible hunger. But they also donated money to provide fuel for the poor, created remarkable works of winter art, celebrated Frost Fairs on the Thames River from the 1500s to the

1800s, and invented curling. People, it seems, endure and adapt.

We urge you to consider from paintings the indoor winter attire of those who lived in the Little Ice Age, and dress in kind for church and for evening meetings. At a recent meeting, two of us sported hats the entire time! Even lowering the thermostat a couple of degrees significantly reduces our heating costs.

Fashion follows function; let us enliven and make art of our 'bleak midwinter' with the wearing of handsome coats, elegant warm hats, gorgeous scarves, and, ah... lovely long (silk) underwear. Yes, indoors! Bravo!

Sincerely,
Katie Ritter

Women of Immanuel

The Women of Immanuel held their winter meeting on January 16, 2011. The WOI will be responsible for the following 2011 events: Annual bus trip (to be announced), Parish Celebration on Sunday, May 22, 2011, Scholarship for Diocesan-Sponsored Camp and Other Youth Trips and Christmas gift giving to the Catonsville Children's Home. Our next meeting will be our Potluck Dinner on June 8th. Location to be announced. Look for our January, 2011 letter listing additional information on Women of Immanuel. All the women of the parish are part of this wonderful group. If you would like to help out with one of these events please call Linda Ambrose 410-374-1814 or thebrose55@gmail.com

Parish Register

Deaths

Ellen Hall
January 1, 2010

Baptisms

Chase Allan Frysiek
Arthur Benjamin Cole Saddler
Johanna Mae Saddler
January 9, 2011

Memorials for Ellen Hall – At the recent funeral service for Ellen Hall, Immanuel Church and Bosley Church were listed as the places to receive gifts in her memory. If you would like to make a memorial gift to Immanuel, please make your check payable to Immanuel Church and note "Ellen Hall Memorial" in the memo line. Thank you.

Sunday School News

Lots is happening in Sunday School.

We had a brief lesson before the Baptisms where we played Jeopardy, boys against the girls. We learned about Baptism. The boys started off with a 600 negative, but fought their way into the black and beat the girls in Final Jeopardy.

The children's choir and the Good News of Great Joy pageant were super successes. Many thanks to all of our Sunday School children who were animals, inn keepers, Mary and Joseph, kings, shepherds, angels, and narrators. Many thanks to Jen and all the parents who brought the children to rehearse with us. We had a great 98 in the pews for the wonderful pageant and singing.

Also, the children's choir will start practicing again for a spring event. They practice each week after a quick cookie at coffee hour.

Lastly, we have just started our rotation on the Calling of the Disciples. We all remember John and James and Peter, but who remembers Thaddeus and Bartholomew??

Anne and Peter Greene are teaching the cooking rotation where the children make cookies with 12 decorations for the 12 disciples. Gwen Sieck is teaching the Art rotation using a boat as the main prop. Michael Neubauer is teaching Games. His

game is tic tac toe with the children as the playing pieces. When the question is answered correctly, the player may join the board. Our Feb rotation will be on the Beatitudes.

The children have been very motivated in bringing in canned goods and non-perishables for the Food Bank. The children process with their donations during the Offertory. I think it is starting to become automatic to bring their donation to church.

Coleman Mettee
Sunday School Coordinator

HOT CAKES COMIN' UP ON SHROVE TUESDAY

March 8, 2011

Fat Tuesday is just around the corner along with a feast of delicious pancakes, hominy, sausage, fruit and the Stewart-Sickings ice cream sundae surprise that was a favorite last year. Mark your calendars now for Immanuel's 2011 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 8, beginning at 6 PM, in the Parish House. It's Mardi Gras, so wear a festive mask if you have one.

It will help in buying groceries to know your intentions in advance. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the **MARDI GRAS** table in the Parish House or call Mary Jane Shanks at 410-557-6047, email mjshanks@zoominternet.net. The fee is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

A flyer will go out via email and snail mail as a reminder of this festive event. Please print it out and give it to some of your friends and neighbors.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to help. There is a Volunteer sign-up sheet at the **MARDI GRAS** table in the Parish House, as well as some extra flyers.

After supper, sometime between 7 and 7:30, we will form a parade and march with Megan+ over to the church for a service to mark Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. We hope to see you all there.

MJ Shanks

“Cash for Kids”

Thank you Sarah Ebert for again volunteering to collect and tally the cash register receipts for the “Cash for Kids” program. The receipts will be **PINK** this year. 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. The “Cash for Kids” program runs through March 27, 2011. So far we have collected **\$14,914.39** in receipts. Last year we did not make our **\$25,000** in collected receipts until the very last one. Please keep bringing your pink receipts to church!!

Your participation in this worthwhile program is greatly appreciated!

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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Gayle Hagan, Bunkie Hopkins, Tara McDonough,
Mary Jane Shanks, Pam Swanson,
and Mary Frances Wagley

February 2011

Feb. 1	7:00 p.m.	Adult Education	Feb. 17	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Feb. 3	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Feb. 20		7 Epiphany
Feb. 6		5 Epiphany		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I		10:10 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School		10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II		11:15 a.m.	Children's Choir
	11:15 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Feb. 21		President's Day – Office Closed
Feb. 8	7:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall	Feb. 24	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter Team Meets
Feb. 10	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Feb. 12-13		Confirmation Retreat	Feb. 27		8 Epiphany
Feb. 13		6 Epiphany		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I		10:10 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School		10:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer w/H. E. II
	10:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer w/H.E. II		11:15 a.m.	Children's Choir
	11:15 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal			
Feb. 16	2:30 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline			

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER AT IMMANUEL GLENCOE

IT'S FAT TUESDAY!
March 8, 6:00 PM, Parish House
\$5/Adults; \$3/Children

**Join Us for Pancakes, Music,
and Mardi Gras Fun and Fellowship**

**Then join the parade of Saints to the church for a special
service of confession and forgiveness.**

Please let us know your intentions:
(It will help in knowing how much to cook. If you can't commit now,
don't let that stop you from coming impromptu.)

I plan to attend _____ . There will be _____ in my party.

Name _____

YES, I want to help with the following:

Set Up _____ Serving _____
Clean Up _____ Collect Admission _____
Cook Hominy (become a Hominy Hon) _____
Provide a supplementary dish (fruit, etc.) _____



**Please call, mail, or email your reply by March 3 to: Mary Jane Shanks, 3821
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**Or sign up during coffee hours!
Look for the Mardi Gras Table.**