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From the Rector:

Updating Our Communications

There are three significant ways we are updating our parish communications over the summer. Please take a look at the resources below...

First, we have updated the parish website. We still have a bit more work to do, but everything is basically in place. If you would like to update text about a ministry with which you are involved, or submit photos for a page, please let me know. Special thanks to Pam Swanson for all her time and effort in updating the site and keeping it going!

Second, there is an online parish calendar you can visit anytime. Go to the calendar page of the website, click the link and you are there! This will help you to know what's going on if you forget the time of an event, want to plan something new, or need to use space at the church for your ministry. Take a look! Everything we know of for 2011-2012 will be entered by sometime in August.

And finally, we have updated our parish email system. Everyone should have received an initial email on June 10, and likely may have another by the time this newsletter goes to press. You will know it's from the new system because it has a very pretty layout with a photo of the church and announcements. If you have not received emails from the new system and wish to, please contact me directly. If the email is ending up in your "junk" folder, I will help you get it out. If you are

not correctly entered into the database, I will update it. But please, make sure you are receiving emails if you have the ability to do so. This is the fastest way for me to send not only reminders, but also important emergency announcements anytime that is necessary.

Thank you!

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

Rest in Peace, Pvt. Wilhelm USA

In May, preparing for the Memorial Day Sunday service, I set out to identify a man whose name is on a "Our Members in Our Nation's Service" chart I found in our archives. There were 6 other names (including Duncan McCulloch Jr) but one with a gold star--which meant he had died on duty: S. Edwin Wilhelm.

No-one at Immanuel could identify him, so I tried the VA and the Gold Star Mothers of America. Then I asked my friend from the Marine Corps, Col. Ray Bosley, who is commander of the Parkton American Legion Post. Here's what he found: "Samuel Edwin Wilhelm went on active duty 26 August, 1918; died of influenza at a training camp on 6 October, 1918."

That means he was one of the millions who died in the Spanish flu epidemic which spread around the world in 1918-20. It also took my uncle, Dr. George V. Genzmer, who was in the U S Navy Medical Corps.

That's all we know about Pvt. Wilhelm, but it is why we honor this young man. He joins Sgt. Joseph Kelley, killed in action in Vietnam in 1969, among Immanuel's honored dead.

~~Kingsley Smith

Highlights from the June 14th Vestry Meeting

At the June meeting, the Vestry discussed feedback recorded by each of the five group leaders at the small group discussions conducted on May 22nd, Immanuel's annual Parish Celebration Day. Information gathered at the small group discussions forms the basis of planning for the upcoming program year.

Speaking generally, the Vestry agreed the feedback from the small groups was extremely positive. Members of the congregation are drawn to Immanuel because of our Rector, our part-time assisting priest, the music program, the Sunday School, the friendliness of the congregation and the Church's beautiful grounds. While we will continue to explore ways to engage our middle school age group, expand the Church's membership and outreach, and reduce our dependence on the Church's investment account to fund shortfalls in the annual operating budget, most agree the Church is heading in the "right" direction. We must continue what we doing to maintain this positive energy and momentum.

Thank you to all who participated in the small group discussions. The thoughts and comments you offered are particularly helpful to Mother Megan and the Vestry as they set goals and plan for the coming year.

Nelly Perkins

Visit Immanuel at the July 10 Hereford Parade

As part of parish growth, Immanuel will have a table at the July 10 festivities in Hereford that will include a parade and fireworks! In addition to handing out information about us, we will also be seeking names and contact info so that we can keep in touch with all of the prospective parishioners we hope to meet that day. Please stop by...or better yet...volunteer for part of this fun day!

Susan Anthony
Chair, Parish Growth Committee

Hereford Food Bank Collections

Hunger does not take a vacation!

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.

Women of Immanuel

The WOI had their June Potluck dinner/meeting on June 8th. Thank you to Polly Horner for opening her home for the dinner and to Polly and Rudi Horner for being wonderful hostesses. Plans for the end of 2011 and beginning of 2012 were discussed. The WOI will still be committed to the Catonsville Children's Home Christmas Gift Giving, the annual bus trip in April, 2012 and the end of the year Parish Celebration May, 2012. We had seven suggestions for our annual bus trip next year. They are being researched this summer and will be discussed at our next meeting on Sunday, September 18th after the Church Service. Our mission statement was updated to read as follows: "The mission of the Women of Immanuel is to love and serve the Lord by enriching women's spirituality, by responding to human needs in our parish and community and by supporting the dynamic life of Immanuel Church." We would like to thank Donna Sieverts who has graciously consented to serve as our new Treasurer. Remember all the women of Immanuel are part of this group. Thanks to everyone who helped with the Parish Picnic.

Linda Ambrose

Property Perspective

Property...

I love etymology, so I looked it up (Google "property etymology".)

It's always so cool to watch threads of meaning evolve through the centuries. Etymology.com says we see the word property first in the 1300s, and that it indicated the nature of something, its qualities; but the word carried overtones of ownership via French and Latin, and from the Greek, *proprius*; "ones' own, special".

Immanuel's nature has evolved over the years as well; Deborah Cunningham somehow knew that at one time the interior of the church was a soft green, to resemble the woodlands. Our nature now? Old. Historic. Evolving. Sometimes high-maintenance. Generally low-key.

We expect roof repairs to take place over the summer, after which the vestibule plaster can be repaired. We'll repaint the rectory family room and sitting room where the roof leaked last year, and do some minor fixups. We expect to upgrade the internet service so that it supports necessary work better, and the tree down in the cemetery has been removed thanks to the strong backs of the gentlemen of the property committee.

A busy happy summer of progress (and evolving!) to you as well.

In peace,
Katie Ritter, Property Chair

Summer First Sundays

June 5, July 3, August 7

To add a little spice to our summer life, we will have great fun with our hymns on the First Sunday of each summer month. As you arrive at church, you will be given a card and pencil on which you can write your name and a hymn (any hymn!) you would like to sing that day. It will then be placed in a basket. At each moment in the service when we sing a hymn, one will be drawn and we will sing it together. This will be a fun way to see which hymns you and your neighbors like- and YOU get to pick the surprise hymns for the day!

- Megan+ and Jen

From our Music Department...

Thanks very much to everyone who came to my recital! I had fun and I hope that you did, too!

Coming soon! The Missing Chums will be the choir for our service and then sing for us during Lemonade on the Lawn on July 31! August 28 will see Clay Welch and Paul Schlitz performing art songs and other works TBD! Don't miss these!

Jen

Annual Plant Give Away

If you have any extra plants, for example, those lovely volunteers that migrate around your garden, just dig them up, label them and bring them to Immanuel on a Sunday morning for the Plant Give Away. You don't have to bring any plants in order to take some home; the idea is to match plants that need a home with someone who has a home to offer!

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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July 3	9:00 a.m.	3 Pentecost Holy Eucharist II	July 17	9:00 a.m.	5 Pentecost Holy Eucharist II
July 4		Independence Day -- Office Closed	July 24	9:00 a.m.	6 Pentecost Holy Eucharist II
July 10	9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	4 Pentecost Holy Eucharist II Independence Day Celebration – Hereford Parade	July 31	9:00 a.m.	7 Pentecost Holy Eucharist II The Missing Chums will be our choir for this Sunday and entertain us during Lemonade on the Lawn