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*Immanuel's Messenger*  
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## *From the Rector:*

### **An Exciting Month with BIG Events!**

Though the "program year" will be ending in late May, this month shows no signs of slowing down! As we celebrate the Easter Season and a glorious springtime together, take note of these special times and events. I encourage everyone to especially be with us for the Sunday events that are so important in the life of our congregation.

**Sunday, May 8: Annual Bishop's Visit and Confirmation.** *There is no 8am service today!!!* As usual, the Bishop will meet with the vestry at 9am. The service will take place at 10:15am followed by a coffee hour hosted by the Confirmation Class Parents. Please join us for worship at 10:15 with the Rt. Rev. Eugene T. Sutton, Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland, as Celebrant and Preacher. And in the meantime, remember our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers: Youth Candidates-Sam Crosby, Jessica Ensor, Kemp Ensor, Morgan Ensor, Walker Ensor, Kate McDonough, Jacob Schiffer, and Sam Schiffer; Adult Candidates- Chad Crowe and Chuck Gilbert.

**Sunday, May 22: Annual Parish Celebration Day with Picnic.** There is no 8am service today!!! At 10:15am we will gather for worship as usual. Like last year, during the sermon time we will break into small groups and answer some questions about parish life and our wishes, hopes,

and goals for the future. Then we re-gather for the offertory and Communion followed by the parish picnic. Please plan to bring a potluck dish to share. The Women of Immanuel will organize the picnic, so watch for further details. If you were here last year, I know you will want to join in again. If you missed it last year, plan to come! It was great fun-- and this is your opportunity to provide feedback and input for the vestry to use in setting priorities for 2011-2012.

Note that in the midst of this month, several of us (Megan+, Joe+, Kingsley+, Alex Haller, and Susan Anthony) will attend diocesan convention May 12-14. Please see details in this newsletter and watch for a report in the June issue.

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

## **55 Years in a row!**

On May 12 & 13 at the Hunt Valley Marriot and May 14 at St. Paul's School, the 227th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Maryland will gather to do the business of maintenance, ministry and mission for the Episcopal Church in Havre de Grace, Oakland, Calvert County and points in between. Having been at every Convention since 1957 I predict that it will be interesting, inspiring, and not very exciting (at least I hope not).

We've been meeting this way for 227 years, since the 1780s when the Church in Lord Baltimore's

Proprietary Colony broke away from King George and his Archbishop of Canterbury, the first of the thirteen states to re-format the catholic reformed church outside of Britain (see the prayer Book pp. 9-11). Yes, Connecticut had the first bishop, Seabury in 1784, but we had the first to be consecrated in America, Thomas Claggett, in 1793.

Note that our Conventions began with priests and lay leadership. Although the Bishop if Maryland is presiding officer, nothing official happens without majority approval by the clergy and lay delegates from all of the 110 parishes.

This democratic heritage inspired the framers of our Constitution and is protected by its First Amendment.

Immanuel's delegates are Alex Haller the rector and me, with Susan Anthony as lay alternate. To learn more, access [www.ang-md.org/convention](http://www.ang-md.org/convention), that is <Episcopal Maryland Convention>. All are welcome to visit the sessions; I particularly recommend the Eucharist Friday morning and the Bishop's address Saturday. You'll be surprised and delighted to be part of the very diverse and energetic company of Maryland Episcopalians.

~~Kingsley Smith

## ***Please note the May calendar for Sundays.***

**There are many exciting events with schedule changes to keep you on your toes!**

**May 1:** Regular services at 8am and 10:15am. No Sunday School. Children are invited to participate in the Kidney Walk. Please see or call Coleman Mettee for details.

**May 8:** *No 8am Service today!!!* 10:15am Annual Bishop's Visit with Confirmation. Sunday School will meet as usual.

**May 15:** Regular services at 8am and 10:15am. Sunday School will meet as usual.

**May 22:** No 8am Service today!!! 10:15am Annual Parish Celebration Day and Picnic. Sunday School will meet. Please plan to bring a pot-luck item to share at the picnic.

**May 29:** Summer Schedule Begins. One service at 9am- Holy Eucharist Rite II with music. This schedule continues through Labor Day weekend.

## ***Highlights from the April 12th Vestry Meeting***

At the April Vestry Meeting, the Vestry and Officers agreed proceeds from various Church events would be donated as follows: 1) proceeds from both the 2010 Yard Sale and the 2010 Square Dance will be donated on a 50/50 basis to the Ark and the Club at Collington Square; 2) proceeds from the 2011 Pancake Supper will benefit UCAN, and 3) the 2011 Easter Offering will be donated to relief efforts in Japan and Haiti.

The Ark is the only state-accredited preschool for homeless children in Baltimore City. The school serves children between the ages of 3 and 5 years old and provides a short-term preschool program which promotes children's development in all areas, emphasizing language and social skills.

The Club at Collington Square is an academic and community, arts-based after school and summer camp program for children ages 5 to 14 living in the Collington Square neighborhood of East Baltimore. Established in 2001, The Club offers a safe space to over 30 elementary and middle school students after school and throughout the summer.

United Churches Assistance Network (UCAN) is an emergency assistance cooperative organization designed by member-churches to offer financial help to those in need living in and around the Cockeysville area.

Doug Whatley is organizing all Church Vestry Minutes and budgets. He is currently focused on the most recent 20 years going back to 1990.

Doug explained that the Vestry Minutes from the Church's founding and through 1950 are well organized and bound in books. Since 1950, however, the Vestry Minutes have been filed in folders which are not as well organized. In addition to organizing these records, Doug is trying to recreate lists of members of the Vestry by year. At some point, Doug will ask the congregation for their assistance in locating copies of any records he is unable to find. Thank you, Doug, for your help with this **big** project!

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 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***

Thank you to Mary Jane Shanks for organizing the bus trip to Brandywine River Museum in Chadds Ford, PA on April 9th where we had a private tour with Victoria Wyeth (Andrew Wyeth's only grandchild) of the Brandywine Museum. We visited N.C. Wyeth's Chadds Ford Home and Studio and finished with lunch at Brandywine Prime Restaurant. What a wonderful day.

**May 22nd, Parish Celebration Day.** The WOI will be hosting the luncheon after the service. The main dish will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. There will be a "celebration" table setup in the Parish Hall. Please sign up to attend. At that time you can select which main dish you prefer (hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken), which will be grilled. If you can help out in any way there will be a sign up sheet for that as well.

**June 8th WOI Annual Potluck Dinner/Meeting, 6:30 p.m.**, place to be determined. This is the last meeting until the fall. We will discuss ideas on possible social/fellowship activities (book club, game night, cultural outings) for the WOI. Bring your ideas as well as a dish to share. All women of Immanuel are invited.

Linda Ambrose

## ***Property Perspective***

Life is always a challenge, but May softens everything a little, doesn't it?

We are thrilled at the sizeable turnout from scouts for our semi-annual cleanup! Although the weather was predicted to be rainy, windy, raw and wet...nobody's personal favorite!...scouts showed up in force and we all warmed up quickly as we moved about. The first soft drizzles dampened no one's spirits, and we ended up getting quite a bit done before the steady rains moved in. To leader Bill Berger and all the scouts, THANK YOU!!!

Special thanks also go to Rudi, Coleman, Tim and Lucy for walking the cemetery and picking up sticks, and to the Stewart-Sickings for donating impatiens to plant. It's been a little dream of mine to fill the garden by the ramp walkway with impatiens, and this year we may finally see a frolic of flowers there.

We are working on developing a master list of property concerns, both small and large, and hope to publish it shortly.

HELP WANTED: volunteer with long ladders and no fear of heights to clean debris from gutters. Assistants will be available for whoever takes leadership!

HELP WANTED: someone to work with me on sealing three undercroft windows with plastic film. Lazy conversation a given.

Enjoy the lovely month of May,

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

## ***Sunday School News***

We are completing the Sunday School year on May 22. Anne and Peter Greene will lead the cooking rotation. Gwen Sieck will lead the Art rotation. Michael Neubauer will lead the games rotation.

We have been blessed to have Gwen and Michael all this year. We wish them all the luck as they head off for college in the fall.

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 !!!

## ***“Cash for Kids”***

**THE CHECK IS IN THE BANK!** Immanuel received a check for \$250 from Graul's Market for reaching our goal in the “Cash for Kids” program. We collected a total of **\$25,622.33** in Graul's **PINK** register receipts. The check has been deposited to Immanuel's Sunday School account. Thanks to all our parishioners, families and friends that helped us reach our goal. Special thanks to Sarah Ebert for taking the time to collect and tally all the receipts. 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.

### *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](mailto: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](mailto: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

# May 2011

<b>May 1</b>	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	<b>2 Easter</b> Holy Eucharist I <b>No Sunday School</b> Holy Eucharist II <b>Kidney Walk</b>	<b>May 15</b>	8:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	<b>4 Easter</b> Holy Eucharist I Sunday School Holy Eucharist II Children's Choir
<b>May 3</b>	7:00 p.m.	<b>Adult Education Class</b>	<b>May 19</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>May 5</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>May 22</b>		<b>5 Easter/Parish Celebration Day</b> <b>No 8:00 a.m. Service</b> 10:10 a.m. <b>Last Sunday School</b> 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist II <b>Pot Luck Picnic to follow</b>
<b>May 8</b>	. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	<b>3 Easter/Bishop's Visit</b> <b>with Confirmation</b> <b>No 8:00 a.m. Service</b> Sunday School Holy Eucharist II	<b>May 29</b>		<b>6 Easter</b> <b>Summer Schedule Begins</b> 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist II
<b>May 10</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall</b>	<b>May 30</b>		<b>Memorial Day – Office Closed</b>
<b>May 12-14</b>		<b>Annual Diocesan Convention</b>			