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Immanuel's Messenger
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From the Rector:

Announcing Adult Education for 2011-2012

Our various adult education series for the year will begin soon, and you can find complete details in the flyer on our website and in this newsletter. Please keep an eye out and mark your calendars now for these discussions coming soon:

Spirituality in Everyday Life- Book Discussion on *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Facilitated by the Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking various evenings from November-January.

Advent Lessons from the Prophet Isaiah- A Sunday morning Advent series facilitated by the Rev. Kingsley Smith exploring the basics of the Book of Isaiah and the specific readings for the first three Sundays of Advent.

Emergence Christianity DVD Series by Phyllis Tickle- A Sunday morning Lenten series facilitated by the Rev. Kingsley Smith. Phyllis Tickle surveys great upheavals in Western culture and Christianity and explores what is happening in the church right now. She asks, "What questions and issues need to be addressed?" and "Where might we be headed next?"

Reading and Discussion of Diana Butler Bass' newest book- Facilitated by the Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking, we will discuss *Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth*

of a New Spiritual Awakening. The book will be released in February 2012. Dates TBD for evening discussions April-June. I look forward to seeing you for these critical and engaging topics!

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

Interested in Outreach through Immanuel Church?

If you are interested in outreach, or if you coordinate an occasional outreach activity for the church, please plan to attend our organizational meeting on **Tuesday, November 29 at 7pm** in the Parish Hall. We would like to share reports from those who have coordinated activities this year for inclusion in our December or January Newsletter. We would also like to hear new ideas if there is something you are interested in coordinating over the next year.

Thank You!
- Mother Megan

Newcomers in our Midst!

We have joyfully welcomed a growing number of newcomers this past summer and fall – a glorious mix of children and adults! And they are already participating in our worship and parish life in various ways – in the choir, in Sunday School, as

ushers, readers and chalicists, and in the recent Soup Cook-Off and Square Dance. Please introduce yourself to those you don't know or go ahead and re-introduce yourself if you just can't remember names from one week to the other.

This is probably the case for many of us, myself included!

Rudi Horner, Senior Warden

Annual Meeting and Potluck

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place on November 13 after the 10:15am service. A pot luck lunch will follow, with the "Men of Immanuel" supplying main dishes. Like last year, we will see a variety of smoked, barbecued, and other special meats- so don't miss it! Please bring a side or dessert to share.

Highlights from the October 11th Vestry Meeting

At the October Vestry Meeting, Katie Ritter reported on behalf of the Property Committee. Davey Tree has taken down two large trees which were previously identified as safety hazards. One was located close to the Rectory and the other was near the Church parking lot. The Property Committee is exploring ways to recycle as much of this material as possible to help reduce the cost of the tree work. Whatever can not be recycled will be moved to the outside edges of the parking lot. This will help with erosion along the perimeter of the parking lot.

An electrician was hired recently to repair a light in the Church vestibule which was not working properly. Members of the Property Committee had tried to repair this light themselves to spare some expense, but then decided a professional electrician was needed for the job. After the

electrician began working, he discovered a wire running to the broken light had previously caught

on fire behind the vestibule wall. To replace this wire and complete the repair, the doors to the Church vestibule and the trim around the doors had to be removed. The electrician then inspected the balance of the circuit breakers in the Church looking for evidence of other similar problems and did not find anything. This broken light is a good example of the Property Committee working hard to handle a repair themselves, and it is also an excellent example of a repair which seemed small, but became much more involved and expensive after further inspection.

A couple new families, who have young children, have come to Immanuel recently. With this in mind, the Vestry discussed re-establishing a Nursery during the 10:15 a.m. service to support families with children not yet old enough for Sunday School. Megan will speak with some of the new families to see if they would have an interest in this, and then we may explore it further.

Mary Frances Wagley, Stewardship Chair, reported to the Vestry that, as of October 11th, the Church had received 14 pledges totaling \$47,035 and representing an average pledge of \$3,360. This is encouraging as all 14 were at least the same amount as in 2011 and several had increased their pledges. Naturally, our goal is to do better than we did last year. Please remember, the sooner pledges are made and submitted, the easier it becomes to budget for 2012.

Four of the Church's current Vestry members have terms which expire at the end of 2011 and new Vestry members are being recruited to fill those positions. We would like to identify new candidates prior to the Annual Meeting in November.

The balance of the meeting was spent discussing an initial draft of the Church's operating budget for 2012.

Nelly Perkins

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

We are off to a great start! Two weeks after mailing this year's pledge packets Cathy Tipper reports that she has received 27 pledges totaling \$76,000. This is considerably higher than this time last year as almost half of the 27 have increased their pledges. Thank you very much. We still have a long way to go and we need everyone to pledge. To those of you who have yet to return your cards, I urge you to do so soon. We need to maintain the good momentum with which we have begun.

With appreciation,

Mary Frances Wagley
Stewardship Chair

Sunday School News

Sunday School had a great Stewardship month! The children learned about sacrifice while donating gently used toys and clothing, and giving back to the parish with their coffee hour offerings. In November we will be delving into the world of saints. We will focus on famous saints, as well as obscure ones with fun and interesting stories.

Anne Greene
Sunday School Coordinator

The Middle School Youth Group is off to a fantastic start. We had a great cookout and cleaned out the old nursery to make it our own space for fellowship. Each one of us is painting an individual canvas expressing how we practice the Golden Rule in our lives. These paintings will be hung on the walls of our new room and when we are finished we will welcome all visitors.

Drew Perkins

From our Music Department...

January is going to be Congregational Prelude Month. We want to have preludes played by you! We actually have one already planned, on the banjo. Any instrument (this includes voice) is welcome. I have heard that there is at least one banjo player (other than the one who is scheduled), french hornist, saxophonist, and flautist among us. Solos, duets, trios, etc., are all possible, so if you are part of a band, (or want to form a band for the occasion) there's a place for you. If you would like accompaniment on the organ, I can play for you. If there is enough interest (or if you think that what you want to play just WON'T work for a prelude), we could do postludes, too! This does not have to be hymn-based; you can play what you already know.

Jen

The Children's Choir will begin learning music for the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, November 13. Anyone who would like to join the choir for the pageant can do so at that time. There will be an attendance policy of no more than 2 rehearsals missed between Nov. 13 and the pageant itself (scheduled for Dec. 27), in order to enable the children to fully learn the music.

Jen

Food Bank Collections Continue WEEKLY!

Please remember to bring your donations for the Hereford Food Bank *weekly!* As we did last year, the children are welcome to bring their items forward in the offertory procession and place them under the altar. Food will be taken as it accumulates every few weeks, and as the fall progresses, we will let you know of their special needs at the food bank. 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 have been purchasing Christmas gifts for the Catonsville Children's Home for almost 30 years. To make the holidays brighter, The Children's Home conducts their annual Holiday Giving Program each year. This program assists them in providing gifts and/or activities for the many boys and girls who call The Children's Home their home. The WOI purchases gifts for the older boy. The Children's Home provides a wish list from each of the boys. If you would like to be a shopper this year, please call Donna Sieverts at 410-456-6449 by November 15, 2011. The Children's Home request that we do not wrap the gifts. Last year we put ribbon around the gifts and placed them in a gift bag for each boy. The gift coordination will be held at our December 7, 2011 meeting at 7:00 pm. in the Parish House.

Linda Ambrose

Property Perusal

Lots to report so relax and read on...

LIGHTS UP, TREES DOWN!

Frank and Leo from Erin Electric arrived one morning to repair (we and they thought) a switch in the church vestibule. Discovering that it was running 93 volts, they knew something was amiss. Removing old and rusty wire necessitated taking off the church door and woodwork and cutting four holes in the undercroft eaves. They got it done, and we're safer and brighter now.

The same day Comcast and Davey Tree arrived...the hill campus was abuzz with fixing up! Our electronic and phone systems are better able to support our rector and staff. We are no longer in danger of the very large dead tree falling on our entry sign or closing off the driveway, nor are we in danger of the tree beside the rectory crashing through the roof anymore. Davey Tree's enormous trucks and able workers took them down, and Peter Greene helped use some of the tree material to stabilize our parking area. We'll keep an eye on a couple of other trees which need work, and do our best to protect them while mindfully trimming when safety requires it.

LOOKING FORWARD...MAYBE JUST ONE THING...?

Folks, we really need some extra hands to prepare the church and grounds for winter! The Property Pickup is scheduled for November 12 from 8:30-11:30.

Does anything from the list below grab your attention? What one job might you believe you can tackle successfully? Maybe pick one and pair up with a friend?

- stuff insulation up under siding all around rectory kitchen
- install smoke and CO2 detectors throughout church, undercroft, Sunday school, offices (Immanuel will purchase them)
- install window film insulation in undercroft
- get insulation up over fusebox in Hall pantry
- clean windows inside or out
- clean gutters (not all...any ones appreciated!)
- measure and check the furnace filters in undercroft and rectory

- install an auto-close on Sunday school stair door
- prime and paint the undercroft powder room
- empty and scrub the undercroft sink cabinet
- check the dehumidifier in Sunday school
- level the undercroft door so it closes tightly
- level the back Sunday School door so it closes tightly

If you are craving to work outside in the fresh November air instead, in addition to raking leaves we need to prune brush around the rectory, plant pachysandra, snow shovel parking lot edges, and remove random debris.

Knowing ahead of time who's picking which task would be a huge help, so we're putting this list out a couple of ways. If you can't be there the 12th but want to take us up on our request to take on Just One Thing, just let us know. Hope to hear from you!

Whew!
Thank you,

Katie Ritter, Property Committee

SOUP AND SQUARE DANCE FILLED THE BILL

Around forty-two people ordered soup and square dance this year. While sipping wine they methodically worked their way down the line of crock-pots, armed with spoons for tasting and pencils and paper to make notes on each tasting adventure. When the tasting was over and the votes cast, Michele O'Conner was the winner with her Corn and Crab Chowder. Two people tied for second place: Lucy Mettee for Lucy's Crazy Chicken Soup and Kate Whatley for her Butternut Squash Soup.

Everyone agreed that it was hard to choose because all the soup entries were scrumptious. In addition to our winners, we want to thank those who earned honorable mentions:

Cabbage Patch Soup	Chef Emily Haller
Mulligatawny Soup	Chef Tara McDonogh
Tim's Crab Goolay	Chef Tim Mettee
Pumpkin Pear Soup	Chef Mary J. Moses
Cheesy Tomato Soup	Chef Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking
French Market Soup	Chef Darcy Turner
Leeky Cauldron Soup	Chef Julia Whatley

After all that tasting, many were almost too full to sit down for a meal. But, everyone filled a big bowl with their favorite soup, a little bowl with tossed green salad, and still managed to have room for a slice or two of Graul's chocolate cake with butter crème icing or yellow cake with chocolate icing and Deborah Cunningham's baked delight.

The second half of the evening steamed up with a rousing *Rootin' Tootin'* Square Dance. This year, the Parish Hall was filled not only with our regulars, but also with some new families and guests. Expert caller Gene Fitta has had three years experience teaching us the basic steps including the sashay, Do Si Do, right hand star, swing your partner, swing your corner, right and left grand, allemande left, promenade right, Do Paso, and ladies chain across. Dancers of all ages formed couples with some ladies as gents, several resembling Mutt and Jeff (short and tall), and all coming together for the electrifying Electric Slide.

I am grateful to my Co-Chairs Bobbie Ensor and Rudi Horner who did much of the advance preparation as well as helping throughout the event. Thanks also go to Tim Mettee and Jacob Ensor for helping to set up all the tables and chairs, Cynthia Ballard for working at the admissions table, Jane Drumm for helping with clean-up, Mother Megan and Deborah Cunningham for adding dishes to the menu, and to Dary Schmidt for helping with the advertising. Finally, I want to thank our soup chefs once again and everyone who shared in the tasting, voting and dancing. I hope we do it again next year.

Mary Jane Shanks

Immanuel's Sunday School Featured at Fall Festival

The Hereford Fall Festival, a two-day event attracting thousands of people, was held Oct 15 and 16 and Immanuel had a table in the exhibit area where our Sunday School, including the new Middle School Group, was featured. Many thanks to Linda Sieck, Rudi Horner, Sarah Ebert and Coleman Mettee for helping out! Ideas are already being talked about for next year's Fall Festival! You may have also noticed the article announcing the Middle School Group in the October issue of the *North County News!*

Susan Anthony
Parish Growth Committee

“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 26, 2011 and run through March 25, 2012. The receipts will be **BLUE** this year. So be on the look out for those **blue** receipts starting September 26th. 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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Mary Jane Shanks, Pam Swanson,
and Mary Frances Wagley

November 2011

Nov. 3	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Nov. 20		
Nov. 6	8:00 a.m.	<i>All Saints Sunday and Baptism</i> <i>End of Daylight Savings Time</i> Holy Eucharist I	Nov. 24	8:00 a.m.	Last Sunday after Pentecost 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
	11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Nov. 27	11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
Nov. 8	7:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall			Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 10	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			1 Advent
Nov. 12	8:30am-12	Fall Clean Up – Boy Scouts		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
Nov. 13	10:10 a.m.	22 Pentecost/Annual Meeting Sunday School	Nov. 28	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter Team Meets
	10:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer and Rector's Annual Address			Outreach Committee
	11:00 a.m.	Annual Meeting and Potluck	Nov. 29	7:00 p.m.	Meeting
Nov. 16	2:30 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline			
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Education			
Nov. 17	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			

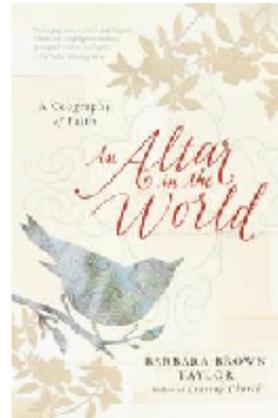
Adult Education Fall 2011-2012
Immanuel Episcopal Church, Glencoe, MD

Spirituality in Everyday Life

Book discussion on:
An Altar in the World
by Barbara Brown Taylor

7:00-8:30pm
Wednesday, Nov 16, Chapters 1-4
Tuesday, Dec 6, Chapters 5-8
Wednesday, Jan 11, Chapters 9-12

Facilitated by: The Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking



**Advent Lessons
from the Prophet Isaiah**

Sunday Morning Series
9:00-9:50am
Nov 27, Dec 4, Dec 11

Learn some basics about the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and explore the readings selected for use in worship during Advent.

Facilitated by: The Rev. Kingsley Smith

Looking Ahead:

Sunday Morning Lenten Series

A DVD Series by Phyllis Tickle exploring Emergence Christianity. Class facilitated by The Rev. Kingsley Smith. Dates will be listed in the January Newsletter. Sunday mornings in Lent from 9-9:50am.

Author, historian and keen cultural observer Phyllis Tickle invites us to join her in examining the changing face of Christianity and culture. Phyllis surveys 2000 years of Western history, identifying the great upheavals that occur in Western culture and Christianity every 500 years. The last was the Great Reformation of the 1500's; the next is happening now. What are the key questions and issues that need to be addressed? Where might we be headed next?

Spring Evening Series reading and discussing the newest book from Diana Butler Bass: *Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening*. To be released in February 2012. Class facilitated by The Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking. Dates TBD for April-June.
