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*Celebrating 140 Years*  
***Immanuel's Messenger***  
*September, 2011*

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***From the Rector:***

***September Happenings: Welcome Back to the Program Year!***

*I look forward to seeing many of you on Sunday, September 11, when we return to our regular service schedule and kick-off the program year! Please note the following things coming up:*

**Regular Service Schedule Resumes:** On September 11 we return to Holy Eucharist, Rite I at 8am with no music, and Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:15 am with adult choir. We will have special prayers in remembrance of September 11 on this tenth anniversary.

**Sunday School Kick-Off:** Sunday School begins with children gathering in the “big room” on the bottom level of the parish hall building. Please ask an usher at the church doors or clergy person for help finding it if you don’t know where it is. Children will meet their teachers at 10:10 am so parents can come to church by 10:15 am. Sunday School meets until approximately 10:50 when they join us in the church at announcements.

**Adult Choir Returns:** The adult choir will be with us at 10:15 am beginning on September 11. Rehearsals begin on September 8 and are held at 7:30 pm on Thursdays. Please speak to Jen Newgent if you are interested in joining for the year or for a season!

**Children’s Choir Resumes:** The children’s choir will again rehearse on Sundays after church. There is time for a quick snack and then they return to the church while parents continue to enjoy coffee hour after the 10:15 am service. No experience necessary- please speak to Jen Newgent if your child is interested.

*Please watch future newsletters for adult education opportunities.*

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

**Sunday School Transitions:  
*Thank You Coleman, and  
Welcome Anne!***

After several years of faithful service, Ms. Coleman Mettee will no longer coordinate the Sunday School program. She looks forward to more time with her family, and we look forward to having her as a great resource for the Sunday School and a continuing member of Immanuel. When you get a chance, please thank her for all the ongoing hard work preparing lessons for the children, and many hours of ministry with them. I hope that you will also join me in thanking her officially in church on September 11.

I would also like to share with you that Ms. Anne Greene will be taking over as Church School Administrator. She and her husband, Peter, have been wonderful Sunday School teachers and already know the children and other teachers, and Anne will be a great addition to our staff ministry team. She is already hard at work coordinating lessons for the first half of the program year leading up to Christmas, and we look forward to reports in the newsletter from her in the future.

Special thanks to all the Sunday School teachers for their amazing work and dedication. We appreciate all you have done and look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

-The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

## ***Concert Rescheduled for September 25!***

The last in our summer concert series had to be rescheduled due to the hurricane. Please join us on the new date, Sunday September 25, at 4pm in the Parish Hall. We will welcome Clay Welch and Paul Schlitz in their performance of art song, as well as a special guest appearance by community favorite *The Missing Chums*. Mark your calendars now and bring a friend or two!

## ***"I love to tell the story"***

My daughter-in-law, Joyce Smith, died in Milton VT on Monday morning, August 8. It was peacefully in her sleep after many years of pain and weakness, but was a shock for David and her family. Breezy and I and our other three children got there by midnight and spent most of the week with him as we all dealt with what I think was the saddest event in our lives. I am very proud of David, who shows amazing sensitivity and nobility. We have spent much time telling our

stories to one another and to others, with tears and laughter and love.

This led me to begin my sermon on August 14 by recalling how critical it is for us all to tell our stories. It is not only to communicate facts; the tale is interwoven with the telling of it and with the teller of the tale. The Word of God that Sunday was the stories of Joseph and his brothers, of Paul and his Good News for Jews and Gentiles

alike, and of Jesus' immense courage and compassion in healing the daughter of a pagan woman.

I see more clearly than ever how "the old old story of Jesus and his love" empowers our own stories, revealing God's truth and mercy at work in us. "'Twill be my theme in glory"? Yes, we hope so, but we know that already it *is* our theme in glory.

Also, I am grateful for the prayer support and expressions of sympathy from many of you in my Immanuel family--and so is David.

The Rev. Kingsley Smith

## ***What is a "Green Season?"***

Well, as many of you may have noticed, we are deeply into nearly six months of liturgical green. During this long season after Pentecost, stretching all the way to Advent at the beginning of November, you see green every week. Green on the pulpit and lectern, green on the priest, green, green! So, in the midst of this season of wearing and seeing green, we are also "going green." For the month of September, you will notice that our second reading will be a contemporary reading having something to do with caring for creation. We will hear from Thich Nhat Hanh to Anne Frank to St. Francis of Assisi. There will also be hymns focusing on natural beauty and the creatures of creation.

We will also have a special offering from our Sunday School Children on the 25<sup>th</sup> to end our theme. This will give us a wonderful opportunity

to focus on the wonder, gift, and responsibility for all creation before turning to the gift of and responsibility for financial resources in October. Stewardship is about caring for all things we are given- all the time! Please join us as we celebrate the gift of our natural resources in September.

## ***We Need You!***

You would be amazed at what it takes to keep Immanuel Church running so smoothly. Just to prepare for our weekly services, we need to assemble and organize what can feel like a “cast of thousands” – if you just look at the bulletin, you can imagine all the tasks behind each component (flowers, preacher, acolyte, Sunday School, etc), including preparing, proofing, printing and folding the bulletin itself! And then afterwards, as we “Go Out Into the World”, there’s counting the offering, hosting the coffee hour, taking the flowers and visiting shut-ins. If you’ve not yet volunteered to help in some capacity, **now is an opportune time to do so**; if you’re ready to switch to something new, **now is an opportune time to do so!** Just tell the Rector, Assisting Rector, Vestry member or Officer that you would like to find out more about such-and-such an activity and watch how quickly things happen! Please consider volunteering or if someone comes to you, please consider accepting an invitation to help out. Thank You!

Rudi Horner, Senior Warden

## ***No Vestry Meeting for August – Next Vestry Meeting scheduled for September 13th***

Nelly Perkins

## ***Inspired by a talk with Barbara Vosburgh: INvalid is not inVALid~~***

Some of our faithful attenders have trouble coming into church by the steps and even with a cane or walker on the ramp. They could be helped if we had a folding wheelchair ready to meet them so they can be brought in. Does anyone have a surplus light-weight wheelchair to contribute? It won't be a cure but it can heal their inability to join us on Sundays.

The Rev. Kingsley Smith

## ***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 Women of Immanuel's fall meeting will be held Sunday, September 18th after the 10:15 am Church Service in the Parish House. All women of Immanuel are invited to attend. We will be deciding on the 2012 bus trip destination. Also bring your ideas for social/fellowship activities for Women of Immanuel.

Linda Ambrose

## *Parish Register*

*Dottie Olander Kerr  
August 16, 2011*

*Nellie Royston, Aunt of Bobbie Ensor  
August 18, 2011*

## **SOUP COOK-OFF ANNUAL SQUARE DANCE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2011**

Start fishing through your soup recipes and pick your favorite. Then please enter it in our upcoming Soup Cook-Off in October. In a couple of weeks you will receive a flyer with all the information and an entry form. We hope to have 10 entries or more.

At the very least, mark October 8th on your calendars. After our soup and salad meal, we will once again join hands for an old fashioned square dance. Our annual square dance has become one of our favorite events. If you haven't participated yet, make this the year you bring your family and friends.

In early September, look for the Soup Cook-Off and Square Dance table in the Parish House. There will be a sign-up sheet for attendance and one for those who would like to enter the cook-off.

Mary Jane Shanks

## *Property Perusal*

Happy end of summer and welcome to the very beginning of autumn. If you see Chad Crowe, please take a moment to thank him for taking the lead on repairs for the slate roof for the church and the parish house.

Our beautiful old roof is many, many years old and is part of what gives the church such a lovely appearance. Thanks to Chad and the contractor with whom he worked, we hope to have several more years of good service from it. Eventually we'll need to talk about replacing it (a slate roof has about a 100-year life expectancy and if you do the math on Immanuel's age...) but that conversation has been now staved off a good while. Thank you Chad!

We'll be watching to make sure that the leaks which appear to have been caused by slate damage have been completely solved, and then repairs to the damaged parts of the inside plaster will take place.

Just like our own physical beings...always gotta be tweaking and working on something to keep it from all falling apart!

Katie Ritter, Property Committee

## *From our Music Department...*

For anyone who would like to sing in choir - we will have our first rehearsal on Sept. 8 at 7:30pm. Anyone is welcome! No experience necessary!

Children's choir will start on Sunday, Sept. 18, at 11:45am. The parents are requested to attend for the first few minutes of this rehearsal.

Jen

## ***“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](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.

## ***Clergy and Staff***

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

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<b>Sept 4</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>12 Pentecost</b> Holy Eucharist II	<b>Sept 22</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Sept 5</b>		<b>Labor Day – Office Closed</b>	<b>Sept 25</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>15 Pentecost</b> Holy Eucharist I
<b>Sept 8</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>		10:10 a.m.	Sunday School
<b>Sept 11</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>13 Pentecost</b> Holy Eucharist I		10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School		11:45 a.m.	Children’s Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II	<b>Sept 28</b>	1:00 p.m.	<b>Newsletter Team Meets</b>
	11:45 a.m.	Children’s Choir Rehearsal	<b>Sept 29</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Sept 13</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall</b>			
<b>Sept 15</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>			
<b>Sept 18</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>14 Pentecost</b> Holy Eucharist I			
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School			
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II			
	11:45 a.m.	Children’s Choir Rehearsal WOI Meeting after Church			
<b>Sept 19</b>	2:30 p.m.	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>			