



## ***Immanuel in the Spring***

Immanuel's outside property is beautiful in all seasons, and we are especially reminded of that when we see the daffodils all over in the spring. Besides the driveway and alongside the church, make sure you look down the Mary Horner Memorial Path below the playground. Just imagine the sight if we had twice as many daffodils! *We can do that*, without too much effort. Under the supervision of the Property Committee, we can dig up and divide the bulbs (in June, right after Father's Day), then keep them dry and then replant them in November. And then, voilà! Next spring will be even more glorious! Please let me know if you are interested in lending a hand with this activity.

Rudi Horner  
Senior Warden

## ***Highlights from the March 13<sup>th</sup> Vestry Meeting***

Rudi Horner, Senior Warden led the March Vestry Meeting as Megan was on maternity leave.

The Nursery will open on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and will operate through Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, the last Sunday of the program year. The Nursery will be available for young children not old enough to attend Sunday School, during the 10:15 A.M. Sunday Service.

\$129 was raised from the Souper Bowl of Caring and \$382 was raised from the Pancake Supper. Proceeds from both events will be donated equally to the Ark, the only State-accredited preschool for homeless children in Baltimore City. The Vestry agreed the Easter Offering will be donated to the Ark and to Paul's Place.

Ashby Shanks, Chair of the Cemetery Committee, attended the March Vestry meeting to propose adding a cremation garden within the Immanuel cemetery. We had a lengthy discussion about this and agreed to continue the discussion at the April Vestry meeting.

Nelly Perkins, Registrar

## ***Good Friday Offering for the Diocese of Jerusalem***

In 1841, the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East was founded, to expand modern friendships with ancient churches in the Holy Land. Since 1922, the Good Friday offerings of Episcopal churches throughout the United States have been shared with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem which includes churches in Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon.

While the Christian population of Jerusalem and the Holy Land has decreased markedly over the nine decades since this annual collection began, we Episcopalians are urged each year by our Presiding Bishop to contribute not just on Good Friday, but anytime in Lent and on Easter Day.

Our offerings are an essential life-line of financial support for the work of two of the four Episcopal Dioceses living and working in the diversity and conflict of Middle East. In addition to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, our donations will assist the Episcopal Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. These Christians are 1% of the general population in their areas, so we need to support these fellow Christians by providing a variety of basic needs in numerous communities.

If you would like to make a donation anytime during the remainder of Lent through the Sunday after Easter, please make your donation payable to Immanuel Church and write "Jerusalem Offering" in the memo line. You can place it in the offering plate at any service, or mail it to Parish office.

## ***IMMANUEL'S EASTER OFFERING***

Our Parish's special Easter offering this year will be divided between two essential projects of Episcopal churches in Baltimore City. Donations by check should be written to Immanuel Church with "Easter offering" in the memo field. Additionally, we will have Easter envelopes for this collection.

Paul's Place serves the impoverished residents of Pigtown in southwest Baltimore, providing after-school programs for children; showers for those who lack access to this basic facility; a nurses' clinic; assistance with threatened utility cutoffs and evictions; adult literacy tutoring; basic computer classes; laundry services; hot meals; an emergency food pantry; holiday meals; active contact with Habit for Humanity; and numerous other helpful programs. Immanuel has a decades-long history of volunteering at Paul's Place.

The Ark, part of Episcopal Community Services of Maryland, is an accredited preschool for homeless children between ages 3 and 5. Children receive the Early Screening Inventory--Revised; nutritious food; dental care; transportation to and from the Shelters where their families live; individual attention; and early childhood education. The Johnston Square Elementary School in east Baltimore houses this successful program.

Deborah Cunningham

### ***CREMATION GARDEN IN IMMANUEL'S CEMETERY?***

The Cemetery Committee has long considered adding a cremation garden to our lovely cemetery. Some preliminary research and rudimentary design has taken place. However, before moving forward, the committee would like to know what the parishioners of Immanuel think of this idea.

There are currently two ways to bury cremains in our cemetery. A regular burial plot can be purchased and used for the burial of cremains in bronze urns or other containers. Also, an area has been established in the lower section of the cemetery, closer to the field, for smaller plots that are designed just for cremains.

A Cremation Garden, or Scatter Garden, would be a separate, common area for those wishing to have their cremains sprinkled on the ground or buried in a special container that will disintegrate over time. The area would be landscaped in a way that compliments our

cemetery and the natural environment that surrounds the area. The area would probably incorporate a bench, a fence or a hedge that sets the garden off as a special area, and there will be some means for displaying names using a plaque or cremation name stones.

Developing such an area will require further research, planning, and seeking advice on design and landscaping. The committee will perform these tasks if we feel there is an adequate need or desire from enough parishioners to justify the expense of this project. Preliminary estimates begin as low as \$12,000 and increase depending on materials used.

Please let us know what you think of this idea, and if you would consider using such an area for yourself or family member, by contacting Ashby Shanks at 410-557-6047, or email [mjshanks@zoominternet.net](mailto:mjshanks@zoominternet.net). You can also fill out the attached form and mail it to Ashby Shanks, 3821 Marcus Court, Monkton, MD 21111. (Or, pick one up in the vestibule, and drop it in the offering plate.)

Ashby Shanks  
Cemetery Committee

## ***Sunday School News***

We are proud to announce a new childcare room located in the Sunday School for children 3 months to three years! Childcare will be available on Sunday mornings during the 10:15 a.m. service, beginning Sunday, April 15 through May 20 when Sunday School and the 10:15 a.m. concludes for the summer returning immediately following Labor Day.

[Anne Greene](#)  
Sunday School Coordinator

## *From our Music Department...*

### *April 29, 4pm - Immanuel Choir Concert!*

The adult and children's choirs will be performing a variety of music. There will be some old music, some new music, some sacred, some secular, some serious, some fun. There will be a special section of music about animals! Please come and bring your friends!

Jen Newgent  
Director of Music Ministries

## *Women of Immanuel*

As of this writing there are still openings for the bus trip to **Chesapeake City on April 14th**. We will tour the Mt. Harmon Plantation and have lunch at the Chesapeake Inn. After lunch explore Chesapeake City and visit the C & D Canal Museum. Bus leaves Immanuel at 8:00 am and returns by 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$65/person. If you are interested please contact Donna Sieverts at [410-847-9155](tel:410-847-9155).

Mark you calendars for **May 20th, Parish Celebration**. The Women of Immanuel will be hosting the luncheon after the service. The main dish will be provided (hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken fingers). Please bring a dish to share.

The next Women of Immanuel meeting is our popular **pot luck dinner/meeting**. This year it will be held at Mary Jane and Ashby Shanks' home on **Wednesday, June 6th at 6:00 pm**. Thanks Mary Jane and Ashby. Please bring a dish to share. For directions please call Mary Jane at [410-557-6047](tel:410-557-6047); [mjshanks@zoominternet.net](mailto:mjshanks@zoominternet.net). All women of Immanuel are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there.

Linda Ambrose

## *Property Perusal*

First, let us express deep appreciation to everyone who has endured the inconvenience of having multiple services in the parish hall. McComas, who holds the service contract on our heating system in the church, has replaced virtually every part in the furnace and still, we have had days when the heat will not come on.

Please be aware that McComas has done all this work at their expense, due to our service contract with them. It is frustrating enough to endure moving about and getting chairs set up and taken down, and would be worse if we were paying money each time. But McComas is taking quite a loss, so if you see their trucks at work, please be patient with them. We can assure you they want the problem resolved as much as we do.

Calendar oops! Somehow we had a failure to communicate with our scout troop who turn out so faithfully for the semi-annual cleanup. By the time you read the newsletter—and assuming that we get clear weather on March 31--we should be tidied up for the season.

If anyone wants to 'adopt' a small section of the grounds to weed during the spring and summer, please email Katie. It's peaceful, practical and much appreciated work.

We have a good but reasonable list and hope to tackle several items this year. Not too fast, not too slow...not too frugal, not too flighty. Please let us have any input you feel is valuable and thank you for your efforts when you are able to help.

Katie Ritter, Property Chair

## ***Food Bank Collections Continue WEEKLY!***

Please remember to bring your donations for the Hereford Food Bank *weekly!* 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. The Food Bank especially appreciates coffee, tea bags, jello mix, and noodle/rice side dishes.

## ***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.

## ***“Cash for Kids”***

**The “CASH FOR KIDS” campaign is now over!**

**The last day for blue receipts was Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>. We have collected \$17,952.50.**

**Please bring in any receipts you are holding at home as soon as possible!! All receipts must be tallied and turned into Graul’s by April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Can you think of a neighbor who might shop at Graul's? Tell them Immanuel needs your receipts!**

Also, don’t forget to check the bulletin board as you leave the store. Many times customers will tack up **BLUE** receipts that they do not use.

Thanks to all who participated in this year’s campaign and a special thanks to Sarah Ebert for collecting and tallying all the receipts and of course Graul’s Market for sponsoring such a worthwhile program.

### ***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:  
[Dary@ImmanuelGlencoe.org](mailto:Dary@ImmanuelGlencoe.org)

### **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  
[Dary@ImmanuelGlencoe.org](mailto:Dary@ImmanuelGlencoe.org)

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***

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking, Rector, [Megan@ImmanuelGlencoe.org](mailto:Megan@ImmanuelGlencoe.org)  
The Rev. Kingsley Smith, Assisting Priest, [Kingsley@ImmanuelGlencoe.org](mailto:Kingsley@ImmanuelGlencoe.org)  
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## **Vestry and Officers**

Rudi Horner, Senior Warden, Doug Whatley, Junior Warden,  
Chuck Gilbert, Treasurer, Nelly Perkins, Registrar,  
Linda Ambrose, Chad Crowe, Deborah Cunningham,  
Doug Gunn, Tara McDonough, Betsy Powell, Mary Jane Shanks,  
Suzanne Supplee, and Peggy Taliaferro

## April 2012

<b>Apr. 1</b>	8:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	<b>Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday</b> Holy Eucharist I Sunday School Holy Eucharist II Children's Choir Rehearsal	<b>Apr. 19</b>	2:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Apr. 5</b>	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Holy Eucharist II Choir Rehearsal	<b>Apr. 22</b>	8:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	<b>3 Easter</b> Holy Eucharist I Sunday School Holy Eucharist II Children's Choir Rehearsal
<b>Apr. 6</b>	Noon	<b>Good Friday Service</b>	<b>Apr. 26</b>	1:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>Newsletter Team Meets</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Apr. 8</b>	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	<b>Easter Day</b> Holy Eucharist I Holy Eucharist II Broadmead Service	<b>Apr. 27-28</b>		<b>Oldfields Founders Day Wknd</b>
<b>Apr. 10</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Vestry Meeting - Parish Hall</b>	<b>Apr. 27</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Oldfields Graveside Service</b>
<b>Apr. 12</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>Apr. 28</b>	10:30 a.m.	<b>Oldfields Memorial Service</b>
<b>Apr. 14</b>		<b>WOI Bus Trip</b>	<b>Apr. 29</b>	8:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	<b>4 Easter</b> Holy Eucharist I Sunday School Holy Eucharist II Children's Choir Rehearsal Choir Concert
<b>Apr. 15</b>	8:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	<b>2 Easter</b> Holy Eucharist I Sunday School Holy Eucharist II Children's Choir Rehearsal			

**CREMATION GARDEN SURVEY**

I would like to see a cremation garden established in our cemetery?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I would consider using a cremation garden for my ashes or those of a family member

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

In comparison to other needs of the church, I would give the establishment of a Cremation Garden a priority of:

**Low** 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ **High**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_