

Immanuel's Messenger

December 2012/January 2013

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From the Rector:

As we enter Advent and move toward Christmas, we experience a season filled with waiting, anticipation, preparation, and joyful celebration. As you prepare throughout this season, please remember these special events and review all of the important information and reports in this newsletter.

Sunday, December 2. Annual Bishop's Visitation. No 8am service. One service at 10:15am as we welcome The Rev. Canon Scott G. Slater as our guest Celebrant and Preacher on behalf of the Bishop of Maryland. Canon Slater comes to us from the Bishop's Office and we are excited to welcome him as part of the three-year rotation between Bishop, Assisting Bishop, and Canon to the Ordinary.

Sundays, December 16 & 23. Extended Pageant Rehearsal after Church.

Monday, December 24. Christmas Eve Service at Broadmead in the Dining Room with the Rev. Kingsley Smith at 1:30m.

Monday, December 24. Eve of the Feast of the Nativity: Christmas Eve at Immanuel. Child-friendly service at 4:00pm. Candlelight & Festival Holy Eucharist at 9:30pm with caroling in the church beginning at 9pm.

Thursday, December 27. Parish Christmas Celebration with Pizza Party and Christmas

Pageant. 5pm Children arrive for pageant rehearsal; parents join for wine and cheese in the Parish Hall. 5:30pm parish pizza party. 7pm

Pageant in the Church. Carols in the church begin around 6:45pm, so come early for a seat! See details in this newsletter.

Sunday, January 6, 2013. The Feast of the Epiphany--- on a Sunday this year! Join us to celebrate light and revelation at 10:15am!

- The Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking

Outreach News

As reported at the Annual Meeting in November with some updates, this is our current outreach summary for 2012. This list will be updated again for the next newsletter and will include the Christmas Offering and any other efforts between now and the end of the year.

Outreach from Operating Budget:

North County Food Bank \$500.00
Given in February after a car crashed into their structure.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church \$200.00
Given in May after shootings in the parish office. Combined with congregation gifts they received a total of \$440. (See below).

Will Ensor Mission Trip \$300.00
Combined with other sources for total of \$1,190.42 (see below)

Souper Bowl of Caring

\$128.96 in change collected for The Ark.

Pancake Supper

\$382.00 given to The Ark.

Good Friday Offering

\$965.00 for the Church in Jerusalem

Easter Offering

\$745.00 total collected. \$372.50 to ECSM; \$372.50 to Paul's Place

St. Peter's Collection

St. Peter's total \$440.00.
\$240.00 collected from the congregation and combined with outreach from operating budget (see above.).

Best Buddies Maryland/Luke Harlan Marathon

\$310.00 total.
\$160.00 collected from the congregation; \$150.00 matched from Discretionary Fund. Donated to Luke Harlan running the Baltimore Marathon with Team Best Buddies.

Cook-Off and Square Dance

\$165.42 collected and donated to Will Ensor Mission Trip (as follows).

Will Ensor Mission Trip to Kenya with FCA

Total Donated \$1,190.42

165.42	Cook-off/Square Dance
100.00	Women of Immanuel
200.00	Discretionary Fund
300.00	Outreach Operating Budget (see above)
425.00	Individual Gifts from congregation

Total 2012 as of December 1:

\$ 4,661.38

plus assistance from the Discretionary Fund, diocesan outreach from our annual assessment paid to the diocese, and weekly food collections delivered approximately every other month to the Hereford Food Bank. Catonsville Children's Home donations, storm relief efforts, and Christmas offering all still to come in December.

Thank you for all your support, care, and activity in this area of ministry!

Megan+

Vestry Members- Old and New!

We give thanks for the time and ministry of those who rotate off the Vestry at the end of this calendar year: Mary Jane Shanks and Doug Gunn. We appreciate all their prayer, vision, and hard work and look forward to their continued ministries in other areas of parish life. Please meet and welcome our newest Vestry members starting in January 2013: Betty Cummings and Andy Crosby. Both Betty and Andy are long-standing members of Immanuel, have participated in numerous ministries and bring true dedication to their new positions on the Vestry. Thank you for your willingness to serve Immanuel Church!

Rudi Horner
Senior Warden

Sunday School News

Sunday School and Middle School are gearing up for the Christmas pageant on December 27th. Please join us and celebrate all the hard work that goes into it!

Our lessons in December will include lighting the Advent wreath each week as well as preparations for the pageant. Middle schoolers will count Graul's receipts and give an update after

Christmas, as well as share in additional outreach efforts. Watch for further news soon.

Anne Greene
Sunday School Coordinator

Parish Christmas Celebration – The Dinner Before!

Please join us at 6pm for dinner before our second annual Parish Christmas Celebration, Thursday, December 27, 2012. The Women of Immanuel are hosting the dinner, which may be pizza again or it may feature another family favorite! Whatever the menu -- the main course, dessert and drinks will be provided. Donations of \$2.00/person for the dinner are welcome. Please RSVP for the Pageant Dinner Party by December 19, 2012 to the Church office 410-472-2828 or sign up in the Parish Hall.

Rudi Horner
Senior Warden

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals!

We begin rehearsals for the Christmas pageant on Nov. 25 during Sunday School, and will continue to rehearse during Sunday School through Advent. **There will be 2 rehearsals after church, in the sanctuary, on Dec. 16 and 23.** It is important that participants attend Sunday School as much as possible and especially those 2 rehearsals after church. On Dec. 27, the day of the pageant, participants need to be at church at 5pm for a rehearsal before pizza dinner. This is a mandatory rehearsal. There will be an additional special rehearsal for the special effects people that will be arranged with Jen - look for (and answer) an email about this if you are a special effects person (or parent).

Jen Newgent
Director of Music Ministries

Congregational Preludes Return!

During the last 2 weeks of January (the 20th and 27th) and the first 2 weeks of February (the 3rd and 10th), everyone has their chance to play a prelude in church! Any instrument or voice is welcome! If someone would like an accompaniment, I am available to play - or you can accompany each other. If there is enough interest, we will expand it to include Congregational Postludes. Please see or email Jen with your questions or intent to play!

The Children's Choir will sing in the Christmas pageant and then take a short hiatus until January 20, when we will resume.

Jen Newgent
Director of Music Ministries

WRAPPING THINGS UP



Christmas Gifts for
Catonsville Children's Home
December 9, 2012
After Coffee Hour

The Women of Immanuel and the Immanuel Youth Group are joining together this year to prepare gift bags for our group of 10 boys at the Catonsville Children's Home. This is an annual event, but this year we are doing it a little differently than we have in the last several years. The entire congregation can help.

This year we will be giving each boy one item from his wish list, such as socks or t-shirts, a jar of candy, and a gift card(s) totaling \$50 to Walmart, Target, or iTunes. Our youth group will shop to buy wish list item and the candy. The Youth Group Leaders will coordinate this part of the gift giving with the youth group and their parents.

We would like other members of our congregation to donate the gift cards. To insure equality, we are asking interested members of our congregation to donate a gift card(s) in any amount up to and not to exceed \$50 in value. **Gift card donations should be returned to one of the following no later than Sunday morning, December 9:** Donna Sieverts, Mary Jane Shanks, Linda Ambrose, Rudi Horner, or Dary at the church office. Following the services on December 9th, the members of WOI and the Youth Group (and anyone else who would like to join us) will meet after the coffee hour, downstairs in the Parish Hall, to put the gift bags together. We will have some sort of refreshments, either participants bringing something to share or we may order pizza.

Thank you for your generosity in past years, and we hope you will join us in giving this year.

Thank You for Your Support,

Linda Ambrose
Rudi Horner
Mary Jane Shanks
Donna Sieverts

THE BEST EVER COOK-OFF AND SQUARE DANCE

This year forty-two people feasted, opened with the Chicken Dance, jumped to the Electric Slide, and Skipped to the Lou at the *Cook-Off and Square Dance* — and what a night it was! If you

weren't there, you missed the best cook-off we have ever had, the best potluck we have ever had, and the most rousing Square Dance we have ever had. In other words, you missed a lot of fun. A generous, anonymous donor covered the primary expense for Square Dance Caller Gene Fitta. This left the entire proceeds of \$165.42 to go to Outreach.

We asked the judges to vote for two winners this year. It was a very hard choice since there were a record setting 13 entries, all of which were simply delicious. We had a scrumptious appetizer, a delicious potato soup, two super chilies, several delectable sandwich type entries, five mouth-watering desserts, and an old fashioned Root Beer Float. The blue ribbon winners were Cate O'Connor for her *Halloween Pumpkin Cheesecake* and Kate Whatley for her *Fabulous Fiesta Dip*. If there had been a third place winner, it would have been a tie between Andrei Turner's *Cha Cha Chicken Chili* and Lucy Mettee's *Root Beer Floats*. We also gave out 11 ribbons for the Best in Category.

A big THANK YOU goes to the kids who participated and their families who gave us so much support this year: Kate Whatley, Sam Stewart-Sicking, Julia Whatley, Andrei Turner, Alex Whatley, Joe Radek, Louisa Gillam, Ava Turner, Rosemary Gillam, Alec O'Connor, Cate O'Connor, Lucy Mettee, and Henry Traynor. Thank you also goes to Rudi Horner and Mother Megan for their help and advice in the pre-planning, and to Ashby Shanks who helped with set-up, buying supplies (especially the beer and wine), wrapping plastic utensils, and admissions. And thank you to all who helped clean up after all the eating and dancing was over.

Mary Jane Shanks
Mary Jane Shanks,
Coordinator

PROPERTY PERUSAL

It is with great joy that I thank Andy Crosby in my mind each time I drive up Immanuel's beautiful, smooth, safe driveway. No more potholes! An easy path to plow! And I inwardly thank the good stewards at Immanuel who made it possible.

Our dedicated team whose banged-up knuckles make up the Property committee—Andy, Chuck Gilbert, Chad Crowe, Noby Powell, Peter Greene, the Ritter clan and other deputized volunteers worked on one or more of Immanuel's many systems—heating, cooling, electrical, plumbing, grounds, painting and patching, carpentry, cleaning crew, to keep Immanuel beautiful and safe for another year.

We have much to do in the forthcoming year. The rectory roof has been percolating to the top of the stack, and I have promised Megan to get cracking on signage. We'll have not one, but three Eagle Scout projects promised: a nice enclosure built around the oil tank behind the parish hall AND repainting the Sunday School rooms, hooray!—AND a long-desired reworking of the little patio on the northeast corner of the rectory. We finally have the right scout for the job: our own Sam Crosby will be working under the guidance of stonemason Rob Stegman to change a weedy, messy area into a lovely, functional garden that the Stewart-Sickings can use for vegetables, flowers, recreation and entertaining.

It is with regret and relief that I share with you that I'm relinquishing the position of Property Chair as of January. I've enjoyed serving Immanuel for many years in this capacity, but am being pulled too many ways between elderly parents and multiple jobs, and I believe that a new person will give the job the energy it needs. So if you're inclined to learn a little about our historic buildings work, and you enjoy working with an awesome volunteer team, please talk to Megan. It's not really that much work—and you'll never be sorry.

Warmly,
Katie Ritter, Property Chair

*"God gave us our memories so that we might have roses in December."
- J. M. Barrie*

Highlights from the Oct. 9th and Nov. 14th Vestry Meeting

Summary of Oct. 2012 Vestry Meeting

At the October Vestry Meeting, Betsy Powell reported that the cremation scatter garden was finished more quickly than had been expected. Peter Greene and his crew from Davey Tree Company removed the old plantings, most of which were in poor condition, and re-planted the garden. We were fortunate that we had some heavy rain after the garden was planted. We will need to come up with a plan for plaque at some point, but otherwise, the garden is complete. The new garden improves the entrance to the Church, is easy to access and was much less expensive than originally expected. The Vestry is incredibly grateful to Peter Greene and Beth Neubauer, who designed the garden and selected the plantings, for their contributions.

Doug Gunn and Mary Jane Shanks' terms as Vestry members will expire at the end of December and we discussed contacting others within the Church to ask if they would consider serving on the Vestry beginning in January.

Nelly Perkins
Registrar

Summary of Nov. 2012 Vestry Meeting

At its monthly meeting held on Nov. 13, 2012, the Vestry acknowledged that Katie Ritter has notified us of her intended resignation as the Property Committee Chairperson, after years of attentive service. Chad Crowe has been addressing all water leakage issues on behalf of the Property Committee. He reported that the roofer has been surprised to discover that water comes through masonry in the Narthex of the Church, and everyone seeks to get the problem fully analyzed in time to repair it as soon as it's completely understood.

Property Committee members will be studying how best to solve the repeating issue that the

church door blows open if not very tightly latched. The door hangs slightly askew, resulting in this problem. Noby Powell has been working on chimney repairs in the Rectory. We acknowledged that we had excellent, reliable snow removal work performed last year and plan to have the same this winter.

The Vestry discussed the results thus far of our Stewardship Drive for 2013. We're lagging over \$20,000 behind last year, but each attending Vestry member and officer signed up to phone at least one family in the Parish who pledged either for 2012 or another very recent year to discover whether they intend to pledge but need to get a fresh pledge card, or whether they mailed their pledge some weeks ago, but it never arrived, or whether they are unable to pledge for next year.

At our regularly scheduled monthly meeting in December 2012, we will review proposals and approve the Parish's budget for 2013. We have obligations that will absorb most of the money saved by not having an Assisting Priest in 2013. With inflation and the need to pursue repairs for each building on the Church property, the Vestry hopes to approve a budget with less borrowing from our Endowment each year.

Deborah Cunningham



**SHROVE TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

**JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL AT 6:00
PM
\$6/ADULTS; \$3/CHILDREN**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!
MORE INFORMATION TO COME IN NEXT
NEWSLETTER**



Christmas Memorial and Thanksgiving Flowers:

If you would like to celebrate something or honor the memory of a loved one with a Christmas flower offering, please send the form to the Church office by **Monday, December 17th**. We will use money received toward the beautiful greens and decorations in the Church, and print a list of all those Memorials and Thanksgivings for insertion in the Christmas bulletins.

There is no set amount for offerings, so that all may feel welcome to participate. If you send us a check, please note "Christmas Flowers" on the memo line.

(See next page for details.)

Your Name: _____
Telephone: _____

Names(s) to be included on the list of Memorials:

Things/People to be included in the Thanksgivings:

Enclosed is my check for \$_____

Thank you.

Betsy Powell
Flower Guild

Parish Register

Baptisms

November 4, 2012

*Jill Ann Kinney
Angeline Jayne Conner
William Nelson Conner*

Please give to Dary, or email to
Dary@ImmanuelGlencoe.org

2013 Episcopal Calendars are now here!!

Please stop by the Parish Hall and pick yours up today. As always, thanks to Mr. Jay Huff of Brooks-Huff Tire & Auto Centers for providing us with our calendars each year.

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

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.

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
Miss Jen Newgent, Director of Music Ministries, Jen@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

December 2012

Dec. 2		1 Advent/Bishop's Visit No 8am Service	Dec. 20	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School	Dec. 23		4 Advent
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		10:10 a.m.	Sunday School
Dec. 6	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
Dec. 9		2 Advent		11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I	Dec. 24	1:30 p.m.	Broadmead Christmas Svc.
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School	Dec. 24	4:00 p.m.	Eve of the Feast of the Nativity/Children Friendly Svc.
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II		9:30 p.m.	Candelight & Festival H.E. Caroling in the church Beginning at 9pm
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour			
	11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal			
Dec. 11	7:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall	Dec. 27		Parish Christmas Celebration
Dec. 13	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		5:00 p.m.	Pageant Rehearsal
Dec. 16		3 Advent		5:30 p.m.	Parish Pizza Party
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I		7:00 p.m.	Pageant in the Church
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School			
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II	Dec. 30		1 Christmas/1 Svc. Only No 8am Today
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour and Pageant Rehearsal in Church		10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II

January 2013

Jan. 6		The Feast of the Epiphany No 8am Today	Jan. 17	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School	Jan. 20		2 Epiphany
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		10:10 a.m.	Sunday School
Jan. 8	7:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall		10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
Jan. 10	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Jan. 13		1 Epiphany		11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I	Jan. 27		3 Epiphany
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II		10:10 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
				11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
				11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
			Jan. 30	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

