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Immanuel's Messenger
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From the Rector:
It's Finally February!

Well, I'll admit, February isn't exactly the month most of us wait around for. Perhaps we wait for October through December and all the accompanying holidays. Perhaps we wait for summer months with Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. But the Stewart-Sickings have been awaiting this quiet, winter month of February. When Baby Stewart-Sicking finally chooses to arrive, we will let you know via email as well as Sunday announcements.

I first wish to thank everyone who contributed to the parish baby shower in January. I know a lot of behind-the-scenes communication happened in order to coordinate this fun surprise. Of course, there was also set-up and clean-up work that day. Thank you upon thank you goes to all of you who helped with the shower and to all of you who came and contributed. It was a wonderful parish celebration, and our entire family appreciates all the thought, effort, and, of course, gifts!

As we mentioned last month in the newsletter, while I am away for a few weeks of maternity leave, all staff members and ministry leaders will be coordinating their own areas of responsibility as always. If you have a question or concern about a particular area, please contact the staff person or ministry leader in that area as you normally would. Anything that cannot be dealt with immediately will be placed on a list for my return. A partial list of staff members and ministry leaders is found following this article, just to remind you of who does what. Isn't it

amazing how many leaders keep things going all the time?--- and there are more than just these! Please note that the Wardens are left in charge of the parish in the Rector's absence, and Rudi and Doug are happy to help you find the right person should you need assistance in any area. A wonderful first contact if you have questions is also Dary in the parish office. Send her an email or leave her a message, and she can help with almost anything!

A listing of Sundays and who will be visiting for each appears at the end of this article as well. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet leaders and learn about *Ministries Around the Diocese*. Please come to church regularly to support these guest clergy and to meet some really interesting and talented people! I look forward to a full report on what you experience!

- The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

Maternity Leave Sundays: A Fun Way to Meet Leaders and Learn About Ministries Around the Diocese

Feb 19 Last Epiphany/Transfiguration
The Rev. Dr. Joseph Stewart-Sicking
*Asst. Professor of Pastoral
Counseling and Spiritual Care
Loyola University Maryland*
(Or, if Megan+ in hospital at that time,
The Rev. Kingsley Smith on call)

Feb 26 1 Lent The Rev. Canon Stuart Wright
*Diocesan Transitions Minister and
Director for Human Resources*

March 4 2 Lent The Rev. Canon Daniel
Webster
*Canon for Evangelism and
Ministry Development*

March 11 3 Lent (Time Change!)
The Rev. Canon Angela Shepherd
Canon for Mission and Outreach

March 18 4 Lent The Rev. Kingsley Smith

March 25 5 Lent The Rev. Kingsley Smith

April 1 Palm Sunday The Rev. Thelma Smullen
Parish Consultant

April 8 Easter Day
The Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking
*8am The Rev. Kingsley Smith with
organ, no choir. 10:15am The Rev.
Megan Stewart-Sicking, Celebrant, with
the baptism of Baby Stewart-Sicking.*

April 15 2 Easter The Rev. Kingsley Smith

April 22 3 Easter Ms. Mabeth Hudson
*Co-founder Well for the
Journey;*
www.wellforjourney.org
with celebrant The Rev. Megan or
The Rev. Dr. Joseph Stewart-Sicking

April 29 4 Easter The Rector Returns!!!

Need Help While the Rector is “Away?”

Should you have a need during the Rector’s maternity leave, please contact the ministry coordinator or staff member in that area as you usually would. As a general reminder, if you need assistance in these areas, please contact the following:

Dary Schmidt (Parish Administrator)
*Bulletin, Newsletter, Scheduling Space Use,
Parish Calendar, Any General Office Issues or
General Questions*

Rudi Horner (Senior Warden) and Doug Whatley
(Junior Warden)
*General Church Oversight, Staff Issues,
Personnel Issues, Approval of Space Usage (for
new groups), Vestry Meetings*

Chuck Gilbert (Treasurer) and Cathy Tipper
(Finance Staff)
Property Issues, Budget, Finance Questions, Bills

The Rev. Kingsley Smith (Assisting Priest)
*Pastoral Emergencies, Illness, Death, Personal
Crisis, Funerals*

Jen Newgent (Director of Music Ministries)
Choirs and Music

Anne Greene (Sunday School Coordinator)
Sunday School

Susan Anthony (Parish Growth Chair) and Rudi
Horner (Senior Warden)
*Newcomers- Collecting Information,
Greeting/Calling, Letters of Transfer*

Cynthia Ballard (Sunday Morning Schedules)
*Information or changes for ushers, acolytes,
chalicists, etc.*

Betsy Powell (Flower Guild Chair)
Flowers

Anne Somerville or Mary Jane Shanks (Altar
Guild)
Altar needs or altar guild issues

All other concerns should be directed to the Senior and Junior Wardens and will be responded to or placed on a list for the Rector upon her return. If you are unsure about a question, please contact Dary in the parish office and she will point you in the right direction! Thank you!

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

Research: "Back to the stacks"?

No--more often it will be "ogle Google." You see, my next big thing to do is write a history of the Diocese of Maryland, whose historiographer I have been since 1996. For this I will use three tools: access to the vast resources posted on the Internet; visits to as many of our 110 congregations as I can to get their stories on site; and, yes, spending lots of time in our Diocesan Archives at the Cathedral.

The first will be facilitated by the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists, whose conferences I attend each year, and the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church; I have been a member of these for about 17 years.

The second will be possible as my duties at Immanuel are reduced after Easter; I have never visited about 50 of the congregations, mostly in western and southern Maryland.

The third is our wonderful F. Garner Ranney Memorial Archives, unsurpassed and scarcely equaled in any other diocese, where our archivist, Mary Klein, is immensely helpful and knowledgeable.

In my years at Immanuel I have learned once again how important it is to "know where you've been so you know where you're going." The Anglican Episcopal Church started in colonial Maryland in 1632; I am determined that our history will be not only an accurate chronicle of the past but also an inspiration for the next 380 years for the mission of the reformed catholic Christians of this Diocese.

The Rev. Kingsley Smith

HOTCAKES ARE SERVED ON SHROVE TUESDAY

February 21, 2012

Help us celebrate Shrove (or Fat) Tuesday at Immanuel's annual Pancake Supper beginning at 6 PM on February 21st in the Parish Hall. Once again we will serve pancakes, hominy, sausage, fruit, and the Stewart-Sicking's traditional ice cream sundaes. If the Stewart-Sickings are too busy with the new baby to worry about shopping for sundae supplies, we will carry on their much-anticipated Sundae tradition in 2012.

We need you and your family and friends to make this celebration a success. To help in buying groceries, please let us know your intentions by reserving your spots in advance on the sign-up sheet located on the **MARDI GRAS TABLE** in the Parish Hall. If that isn't convenient, you can also call Mary Jane Shanks at 410-557-6047 or email mjshanks@zoominternet.net. The fee is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

A flyer is attached to this newsletter. Please print it out and pass it around to all your immediate and extended family.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP. There is a Volunteer Sign-up Sheet at the **MARDI GRAS TABLE** in the Parish Hall, as well as some extra flyers.

After supper, around 7 PM, we will form a parade and march over to the church for a special service. We hope to see you all there.

M. J. Shanks
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À Bientot and Hasta Luego to Our Rector!

Sometime this month, our Rector will begin her maternity leave and when she returns, we will meet the newest member of her family! Given this electronic age, I'm sure we will learn a bit about Baby Stewart-Sicking before meeting him in person. Meanwhile, Mother Megan has prepared a stellar lineup of priests to lead us in worship on Sunday mornings. Now that she has done her job to plan the schedule, our job is to show up, welcome the guests and engage our minds and hearts with their messages. Please make every effort to come and show our guests that Immanuel Church, Glencoe, is indeed a great place to be on Sunday mornings!

Rudi Horner, Senior Warden

Highlights from the January 10th Vestry Meeting

The Vestry met in January and welcomed three new members – Peggy Taliaferro, Suzanne Supplee and Linda Ambrose. The new Vestry Members took their oaths of office and the four Officers – Rudi Horner as Senior Warden, Doug Whatley as Junior Warden, Chuck Gilbert as Treasurer and Nelly Perkins as Registrar – were re-elected to their positions for another year.

In place of a typical business agenda, the Vestry held a Mutual Ministry Review. This is an annual event which gives the Vestry and Officers an opportunity to review with Megan what the Church is doing well and what areas we believe could be improved. The discussion was positive and constructive, and will enable us to set goals for the coming year.

One item highlighted as an area of concern by the Vestry is the fact that Immanuel has a core group of parishioners who are actively involved in all Church activities. We would like to expand this group and see more members of the parish

engaged. This is for many reasons, not the least of which is ensuring that the core group of active volunteers is not overwhelmed or “burned out”.

A common theme during the Mutual Ministry Review was the fact that every member of the Church's staff – including Megan – is a part-time employee. It is easy to forget this in light of all that has been accomplished since Megan's arrival at Immanuel just two years ago. We have already achieved our 2012 Stewardship Goal which means we will draw less than we have in previous years from the Investment Fund. We had a very successful and well attended Christmas Pageant and Church Celebration Dinner on December 27th. We have started a Middle School Youth Group. The Church's Music Program has been expanded to include a Children's Choir. Plans are in place to begin a Nursery for child care during the 10:15 a.m. Sunday Service. We have expanded our Outreach efforts to include regular donations to the Hereford Food Bank. These are just a few examples of what has been achieved over the last two years since Megan became our Rector.

The congregation will have an opportunity to provide feedback in a similar ministry/Church review exercise when we have small group discussions later in the year much like what we did last year.

Nelly Perkins, Registrar

Sunday School News

January has been productive in Sunday School, focusing on the New Testament and Jesus' life and teachings. In February we will discuss the Transfiguration and Lent. We would also like to welcome Darcy Turner as a new teacher! Be sure to save your spare change for the Middle School's charity, the Souper Bowl of Caring. In addition to your own bowls at home, we will have a collection bowl at Coffee Hour until our collection date Feb 12th.

Anne Greene
Sunday School Coordinator

Women of Immanuel

I think we did it. The Parish surprised Mother Megan with a baby shower on January 15th. Thanks to all for your help with the baby shower especially Melissa Whatley, Rudi Horner, Jane Drumm, Donna Sieverts, Mary Jane Shanks, Bobbi Ensor, Eva Whiteley, Dary Schmidt and to the Parish for keeping this under your "umbrella". This was truly a team effort from everyone in the Parish! Best Wishes to Megan, Joe and Sam on the coming addition to their family.

The Women of Immanuel will be hosting the following 2012 events; Annual bus trip (to be announced), Parish Celebration on Sunday, May 20, 2012, Scholarship for Diocesan-Sponsored Camp and other Youth Trips and Christmas gift giving to the Catonsville Children's Home. All the women of Immanuel are part of this wonderful group. Look for the WOI January, 2012 letter with additional information on the Women of Immanuel. Our next meeting is March 11, 2012 after the 10:15 church service.

Linda Ambrose

Property Perusal

The property committee, in mid-winter, operates much like a garden. Unless there is an emergency of some kind, we are quiet and it looks as if not much is happening! But conversations happen, things get planned, contracts are reviewed, and we try to get our energies up for the coming year's projects.

Let us take this quiet small moment, then, to annually ask all to please help keep heating costs down by dressing for the season. Let us live with nature, dress warmly in layers, don hats, and keep the heat cool. If you are able, a bundled-up brisk walk outdoors on winter days offers a wonderful approach to turning down thermostats, increasing health, and keeping winter spirits up.

Please watch your step into and out of the church and buildings. The steps and walks may be icy and slippery if we have a cold wet winter.

"From December to March, there are for many of us three gardens: the garden outdoors, the garden of pots and bowls in the house, and the garden of the mind's eye." - Katherine S. White

Katie Aiken 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.

2012 Offering Envelopes

2012 Offering Envelopes are available in the Parish Hall for those who have requested them. Please be sure to use your new offering envelopes starting **Sunday, January 2, 2012**. The new envelope numbers have been entered into the computer and will track your giving throughout 2012. **Please dispose of any old offering envelopes**, as those numbers no longer correspond with your 2012 giving record. If you would like to order offering envelopes, please call the church office.

2012 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.

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”

Thank you Sarah Ebert for again volunteering to collect and tally the cash register receipts for the “Cash for Kids” program. The program began September 26, 2011 and runs through March 25, 2012. The receipts are **BLUE** this year. Please collect them and deposit them in the container provided in the church vestibule. For each \$25,000 collected in blue Graul’s cash register receipts, we will receive a check in the amount of \$250 to benefit our Sunday School.

So far we have collected \$11,319.68 in receipts. We have a long way to go!!

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.

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 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
The Rev. Kingsley Smith, Assisting Priest, Kingsley@ImmanuelGlencoe.org
Miss Jen Newgent, Director of Music Ministries, Jen@ImmanuelGlencoe.org
Ms. Dary Schmidt, Parish Administrator, Dary@ImmanuelGlencoe.org
Ms. Anne Greene, Church School Administrator, Anne@ImmanuelGlencoe.org
Ms. Cathy Tipper, Business Manager, Cathy@ImmanuelGlencoe.org

Vestry and Officers

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

February 2012

Feb. 2	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Feb. 19		
Feb. 5	8:00 a.m.	5 Epiphany/Boy Scout Sunday Holy Eucharist I		8:00 a.m.	Last Epiphany Holy Eucharist I
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School		10:10 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer Rite I		10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
	11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Feb. 20	11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
Feb. 7	7:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall	Feb. 21	6:00 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Mardi Gras Party
Feb. 9	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal		7:00 p.m.	Ash Wed. Prayer Service
Feb. 12	8:00 a.m.	6 Epiphany Holy Eucharist I	Feb. 22	10:00 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist II (with ashes, no music)
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II	Feb. 23		
	11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal			
Feb. 16	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Feb. 26	8:00 a.m.	1 Lent Holy Eucharist I
Feb. 17	2:30 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline		10:10 a.m.	Sunday School
				10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
				11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
			Feb. 27	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter Team Meets

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER AT IMMANUEL GLENCOE

IT'S FAT TUESDAY!

**February 21, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall
\$6/Adults; \$3/Children**

**Join Us for Pancakes, Hominy, Sundaes
and Mardi Gras Fun and Fellowship**

**Then join the parade of Saints to the church for a
special Prayer Service to begin Lent.**

Please let us know your intentions:

*(It will help in knowing how much to cook. If you can't commit now,
don't let that stop you from coming impromptu.)*

I plan to attend _____ . There will be _____ in my party.

Name _____

YES, I want to help with the following:

**Set Up _____ Serving _____
Clean Up _____ Collect Admission _____
Cook Hominy (become a Hominy Hon) _____
Provide a supplementary dish (fruit, etc.) _____**



**Please call, mail, or email your reply by Feb. 16 to: Mary Jane Shanks, 3821
Marcus Ct., Monkton 21111; 410-557-6047; mjshanks@zoominternet.net**



**Or sign up during coffee hours!
Look for the Mardi Gras Table.**