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*Immanuel's Messenger*  
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## *From the Rector:*

### *Baby Stewart-Sicking is Coming!*

As many of you already know, the Stewart-Sicking family has an addition due in late February. We are expecting this addition to come in the form of a boy, and we are thrilled to welcome Sam's little brother whenever he chooses to arrive!

All this has meant a lot of preparation around the Rectory. Sam's floor has finally been redone. (Hooray! And thank you to the generous donors who made this possible this year!) The baby's room has been painted blue. By the time you read this, the nursery furniture will have arrived, and Joe will have put together the crib (we hope!). We have dug out all the hand-me-down newborn clothes and started to figure out what we still have, what we have lost in the last six years, and what new things we need for this baby.

Of course, all of this also means a great deal of preparation around Immanuel. All staff members have annual reviews completed and have met with me to plan their work while I am away on maternity leave. Dary has helped create all the bulletins, and by mid-January, all bulletins through most of April will be completed and ready to print!

While I am "away", 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. This will be updated as necessary this month and reprinted in our next newsletter. Please note that the Wardens are left in charge of the parish in my absence, and Rudi and Doug are happy to help you find the right person should you need assistance in any area. Dary is also a good point of contact, as she knows almost everything!

As for Sundays—I am jealous! I just might sneak into the undercroft to hear some of these *fabulous* guests who will be in our midst. A listing of Sundays and who will be visiting for each appears at the end of this newsletter, and please look for more information in February. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet leaders and learn about *Ministries Around the Diocese*.

Thank you for all your support in getting ready for this family and parish adventure. Please call or email with questions anytime.

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

## ***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, chaliceists, 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. Thank you!

## ***A holiday of Holy Days***

Alexander Shaia (now summering this winter in New Zealand) taught us last year that the 12 days of Christmas have a deep significance for us.

Christmas is a season of timeliness. That's why the church enhances the Birth of the Messiah by observing four other significant days: the feast of Stephen, "protomartyr," the first Christian to die for the faith, the only such story in the New Testament; John the Evangelist, the powerful witness to how the suffering messiah is the eternal Word of God and Savior of the world; Holy Innocents, the pitiful human victims of vicious inhumanity, a stark reminder of what it is we need to be saved from; and, on January 1, Holy Name day, when Jesus was circumcised as a sign of how essential the Hebrew Covenant is, marked by his being named "Joshua," savior.

On New Year's Day at 10:15 we will observe these wonderful signs and their meaning to all of us. Also, Jen Newgent having a Sunday off, our musician will be my old friend Warren Glock. Whoever heard of going to church the morning after New Year's Eve? We do! Resolution #1: Come and bring your friends.

~~Kingsley Smith

## **Vestry Members- Old and New!**

We give thanks for the time and ministry of those who rotated off the vestry at the end of 2011: Gayle Hagan, Bunkie Hopkins, Pam Swanson, and Mary Frances Wagley. 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 as of January, 2012: Linda Ambrose, Chad Crowe, Suzanne Supplee, and Peggy

Taliaferro. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

-Mother Megan

## *A Two-Year Anniversary*

Two years ago, in January 2010, our parish embarked on a new beginning with a new rector. Just think of all the wonderful new traditions we have begun, and others we've updated, and still others to which we have bid a fond farewell. Immanuel is undergoing a very healthy period of growth and evolution and everyone has been involved in more ways than one! Let us continue to give thanks for the ministry of our rector among us and for the myriad ministries of the faith community of Immanuel Church.

Happy New Year!  
Rudi Horner, Senior Warden

## *Dear Fellow Parishioners:*

With exemplary faith our treasurer Chuck Gilbert proposed and the Vestry approved the 2012 budget with the line item for pledge income at \$135,000. This is an increase of \$15,000 (11%) over last year. I must admit that this made your Stewardship chair a bit nervous. However, as I write in mid-December, 69 households have pledged \$134,422. I am confident that we will have reached the budgeted figure by the time you receive this newsletter. I hope we will all smile as we recall the Gospel reading for the Sunday of our Annual Meeting which includes the commendation: "Well done, good and faithful servant(s)." (Mat.25:21)

Faithfully yours,  
Mary Frances Wagley, Stewardship Chair

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

The Vestry approved the 2012 Operating Budget at the December meeting. Because we have already come within a few hundred dollars of achieving our \$135,000 Stewardship goal for 2012 and because we have been working diligently to manage operating expenses, the approved budget assumes we will draw less from the Investment Fund than we have in recent years. This is wonderful news and represents the combined efforts of many including Megan+ and Mary Frances Wagley, our outgoing Stewardship Chair.

Megan+ has completed Job Descriptions and Offer Letters for all Church employees and is working now on I-9 forms for all. Child Abuse Prevention training, a Diocesan requirement for Church staff, is planned for January 30<sup>th</sup>. Adult Misconduct Training, which is also a requirement, will take place later in the Spring.

Megan+ will be on vacation for the two weeks immediately following Christmas. She has made extensive plans for her maternity leave which is scheduled to begin February 19<sup>th</sup> and will continue for approximately nine weeks. She has arranged for guest clergy to be with us each Sunday while she is on leave. Megan+ has termed this time "Get to Know Ministers and Ministries of the Church" as this will be a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to meet others in the Church.

The Vestry voted to donate \$1,000, earmarked for Outreach in the 2011 budget, **plus** whatever is collected from the Christmas offering, to three charities – 1) UCAN, 2) the Hereford Food Bank which, per Susan Anthony's recent announcement in Church, is in particular need, and 3) the Maryland Fuel Fund. These charities are local (UCAN and the Hereford Food Bank, in particular) and are ones Immanuel has supported in the past.

Nelly Perkins, Registrar

## ***Sunday School News***

December has been fun and focused practicing for the Christmas pageant. Many thanks to Jen Newgent for directing a great pageant and keeping us on task! Looking ahead to January will bring us to the Epiphany in Sunday School and the Middle Schoolers will introduce the Souper Bowl of Caring. Start saving your spare change!

[Anne Greene](#)

Sunday School Coordinator

## ***From our Music Department...***

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Christmas pageant!

Children's choir will begin again on January 15, at 11:45am.

We are still looking for people to play preludes in January! If you would like to play, email Jen to arrange which Sunday.

Jen Newgent  
Director of Music Ministries

## ***Property Perusal***

*One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: to rise above the little things.*

~John Burroughs

We are aware when something is broken—but not usually once it's fixed and working, it simply blends into life, unnoticed. So we like to sing praises!

2012: we're hard at work on figuring out what

needs to be done in the new year to keep Immanuel safe, warm and welcoming. We almost certainly should replace our boiler and fix the driveway; and the property committee voted to accept the BGE program which will replace some inefficient lighting fixtures...with BGE picking up 80% of the cost!

Most recently, 'thank you' goes to:  
Andy Crosby, thank you for overseeing the nice smooth bedroom floor in Sam's room!  
Noby Powell, thank you for fixing the men's toilet and the parish hall kitchen sink and for working on the light timers.

Peter Greene, thank you for overseeing the big tree removal.

Gabe and Mark Ritter, thank you for putting smoke and CO2 detectors in the undercroft, Sunday school, offices and kitchen...and for shoveling up a truckload of ground-up tree stump and doing a dump run.

Chuck Gilbert, thank you for fixing the light timers, and for babying our boiler along and meeting frequently with McComas.

Chad Crowe and Doug Gunn, thank you for helping out throughout the year...and in the coming year!

And Megan, thank you so much for helping on property stuff.

We also contracted with my sons Gabe and Ben to work on repairing the Altar Guild cabinet and painting the undercroft bathroom a sunny yellow.

While he was there, Gabe volunteered some of the other "honey-do" list items, including fixing the undercroft outside door (YAY!) and the choir closet door. Thank you, Gabe and Ben.

May we all find the energy to be productive this year and to make progress on things large and small.

*New Year's eve is like every other night; there is no pause in the march of the universe...yet no [one] has quite the same thoughts this evening*

*that come with the coming of darkness on other nights.* ~Hamilton Wright Mabie

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.

## ***Women of Immanuel***

Next meeting of the Women of Immanuel is Sunday, January 22, 2012 after the 10:15 am church service in the Parish Hall. All women of Immanuel are invited to attend. The top item on the agenda is the annual bus trip. We will be finalizing plans on the location and date. This was on the agenda for the December 7th meeting which was cancelled due to flooding and snow.

Linda Ambrose

## ***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 only collected \$1,647.31 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](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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Ms. Dary Schmidt, Parish Administrator, [Dary@ImmanuelGlencoe.org](mailto:Dary@ImmanuelGlencoe.org)  
Ms. Anne Greene, Church School Administrator, [Anne@ImmanuelGlencoe.org](mailto:Anne@ImmanuelGlencoe.org)  
Ms. Cathy Tipper, Business Manager, [Cathy@ImmanuelGlencoe.org](mailto: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

## January 2012

<p><b>Jan. 1</b> 10:15 a.m. <b>The Holy Name/One Svc. Only</b> Eucharist II</p> <p><b>Jan. 2</b> <b>Office Closed</b></p> <p><b>Jan. 5</b> 7:30 p.m. <b>Choir Rehearsal</b></p> <p><b>Jan. 8</b> 8:00 a.m. <b>1 Epiphany</b> Holy Eucharist I 10:10 a.m. <b>Sunday School</b> 10:15 a.m. <b>Holy Eucharist II</b></p> <p><b>Jan. 10</b> 7:30 p.m. <b>Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall</b></p> <p><b>Jan. 11</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>Adult Education</b></p> <p><b>Jan. 12</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>Choir Rehearsal</b></p> <p><b>Jan. 15</b> 8:00 a.m. <b>2 Epiphany</b> Holy Eucharist I 10:10 a.m. <b>Sunday School</b> 10:15 a.m. <b>Holy Eucharist II</b> 11:45 a.m. <b>Children’s Choir Rehearsal</b></p>	<p><b>Jan. 19</b> 7:30 p.m. <b>Choir Rehearsal</b></p> <p><b>Jan. 22</b> 8:00 a.m. <b>3 Epiphany</b> Holy Eucharist I 10:10 a.m. <b>Sunday School</b> 10:15 a.m. <b>Holy Eucharist II</b> 11:45 a.m. <b>Children’s Choir Rehearsal</b></p> <p><b>Jan. 26</b> 7:30 p.m. <b>Choir Rehearsal</b></p> <p><b>Jan. 29</b> 8:00 a.m. <b>4 Epiphany</b> Holy Eucharist I 10:10 a.m. <b>Sunday School</b> 10:15 a.m. <b>Holy Eucharist II</b> 11:45 a.m. <b>Children’s Choir Rehearsal</b></p>
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## **A Sneak Peak: Maternity Leave Sundays**

### ***A Fun Way to Meet Leaders and Learn About Ministries Around the Diocese***

Feb 19	Last Epiphany/Transfig	The Rev. Dr. Joseph Stewart-Sicking <i>Asst. Professor of Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Care Loyola University Maryland</i> (Or, if Megan+ in hospital at that time, The Rev. Kingsley Smith on call)
Feb 26	1 Lent	The Rev. Canon Stuart Wright <i>Diocesan Transitions Minister and Director for Human Resources</i>
March 4	2 Lent	The Rev. Canon Daniel Webster <i>Canon for Evangelism and Ministry Development</i>
March 11	3 Lent (Time Change!)	The Rev. Canon Angela Shepherd <i>Canon for Mission and Outreach</i>
March 18	4 Lent	The Rev. Kingsley Smith
March 25	5 Lent	The Rev. Kingsley Smith
April 1	Palm Sunday	The Rev. Thelma Smullen <i>Parish Consultant</i>
April 8	Easter Day	The Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking (Possible Baptism of Baby Stewart-Sicking or will take place later in the year.)
April 15	2 Easter	The Rev. Kingsley Smith
April 22	3 Easter	Ms. Mabeth Hudson <i>Co-founder Well for the Journey; <a href="http://www.wellforjourney.org">www.wellforjourney.org</a></i> with celebrant The Rev. Megan or The Rev. Dr. Joseph Stewart-Sicking
April 29	4 Easter	The Rector Returns!!!