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*Immanuel's Messenger*  
*July, 2012*

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## *From the Rector:*

### *Important Summer Reminders*

#### **Beginning July 1- Service TIME CHANGE.**

Please remember that our summer service time will change to 9:30 am beginning July 1. It will remain at 9:30 am through Labor Day Weekend.

**July 15 at 4 pm- “Mass in the Grass”** and Summer Social Sunday. We will hold a casual, outdoor Eucharist followed by a cookout. Main dish, drinks, and dessert will be provided. Please bring chips, fruit, or a side dish to share. Bring your kids’ bike or tricycle (and helmet!) and we’ll park cars around the circle and cemetery entrance so part of the lot can be used for bikes. There will also be footballs and basketballs and plenty of time for kids to run and play the remainder of the day away!

**July 29, August 26- “Pick Your Own Hymns Sundays”** with special sermon series. At each “Pick your own hymns Sunday,” you will be invited to list a hymn or two you would love to sing along with its number on a card. Then, every time we reach a point in the service when we sing a hymn, a card will be pulled from the basket and we sing it! The sermon on these days will be a fun and educational series talking about a particular hymn, its words, and/or its composer so we can learn about and celebrate our wide diversity of music.

Please also note the remaining summer concert series dates in this newsletter and on the “concerts” page of our website. I look forward to seeing you at many of these events!

- The Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking

## *From our Music Department...*

### *Summer Concert Series!*

July 22 - The Missing Chums will join us for worship and then present a concert during and extra special (and extra large) Lemonade on the Lawn! Bring your picnic blanket or lawn chairs - while we eat, they will sing! The program will include music in several different languages, about various subjects, including some written by Paul Schlitz. One of Paul's is a stunning setting of a poem about a group of 4 boys who sing so beautifully that no one who hears them will ever forget - it might be my favorite Schlitz piece so far.

Put on your calendars - August 12, 4pm - Early Music With Jen and Friends - Jen Newgent has been collecting her friends and their instruments for a concert of music written before 1750. Instruments of various kinds and combinations will be represented - including some that you probably have never seen before!

Jen Newgent  
Director of Music Ministries

## ***Highlights from the June 12<sup>th</sup> Vestry Meeting***

Ashby Shanks, Chair of the Cemetery Committee, attended the June Vestry Meeting to discuss further the committee's proposal for a cremation garden. The committee has done an excellent job researching the garden and making recommendations. Because there has been much ongoing discussion about the cremation garden and a survey taken, the committee has received meaningful feedback which has been used to modify their original proposal.

We walked to the cemetery the night of the June Vestry Meeting and looked at potential locations for the cremation garden, and discussed the positives and negatives of each. After Ashby left the meeting, the Vestry discussed the alternative locations for the garden and determined additional information was needed to make an informed decision/recommendation. We created a short list of questions for Ashby and the Cemetery Committee. We will discuss this further when we meet in July.

The Vestry agreed, based on feedback from the Small Group Discussions in May, that we should change the time of the Sunday church service from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM beginning Sunday, July 1. We will see if summer attendance improves with a later start!

Nelly Perkins, Registrar

## ***Property Perusal***

Did we ever report that a beautiful, affordable, safe wood floor has been installed in Sam Stewart-Sicking's bedroom, over the old splintered (and lead-paint-positive) one that had been there? After much work and research, a good fit was found and the floor (which you heard about earlier) was finally installed. It blends beautifully with the existing historic flooring in

the rectory, and is a safe surface for Sam and baby brother Simon to crawl about and play on. Thanks to all who helped with this project.

A test patch has been installed in one of the worst potholes in the driveway, to see how it weathers the summer. We anticipate doing a little more patching so that our drive will hopefully hold for several more years—allowing us to postpone a more expensive repaving project.

The undercroft has been decorated with lots of lemony strips, those being paint samples in a variety of sunny yellows. Since the choir uses that space the most, Jen Newgent has been tasked with deciding which particular fresh color will be best. We'll be repainting over the summer.

Our new friends from Penn Mar are busy working out a routine for cleaning the twenty-plus rooms in the Church and Parish Hall. Please do say hello to them if you stop by to work on something! We'll check in with them in July to see what needs to be tweaked. Please let me know if you notice any improvements or needed work.

What's a property-chair mother to do? With a growing list of tasks beyond the scope of our volunteer abilities--and three sons who supply excellent honey-do work—we tasked “Team Ritter Boys” to knock out some of the bigger projects. To Sam's delight, Gabe arrived in his big truck with very tall ladders and his brothers Zach and Ben, to clean the overflowing rectory gutters and power wash the rectory—which is now sparkling white again. Ben tackled a set of badly cracking plaster ceilings in the rectory, scraping and sanding overhead like Michelangelo for several days and repainting. A powder room and the undercroft are scheduled for July—and they have to answer to Mom for quality control!

*“Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.”*

*? Henry James*

Katie Ritter, Property Chair

## ***The Bees are Back!***

Every spring, we are reminded that Immanuel's Parish Hall is home to a thriving hive of honey bees. They live in the roof just above the vestibule as you enter the Parish Hall from the parking lot. These are the *good* ones – the same ones that have been dying out in record numbers in other places. They make their presence known flying around the entrance – just be quick as you enter or leave the Parish Hall and ignore them.

## ***Women of Immanuel begins a new year:***

### ***WE'D LIKE TO BEGIN WITH YOU***

The Women of Immanuel brought another successful year to a close at their annual potluck dinner meeting on June 6th, this year at the home of Mary Jane Shanks. Our small band celebrated with wine and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a scrumptious meal that only the Women of Immanuel can put together.

Afterward, we reviewed the year's business and events, including the delightful 2012 bus trip to Chesapeake City and Mt. Harmon Plantation. Finally, the conversation turned to a recurring topic. How can we attract more women to our ministry? We know the obstacles: demanding work schedules, active family life, other obligations to the church and community, and time for oneself. What can we do to entice our women to squeeze WOI into their busy lives? It is a question yet to be answered, but we will not shirk the challenge.

As we begin a new year, it's good to look at what WOI does offer someone who may be thinking about becoming involved. Foremost, we offer friendship and fellowship. Currently WOI is made up of women whose combined experiences, talent and age reflects just about everything that can happen in a woman's life. There is a wealth of knowledge and wisdom among these women. It is

a group that thoroughly enjoys coming together to share and support one another, and to support the church in ways that work within each individual's timetable and ability.

Currently we have no President or Vice President, so we have trimmed down our load and are sharing the responsibilities. We have committed to two traditional events that now run almost on Auto-pilot: Christmas gifts and wrapping for Catonsville Children's Home, and planning and hosting the Annual Bus Trip. In 2011, we also helped with the Annual Meeting and the Parish Celebration Day and we organized the first Pizza Night for the Children's Christmas Pageant, which was such a success that we will do it again this year. We have four meetings a year, including the dinner in June. Most of our meetings now take place after the 10:15 AM service on Sunday. We figure that since you are there already, it is a small step to join us for an hour of camaraderie. We are interested in you and new ideas, no arm-twisting allowed.

Our next meeting is Sunday, September 16. Grab a bite at the coffee hour and then join us. We think we have much to offer one another.

M. J. Shanks

### ***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***

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Doug Gunn, Tara McDonough, Betsy Powell, Mary Jane Shanks,  
Suzanne Supplee, and Peggy Taliaferro

## July 2012

<b>Jul 1</b>	<b>5 Pentecost</b> 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II 10:30 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn	<b>Jul 22</b>	<b>8 Pentecost</b> 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II 10:15 a.m. <b>Summer Concert Series-2 of 3; The Missing Chums perform outdoors</b>
<b>Jul 4</b>	<b>Independence Day - Office Closed</b>		10:30 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
<b>Jul 8</b>	<b>6 Pentecost</b> 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II 10:30 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn	<b>Jul 29</b>	<b>9 Pentecost/Choose your own hymn Sunday</b> 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II 10:30 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
<b>Jul 10</b>	7:30 p.m. <b>Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall</b>		
<b>Jul 15</b>	<b>7 Pentecost</b> 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II 10:30 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn 4:00 p.m. <b>“Mass in the Grass” - Outdoor Eucharist &amp; Cookout</b>		