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Immanuel's Messenger
March, 2012

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From the Rector:

Please remember that I will be on maternity leave until late April. Thank you all for your support, prayers, and extra work during this time. For more information on Sunday plans and anything else you might need, please visit the parish website. There are informational documents listed at the bottom of the home page.

I look forward to celebrating the 10:15am service on Easter Day with you. I hope that you will join us for the Festival Holy Eucharist customary for our congregation, as well as the baptism of Simon Francis Stewart-Sicking!

- 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 Simon Francis 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!!!

Outreach News

Some recent outreach offerings and reminders... The total for our Christmas Offering, collected in special envelopes through early January, was \$1,069. The vestry also designated a \$1,000 end-of-year gift in 2011 to be shared by the same three organizations. This means that \$689 each went to the Hereford Food Bank, UCAN, and the Maryland Fuel Fund. Thanks to the support of the vestry and operating budget as well as the generosity of each of you who donated at Christmas, the three organizations have been well-supported by Immanuel in the first half of 2012 and continue their important ministries here in our local community.

The Middle School Youth Group also collected spare change for the *Souper Bowl of Caring* during late January and early February. This organization raises awareness about hunger issues annually around the time of the Super Bowl. Each group reports their total collection to the national organization but decides for itself where to send the money locally. Our youth group, like last year, chose to support The Ark, a preschool for homeless children in Baltimore associated with Episcopal Community Services of Maryland. Thank you for your generosity in supporting both our youth group and The Ark!

As always, we appreciate your weekly donations of non-perishable food items for the Hereford Food Bank. Children are always welcome to bring their own donations (or extras provided by others) forward during the offertory procession. As we gather for our Eucharistic Feast around the table, this is an important reminder of those in need and our call to reach out to others. Also, look for news forthcoming about proceeds from the Pancake Supper and the Easter Offering, both of which will benefit outreach.

The Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking

Upcoming Lent and Easter Services

Sunday, April 1: Palm Sunday. Usual services at 8am and 10:15am.

Thursday, April 5: Maundy Thursday.

7:00pm. Our church's favorite choral group, *The Missing Chums*, along with members of our choir, will make a musical offering of Jeremiah's lamentations during the first part of the service. Communion will follow.

Friday, April 6: Good Friday. 12 Noon. The Proper Liturgy for Good Friday with the Rev. Kingsley Smith. (no music)

Sunday, April 8: Easter Day.

8:00am Holy Eucharist (Rite II) with organ and hymns, no choir. Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Kingsley Smith.

10:15am Festival Holy Eucharist (Rite II) with organ and adult choir. Includes the baptism of Simon Francis Stewart-Sicking. Celebrant: The Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking. Preacher: Dr. Diana Butler Bass. Dr. Bass is a family friend and will give the homily for Easter. She is in great demand around the country, and we are thrilled to have her with us on this Easter Day, especially during the season of the launch of her new book.

2:00pm Broadmead Service.

Keep the Ark afloat!

In February our children got us into the Souper Bowl, that is, collected our loose change to be sent to The Ark, a preschool for homeless children sponsored by the Episcopal Community Services of Maryland. This was no mere nickel-and-dime offering; so far we've gathered **\$128.96**, plus the profits from the Shrove Tuesday supper which totaled **\$382.00**.

So, what is The Ark? Briefly, it's the only accredited day care center for homeless preschoolers in Baltimore. The Ark provides care to for up to 20 children ages 3 to 5 year olds when the shelters are closed. They provide an atmosphere of Christian caring, early childhood education, crucial socialization skills, speech and language service, two nutritious meals, and medical care that begins with but goes far beyond "toothbrush time."

Our own Liz Harlan is the director of the Trinity Episcopal Children's Center in Towson (at my old parish). She tells me how T.E.C.C. has worked with The Ark for the past three years and they have formed a great reciprocating relationship. The children at T.E.C.C. learn about community service and in importance of helping others every year. Throughout the year, the children of T.E.C.C. collect Box Tops for Education that go to The Ark (Liz is happy to start up a Box Top collection at Immanuel as well.). In only the past 7 months, the little preschoolers of T.E.C.C. have already raised \$1,200 for The Ark from those Box Tops. They also have an annual fundraising event in the fall that has raised money in the past to buy The Ark a washer and drier to clean the children's cloth while they are at school, and computers for the children and parents to use. Every spring, the children from The Ark come out to T.E.C.C. for a play date/pizza party.

Liz went down last week to go visit The Ark and shared that they have had an incredibly hectic year. Last spring they learned they had to relocate their preschool which was previously located in the basement of the Weinberg building on East Fayette Street. After months of searching for an appropriate setting for preschoolers that was also on a major transportation route, this fall they opened in their new location at the Johnson Square Elementary School in Baltimore City. After Liz's visit, she spoke first-hand about all of the current visible needs of The Ark. They will be able to put the money raised from this year's Souper Bowl of Caring to immediate use! Thank you to everyone who gathered up their change in support of The Ark.

The Rev. Kingsley Smith

"Our Father who art in Heaven"

Whose father? What kind of Father? Where is heaven? If you're like me, you're still exploring the amazing depth and breadth of the Lord's Prayer. I seem to find some new insight or connotation or connection or implication every time I pray it. You might try saying it with emphasis on the nouns one day, the verbs another, then the pronouns and possessives. Or see what happens when you turn the plurals into singulars ("*My Father...Forgive me my sins..*").

I'll be at Immanuel for both services on March 18 and March 25. I invite you to join me in the parish hall from 9 to 10 for coffee and what I call an interactive meditation on the Lord's Prayer. I hope it will help us all avoid letting the Pater Noster turn into mere "patter patter patter."

The Rev. Kingsley Smith

The Little Things That Count

Many people have remarked that one characteristic that stands out at Immanuel is how much our church community (parishioners and staff) care for each other. We express this caring every week as a group in the *Prayers of the People*. Just as important are the many ways that individuals show their care for others – through greeting newcomers, asking about a family member who has been ill, sending birthday cards or get well cards, congratulating someone on a special achievement, going to visit (whether or not you are a Lay Visitor), welcoming someone back who hasn't been in church for a while, calling someone who is homebound just to chat and catch up, thanking the coffee hour hostesses, and myriad other personal touches that make us all feel welcomed, appreciated, and genuinely cared about. However you choose to express your care and concern for others at Immanuel, please continue this invaluable ministry to, and for, all of us.

Thank you,
Rudi Horner, Senior Warden

Highlights from the February 7th Vestry Meeting

The Church's staff completed required child abuse prevention training in January. Following up on this, the Vestry discussed the fact that it is best if the children are playing only in the most visible areas after Church and during Coffee Hour. This means no children should be downstairs in the Sunday School area after Church. Additionally, we need to be mindful of children playing outside in the parking areas with cars coming and going.

The Vestry approved the Parochial Report which is submitted annually to the Diocese. Among other things, we must include in this report, each year, the number of Communicants, average Sunday attendance and select financial information. It is critical that we maintain accurate records for purposes of reporting to the Diocese. Unfortunately, one of Immanuel's official Church Registers was misplaced or lost several years ago, and because of this, records for some members are missing. Thanks to the hard work and diligence of both Pastor Smith and Mother Megan, we now feel as though we have accurate numbers and will be in a position to report consistently and confidently going forward.

Betsy Powell was approved unanimously at the February Vestry Meeting to fill the position previously held by Carole Hayes. The Vestry welcomes Betsy and thanks Carole for her service.

The Vestry approved donating proceeds from the Pancake Supper and the Souper Bowl of Caring to the Ark, the only State-accredited preschool for homeless children in Baltimore City.

Nelly Perkins, Registrar

Sunday School News

Sunday School concentrated on Bible stories a bit in February and now we're ready to focus on Lent, Easter and Passover in March. We've had great attendance and it's really nice to see new friendships developing among the group. Thanks to all who donated to the Middle School's Souper Bowl of Caring. We raised **\$128.96** which will go to the Ark.

Anne Greene

Sunday School Coordinator

From our Music Department...

Many thanks to everyone who played during the Congregation Prelude Month! I enjoyed hearing so many different things.

If anyone would like to sing just for Easter, please let me know by March 4.

Looking ahead...April 29, at 4pm, Choir Concert! This will involve both the adult and the children's choirs! More details to come next month.

Jen Newgent

Director of Music Ministries

IT WAS A SUPER FEAST! PANCAKE SUPPER 2012

Nearly 80 hungry people ushered in the Lenten Season at this year's Fat Tuesday feast of pancakes and sausage, delectable hominy, healthy fresh fruit, and delicious ice cream sundaes. The **\$382** proceeds will be added to the funds collected by the Immanuel's middle schoolers for the "Souper Bowl for Caring," which will go to the ARK, a school for homeless children in Baltimore.

“Thank you” is never enough to say to Bobbi Ensor, who has been the Co-Custodian of the Pancake Supper for my predecessors and me for many years. Bobbie was the Hominy Hon again this year, and she helped clean the kitchen, take the inventory, set-up the serving stations, set the tables, make the punch, serve, and clean-up. Bobbi’s moral support and help is crucial to the preparation and execution of this event.

Special thanks goes to Eva Whitely and Donna Sieverts, who organized the admissions table and stayed to tally the numbers at the end. Eva and Howard Moses did a wonderful job welcoming our guests and taking admissions.

Last, but surely not least, a HUGE thank you to the volunteers who set-up, cooked, served and cleaned:

Decorator Rudi Horner
Pancake Mixers and Flippers: Mary J. Moses, Gabe Ritter, John Sieverts, and Ashby Shanks
Sausage Chef Mark Ritter
Fruit Bearers: Page Crosby, Nelly Perkins, Carolyn Sass, and Anne Somerville
Sundae Fixings: Megan+, Joe, Sam, and Simon Stewart-Sicking
Servers and Runners: Donna Sieverts and Liz Sieck
Dishwasher Susan Dowell
Set-up and Take-down Crew: The Ritter family (Mark, Katie, Gabe, Zach and Ben), and everyone else who pitched in.
Clean-Up: All of the above

And thank you Dary Schmidt, Rev. Kingsley Smith, and Mother Megan for helping with publicity through announcements, e-notices, and the newsletter.

Thank you all for supporting Immanuel, and the ARK children, at this celebratory feast.

Mary Jane Shanks
Co-Custodian Pancake Supper 2012

Immanuel at HZBA Business Expo

As part of building awareness of among the surrounding community, Immanuel was an exhibitor at the recent Hereford Zone Business Association annual day-long Business Expo. In addition to sharing information about our services and Sunday School, visitors to our exhibit also were able to take away a copy of our newsletter as well as try their luck at tossing bean bags at our favorite clown. Many thanks to Pam Swanson for providing graphic services, Chuck Gilbert for chauffeuring our clown to and from the expo!

Susan Anthony and Rudi Horner,
Parish Growth Committee

Women of Immanuel

The Women of Immanuel will be having their Spring Meeting on Sunday, March 11, 2012 after the 10:15 am service in the Parish Hall. All the women of Immanuel are part of this prestigious group. Please plan on joining us for the spring meeting.

Mark you calendars now for the upcoming events that the WOI will be hosting: Mt. Harmon Plantation Tour and Chesapeake City bus trip April 14, 2012 and the Parish Celebration, May 20, 2012. Reservation deadline for Bus trip is March 6, 2012. See additional information in this newsletter, at the Chesapeake City table in the Parish House and on the Immanuel Church website

Linda Ambrose

Property Perusal

Thank you to everyone who exhibited generous flexibility during our "cold" Sundays when the church furnace went on and off erratically. We believe the problem has been successfully repaired. Doesn't it speak to a great community,

that so quickly a service can be moved, chairs set up, altar put in place and worship happens with nary missing a beat?

Although we are fortunate to have such a lovely place to gather and for which to serve as stewards, such incidents can serve to focus us on the things that matter most.

It also serves as a reminder that the property committee welcomes new members! We need those who can fix things...as well as those who can say, in effect, "I'll call the heating guys to get over there." Roofing, heating, plumbing, painting, fixing, insulating, mowing, electric...there are a lot of phone calls to make across the year. You don't have to be an expert; please contact me, because I am certain you would be of help.

Lights! Camera! Action!

Actually, just lights...you may be startled upon entering a room or hall to have the lights come on automatically. It's part of the work done on Immanuel under the BGE program. A sensor detects movement, and turns on the light. When fifteen minutes pass without movement, the sensor turns the light off again (Don't be alarmed; very small movements are all that's required to keep them on for you!)

Over time, this plus the more-efficient fixtures that were installed should save Immanuel on lighting costs, as well as help reduce our overall carbon footprint.

Now...on to the boiler!
Happy upcoming spring,
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.

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”

“CASH FOR KIDS”: So far we have only collected \$14,234.97 in receipts. We are barely half way there with only 4 weeks to go!!! 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.

If you are holding any receipts at home, please bring them in!! Time is short. Thank you.

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.

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
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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

March 2012

Mar. 1	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Mar. 19	2:30 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline
Mar. 4		2 Lent	Mar. 22	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I			
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School	Mar. 25		5 Lent
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
	11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal		10:10 a.m.	Sunday School
Mar. 8	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal		10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
				11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
Mar. 11		3 Lent	Mar. 28	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter Team Meets
		<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	Mar. 29	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I			
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School			
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II			
	11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal			
	11:45 a.m.	WOI Meeting			
Mar. 13	7:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall			
Mar. 15	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal			
Mar. 18		4 Lent			
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I			
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School			
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II			
	11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal			

IMMANUEL BUS TRIP 2012

TOUR OF MOUNT HARMON PLANTATION EXPLORE HISTORIC CHESAPEAKE CITY

Take this trip back in time for a glimpse of plantation life at historic Mount Harmon Plantation and an afternoon exploring Chesapeake City. Check out Immanuel's website for more information and a list of informational website links: <http://www.immanuelglencoe.org/>. Information is also available at the "Chesapeake Table" in the Parish Hall.

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2012

BOARD BUS 7:45 AM FOR PROMPT DEPARTURE AT 8:00 AM

Mount Harmon Plantation is one of Maryland's most beautiful historic sites, spectacular for its waterfront setting on the Sassafras River in Cecil County. We will take a one-hour, guided tour of the 18th century manor house and colonial kitchen. We will have another hour or so to walk through the formal boxwood garden, Education & Discovery Center, tobacco prize house, and nature trails.

Lunch at the popular Chesapeake Inn, located on the waterfront in historic Chesapeake City, begins around 12:30 or 1:00 PM. The menu will consist of your choice of a tossed salad



or crab bisque, an entree choice of Tortelloni Primavera, Chicken Marsala or Jumbo Lump Crab Cake, and the Chef's choice of our dessert.

After lunch, explore Chesapeake City, a charming Victorian town situated on the banks of the C & D Canal. We hope to include the C & D Canal Museum on this leg of the trip. The town has many restored historic homes, shops and galleries. Be sure to visit the shop owned by our own Katie Ritter.

We will head for home at 4 PM, returning to Immanuel by 6 PM.

COST: \$65 PER PERSON
RESERVATIONS SECURED UPON RECEIPT OF PAYMENT

RESERVATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012
INFORMATION: DONNA SIEVERTS, 410 847-9155
GUESTS MOST WELCOME!

RESERVATION FORM

NAME _____

GUESTS _____

PHONE/EMAIL _____

CHECKS TO: WOMEN OF IMMANUEL
(write *Chesapeake City* on the memo line)

Note: Reservations are secured upon receipt of payment
Mail Reservaton Form with Check to:
Donna Sieverts, 543 Allegheny Ave., Towson, MD 21204