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Celebrating 140 Years
Immanuel's Messenger
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From the Rector:

Returning to the other side of the altar... ... a note from the end of the Rector's Maternity Leave

I know that I left all of you in mid-February with an interesting line-up of guest clergy and many elements of parish life planned and organized well in advance. Things ran very smoothly in February, March, and April, but many have asked, "How have you been? What have you done while on maternity leave?"

We began with our first weeks home from the hospital with Simon. As many of you know, these were a couple of weeks of sleepless nights and learning how to put the whole family on a new schedule with new routines. Frankly, I can't say much more, as this time is a sleepy blur! I'll admit I had big dreams of cleaning out closets, getting organized, and finishing some projects while the baby took naps. None of that has happened. Somehow in the six years since having Sam, I had blocked out how often new babies eat, cry, and how little they sleep at any length. Our little guy has been especially fussy and, even when not fussy, *always* prefers to be held rather than put down and very vocally makes that preference known!

Simon has grown exponentially, hitting 12 ½ pounds at his 8 week check-up. Between that and his 24 inches, he is already in 3-6 month clothes

and will likely outgrow those footed sleepers soon due to his length! As many of you also know, we spent several screaming weeks (Simon, not us- for the most part!) figuring out that he has food allergies that were seriously upsetting his stomach. We heard horrible gurgle after gurgle, and lots of crying and screaming with every feeding, until he finally went on hypo-allergenic formula. He completely changed by the next day! Now he is still a bit of a fussy baby, but no more gurgles and no more screaming fits just after starting to eat.

Sam has been a phenomenal big brother. He loves to help when he can, and is a pro at setting up the baby bath with all the toys, washcloths, etc. He is always talking to Simon and has even written some multi-page "books" about his brother which we will keep for years to come. Not-so-helpfully, Sam has also kept us on our toes with health challenges of his own. Since Simon's birth, Sam has had strep throat three times, a stomach bug, and Fifth Disease. Between Simon's food allergies and Sam's illnesses, we have really gotten to know our pediatrician well these past few weeks!

Needless to say, all of that with the newborn has kept us busy, sleepy, and not always keeping up very well. But, I have been able to keep up with some email, visit with parishioners at coffee hour most weeks, get Sam to children's choir several times, and answer any pressing questions from the office. I'm looking forward to easing back into work with a simpler spring calendar at church, but one full of some wonderful end-of-year events.

At this time I would like to especially thank a few people. First, thanks to the entire staff for doing wonderful and conscientious work, as always! The Whatleys deserve a special thank-you, not only for all sorts of work in this process, but also for accepting Sam as a fifth child on the afternoon and night of February 15. (Apparently their house is much more exciting than ours, by the way.) Also, thanks to Rudi Horner, Doug Whatley, and the vestry for their continued leadership over the last two months. I am also grateful to Liz Sieck for being our Sunday morning coordinator, making sure everything was in place for services and greeting all our guest clergy. And finally, thanks to the following families for providing us with meals: Gillam, Whatley, Crosby, Gauthier, Perkins, Horner, Klein, Newgent, Sieck, Ambrose, Frysiek, Schlitz, Supplee, and Traynor. Thanks to all of you, we only had to resort to breakfast cereal for dinner twice during those first chaotic weeks! I don't know what we would have done without you!

We are tremendously grateful for the support, gifts, cards, and well wishes of every parishioner, and we all look forward to getting back in the swing of things this month!

- The Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking

Parish Celebration Day Don't Miss Church on May 20!

Mark your calendars now for our annual Parish Celebration Day. No 8am service. One grand service at 10:15am.

As has become our custom, we will gather in small groups during the sermon time to review the past year, discuss our favorite events and stories, and share our hopes and goals for the next year.

It is very important that as many members attend as possible! I look forward to this feedback every year, and the vestry will use these discussions to set priorities for the next program year. It is also a wonderful way to participate in

celebrating the vibrant life of Immanuel Church! Please plan to be with us for this fun and engaging service and then enjoy the parish picnic that follows. Watch for details about the day and what to bring for the picnic in May bulletins.

The Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking

Celebrating 140 Years!

Have a look at the front of our weekly bulletin and you will see the phrase – “*Immanuel Church, Celebrating 140 Years*”. This year is the 140th anniversary since the consecration of our parish back in 1872. Imagine – over this period, people have entered Immanuel Church every Sunday, year in and year out, to worship, to learn and at the end of the service, to “*Go in Peace, to love and serve the Lord*”. Over the past few years, we celebrate this key anniversary by coming together as a parish family to reflect on the past year, to voice our concerns and aspirations for the year ahead, and to share a potluck lunch. Please plan to join us on Parish Celebration Day, May 20, at 10:15am!

Rudi Horner
Senior Warden

Sunday School News

Please spread the word about our new Child Care room open during the 10:15am service. If you haven't gotten a chance to see it, stop by soon! Sunday School has been very well attended and we've focused on Easter for the last month. We look ahead to May and stories of the Risen Christ. Remember the last day of Sunday School is May 20th.

[Anne Greene](#)
Sunday School Coordinator

From our Music Department...

For your calendars! The summer concert series! June 24, 4pm - Peter Griggs, classical guitar, will perform guitar music from the past 500 years.

July 22 - The Missing Chums will join us for worship, then sing a concert afterwards during an extra special coffee hour.

August 12, 4pm - Early Music by Jen and friends - renaissance and baroque music on a variety of instruments playing a variety of kinds of music, all from before 1750. (some of my favorite kinds of music to play!)

Many thanks to The Missing Chums for joining us for Maundy Thursday and Easter!
Many thanks to the choir not only for a lovely Eastertide, but also for a wonderful concert!

Jen Newgent
Director of Music Ministries

Don't Miss This New Book! Flying Change: A Year of Racing and Family and Steeplechasing By Patrick Smithwick

From the publisher's press release:
*Patrick Smithwick's Return to Steeplechasing
Son of Riding Legend Races Middle Age, Rides in
Md. Hunt Cup*

Can a settled family man, even one with a glittering racing pedigree, return to a dangerous and grueling sport—at the age of forty-eight. In 1999, Patrick Smithwick, son of renowned jockey A. P. Smithwick did just that. Despite the misgivings of family and friends, he set about achieving the impossible, rigorously preparing himself and securing a horse to compete in the most challenging of all timber races, the Maryland Hunt Cup.

Flying Change takes us into the dangerous and exciting world of steeplechasing, a world populated by colorful characters, where broken bones, paralysis, and suicide lurk in the shadows.

It is the story of a man torn between his love for competition and fast-paced action on one hand, and the responsibility of caring for his wife and providing a suitable example for his children on the other. His struggle to regain his physical conditioning will captivate everyone of a certain age, but Smithwick also examines large questions, such as the role of a father in twenty-first-century America and how best to live one's life.

In honest, evocative, moving prose, *Flying Change* whisks readers into a world few know about but none will soon forget, as they follow a man changing leads in his own life.

For more information or a list of upcoming events, readings, and book signings, visit www.flyingchangememoir.com. Note especially the upcoming event at Greetings and Readings in Hunt Valley, Saturday June 2, 1-3pm.

Sunny Skies Highlight WOI's Annual Adventure

Blue skies, cool breezes, and the Sassafras River provided a beautiful backdrop to the first stop on the Women of Immanuel's 2012 bus trip. After a two-hour drive into Cecil County, twenty-seven travelers stepped off the motor coach to explore Mount Harmon Plantation. Exhibits and a video in the Visitor's Center told much of the story behind this 360-year-old estate. However, touring the grounds and the manor sparked our imaginations about the challenges faced there by its owners and the slaves who were so necessary to its tobacco operation and the upkeep of those living there.

Originally granted to Godfrey Harmon by Caecilius Calvert in 1651, Mount Harmon has been sold and purchased by many, but lived in by few. It has survived three fires along the way. James Louttit, a Scotsman, and his Irish wife Mary George purchased the plantation in 1760, and their descendants lived there through 1818. In 1963, one of their descendants, Mrs. Harry Clarke Boden, IV, purchased the property and historically restored much of the manor to represent how it may have looked from 1760 to

1810. The antique furniture and wallpaper were remarkable. However, many of us may have been just as impressed by two contemporary sunken tubs, tiled in 60's colors and accessorized by ornate gold faucets, which were located in bathrooms that also featured fireplaces and other luxuries.

From Mount Harmon we backtracked to Chesapeake City for lunch at the Chesapeake Inn that overlooks the C & D Canal. While watching barges and pleasure boats go up and down the canal, we enjoyed a delicious lunch, most of us ordering the crab cake platter.

Just as we were sitting down for lunch, Katie Ritter popped in to remind us to visit her shop "Katydid," which was only a block away. An hour later, Katie was thrilled to see almost all of us enter her small shop at the same time. We decided it was best to take turns. We hope Katie did some good business that day, since we attracted other shoppers who were curious about all of the activity in and around her shop. Later in the day, Katie said, "I can't tell you how excited I am to have my two worlds finally come together, Monkton and Chesapeake City."

A huge "Thank You" goes to Linda Ambrose, Rudi Horner, and Donna Sieverts for providing our travelers with an educational, fun, and thoroughly delightful daytrip.

Mary Jane Shanks
WOI Secretary

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.

Highlights from the April 10th Vestry Meeting

Doug Whatley, Junior Warden, led the April Vestry Meeting as the Rector was on maternity leave.

We talked about Easter Sunday and the fact that the Church looked as beautiful as it ever had. Kudos to those who were involved with decorating the Church - the Vestry is most appreciative of all your hard work. It was also nice having Megan lead the Easter service and baptism of her son, Simon Stewart-Sicking.

The Vestry feels guest clergy, who have come to Immanuel while Megan has been on maternity leave, have done an excellent job and things have gone quite smoothly. Thanks to Megan for all the planning she did in advance and to others, such as Liz Sieck, who have welcomed the guest clergy and made them feel at home each Sunday.

Sunday, May 20th will be our annual Parish Celebration Day. We will meet again in small groups, during the time usually set aside for the sermon, as we have done in previous years. The small group discussions present an excellent opportunity for members of the congregation to share their ideas and offer feedback which will be presented to the Rector and Vestry. This information is also critical for next year's planning and for determining what the Church's priorities should be in the coming program year.

We continued our discussion regarding the proposal to add a Cremation Garden to the cemetery. Ashby Shanks, Chair of the Cemetery Committee, wrote an article about the Cremation Garden in the April Newsletter. Ashby is encouraging everyone to provide him with feedback via a survey included with the April Newsletter. The survey is also available in the Church Vestibule. Please contact Ashby via email or phone with additional questions or comments you may have.

Nelly Perkins, Registrar

Women of Immanuel

The Mission of the Women of Immanuel is to love and serve the Lord by enriching women's spirituality, by responding to human needs in our parish and community and by supporting the dynamic life of Immanuel Church. The WOI meet four times a year (September, December, March and we wrap up with a potluck dinner in June). We participate in Outreach initiatives as the Christmas gifts and group project for the Catonsville Children's Home. We also host the Annual Bus Trip, Parish Celebration and the Parish Christmas Pizza Party. All women of the parish are invited to be a part of the fun, fellowship and ministry of this group.

May 20th, Parish Celebration Day Luncheon after the church service. This is a great time to catch up with each other, and to meet some new people. The main dish will be provided (hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken fingers). Please bring a dish to share.

June 6th, 6:00 p.m. WOI Annual Potluck Dinner/Meeting at Mary Jane and Ashby Shanks home This is the last meeting until the fall. Bring your ideas as well as a dish to share. All women of Immanuel are invited. Please contact Mary Jane Shanks for directions, [410-557-6047](tel:410-557-6047) or mjshanks@zoominternet.net.

Linda Ambrose

Outreach News:

Good Friday Offering for the Diocese of Jerusalem

In 1841, the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East was founded, to expand modern friendships with ancient churches in the Holy Land. Since 1922, the Good Friday offerings of Episcopal churches throughout the United States have been shared with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem which includes churches in Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon. **This year we**

collected \$965 for this effort and important ministries it supports.

While the Christian population of Jerusalem and the Holy Land has decreased markedly over the nine decades since this annual collection began, we Episcopalians are urged each year by our Presiding Bishop to contribute not just on Good Friday, but anytime in Lent and on Easter Day.

Our offerings are an essential life-line of financial support for the work of two of the four Episcopal Dioceses living and working in the diversity and conflict of Middle East. In addition to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, our donations will assist the Episcopal Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf.

Immanuel's Easter Offering

Our Parish's special Easter offering this year was divided between two essential projects of Episcopal churches in Baltimore City. **A total of \$745 was donated and will be shared by Paul's Place and The Ark.**

Paul's Place serves the impoverished residents of Pigtown in southwest Baltimore, providing after-school programs for children; showers for those who lack access to this basic facility; a nurses' clinic; assistance with threatened utility cutoffs and evictions; adult literacy tutoring; basic computer classes; laundry services; hot meals; an emergency food pantry; holiday meals; active contact with Habit for Humanity; and numerous other helpful programs. Immanuel has a decades-long history of volunteering at Paul's Place.

The Ark, part of Episcopal Community Services of Maryland, is an accredited preschool for homeless children between ages 3 and 5. Children receive the Early Screening Inventory--Revised; nutritious food; dental care; transportation to and from the Shelters where their families live; individual attention; and early childhood education. The Johnston Square Elementary School in east Baltimore houses this successful program.

Deborah Cunningham

Cremation Garden In Immanuel's Cemetery?

The Cemetery Committee has long considered adding a cremation garden to our lovely cemetery. Some preliminary research and rudimentary design has taken place. However, before moving forward, the committee would like to know what the parishioners of Immanuel think of this idea.

There are currently two ways to bury cremains in our cemetery. A regular burial plot can be purchased and used for the burial of cremains in bronze urns or other containers. Also, an area has been established in the lower section of the cemetery, closer to the field, for smaller plots that are designed just for cremains.

A Cremation Garden, or Scatter Garden, would be a separate, common area for those wishing to have their cremains sprinkled on the ground or buried in a special container that will disintegrate over time. The area would be landscaped in a way that compliments our cemetery and the natural environment that surrounds the area. The area would probably incorporate a bench, a fence or a hedge that sets the garden off as a special area, and there will be some means for displaying names using a plaque or cremation name stones.

Developing such an area will require further research, planning, and seeking advice on design and landscaping. The committee will perform these tasks if we feel there is an adequate need or desire from enough parishioners to justify the expense of this project. Preliminary estimates begin as low as \$12,000 and increase depending on materials used.

Please let us know what you think of this idea, and if you would consider using such an area for yourself or family member, by contacting Ashby Shanks at 410-557-6047, or email mjshanks@zoominternet.net. You can also fill out the attached form and mail it to Ashby Shanks, 3821 Marcus Court, Monkton, MD 21111. (Or, pick one up in the vestibule, and drop it in the offering plate.)

Ashby Shanks, Cemetery Committee

Parish Register

***Baptism
Simon Francis Stewart-Sicking
April 8, 2012***

Property Perusal

www.immanuelglencoe.org/pages/property.html takes you to a little page about the property committee. We'd like to expand this page in the future, by adding items of interest, or volunteer opportunities (large and small) for our members and the wider community.

Please take a moment to drop an email with your suggestions about what you'd like to see on the Property page of Immanuel's website. We'll look forward to hearing from you!

Katie Ritter, Property Chair

Transitions

Olga Rowland has moved to Blakehurst

Her new address is: 1055 W. Joppa Rd., Apt. 533
Towson, Md. 21204
410-938-2252

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. They are also in need of soap, shampoo, and other grooming items.

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”

The “CASH FOR KIDS” campaign is now over! And we made our \$25,000 in blue receipts. Immanuel will receive a \$250 check from Graul’s Market for our Sunday School.

Thanks to all who participated in this year’s campaign and a special thanks to Sarah Ebert for collecting and tallying all the receipts and of course Graul’s Market for sponsoring such a worthwhile program.

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

May 2012

May 3	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	May 20	7 Easter/Parish Celebration Day
May 4-5		Annual Diocesan Convention Episcopal Diocese of Maryland		No 8:00 am Service Today
May 6		5 Easter		10:10 a.m. Last Sunday School
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I		10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist II
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School		11:45 a.m. Potluck Parish Picnic
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II	May 24	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
	11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	May 27	Feast of Pentecost
May 8	7:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall		Summer Schedule Begins 1 Svc. only
				9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist II
May 10	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	May 28	Memorial Day/Office Closed
May 13		6 Easter/Mother's Day		
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I	May 30	1:00 p.m. Newsletter Team Meets
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School		
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II		
	11:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal		
May 17	2:30 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline		
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		

CREMATION GARDEN SURVEY

I would like to see a cremation garden established in our cemetery?

Yes _____ No _____

I would consider using a cremation garden for my ashes or those of a family member

Yes _____ No _____

In comparison to other needs of the church, I would give the establishment of a Cremation Garden a priority of:

Low 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ **High**

NAME _____