

Immanuel's Messenger

October, 2012

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- The Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking

From the Rector:

Fall Stewardship Theme Continues

As many of you will remember from last month's article or from September sermons and music, we are spending the fall exploring the theme: *Celebrating Abundance: Stewardship of All God's Gifts*. We began in September by considering our personal wealth and how we reach out to our neighbors in need, exploring creation and our stewardship of natural resources, and hearing from an Episcopal Missionary about our personal and national wealth compared with that of other places around the world. We will continue our theme in October with a focus on stewardship within the Church- caring for the Body of Christ through ministry and financial resources.

As we consider both ministries and finances at Immanuel, we will spend the first three weeks in October hearing from the Rector, the Treasurer, and a lay preacher from the pews. On October 28 we will bless all financial pledges received by that date, so watch for your pledge packets in the mail the first week in October.

The fall is absolutely packed with meetings, programs, and events, so please scan this newsletter, watch the website and parish emails, and mark your calendars now as we continue to celebrate abundance together this month!

Important Dates to Remember

September 30 at 10:15am (no 8am today!)- Guest Preacher the Rev. Lauren R. Stanley, Episcopal Priest & Missionary.

October 13- Cook-off and Square Dance. The theme for the cook-off this year is "Kids Potluck," so kids are invited to enter any dish they wish. Adults are encouraged to bring a dish to share at the meal as well. See the article and flyer in this issue for more details. Square Dance for all ages from 7:30pm-9:30pm.

October 28- Blessing of all 2013 financial pledges received by this date.

November 4*- *NOTE the CHANGE. All Saints Sunday **and Annual Meeting-** (no 8am today!) A special sermon presentation by children in the Sunday School at the 10:15am service. The Annual Meeting immediately follows the 10:15am service, and the parish potluck follows the Annual Meeting. Please plan to bring a dish to share.

December 2- Annual Bishop's Visitation. According to the usual diocesan rotation, this year we will welcome the Rev. Canon Scott G. Slater, Canon to the Ordinary.

Outreach News

We pray for good health, extra stamina, and a great finish for Luke Harlan when he runs the

Baltimore Marathon October 13 with Team Best Buddies. Best Buddies Maryland helps those with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing one-to-one friendship opportunities. Thanks to all of you who have helped raise over \$300 (and counting!) from Immanuel to support his effort. We also thank the Whatley Family for running in a 5K for autism in September. Way to go Immanuel athletes!

Please remember that our weekly food collections continue and that children are welcome to walk their items in procession to the altar during the offertory. *All items are appreciated; at this time the Hereford Food Bank especially requests pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, shampoo, and pet food.* Please check dates as the food bank cannot distribute outdated items.

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Sunday School News

Sunday School and Middle School are launching a "Costume Drive" for this year's Christmas pageant. While we have many costume pieces, we would love to add to our collection and update our accessories. Please donate any accessory items or pieces of cloth you think we could use. Just think: shepherds, royalty, animals, etc.

A big thank you to the Crowe family for digging into the Sunday school and banishing dust, dirt and mold! THANK YOU!

Anne Greene
Sunday School Coordinator

Middle School News

Attention all Middle School Students!

Mother Megan and Miss Jen are planning a simple gathering with lunch (make your own pizzas!) after church on October 28 to get to know each other and to discuss things you might want

to do this year. Our next big event will be in the late afternoon/early evening on Friday, November 23, which is the day after Thanksgiving. We will also be involved with the annual collection of items for the Catonsville Children's Home in November and early December, so please plan to stay after church to have lunch and prepare the collection with the Women of Immanuel on December 9.

A full flyer is forthcoming. Pick one up in church in early October, but mark your calendars now for the above dates. We look forward to some great events this year!

Immanuel in Country Chronicle

Immanuel is part of the Hereford Zone Business Association advertising feature in the October issue of the *Country Chronicle* where we are promoting the Nursery. Check it out and share with your neighbors and friends!

Susan Anthony
Parish Growth

ANNUAL COOK-OFF AND SQUARE DANCE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

Cook-Off 5:30 – 7 PM

Square Dance 7:30 – 9:30 PM

We started with a Chili Cook-Off, then a Dessert Cook-Off and last year was the Soup Cook-Off. And each year, more and more younger chefs are entering the competition. So, this year the whole Cook-Off is dedicated to the younger set – you must be 16 years or younger to enter! There are no specific categories, so each chef can prepare her or his favorite dish. Make anything you want — casserole, salad, dessert — whatever you cook best.

If you want to enter your favorite potluck dish, please pick up an entry form in the Parish Hall, fill it out and give it to Dary, or leave it in the designated basket, by October 1. Remember to give it a snappy name, like "Sam's Munchnificent Macaroni."

The rest of us will be the judges. If you have the time and the will, please bring a dish to share, too. Also, please let us know you are coming so the contestants can make enough of their favorite dish for everyone to taste. The reservation form is in the Parish Hall at the *Cook-Off and Square Dance Table*. There is a small donation: \$5 per person, \$15 per family.

After the cook-off, Gene Fitta will be waiting to lead us in some rousing square dances. So come one, come all for a night of feasting, dancing, and fun. Bring the whole family and some friends, too. You don't need to know how to dance, as our caller assumes we are starting from scratch each year.

Please see the KIDS COOK-OFF FLYER and the ENTRY FORM at the end of this newsletter. Print out a few extra copies and give them to your friends. Thanks!

Mary Jane Shanks, Event Coordinator
Rudi Horner, Senior Warden

PROPERTY PERUSAL

"Wow!" "Fresh and bright, I love it!"
"Hmmm..." "Gee, that's...yellow!" "Energizing!"
These are some of the comments we've received on the new undercroft color-- a rich, warm marigold selected by our choir director Jen.

A bright strong color takes courage and creativity. I love it and offer kudos to Jen for her choice! We hope to hear the rich color picked up in the voices of the practicing choir. We pray that it will energize the flower guild, and brighten the hearts of acolytes. We all struggle with courage in one

way or another; let us let this brave color inspire us!

Encourage: early 15c., from O.Fr. *encoragier* "to make strong, hearten". May it strengthen your heart to do something which you've longed to try.

In other news: Thanks to a generous, anonymous donor for helping to make our new driveway happen! And thanks to Andy Crosby for coordinating the project. We'll see a couple of very appreciated Eagle Scout projects starting soon too. One of them: Immanuel's own Sam Crosby will be tackling a long-hoped-for project of refurbishing a long-disused stone terrace at the rectory. Hooray Sam!

Katie Ritter, Property Chair

Planning Your 2013 Pledge

You're receiving your 2013 Pledge mailing from Immanuel this first week of October. You already know from recent experience and the Parish's far-reaching on-line calendar what we're planning for upcoming months.

On Sunday, October 28, 2012, the Church will, at both services, bless all of our pledges received by then.

If you do not receive a pledge packet by mail in a timely manner, please contact Tara McDonough, 410-472-1255, or Deborah Cunningham, 410-358-2225. You can approach either of us at church with any questions about the 2013 Pledge drive.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that 2013 will be an enriching year for everyone, fulfilling the needs and expectations of members of Immanuel Church.

Tara McDonough
Deborah Cunningham
Stewardship Co-Chairs

“Cash for Kids”

Graul’s Market has just given us the particulars on this year’s campaign. The program will begin September 24, 2012 and run through March 24, 2013. The receipts will be **PINK** this year. So be on the look out for those **pink** receipts starting September 24th. Please collect them and deposit them in the container provided in the church vestibule. For each \$25,000 collected in pink Graul’s cash register receipts, we will receive a check in the amount of \$250 to benefit our Sunday School.

Your participation in this worthwhile program is greatly appreciated!

Highlights from the Sept. 11th Vestry Meeting

Several members of the Church, including Betsy Powell, Beth Neubauer, and Peter Greene, have generously volunteered to help with creating the scatter/ cremation garden which will be located immediately to the left of the main entrance to the Church (between the wheel chair ramp and the Church wall). This will entail removing some of the trees and bushes there now, and preparing the garden for planting new trees, small shrubs and perennials later this Fall.

By the time you read this, the garden will probably be mostly complete. Beth Neubauer, who planned the lay-out of the garden and made the plant selections, has put much thought into this. The plantings she has chosen will not outgrow this spot and will not grow as tall as the Church’s gutters. Additionally, Beth planned the garden so that it will look nice throughout the year regardless of the season.

After much discussion and thought, the Vestry is pleased that the garden is coming together soon and that it is being done for significantly less cost than what we had originally expected last Spring

when these conversations began. We are especially grateful to Peter Greene and his Davey crew for donating labor, equipment, soil, mulch and other items.

Nelly Perkins, Registrar

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

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| Oct. 4 | 7:30 p.m. | Adult Choir Rehearsal | Oct. 17 | 2:30 p.m. | Newsletter Deadline |
| Oct. 5 | | Wedding Rehearsal | Oct. 18 | 7:30 p.m. | Adult Choir Rehearsal |
| Oct. 6 | | Wedding | Oct. 21 | | 21 Pentecost |
| Oct. 7 | | 19 Pentecost | | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist I |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist I | | 10:10 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:10 a.m. | Sunday School | | 10:15 a.m. | Holy Eucharist II |
| | 10:15 a.m. | Holy Eucharist II | | 11:30 a.m. | Coffee Hour |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Coffee Hour | | 11:45 a.m. | Children's Choir Rehearsal |
| | 11:45 a.m. | Children's Choir Rehearsal | Oct. 25 | 7:30 p.m. | Adult Choir Rehearsal |
| Oct. 9 | 7:30 p.m. | Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall | Oct. 26 | 1:00 p.m. | Newsletter Team Meets |
| Oct. 11 | 7:30 p.m. | Adult Choir Rehearsal | Oct. 28 | | 22 Pentecost |
| Oct. 13 | 5:30 p.m. | Cook-Off | | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist I |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Square Dance | | 10:10 a.m. | Sunday School |
| Oct. 14 | | 20 Pentecost | | 10:15 a.m. | Holy Eucharist II |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist I | | 11:30 a.m. | Coffee Hour |
| | 10:10 a.m. | Sunday School | | 11:45 a.m. | Children's Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:15 a.m. | Holy Eucharist II | | | |
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HEY FOLKS! WHAT'S COOKIN'?

KIDS POTLUCK COOK-OFF AND SQUARE DANCE IMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Saturday, October 13, 2012



\$5 per Person
\$15 per Family

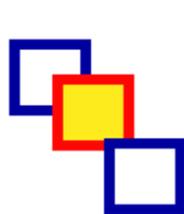
**KIDS POTLUCK
COOK-OFF**
5:30 to 7:00 PM



HEY, KIDS! If you're 16 and under, enter the Kids Potluck Cook-Off and see how your **FAVORITE POTLUCK DISH** stacks up to the other contestants. There is no single category this year. Just prepare your tastiest potluck dish. The most delicious dish wins the blue ribbon, but there will be other winning categories, too.

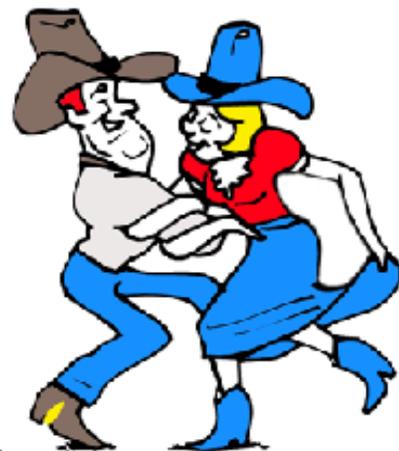
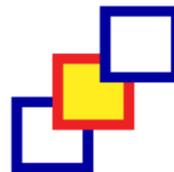
If you want to enter, just pick up an entry form at the *Kids Potluck Cook-Off & Square Dance Table* in the Parish Hall. The completed **ENTRY FORM is due by OCTOBER 1** to Dary, or leave it in the designated basket on the *Kids Potluck Cook-Off & Square Dance Table*.

HEY, IMMANUEL PARISHIONERS! The rest of us will be the judges and are also encouraged, but not required, to bring a dish to share. Bring your family and friends, too! The more the merrier! If you are coming to the Kids Cook-Off and/or to the Square Dance, please sign-up at the *Kids Potluck Cook-Off & Square Dance Table* in the Parish Hall.



**SQUARE
DANCE**
7:30 to 9:30 PM

Caller
GENE FITTA
(For Beginners)



HEY, EVERYBODY! After the vittles, have a **ROOTIN' TOOTIN' GOOD TIME** at our "Kick Up Your Heels" Square Dance. Don't be shy...sashay your stuff. Caller Gene Fitta makes it easy. If you can't make it to the Kids Cook-Off, don't let that stop ya from comin' to the Hoedown!

KIDS POTLUCK COOK-OFF ENTRY FORM

Please complete and return to Dary Schmidt, or leave in designated basket on "Kids Potluck Cook-Off & Square Dance Table," by October 1.

NAME _____

NAME OF POTLUCK DISH _____
(Example: Sam's Munchnificent Macaroni)

Address _____

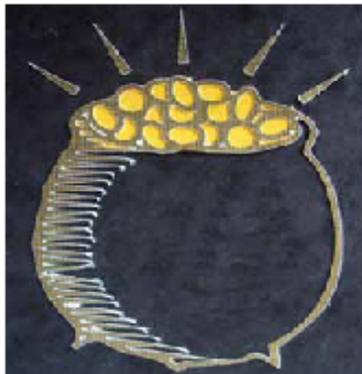
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I agree to the Rules of Competition _____

(Please Read Rules Listed Below)

**Kids Potluck
Cook-Off
October 13
5:30 PM**



**Will Your
Dish Win the
Pot O' Gold?**

RULES OF COMPETITION

1. All entries must be homemade with wholesome ingredients.
2. All entries must be brought in ready-made and served as prepared.
3. All "hot" entries to be contained in a functioning, standard sized Crock Pot or set on a hot plate.
4. Please make enough for everyone to taste. Attendance will be pre-announced.
5. All entries must be in place in the Parish Hall by 5:00 PM.