

Immanuel's Messenger

April/May 2013

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From the Rector: Spring Is Here!

Don't miss these upcoming events....

Sunday, April 14, 4:00pm: Organ Recital.
See details from Jen Newgent, Director of
Music Ministries, in this newsletter!

Saturday, April 20, 8:30am: Boy Scout/All-
Parish Clean-Up Day. Join us for work and then
donuts!

Sunday, May 12, 10:15am: No 8am service
today. Our annual Parish Celebration Day small
group discussions will take place during the
10:15am service. This special service will be
followed by a Festive Final Coffee Hour, as this is
the last regular coffee hour before Lemonade on
the Lawn begins in two weeks.

Sunday, May 19, after 10:15am service: Youth
Group Outreach Fair. A mini-fair during the
coffee hour time. Bring some extra dollars and
prepare to purchase your coffee hour treats
prepared by the youth. There will also be a raffle
table of goodies. Don't miss this wonderful way
to support international outreach.

Sunday, May 26- First Sunday of Summer
Worship Schedule. One service at 9:30am.

*Explore this newsletter and watch your parish
emails for details about these and other exciting
events this Spring!*

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

Outreach News

Thanks to everyone who participated in our
annual change collection for the Souper Bowl of
Caring. We collected a total of \$375.76. This
was combined with \$417 from the Pancake
Supper, \$200 for Nancy Newman, Director of the
Ark, as our guest preacher on February 10, and a
\$300 individual donation. A total of \$1,292.76
was raised for The Ark and sent to them at the end
of February.

We are going to change our weekly offertory
collection from now until the end of the Sunday
School year. While we will always accept and
deliver food and personal grooming items for the
Hereford Food Bank, from now through May 19
we would like to focus on a special collection for
The Ark. They are often in need of supplies over
the summer since they are a year-round
preschool. The Ark is especially in need of:
paper towels, tissues, and baby wipes.

-Mother Megan

Sunday School News

Please visit the Sunday school area when you
have the chance to see the beautiful new colors
and cheerful, welcoming classrooms. We'll be
hosting a Coffee Hour "Field Trip" in April or
May for everyone to walk through, but please feel
free to take a peak on your own.

For advance planning, please note that the final
day for Sunday School will be May 19, and the
summer worship schedule (no Sunday School or
Nursery) begins May 26.

Anne Greene
Sunday School Administrator

Middle School Update

This group- and the entire parish- should mark their calendars for Sunday, May 19. The youth group will host a mini-fair at coffee hour time to raise money for international outreach. Details are forthcoming, but plan to be with us as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost in worship and then extend our celebration of the Church's ministry far and wide!

Mother Megan and Miss Jen

From the Music Department

April 14 - 4pm

In her second organ recital at Immanuel, Jen will play the works of Bach. Just Bach. In spite of the scarcity of composers, the recital will have a plethora of musical ideas, sounds, and genres (within the genre of Bach's organ music, of course), and will include some of her favorite pieces for organ (and that even includes other composers). The program will be:

*Now Thank We All Our God - arr. Virgil Fox
*Schübler

Chorales

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645
Kommst du nun, Jesu vom Himmel
herunter, BWV 650

*Little Fugue in G minor BWV 578
*Trio Sonata V in C major BWV 530
*Prelude in C (the 9/8) BWV 547
*Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor BWV 582

There will be a reception following.

For those who have asked - and for those who haven't - the spring performances of Homeschool Harmonizers (the music and drama group for homeschoolers of which Jen is Assistant Director) are:

April 28, Monday, 7pm
May 2, Thursday, 7pm
May 3, Friday, 7pm

The show this spring is 'Promise U' - a musical about a college campus studying the many promises of God as shown in famous examples

throughout history. On Thursday night, there will be a silent auction during intermission (including at least 1 item by created by Jen). Performances are held in the Mini-Auditorium of Grace Fellowship Church, 9505 Deereco Rd, Timonium. Admission is free, but tickets are required. See Jen for tickets or more details.

Jen Newgent
Director of Music Ministries

Polly Flash Mob Hits Sparks!

On Sunday, February 17, a group of 25 choir members, parishioners and the Rector gathered at Polly Horner's home to wish her a Happy 95th Birthday. The group filled her bedroom, hallway, living room and stairwell and sang her favorite hymns, and of course finished with Happy Birthday! The Sunday School children brought a huge birthday banner, filled with greetings, that subsequently graced one whole wall of her bedroom. Others brought her a basket full of colorful primroses. This Flash Mob left wonderful memories to be savored for the future. Thank you to all who participated!

Rudi Horner
Senior Warden

Pancake Supper 2013: Fun for All and All for Fun

Immanuel's Shrove Tuesday celebration was one of the best attended with 77 people feasting on pancakes, sausage, hominy, fresh fruit, and the famous Stewart-Sicking Sundaes.

Bobbie Ensor and I want to thank all those who attended to support our efforts. A total of \$417 was donated for the Ark, which was combined with proceeds from the Souper Bowl of Caring. We also thank our wonderful team of volunteers who inventoried, shopped, set-up and cleaned-up, decorated, cooked, served, and handled admissions.

Thank you!

Bobbie Ensor, our Hominy Hon, who did all of the above.

Mark Ritter for cooking all the sausage (and K-K-

Katie helped), and then coming in last minute to also flip pancakes.

Mary J Moses, a 20-year pancake-flipping veteran at Immanuel, and also Todd Ensor who did a great job flipping pancakes this year.

Rudi Horner, our decorator, who graciously welcomed diners at admissions.

Liz Sieck, Linda Ambrose, and Morgan Ensor, our wonderful servers.

Anne Brown for coming in special to wash dishes, a real hero.

Carolyn Sass, Chuck and Barb Gilbert, Tara McDonald, Nellie Perkins, Mary Frances Wagley, Darcy Turner, and Anne Somerville for the delicious fruit and applesauce. Carolyn and Anne also did a festive job of setting the tables.

The Stewart-Sicking Family for the fabulous sundaes.

Ashby Shanks, Tom Turner, Clay Welch, Doug Whatley and many others who helped set-up and take down the chairs and tables.

Dary Schmidt, Mother Megan, and Pam Swanson for their handling of newsletter and email publicity.

Mary Jane Shanks

Yoga at Immanuel

Please join us for a weekly Yoga session in the Parish Hall. Take a break from life's stresses & worry and escape to a peace filled place. Feel refreshed in mind & body when you complete the class. Wendy Cohen has given classes here for 15 years & she gets us to slow down & breathe deeply.

Join us on Tuesdays at 8:30 am for a life changing experience. Call Susan Baxter for info at 410-446-2411, or email Wendy at wendywcohen@gmail.com

Susan Baxter

Stewardship Update

Please excuse our typo in the February/March

newsletter which indicated a pledge total in excess of what the church had received. Although this has been corrected in the online version, we want to be sure this issue correctly reports that the total as of the Feb/March issues was 62 pledges totaling 129,725.

Since new pledges continue to arrive we are happy to report that as of publication of this April/May newsletter, we have 64 pledges totaling \$130,725. Thank you for your continuing financial support!

Deborah Cunningham & Tara McDonough
Stewardship Co-chairs

Property Perusal

The Property Committee is happy to say that this winter has been merciful and we have not had to expend much money in the way of repairs to the physical plant and incur those costs related to snowplowing...Chuck "the machine" Gilbert typically shovels the snow with his trusted associate Chad Crowe and when there is a lot of snow the likes of Crosby and Powell even post. We are looking forward to our Spring Clean-up Saturday, April 20th at 8:30 a.m.

Noby Powell
Property Committee

Women of Immanuel (WOI) Youth Activities Scholarship(s)

WOI provides partial financial support for Immanuel youth who wish to attend summer camp at The Claggett Center in Buckeystown, MD or other diocesan sponsored youth camps/events. For more details on the various camp sessions at the Claggett Center, please go to www.claggettcenter.org. To find diocesan sponsored youth events, please visit the website of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland – www.ang-md.org. Click on Ministries and Committees. Click on Youth Ministries. The number of scholarships to be provided will be determined by demand and the WOI's budget.

Please contact Linda Ambrose 410-374-1814 or

thebrose55@gmail.com if you are interested in applying for a partial scholarship for a qualifying activity or event.

Linda Ambrose
WOI President

Summary of Recent Vestry Meetings

The Vestry met on Feb. 19, approving Chuck Gilbert to be our Delegate to this spring's Diocesan Convention. The Vestry approved Doug Whatley to be our Alternate Delegate from our Parish.

The Parish officers and Rector were preparing our Parochial Report that must be submitted annually, documenting changes in our membership, and submitting other facts, such as the level of attendance at our Sunday services. This year's deadlines are March 1 for the Diocese of Maryland and May 1 for the national Episcopal Church.

The Treasurer informed us that we took 3.965% out of the Parish's endowment in 2012. This figure is within the 4% withdrawal per year that's considered a sustainable level by financial advisors.

The Rector confirmed that Immanuel Church has been the official sponsor for over 60 years of the Boy Scout Troop which continues to meet regularly in our Parish Hall. The Troop will again participate actively in the Annual Spring Cleanup Saturday of the Church grounds.

The Vestry met on March 12 for our Annual Mutual Ministry Review, this year facilitated by the Rev. Thelma Smullen (who was our Guest Celebrant and Preacher on Palm Sunday of last year). This review is part of each Rector's Letter of Agreement when called as a Rector in this Diocese.

Immanuel's Senior Warden had conducted successful Mutual Ministry Reviews for a couple of years, and this year we enjoyed enriching the experience with an outside facilitator.

In particular, we noted that our Parish functions smoothly with all of our staff, including the Rector, being part-time employees. We remarked that everyone on our Church staff is very dedicated and a strong employee.

We rejoiced that our Church is living within its financial means, and our members are friendly with each other. We agreed that our Parish is consistently welcoming of newcomers, and we still actively like our Welcoming Statement.

We felt that Vestry meetings are honest, open, and harmonious. We like the fact that our Vestry includes representatives from nearly every committee or other group within the Church, and the whole Vestry respects all constituencies within our Parish.

We see that interesting and engaging the children of Immanuel has ensured that their families are actively involved in the Church. The Parish's outreach efforts have been increased by the middle school group's enthusiastic work to promote multiple outreach drives.

How can we do better? We can continue to strengthen outreach, pastoral visitation, and property assessments and upkeep. We could also consider ways of increasing volunteers and prioritizing efforts so we don't burn out the ones we have. We would also like to increase support for Sunday School teachers and choir participation.

Deborah Cunningham
Vestry Member

Parish Register

Deaths

March 20, 2013

Mary Emma Taylor "Polly" Horner

Baptism

March 31, 2013

Lincoln Hui mang Williams

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 even months.

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
Miss Jen Newgent, Director of Music Ministries, Jen@ImmanuelGlencoe.org
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Ms. Anne Greene, Church School Administrator, Anne@ImmanuelGlencoe.org
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Vestry and Officers

Rudi Horner, Senior Warden, Doug Whatley, Junior Warden,
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Tara McDonough, Betsy Powell,
Suzanne Supplee, and Peggy Taliaferro