

Immanuel's Messenger

August/September 2013

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From the Rector:

Save these dates and watch your parish emails for more events and information as we plan our fall programs! Information is also included here for some major events, feast days, etc. for 2013-2014. Additional details, dates, worship services, and programs will be listed in fall newsletters, parish emails, and online.

Sunday, September 8: Return to regular worship schedule. 8am Holy Eucharist Rite One.
10:15am Holy Eucharist Rite Two. 11:30am
Coffee Hour.

Sunday, September 15 & 22: Special photo exhibit from Paul's Place available in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, September 15: Annual Stewardship of Creation Sunday. Children's Choir begins rehearsals weekly 11:45-12:15.

Sunday, September 22: No 8am Today! Guest Preacher Jayna E. Powell, Volunteer Coordinator for Paul's Place.

Sunday, September 29: First of our ongoing series "Making Disciples: Faith in the Pews and Beyond." (See article below for more information.)

Sunday, October 6: Annual Pledge Campaign Begins.

Sunday, October 27: Annual Blessing of all Pledges received so far.

Sunday, November 3: All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 10: No 8am Today! Annual Meeting of the Congregation immediately follows the 10:15am service. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck luncheon to follow.

Looking Ahead:

Wednesday, March 5: Ash Wednesday

Sunday, March 30: No 8am Today! Annual Bishop's Visitation welcoming this year The Rt. Rev. Joe Goodwin Burnett, Assistant Bishop of Maryland.

Sunday, April 20: Easter Day.

Sunday, June 8: The Day of Pentecost.

Interested in Confirmation? Our next Bishop's Visit is March 30, 2014!

Any high school age youth or adult interested in being confirmed should contact Mother Megan as soon as possible. Once we have a list formed, we will figure out further details for our classes and/or retreat.

While we do have a large and active Middle School group at this time, most of them are not eligible for confirmation quite yet! Many of them

will be in our next “class,” which would likely be confirmed somewhere between 2015 and 2016 depending on when we are scheduled for visits by a bishop.

It is expected, however, that Middle Schoolers who wish to be confirmed in the future will attend Sunday School regularly. The doctrinal and biblical lessons there are designed to build basic knowledge over a couple of years so we have less to accomplish in the Confirmation Class/Retreat once they reach that point.

If you have further questions, please contact Mother Megan directly. Thank You!

-Megan+

Special Service Sundays

As a community, we usually have “our way” of worshiping on Sundays. There are things you can generally count on with regard to music, prayers, etc. From time to time, we have been asked about special services or different types of music that people would like to experience. To that end, Megan+ and Jen hope to plan three Special Service Sundays this year.

One will be a service of Morning Prayer, with sung canticles, an Anglican Chant psalm, and other elements you remember and love from years past. Another service will be a more contemporary music service with our own hymns heard in a different way or alternate styles altogether- such as praise hymns from other traditions or songs that might be heard on contemporary Christian radio. A final service style will be a Taize service consisting of candles, icons, meditative chanting, and contemplative prayer.

If you have ever wondered about any of these styles of worship, I hope you will attend and see what it’s all about! If these are not your cup of tea, I hope you will come with an open mind for an experience outside our usual box that just might inspire you in some way. It is likely that the contemporary/praise service

will take place in October or November, that Morning Prayer will be in November or February, and the Taize service will be during Lent or Easter seasons. However, these are tentative plans as we continue to explore the availability of musicians and the needs of the church calendar. We will announce the dates as soon as we have all three scheduled.

We look forward to these special services this year and hope you do too!

-Megan+ and Jen

Making Disciples: Faith in the Pews and Beyond

As some of you know from previous reports from Diocesan Convention and at the Annual Meeting, the Diocese has been organizing priorities known as “Horizons 2015” for several years now. A full page listing the diocesan priorities is found at the end of this newsletter on p. x. One particular priority reads, “Evangelism: By 2015, the diocese will have equipped every member of the diocese to express his or her faith story by words and actions.”

As you think through your life experiences of God, The Gospel, and Church, can you tell your own faith story in words? As you consider your most important interests, ministries, and efforts, can you tell your faith story through your actions? Perhaps some of us can. Maybe many of us cannot.

As a means of working toward this diocesan priority, and more importantly, as a means of getting to know one another better while discovering more about our own faith journey, we will have a sermon series called, “Making Disciples: Faith in the Pews and Beyond.”

On certain Sundays throughout the program year, brave members of our community will stand up and tell something of their own faith stories during the sermon time. We will learn more

about or neighbors in the pews around us, but hopefully we will also learn more about our own faith stories as we find points we can relate to- or points of different experience- as we listen to our friends speak about their journeys.

We no longer live in a world where it is taken for granted that people in our larger community will believe in God, serve others in faith, and attend religious services. If we want to bring people to God, it is most likely to happen by someone being inspired by our faith story. If we want to bring people to church, it is most likely to happen by someone being inspired by our words and actions in community.

I hope that if you are approached, you will agree to consider taking part in the sermon series. You will receive as much help and guidance as you need! If you are not telling your own story, I hope you will take these opportunities to reflect on your faith as a result of what your neighbors say. And through this communal journey, I hope that we will all come to fuller understanding of making disciples of all nations, and that this often happens one story at a time.

-Megan+

Sunday School News

We look forward to our Sunday School Kickoff on September 8. Sunday school begins at 10:10am each Sunday. Please have children arrive as close to 10:10am as possible; parents can be in church for the 10:15am service and we will join you at the Peace for the Communion portion of the service. More details about special Sundays, the Christmas Pageant, etc. are coming soon, so watch your parish emails and the next newsletter! Thank you!

Anne Greene

Middle School Youth Group News

Middle School Youth Group will resume this fall after we return to our usual worship schedule. We are currently making plans for fall activities, so please watch your parish emails and Sunday bulletins for details. If there is something in particular you would like to do, please let Megan+ or Jen know ASAP! If you have a new Middle Schooler this year, please let us know that as well so we can add you to our email list. Thank You!

-Mother Megan and Miss Jen

From the Music Department

The Adult Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 5, 7:30-9pm. Would you like to sing with the choir, but not every single week? Maybe you'd like to sing only for Christmas. Or maybe for everything except Christmas. Or perhaps only for the season of Lent. Or Advent. Or something else... Arrangements can be made to work with your schedule! Contact Jen to work out details.

The Children's Choir will resume rehearsals on Sunday, September 15, 11:45-12:15. The Children's Choir will be singing in church about once a month, choosing dates based on availability of members. Contact Jen to work out details.

Jen Newgent
Director of Music Ministries

Outreach News

Many of you will recall that the youth group sponsored an Outreach Mini-Fair on Pentecost. The proceeds from coffee hour and the silent auction went to assist members of the Whatley's extended family helping to build a school for orphans in Zambia. Photos showing progress from the beginning of the project through July were sent in a Parish email earlier this summer. We look forward to more updates this fall, which we will continue to pass along through parish emails. Thank you all for your support!

Everybody Loves Coffee Hour!

Last year, we introduced a new strategy for scheduling coffee hour hosts and it worked! So, we are going to repeat it this year, and introduce two new members of the Coffee Hour Team. They are Anne Brown and Kathy Hupfeldt, and they will be assisting in organizing the schedule and showing any new hosts how to set up the tables and pots and supplies ahead of time.

The overall schedule is the same as last year: for the fall (September through December), members of the Vestry and Altar Guild will be asked to sign up for a Sunday. And then for the spring (January through May), we will call upon the Sunday School, Flower Guild, Property Committee, Middle Schoolers, FOTOS, Lay Visitors, Lay Readers, Parish Growth, Cemetery Committee, Choir and Broadmead residents to pick their dates. The loyal 8 o'clockers will be asked to help in the summer.

Although many parishioners serve on more than one committee, you will only be asked to co-host once. Each host is encouraged to reach out to other parishioners to assist, especially those who are newcomers or who are not yet involved in a specific ministry. So, please be ready to consult your calendar when asked to host or assist. We need you! Thanks to everyone and to Anne and Kathy for joining the team!

Rudi Horner, Senior Warden

WOMEN OF IMMANUEL MEETING

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2013
11:30 AM**

Important Meeting! Please Attend!

The Women of Immanuel kicks off the new fiscal year on September 15, in the Parish Hall, at 11:30 AM. The primary focus of the meeting will be to talk about the Future of WOI, so everyone is encouraged to attend. Other business to be covered include: WOI Donation to Newgent Family, October Square Dance, Annual Bus Trip, and the WOI Scholarship and Evolution of WOI.

Should WOI continue as it has been, or should it be dissolved or redefined? We need your input! Please attend this important meeting.

Linda Ambrose
WOI President

COOK-OFF AND SQUARE DANCE

**Saturday, October 12, 2013
In the Parish Hall**

**COOK-OFF
5:30 to 6:30 PM
(Admission Fee TBA)**

There will be another Cook-Off this year, but we haven't gotten all of the ingredients gathered yet. So for now, it will be a surprise until we have the full recipe figured out. Please plan on coming with the family and invite your friends, too.

Once we know what kind of Cook-Off will be, we will send out a flyer via an e-announcement to fill in all the details. For now, we will have a reservation sheet ready on September 8th at the Cook-Off/Square Dance Table in the Parish Hall.

SQUARE DANCE
7:00 to 9:00 PM
(Admission Fee TBA)

Called By Gene Fitta

Have a Rootin' Tootin' Good Time after the Cook Off at our annual old time Square Dance. Don't be shy...strut your stuff. Caller Gene Fitta will make it easy. If you can't make it to the Cook-Off, don't let that stop ya from comin' to the Hoedown!

Property Perusal

Thanks goes out to all that have shared landscape ideas, assisted with grounds keeping and/or volunteered problems around our wonderful facility that need attention... without you we would most likely not have noticed several of the concerns.

The Property Committee has recently addressed an ongoing erosion problem on the memorial path to the cemetery, dealt with what we believe to be a vole/mole issue in front of the Rectory, Rudi Horner and I managed to fix the plastic insulation around the windows in the Parish Hall and Rudi singularly cut back weeds and vines in our ongoing efforts to reestablish an old meditation garden next to the main parking lot.

The Property Committee is looking to the future with some planned landscape ideas that will offer a more diverse and manageable tree and shrub lay out. We are also looking to collaborate with the Flower Guild to plant shrubs and bushes whose clippings may be used by the Flower Guild for future flower arrangements.

As mentioned earlier, if you are looking to join a committee as a means to get more involved with your Church, please know that the Property Committee is never critical, we have reasonable standards, and we are always happy to have you in our midst.

Noby Powell

Summary of June and July 2013 Vestry Meetings

On June 11, the Vestry met and elected Nelly Perkins to fill the unexpired Vestry term of Deborah Cunningham, ending this December. The Treasurer reported that our investment fund held \$1,457,036.64 as of May 31, 2013.

After numerous visits by contractors to evaluate what causes must to be addressed, the Property Committee presented multiple bids for our priority repair needs. The Vestry unanimously voted to authorize \$7250 for work by Clean Sweep to repair the roof at the entrance of our Church and to make various gutter repairs on the property. Clean Sweep has done very good work for us in the recent past, including to repair a leak in the roof of the Rectory. The Vestry authorized an additional \$350 to repair the plaster in the Narthex of the Church.

The Parish will perform its own audit of our 2012 finances, using specific and clear guidelines from the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. We learned that Karen Stewart, Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese, was expected on July 2 to meet with the 2012 Audit Committee: John Sieverts, Andy Crosby, Noby Powell, and Doug Whatley, Chairperson. The audit, beginning on July 2, will save the Church its annual expense of a professional auditor, while laying the groundwork for an Audit Committee to be an annual activity of the Parish.

The Vestry agreed not to meet this August, as the Parish's recent practice is to meet monthly except for one summer month, usually August.

On July 9, the Vestry met and acknowledged that the Newgent Family Fund had raised \$20,150, as of the week before.

The Rector explained that our program year, beginning in September, will include working with our Diocese's Horizons Goals. She's working on the busy schedule for this autumn at Immanuel. Our Rector confirmed that

she will be on vacation for two weeks, including the first two Sundays in August when the Rev. Kingsley Smith will be here.

Doug Whatley's sister, living in Zambia for over a year on a church mission, had just notified him that she received our Church's late May 2013 outreach check. She asked if we had a preference of how their mission spends our gift. The Vestry unanimously voted for the "area of greatest need."

The Vestry voted to spend \$200 of the Parish's 2013 general outreach funds to support the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma's efforts to assist recent tornado victims in their state. Local donations to this fund are being coordinated through St. John's Episcopal Church, Havre de Grace.

In the next couple of months, Melissa Whatley, Church Bookkeeper, will mail everyone who made a pledge for 2013 a financial statement, displaying every special donation made this year and showing where that family stands with its pledge for 2013.

The Property Committee reported that the three gutters on the Church property are now fully repaired. Noby Powell of the Property Committee has worked to divert water from the Mary Horner Memorial Path leading from our driveway to our lower cemetery. He had already filled some holes opened by moles in the grassy turnaround island.

Rudi Horner reported that Anne Brown and Kathy Hupfeldt volunteered to show the coming school year's coffee hour hosts how to use the Parish's coffee-making machine and so forth. They will recruit our January through mid-May 2014 Coffee Hour Hosts.

The Vestry and officers of Immanuel agreed that we will each host Coffee Hour one Sunday in autumn 2013. We confirmed that each of us will bring a food donation for September 8's special Coffee Hour to welcome back the Immanuel Choir and Sunday School.

Deborah Cunningham
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 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
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Vestry and Officers

Rudi Horner, Senior Warden, Doug Whatley, Junior Warden,
Chuck Gilbert, Treasurer, Deborah Cunningham, Registrar,
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Chad Crowe, Nelly Perkins,
Tara McDonough, Betsy Powell,
Suzanne Supplee, and Peggy Taliaferro

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland Horizons 2015

We affirm that our diocesan priorities are...

Proclamation

By 2015, in response to the call to proclaim the Good News and make disciples of all nations, the diocese will grow its average worship attendance by 10 percent.

Example: *Organize a welcoming program to incorporate new members in every congregation.*

Evangelism

By 2015, the diocese will have equipped every member of the diocese to express his or her faith story by words and actions.

Example: *Find means to tell our story using such methods as Public Narrative training.*

Action

By 2015, the diocese will be an agent for transformational change in the State of Maryland and local communities and be recognized as such.

Example: *Identify and train key strategic leadership throughout the diocese to enable our social service agencies to reach parishes and multiply effectiveness.*

Christian formation

By 2015, every congregation will have 40 percent of worship attendees of all ages participating in a Christian formation program.

Example: *Train and equip at least one lay member from each congregation to lead Christian formation in that congregation*

Education

By 2015, provide every region in the diocese training and strategies for advocating for the poor in education.

Example: *Establish a diocesan school targeting at-risk children.*

In our efforts to fulfill the mission and ministry articulated in these priorities, we will...

- 1. Build in benchmarks and accountability to measure progress towards the task.*
- 2. Include youth and young adults as integral parts of the decision-making process at all levels surrounding the tasks.*
- 3. Develop methods of communication using available technology to link local members to diocesan tasks.*
- 4. Raise up and train leaders to direct the tasks.*
- 5. Develop funding sources and budgets to support the tasks.*
- 6. Use existing diocesan resources (e.g., Claggett Center, Cathedral, Diocesan Center) to support task development.*
- 7. Be mindful of diversity at all levels, including ethnicity, geography, etc...*

Affirmed by Diocesan Convention, May 1, 2010