

# *Immanuel's Messenger*

February/March 2013

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## ***From the Rector:***

***Mark your calendars for these special dates and outreach opportunities coming soon!***

***Now through February 10- Annual change collection for the Souper Bowl of Caring.*** Each year around the time of the Super Bowl, groups all over the country have fundraisers, food collections, and change collections to raise awareness of hunger related issues. The Souper Bowl of Caring provides educational and organizational materials, but they don't take any of the money; each group sends their collection to a hunger-related organization of their choice and reports on what they have raised and where it has gone. Like last year, we will donate to The Ark, a ministry of Episcopal Community Services of Maryland and the only state-accredited preschool for homeless children in Baltimore City. Please place your spare change or extra dollars in the soup pot at the back of the church each Sunday through February 10.

***Saturday, February 9, Middle School Youth Group makes soup!*** Watch for further details via email. The Middle School Youth Group will make homemade soup and serve it at coffee hour on the 10<sup>th</sup> to close our annual Souper Bowl of Caring collection.

***Sunday, February 10, Guest Preacher from The Ark and Souper Coffee Hour.*** Nancy Newman, Director of The Ark, will speak during the sermon time at the 10:15am service on February 10. (No

8am today!) The Middle Schoolers will join us in church before serving soup at coffee hour. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about an organization we have supported for a number of years and to make connections for the future.

***Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 12.*** See details in this newsletter, in the bulletins, and via email. All proceeds will be combined with the Souper Bowl change collection to benefit The Ark. Join us for great food, lots of fun, and to support outreach!

***Graul's Receipts- we still need you!*** As of early January, we were just over halfway to our goal of collecting \$25,000 in Graul's receipts. Please bring as many receipts as you can. We hope to receive the \$250 donation from Graul's, which the Middle School Youth Group will use for international outreach this spring. More details are coming soon!

Please watch for these and many more opportunities in the weeks and months to come. ***And don't forget your food items, cleaning supplies, etc. for the Hereford Food Bank each week!***

We look forward to wonderful programs at church as well as great outreach opportunities as we head through winter and into spring.

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

***SHOVEL DOWN SOME  
PANCAKES  
Shrove Tuesday  
February 12, 2013***

Celebrate Fat Tuesday at Immanuel's Annual Pancake Supper beginning at 6 PM on February 12<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. Feast on pancakes, hominy made by our own "Hominy Hon," sausage, fruit, and the Stewart-Sicking's traditional ice cream sundaes.

Bring your family and your friends for a festive evening. To help in buying groceries, please let us know your intentions by reserving your spots in advance on the sign-up sheet located on the *MARDI GRAS TABLE* in the Parish Hall. If that isn't convenient, you can also call Mary Jane Shanks at 410-557-6047 or email [mjshanks@zoominternet.net](mailto:mjshanks@zoominternet.net). The fee is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Look for the flyer on the website and print it out to give to friends. There will be some flyers in the Parish Hall and vestibule, too.

**WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP!** There is a Volunteer Sign-up Sheet at the *MARDI GRAS TABLE* in the Parish Hall. Please sign-up.

After supper, sometime between 7:15 and 7:30 PM, we will form a parade and march over to the church for a special service. We hope to see you all there.

Mary Jane Shanks

***Outreach News***

Please see Mother Megan's article at the beginning of the newsletter for many important outreach notes. We also thank everyone who contributed so generously to the 2012 Christmas Offering. We received \$1,254 which was split equally between Sandy/Crisfield storm relief efforts on the Eastern Shore and Hereford Ambulance in memory of Charlie Neave. Thank you to everyone who helped us reach out to our neighbors for these special causes.

***Sunday School News***

Have you noticed anything different downstairs? Do you ever venture down to the Sunday School and Offices? We are grateful to Sean Demchak (and his crew of family and scout friends) for sprucing up our Sunday School as his Eagle Scout project. Everything is still in process, but our goal was to have each room a different color, each of which would be bold and child-friendly. Our Sunday School looks very welcoming and fresh, and we are very excited about it! After some final touches, cleanup, and organization, we look forward to inviting you downstairs to view the finished product. Thanks to Sean and all who helped!

Mother Megan  
and Anne Greene, Sunday School Coordinator

***Middle School News***

There is a lot going on with Middle School from raising money for The Ark through the Souper Bowl of Caring to hosting an outreach fair at coffee hour on Pentecost Sunday. See the flyer in this newsletter and on the home page of the website for details and save-the-date information!

-Mother Megan and Miss Jen

***From the Music Department***

Many thanks to all the people who performed, helped backstage, supplied costumes or props, or provided dinner for the Christmas Pageant! It was great! I especially want to thank Chad Crowe, who built the framework we used to hang the curtain, and Emma, Julia, and Kate Whatley and Rosemary Gillam for spending extra time painting the scenes (and their parents for driving them to and from rehearsal).

If anyone is interested in singing just for Easter, or just for Lent and Easter, please contact Jen before March 1 (for just Easter) or February 1 (for Lent and Easter).

## ***Looking ahead!***

April 14, 4pm - An organ recital by Jen! In her second organ recital at Immanuel, Jen will play works by Bach. Just Bach. But 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 (that even includes other composers).

Jen Newgent  
Director of Music Ministries

## ***Your 2013 Pledges***

Immanuel Church received 62 pledges totaling \$129,725 for the calendar year 2013. Thank you very much!

The Vestry used the pledge results that were known in early December to develop the Parish's budget for 2013. Those pledges which have arrived since then are consistent with the Vestry's estimate of pledges coming in the next month.

The Parish welcomes new pledges at any time of the year. These generous donations allow our Church to function smoothly because they are accompanied by tremendously generous contributions of volunteer time and ability.

- Deborah Cunningham & Tara McDonough  
Stewarship Co-Chairs

## ***A Three-Year Anniversary***

Three years ago, in January 2010, our parish embarked on a new beginning with a new rector. On January 13, 2013, we celebrated Mother Megan's third anniversary, in our usual manner, with a special cake at coffee hour. Since we marked this anniversary last year, the Stewart-Sicking family and the parish have welcomed Simon Francis and Joe has earned tenure at Loyola University. Just two of the many milestones of this past year! Immanuel is undergoing a very healthy period of growth and evolution and everyone has been involved in more ways than one! Let us continue to give thanks for

the ministry of our rector among us and for the myriad ministries of the faith community of Immanuel Church.

Happy Anniversary!  
Rudi Horner  
Senior Warden

## ***Thanks to the Flower Guild***

We have come to expect that Immanuel Church will look absolutely stunning at Christmas and once again, our expectations were more than met this year! The Flower Guild and its extra helpers provided a visual setting for our worship that adds immeasurably to the Christmas spirit. Many thanks to all who made this possible for all of us!

## ***Parish Christmas Celebration***

Our second annual pizza party and pageant, held December 27, 2012, was another outstanding success! Thank you to the set-up and clean-up crews for the dinner: Tim, Lucy and Coleman Mettee, Patrick and Rudi Horner, Mother Megan, Linda and Vince Ambrose and all the families who brought delicious salads and desserts. We had 70 for dinner!

Rudi Horner  
Senior Warden

## ***Property Perusal***

The Property Committee has been busy this Fall and Winter with Chuck Gilbert keeping the water running from the well while Andy Crosby was busy keeping the water from leaking from the Rectory's sink. Chad Crowe and others have been looking into roof leaks and gutter concerns while we have received a monetary gift to restore two fireplaces in the Rectory, cleaning the flues and installing a new chimney (top) damper system. A special thanks goes out to Sam Crosby (with guidance from Rob Stegman) for his Eagle Scout project which resulted in the renovation/construction of the stone terrace outside the Rectory. This area has been in need of attention for many years and it is fantastic to see

this project come into fruition. Also, see the Sunday School News above for a report on their painting project.

At the risk of repeating this news, the Fall Boy Scout Clean-up was again a wonderful success and we cannot begin to thank our scouts enough for their efforts in keeping our grounds looking beautiful. The Spring Boy Scout Clean-up is now scheduled for Saturday, April the 20<sup>th</sup> with participants arriving around 8:30-9:00 that morning...all are welcome! And finally, the Property Committee is always looking for new members that possess some basic home improvement skills and are not afraid of working with others that do not necessarily have any of those skill sets!

Noby Powell  
Property Committee

## ***Wrapping Things Up in 2012***

What has become known as the "WOI Christmas Wrapping Event" started over 30 years ago when the Women of Immanuel would meet one evening early in December to box up and festively wrap mittens, socks, hats, and gloves for "our boys" at the Catonsville Children's Home. Tins of home baked cookies were also included for each boy. In the early years this event was held the same night as the Vestry meeting and began with a Christmas Party catered by the Women to thank Vestry members for their hard work. The evening commenced with the Women and the Vestry sharing the holiday spirit over cookies and other Christmas treats, eggnog and a little cheer. In some years the Women expanded the Christmas Party to a potluck! Afterward the feasting, the Vestry adjourned to their meeting and the Women to their wrapping.

Things have changed over the years. There are too few active WOI to continue with the Vestry celebration. Now the event takes place after church, the Home restricts wrapping to only Christmas bags and no homemade treats (just hard candy), and the wish lists for our ten boys have grown to include iPods, iTunes cards, tennis shoes or boots, wallets, name brand socks, and other items that our youth enjoy in today's society.

Because of the changing nature of the gift lists, this year we decided to do things a little differently. At

Mother Megan's suggestion, we partnered with the Youth Group, who were responsible for taking a boy's name and donating one or two stocking stuffers from his Wish List, such as socks or T-shirts. The youth group was also responsible for bringing hard candy to fill Christmas jars. We invited the rest of our parishioners to donate gift cards up to, but not to exceed \$50.

On December 9, we all met after Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall. After sharing pizza and sodas, the wrapping began. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to give each boy \$75 in gift cards instead of \$50! While the youth group filled the candy jars, the WOI filled each boy's bag with the stocking stuffers, the gift cards, and finally the candy jars. Donna Sieverts delivered the bags on Monday morning and reported how pleased and thankful the Home was for our munificent donations.

A huge "THANK YOU" to Donna for her leadership with this event, the youth group and their families, and all of you who gave so generously!

Mary Jane Shanks  
WOI Secretary

## ***Highlights from the Dec. 11th and Jan. 8th Vestry Meeting***

### ***DECEMBER'S VESTRY MTG. REPORT***

At its monthly meeting, held December 11, 2012, the Vestry approved the Parish's 2013 budget. The budget projects minimal withdrawals, at a sustainable level, from our Church's endowment. Because of generously-given, well-performed, and time-consuming volunteer work done for Immanuel's property, office, hospitality, and other areas, the Parish consistently plans and maintains a frugal budget.

The Rector announced that she hired Melissa Whatley, an active member of the Parish, to work as part-time Church Bookkeeper beginning January 1, 2013. The Vestry had been informed earlier in the autumn that Cathy Tipper, our excellent Bookkeeper for most of a decade, had notified the Church that she would like to move

on when a replacement could be found. We appreciate Cathy Tipper's willingness to remain available as a resource person for the early part of 2013.

The Property Committee notified us that they are addressing heating issues and a failing electrical outlet in the main Parish Hall room.

The Vestry decided that our Christmas Offering should be divided between two causes. One recipient of our Christmas Offering is a memorial to be chosen by the family of Charlie Neave, a recently-deceased 12-year-old who was a friend of some youth in our Parish.

The other cause is storm relief for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland which is administered through the Episcopal Diocese of Easton. The needs are for money, not for tangible goods, at this time. The Diocese of Maryland has asked each congregation to designate an offering to be combined and sent by our Diocese to specific Crisfield relief efforts.

The Rector announced that Pastor Smith would perform a Christmas Eve service this December at Broadmead.

Deborah Cunningham  
Vestry Member

### ***JANUARY'S VESTRY MTG. REPORT***

New Vestry members Andy Crosby and Betty Cummings were sworn-in at the January Vestry meeting.

Deborah Cunningham, Stewardship Co-Chair, reported that pledges from 61 families totaling \$127,965 had been received for 2013. Though we

had 72 families who pledged last year, the Vestry is encouraged by this year's results particularly given the challenging economic environment we all continue to face. We raised only \$7,772 less in 2013 relative to 2012, but had nine fewer families pledging, which means the average pledge was higher in 2013 versus the prior year. The Vestry recognized and thanked both Deborah

Cunningham and Tara McDonough for leading this year's successful Stewardship Campaign.

Chuck Gilbert, Treasurer, reported the Investment Fund balance was \$1,041,758 at 12/31/12. Our expenses for 2012 were reduced from previous years due to lower utility bills (last winter was milder than most), lower maintenance cost (less repairs were needed than usual), and the assisting priest's hours were reduced. Those factors, combined with the increased giving of the congregation, resulted in the lowest withdrawal from our investment fund in several years. Initial projections show that we were very close to withdrawing the recommended 4% guideline from the Investment Fund. Chuck will present final 2012 results to the Vestry at the February meeting.

The Church has received an anonymous gift from a parishioner for \$1,200 which will be used to repair the Rectory chimneys.

We brainstormed about some efforts within the Church where we are in need of assistance – these include Marketing, Newcomers, Outreach, and Middle School Youth Group/Sunday School. Anyone who is interested in becoming more involved – even, as an example, if you are able to teach a single Sunday School lesson one Sunday – please contact Rev. Megan Stewart-Sicking.

Nelly Perkins  
Registrar

**2013 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 6, 2013**. The new envelope numbers have been entered into the computer and will track your giving throughout 2013. **Please dispose of any old offering envelopes**, as those numbers no longer correspond with your 2013 giving record. If you would like to order offering envelopes, please call the church office.

## ***2013 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.

### ***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](mailto: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](mailto:Dary@ImmanuelGlencoe.org)

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](mailto:Megan@ImmanuelGlencoe.org)  
Miss Jen Newgent, Director of Music Ministries, [Jen@ImmanuelGlencoe.org](mailto:Jen@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, Betty Cummings, Andy Crosby,  
Chad Crowe, Deborah Cunningham,  
Tara McDonough, Betsy Powell,  
Suzanne Supplee, and Peggy Taliaferro



# SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER IMMANUEL GLENCOE

**IT'S FAT TUESDAY!**  
**February 12, 6:00 PM**  
**Parish Hall**  
**\$6/Adults; \$3/Children**  
**PROCEEDS GO TO OUTREACH!**

**Pancakes, Hominy, Sundaes,  
Mardi Gras Fun and Fellowship  
followed by the Parade of Saints to church  
for a special Lenten Prayer Service**

**Please let us know your intentions (so we will know how much to cook)**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**I plan to attend** \_\_\_ **and there will be** \_\_\_ **in my party**

**CAN YOU HELP? Yes, I can help with. . .**

**Set Up** \_\_\_ **Serving** \_\_\_ **Clean Up** \_\_\_ **Collect Admissions** \_\_\_  
**Bring a dish (fruit, etc.)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please sign up during coffee hour at the Mardi Gras Table or reply by Feb. 5 to:**

**Mary Jane Shanks**  
**3821 Marcus Ct., Monkton 21111**  
**mjshanks@zoominternet.net; 410 557-6047**



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