

# *Immanuel's Messenger*

*June/July 2013*

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

### **What's going on this summer?**

Lots! Please make a note of these events and plan to attend!

**Pick-Your-Own-Hymns Sundays:** The fourth Sunday of each month at 9:30am. (June 23, July 28, August 25.) Congregation writes hymns they would like to sing on cards before church begins; then we pick out of a basket each time a hymn is to be sung in the service. Also includes a special sermon reflection or teaching on a hymn or composer.

**Tuesday, June 4 at 6pm: Annual Women of Immanuel Potluck Dinner.** Held at the home of Mary Jane Shanks, all women of Immanuel Church are invited for fellowship! See article below for more information.

**Sunday, June 23 at 4pm: Organ Recital**  
For the first in our summer concert series, our own Jen Newgent will have an organ recital in the church. Refreshments following. See her article below for details.

**Sunday, July 7 at 4pm: Piano Recital.** In the second of our summer concert series, Nolan Miller, a doctoral student in piano performance at Florida State University, will play a dedication recital on our new baby grand piano in the parish hall. Refreshments following. See music article below for details.

## **Sunday, July 28 following the 9:30am service:**

**The Missing Chums.** In the third and final of our summer concert series, The Missing Chums will perform at Lemonade on the Lawn immediately following the 9:30am service.

**VBS-** Joint venture with area churches. St. James, Monkton will host this year, with a tentative plan for Mt. Joy AME to host in 2014. Watch email for more information, or contact me. This VBS program will follow the Harry Potter based "Wizards and Wonders" curriculum and will meet Sundays July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11 from 1pm to 4pm. For ages 4 yrs. through Grade 5. (Middle Schoolers are asked to be helpers.) Registration details coming soon.

*Please watch your bulletin, parish emails, and online parish calendar for the annual summer "Mass in the Grass" (outdoor Eucharist), and other special events as they occur over the summer.*

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

## ***Outreach News***

We are grateful to everyone who helped with outreach events this past program year, especially those who organized the annual fall Square Dance and the annual Pancake Supper. I hope that you will also read the article below on Middle School Youth Group News to note how much the youth (and their parents!) contributed to outreach this year. Our youth are beginning with a wonderful foundation for ministry, and it's never too early to form leaders- and let them lead!

So far in this calendar year 2013 we have:

Raised \$375.76 from the Souper Bowl of Caring change collection.

Given \$1,292.76 to The Ark preschool for homeless children in Baltimore (\$375.76 Souper Bowl of Caring, \$200 donation for Nancy Newman, Director of the Ark, preaching here on February 10, \$417 Pancake Supper, and \$300 individual donation.)

Collected \$1,419 from the annual Easter Offering to benefit Neighbor to Neighbor, a ministry dedicated to preventing homelessness and stabilizing families in Baltimore County.

Collected \$102 from the Good Friday Offering supporting ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Made \$229.57 from collecting Graul's receipts. This money will go to the youth group's international outreach event.

Sent \$1,300 to Whatley family members in Zambia for the next 1-2 years to build a high school for orphans. (\$124 Pentecost fair food ticket sales, \$50 discretionary fund for fair, \$483 silent auction at fair, \$229.57 from Graul's receipts, \$325 from the outreach operating budget, and \$88.43 individual donation.)

Mother Megan

## ***Sunday School News***

Sunday School and Middle School religious education wrapped up this year with a successful fundraiser. Thank you to all of the parents and children who contributed. Thank you also to all of the teachers who helped make this Sunday school year a success! We are especially grateful to: Melissa Whatley, Michele O'Connor, Darcy Turner, Ginny Gillam, Laurie May, Heather Crowe, and Lynn Traynor I'll be back in touch

before you know it to plan for September. Have a great summer!

Anne Greene  
Sunday School Administrator

## ***Middle School Update***

Our Middle School Youth Group had a great year with events including:

Planning party for the year including make-your-own-pizza.

Field trip to local grocery store to learn about hunger in our community and how low-income families struggle to afford food.

Giving the sermon reflection in church for All Saints' Sunday, teaching about all the various saints in the popular hymn *I sing a song of the saints of God*.

Donating items for Catonsville Children's Home Christmas boxes and helping Women of Immanuel to prepare the boxes. Making Christmas cards for those who can't come to church (Broadmead, etc.)

Annual change collection for the Souper Bowl of Caring including an event to cook soup from scratch and serve it at coffee hour to end the collection. Money went to The Ark Preschool for homeless children in Baltimore.

Dinner and planning meeting to organize for our Outreach Mini-Fair on Pentecost. The youth supplied all coffee hour food items. Food ticket sales as well as silent auction proceeds benefitted Whatley family members who are spending the next 1-2 years in Zambia building a high school for orphans. The youth also gave the sermon reflection on the meaning of Pentecost in the church service.

Thank you, thank you to all the youth who participated this year, and to all the parents who helped along the way. Watch for possible summer events and look for news in August about our fall plans!

Mother Megan and Miss Jen

## ***From the Music Department***

To the choir members of 2012-2013:

Savitri Gauthier  
Kellie Handley  
David Morris  
Rachael Morris  
Paul Schlitz  
Clay Welch

Thank you all for another great choir season! I look forward to the fall when we get to sing together again!

### **A New Piano at Immanuel!!**

Savitri Gauthier and Doug Fambrough have donated a Baldwin baby grand piano to the church! This piano is currently at our piano tuner's shop undergoing a few restorations - new hammers, a fix to the soundboard, a few new strings, and adjustment to the action are some of the things that will be done before its delivery to the parish hall, probably in mid-June. Because this new instrument will live in the parish hall, we now have a piano in the sanctuary! We moved the upright piano from its former residence in the parish hall to its new home in the sanctuary a few weeks ago, let it settle, tuned it, and have even used it in services already! Many thanks go to the boy scouts whom we recruited upon their return from a camping trip - they were waiting in the parking lot, so we asked if they wanted to help move the piano, and they did so! We are going to dedicate the baby grand piano on July 7, at 4pm, during a summer concert that will feature the new baby grand, played by doctoral student Nolan Miller.

### **Summer Concert Series!**

This summer, we again have 3 summer concerts!

June 23, 2013, 4pm - Jen Newgent in Organ Recital (rescheduled from April 14 and May 5)

July 7, 2013, 4pm - Nolan Miller playing a Dedication Piano Recital

July 28, 2013 - The Missing Chums

June 23, 4pm - In her second organ recital at Immanuel, Jen Newgent will play works by 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 (that even includes other composers). Refreshments to follow. (originally scheduled on April 14 and then May 5)

July 7, 4pm - Nolan Miller, a doctoral student in piano performance at Florida State University, will play a dedication recital on our new Baldwin baby grand piano! His program will include works by Bach, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, and others! Nolan is a good friend of mine and a wonderful pianist. It is sure to be a fabulous program. Refreshments to follow.

July 28 - The Missing Chums will join us for worship and then sing a concert on the lawn during an extra special Lemonade On The Lawn! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets!

Jen Newgent  
Director of Music Ministries

### ***Immanuel's Parishioners Headed Off to College***

Three of our regular acolytes are headed off to college this fall: Walker Ensor will be attending Mercer College in Macon, GA; Sam Crosby is headed to the University of South Carolina at Columbia, SC; and Kemp Ensor IV will be joining cousin Jacob Ensor at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, AL. We will miss them and wish them all the best in this new phase of their academic careers!

Rudi Horner  
Senior Warden

## ***Women of Immanuel (WOI)***

### **Parish Celebration Day Festive Coffee Hour**

The Women of Immanuel would like to thank everyone who helped with the Parish Celebration Day Festive Coffee Hour on May 12th. Special thanks to Bobbie Ensor, Rudi Horner, Mary J Moses, Carolyn Sass, Liz Sieck and Anne Somerville. Flowers provided by Rudi Horner with the help of Lucy Mettee were given out during the luncheon. Thank you Rudi and Lucy.

Linda Ambrose  
WOI President

### **Annual Dinner**

**June 4, 2013, 6 PM**

**Home of Mary Jane Shanks**

June is just around the corner, and it's time for the WOI Annual Dinner. For those who attend our meetings, please note that the date has been changed to Tuesday, June 4, starting at 6 PM.

Please bring a dish to share. Mary Jane will provide grilled chicken breasts.

The tentative agenda is below. If you have something to add, please contact Linda Ambrose or Mary Jane Shanks.

Future of WOI. (Please put on your thinking caps. Hopefully, we can come up with some creative ways to improve our membership and define our goals.

WOI Donation to the Newgent Family

Suggestions for bus trip this fall or next spring. As you may know, the spring 2013 trip was cancelled due to low registration.

The October Square Dance

Please tell us if you are coming by calling Mary Jane (410-887-1815) or by email: [mjshanks@zoominternet.net](mailto:mjshanks@zoominternet.net).

We hope to see you on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mary Jane Shanks

## ***Property Perusal***

The Property Committee wants to thank all of those responsible for the wonderful turnout for our Annual Spring Clean-up. Our Boy Scout Troop along with several Church members once again provided a stellar performance by addressing virtually every landscape need or want of the Church under the watchful eye of our own Chad Crowe and those Boy Scout leaders and fathers in attendance. The stone courtyard by the Rectory has now been completed thanks to Sam Crosby, the Scouts... and the delightful selection of the surrounding shrubs due to the discriminating opinions of Page Crosby, Betsy Powell and our wonderful Priest. The pathway to the Cemetery has been restored along with redirecting various drainage and erosion concerns. On a tangential note, the Property Committee is looking for anyone who likes to climb ladders to join us for a gutter cleaning adventure sometime in the near future...more to follow.

The several dirty hands of  
the Property Committee

## ***Summary of April & May 2013 Vestry Meetings***

### **April Meeting**

When our Vestry met on April 9, Dr. Alex Haller reported on his visit to the leadership of the Immanuel-sponsored Boy Scout Troop 485. Dr. Haller has been the Parish's liaison with Troop 485 for twenty years. As a physician, he wished to discuss his professional reasons for favoring the Boy Scouts officially allowing gay members. [Note these discussions took place before the late May decision at the national level.]

Our Rector brought up questions to be discussed in small groups on Parish Celebration Sunday,

May 12. Vestry Members and officers volunteered to lead the four small group discussions and to record the congregation's input. The Rector reported on plans for the youth group's outreach mini-fair on Pentecost, May 19, which is the final week of Sunday School until September.

The Vestry voted to accept a Baby Grand Piano which was visited and tested by Jen Newgent, Director of Music Ministries. The Baby Grand Piano is a gift from Savitri Gauthier, a soprano in our Choir from spring 2010 through spring 2012, who now serves as a visiting Choir soprano. The Vestry voted to spend up to \$4000 from the Friends of Music for the delivery of the Baby Grand Piano to our Activities Room in the Parish Hall; some adjustments and its first tuning there; and to move the upright piano from that room to the space formerly occupied by an electric keyboard next to the organ at the front of the church.

The Rector explained that an electrician is addressing inconsistent working electricity in part of the church. She thanked Noby Powell and Chad Crowe, members of the Property Committee, for sealing holes used by chipmunks to enter the closet in the Clergy Vesting Room in the Undercroft of the church.

The Property Committee is exploring possible modifications to the exhaust system in the church kitchen to ensure that we have the safest system for the money spent to maintain it. There are periodic fire inspections of the parish kitchen, including later this year.

The Vestry re-elected Rudi Horner as Senior Warden; Doug Whatley as Junior Warden; and Chuck Gilbert as Treasurer. Nelly Perkins had earlier stated she was ready to step down as Registrar, rather than being re-elected for another year.

### **May Meeting**

When the Vestry met on May 14, Deborah Cunningham was elected Registrar. She resigned

from the Vestry and was sworn in as Registrar.

The Rector stated she's working on a special program for our June 9 Sunday service, celebrating and honoring bequests to Immanuel Church. Such bequests have made possible the continued growth of our parish's Endowment Fund.

The Vestry discussed the written lists submitted by the scribes attending our four discussion groups on Sunday, May 12. We found that our members enjoy numerous programs and events here, and that people value the existing regular, open communication with the church. The parish will contact active members of the Parish who did not attend, to get their feedback in the next few weeks.

We recognized the need to list those members who are not on our e-mail list, and a few who utilize their e-mail extremely rarely, as people who need alternative communication for urgent messages from the church.

Chuck Gilbert, Parish Treasurer, informed us that Karen Stewart of the Diocese of Maryland will teach a committee of Immanuel's lay leaders how to conduct our financial audit that will review the year 2012. Doug Whatley, Junior Warden, will chair this committee.

Our Treasurer explained that we must, to meet I.R.S. requirements, establish a goal amount for the Newgent Family Fund, which is a minimum that can be exceeded. The Vestry approved \$10,000 as a goal for the fund. If more is collected in donations, the full amount collected will be distributed to the family. If less is collected, the church will honor the difference between the amount collected and \$10,000.

Chad Crowe of the Vestry, representing the Property Committee, reported that the leak in the roof of the narthex has finally been analyzed and explained. It enters the hole where the church bell is housed, coming down slowly through mortar. This is a separate leak than the earlier-repaired leak in the flashing behind the bell tower which is totally repaired. The Property Committee is

receiving estimates on this needed repair.

The Vestry will meet again on Tuesday, June 11.

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](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)

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](mailto: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, Betty Cummings, Andy Crosby,  
Chad Crowe, Deborah Cunningham,  
Tara McDonough, Betsy Powell,  
Suzanne Supplee, and Peggy Taliaferro