

Immanuel's Messenger

October/November 2013

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From the Rector: Special Service Sundays

If you missed this article in the last issue, please read on so you will have a sense of these special worship services that will occur throughout the year. If you did read it previously, note that we have added a fourth type of service!

As a community, we usually have “our way” of worshipping 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 four 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. We will also experience a service in the style of Taize, consisting of candles, icons, meditative chanting, and contemplative prayer. A final service will be offered in the spirit of the “High Church” tradition in which the Gospel and other elements of the service will be chanted.

If you have ever wondered about any of these styles of worship, we hope you will attend and see what it’s all about! If these are not your cup of tea, we hope you will come with an open mind for an experience outside our usual box that just might inspire you in some way (or make you thankful for how we do things week-to-week!).

Our first special service is scheduled to take place on Sunday, November 17. It will be a contemporary style service in the Parish Hall at 10:15am (no 8am).

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

-Megan+ and Jen

Save the Dates!

Save these dates and watch your parish emails for more events and information! Articles follow which describe many of these events, and flyers are also available on the home page of the website.

Friday, October 4: Youth Group Movie night. 6th grade and up. See Youth Group flyer on the website for details.

Sunday, October 6: Annual Pledge Drive Begins.

Saturday, October 12: Annual Square Dance with “Breakfast for Dinner” Cook-off competition! See flyer at the end of this newsletter or on the home page of the website.

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

Friday, November 1: Youth Group Event. See flyer for details.

Sunday, November 3: All Saints’ Sunday. 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. (Note the *change* from last month’s newsletter which listed the Annual Meeting as Nov. 10.)

Sunday, November 17: No 8am Today! One special service in the Parish Hall at 10:15am. Also, Pageant parts will be given out during coffee hour.

Saturday, November 23: Boy Scout and Parish Clean-Up Day! Bring rakes, leaf blowers, gardening gloves, and join our fall clean-up effort at 8:30am.

Planning Your 2014 Pledge

Immanuel’s annual Pledge Drive mailing comes to you in the first half week of October. Your pledge allows us to plan ahead, confident that careful budgeting will combine with your gifts to make an exciting year our Church’s reality. If your pledge packet does not arrive by U.S. Mail in a timely manner, please contact either Tara McDonough, 410.472.1255, or Deborah Cunningham, 410.358.2225. You’re welcome to approach either of us at church with your questions regarding the 2014 Pledge Drive.

On Sunday, October 27, 2013, at both services, every pledge received thus far will be blessed.

Please take an extra minute where your 2014 Pledge Card requests the names of all family members joining in the pledge, because even very young children participate in their family’s enthusiasm for and support of our Parish.

We look forward to a richly assorted year of church services and other activities, blessed by a warm community spirit.

Tara McDonough
Deborah Cunningham
Pledge Drive Co-Chairs

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

This is a reminder in case you didn’t catch this article in the last issue. 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+

From the Sunday School

Sunday School and Middle School are off to a great start! We've begun writing our own personal prayers and thinking about our relationship with God. In addition, the Middle Schoolers were able to hear our guest preacher from Paul's Place as well as our special sermon September 29 from Mr. Doug Whatley- telling his own faith story. The class had a chance to reflect on what they heard in these special sermons after each was offered.

This fall and winter, we will dive a little deeper into Bible stories, making sure both younger Sunday School children and Middle Schoolers have the chance to hear and experience again some of the most significant Old Testament stories, people, and themes. During the second half of the year, we will explore prayer, personal relationship with God, more about the Church, and New Testament stories. Both classes are also learning about the different church seasons, church feast days and dates, and liturgical colors.

We will be assigning Christmas Pageant parts on November 17th after church, so if you won't be able to attend church that day, please email me prior to the 17th to discuss your child's role.

Anne Greene
Sunday School Administrator

Middle School Youth Group News

We look forward to many wonderful events this year. Please take a look at our flyer on the home page of the parish website for details. We have planned for an October movie night, a November event to prepare for youth group offering the sermon on November 3 (All Saint's Sunday), and events around preparing Christmas gifts for the Catonsville Children's Home. Please let us know if you have ideas; we'd love your input as we plan for the second half of the year!

-Mother Megan and Miss Jen

Christmas Pageant Planning

Please note the following important dates for the upcoming Christmas Pageant and Parish Christmas Celebration!

Sunday, November 17- Pageant parts will be given out during coffee hour. If you will not be present on the 17th and wish to participate this year, you must contact Anne Greene prior to November 17 to discuss your child's role.

Rehearsals- During Sunday School beginning November 24.

Mandatory Rehearsal: Sunday, December 22, immediately following the 10:15am service.

Final dress rehearsal before the event- Friday, December 27 at 4:30pm. Please be ready to start at 4:30, which means you might plan to arrive at 4:20!

Pageant Schedule Dec 27:

4:30pm Dress Rehearsal

5:45pm Dinner

6:30 Children dress while adults move tables (if necessary)

7pm Pageant

Jen Newgent
Director of Music Ministries
Anne Greene
Sunday School Administrator
And Mother Megan

Cook-Off and Square Dance – October 12

The theme of our fourth annual Cook-Off is "Breakfast for Dinner". Locally this wonderful meal, also known as "Brinner", includes a whole range of goodies including casseroles, bran muffins, fruit compotes, blueberry pancakes, hominy, cheese grits and more! What favorite dish would you like to enter? There is no age

limit for the contestants. Bring your friends to pad the ballot box for your entry and plan to stay for the Square Dance. See flyer at the end of the newsletter for more details and sign up soon!

Rudi Horner
Senior Warden

Outreach News

Immanuel Supporting Local Family in Need

Several weeks ago, Samantha Elzein, 19, broke her neck in a swimming accident. She is currently undergoing treatment at Kernan. Her younger sister, Ava, is a fourth grader at Sparks School with Ellie Borton, who is in our Sunday School. Ellie is gathering a team at Immanuel to help her raise funds for Samantha's family. We had a chance to support their efforts at coffee hour on September 29, and will do so again at the Cook-Off and Square Dance on October 12. All funds will help the family with transportation and meal expenses.

Rudi Horner
Senior Warden

Sharing Our Outreach -- Local and Far Away

As a parish, we support many outreach efforts such as the Souper Bowl of Caring and the Christmas gifts to the boys at the Catonsville Home. Parishioners volunteer at Paul's Place and bring donations for the Hereford Food Bank. Some parishioners travel overseas to help in low-income communities. And every year there are new weather-related disasters and the subsequent relief efforts for whole counties; and then there are individual families, such as Samantha Elzein's, beset by a sudden devastating event. Furthermore, each family in our parish, and every single child and adult, reaches out to even more organizations, communities, families and individuals in need in ways that are not connected to Immanuel. In order to illustrate our breadth

and depth of outreach, everyone is asked to jot down what they do on a banner spread out in the Parish Hall. Come add your own examples and be amazed at the caring going on in our midst!

Rudi Horner
Senior Warden

Women of Immanuel Becomes Part of a NEW Ministry!

The Women of Immanuel, a service and fellowship organization with a long history at Immanuel, is seeking to continue some of our traditions without some of our structural challenges. At our meeting on 9/15/13, we decided to redirect our energies in the coming year by becoming part of a new Immanuel ministry now being developed — The Parish Fellowship Committee. The Parish Fellowship Committee will focus on the organization and implementation of fellowship activities and events, including the Pancake Supper, the annual Cook-Off/Square Dance, the Christmas Celebration, and special Sundays.

WOI will maintain its name — we hope to continue being an active viable group. We will still enjoy outings together and serve the community where needed. However, there will be no officers, no meetings requiring minutes, nor funds to keep track of in a bank account. To begin with in 2013-14, WOI will remain responsible for the Catonsville Children's Home Gift Giving project. We also hope to continue to meet as a group for fun and camaraderie at one or two luncheons or potlucks in the coming year. The status of the annual bus trip will be determined at a later date.

In addition, the current WOI funds will be distributed for purposes in line with the original goals of collecting dues—such as outreach or something for the church property in honor of the Women of Immanuel.

In the months ahead, more information will come your way about the Parish Fellowship Committee, so please join us for future Women of Immanuel fellowship events and volunteer to serve on projects as we all seek to strengthen our larger parish programs as well.

Linda Ambrose and Mary Jane Shanks
WOI and Parish Fellowship

Wrapping Things Up Christmas Gifts for Catonsville Children's Home

***December 8, 2013
After Coffee Hour***

Once again this year, the Women of Immanuel will join Immanuel's Youth Group and the congregation in giving gifts to boys at the Catonsville Children's Home. Each boy will receive items from his wish list, such as socks or t-shirts, a jar of candy, and a gift card. We hope the entire congregation will support this effort.

The youth group will shop to buy wish list items and the candy. Mother Megan and Miss Jen will coordinate this part of the gift giving with the youth group and their parents.

Other members of our congregation are encouraged to donate gift cards purchased at Walmart, Target, or iTunes. To insure equality, we are asking those interested to donate gift cards totaling up to \$50, with each gift card not to exceed \$25 in value. **Gift card donations should be returned to one of the following no later than Sunday morning, December 8:** Donna Sieverts, Mary Jane Shanks, Linda Ambrose, or Dary at the church office. Following the services on December 8th, the members of WOI and the Youth Group (and anyone else who would like to join us) will meet in the Parish Hall after the coffee hour to put the gift bags together.

Thank you for your generosity and support in past years, and we hope you will join us in giving this year.

Property Perusal

As the fall season continues, the Property Committee is once again most thankful for all of those individuals who have worked so hard to keep the grounds of the Church, Parish Hall and

Rectory looking so beautiful. We have had our share of set-backs as we keep addressing plumbing leaks and electrical issues, but all in all our physical plant is in good working order. We are currently researching an acid neutralizer for our well (we have high acid water that causes pin hole leaks in our copper pipes) which will require ongoing maintenance; however, there are no large capital expenditures needed and for that the Property Committee is most grateful.

Mark your calendar now and consider joining us for the annual fall clean-up with the Boy Scouts on Saturday, November 23. We begin around 8:30am, and you are rewarded with donuts and juice at the finish before noon. The focus of the fall clean-up is usually leaves, so bring rakes and leaf blowers. Other small jobs will be available on that day as well. Everyone's help is needed and appreciated.

Please let Megan+, Andy Crosby, Chad Crowe or Noby Powell know if you would be interested in joining our little mission. We do not criticize or judge and we always welcome your company, especially during heavy snowfalls!

Noby Powell

Full-time Position desired for home - based aide for elderly or injured recovering at home

Tracey Smith is available to work in your home. She has many years experience with Immanuel parishioners, most recently with Polly Horner (6 yrs). She also has cared for Broadmead residents. Tracey has excellent wound care skills, can handle any medical or home care need, and administers medicine.

Coleman Horner Mettee gives Tracey an excellent recommendation. "I was always assured that when Tracey was with my mother, that she had the best possible care. Tracey brightened my mother's days. She handled everything: interfacing with

visiting nurses, scheduling doctor appointments, and handling all prescription refills. The household ran extremely smoothly when Tracey was there. Tracey supervised all medical emergencies with care and confidence.”

Please consider Tracey for a relative, neighbor, or friend.

Tracey Smith [410-472-0951](tel:410-472-0951)
Coleman Horner Mettee [410-303-3025](tel:410-303-3025)

News from the Vestry

Because Immanuel's Vestry generally holds 11 regular meetings each year, we took off August 2013.

At its September 10 meeting, the Vestry met with Kathy Hupfeldt and Anne Browne who have kindly agreed to serve as support people and coordinators of Coffee Hours during this program year. We confirmed that several individual Men of Immanuel will bring meat dishes for the Parish Pot Luck Luncheon, following our Annual Meeting, on Sunday, Nov. 3.

The Rector has made inquiries and was awaiting responses concerning a new Parish sign at the foot of our hill and some one-way and specific entrance signs at the top of our hill. The Vestry expects to hear details regarding our long-term, outdoor signage at our next meeting.

We have received Memorial Gifts in honor of Frank R. Palmer, III; Polly Horner; and Lillian Horner. The Rector already purchased two antique, needlepoint chairs, used in the front of our church, with a small portion of the Polly Horner Memorial funds. Megan+ is exploring major, long-term purchases to be made with these funds.

Our investment funds totaled \$1,448,957 on August 30, 2013. The Church's Audit Committee

has begun its work auditing the Parish's finances in 2012. The Parish Treasurer will present a proposed 2014 budget at our October meeting.

Chad Crowe, a Vestry member and active volunteer on the Property Committee, is doing the plaster and drywall repairs in the Narthex of our Church.

Acidic well water has eaten tiny holes in copper pipes in the Sunday School area of the Parish Hall and in the Sacristy in the Undercroft of the church. These pinholes have resulted in water leaks which our Property Committee has traced. They've proposed adding neutralizer to our well water at the pump area, and the Vestry authorized up to \$2500 to be spent for a new water neutralization system. Church members on the Property Committee have volunteered to make room repairs following water leaks.

We learned that Saturday, Nov. 23 is our Boy Scout Troop's Cleanup Day at Immanuel. Everyone is welcome to join them and some church members who often volunteer for this semi-annual morning of mostly outdoor work.

Deborah Cunningham
Registrar

From the Office:

Reminder: My office hours are Mon. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Wed. and Thurs. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 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

Our Welcoming Statement

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

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