

Immanuel's Messenger

April/May 2014

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From the Rector and Music Department:

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming events in our parish life!

Sunday, April 6, 10:15am- Morning Prayer. (No 8am) Our "Special Service Series" continues with Morning Prayer. Earlier this year we worshiped with a contemporary praise style service and a Taize service. Our series continues this spring with Morning Prayer, and (see below) a "high church" service. Brush up on your Anglican Chant before April 6!

Sunday, April 13- Palm Sunday. Services including the Liturgy of the Palms at 8am and 10:15am.

Thursday, April 17, 7:00pm- Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist with organ and choir.

Friday, April 18, 12noon- Proper Liturgy for Good Friday. A brief worship and prayer service with no music.

Sunday, April 20- Easter Day. 8am Holy Eucharist with organ and hymns. 10:15am Festival Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism and choir. No Sunday School today! Easter Egg Hunt immediately follows the 10:15am service.

May 2-3, Diocesan Convention including the election of a new Bishop Suffragan for the Diocese of Maryland. Held at Turf Valley, Ellicott City. Listen for reports in church May 4.

Sunday, May 4, 10:15am- "High Church" Service. No 8am today. This will be the final worship service in our special series this year.

Sunday, May 18, 10:15am- Parish Celebration Day. No 8am today. Final day for Sunday School. Final day for Choir. Watch for details in the bulletin and listen to announcements regarding our Festive Coffee Hour for today. Special music will include children's (and adult!) favorites from Sunday School, camp, and other traditional types of lively children's songs!

Sunday, May 25, 9:30am- Summer Schedule begins! Once service of Holy Eucharist Rite II with organ each Sunday at 9:30am. Followed by Lemonade on the Lawn.

Looking ahead- Please watch for announcements regarding the summer concert series. We plan to do "Pick Your Own Hymns" Sundays on the first Sunday of each summer month (**June 1, July 6, August 3.**) The tentative date for "Mass in the Grass" is Sunday, **June 29 at 4pm.**

-The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking
Rector

-Jen Newgent
Director of Music Ministries

From the Senior Warden

As I write this, we are once again anticipating another snowstorm, on St. Patrick's Day no less, which is the perfect dénouement to this rough and wild winter right before spring. However, this winter did not deter Immanuel Church, its rector, and parishioners from our corporate worship and

activities that were so thoughtfully planned. We can thank our "Snow Patrol" of Rudi Horner, Andy Crosby, Chad Crowe, Chuck Gilbert and Noby Powell. They shoveled, salted, and sanded our campus on more than several occasions since the last newsletter beginning with the funeral service for Billy Saddler on January 25 and ending (so far) with the Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper on March 5. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

The following is a synopsis of what we were able to experience despite the weather:

- February 2: A Taize and Candlemas service and a lesson on how to keep Punxatawney Phil in your heart all year long.
- February 16: Rudi Horner's remarkable faith journey.
- February 23: Boy Scout Sunday with Troop 485, a prelude from Rudi, an interactive sermon on "Words to Live by, and the Immanuel "lay choir".
- Warm, convivial coffee hours that provided respite from cold and snow.
- Episcopal Worship 101 – our Adult Education program for Lent.
- A rescheduled Pancake Supper with record attendance under the leadership of Mary Jane Shanks.

In addition to our "Snow Patrol" these events involved the participation of other parishioners to make them successful. Time is the most precious commodity we possess and it seems to be in shorter supply every year. If you are yearning to be more involved with Immanuel but time is in short supply, consider serving as an acolyte, or a chalice, or a reader, or an usher and/or a lay visitor on Sunday morning. If you are here anyway on a Sunday morning for worship, it won't take any more time than you are already spending at Immanuel and it will deepen your worship experience.

Faithfully,
Liz Sieck
Senior Warden

Congratulations and Blessings Upon our Confirmands!

The following youth and adults were Confirmed by Bishop Creighton, Retired Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, during his visit on March 30, 2014:

Bennett Cole Ensor
Thomas Giles Perkins
Courtney Swanson Pleiss
Anne Elizabeth Berndt Powell
Quinlin Maye Schiffer

From the Sunday School

In Sunday School we've been focusing on stories about Jesus and His teachings. This follows the fall and winter focusing on Old Testament Lessons. Middle School has fortunately been able to attend church to listen to our wonderful speakers describe their faith stories, as well as representatives from various outreach ministries we support. We will continue discussing Easter and the early church throughout April. As always we look forward to our Parish celebration day on May 18th!

Anne Greene
Sunday School Coordinator

Middle School Youth Group

The Middle School and Youth group gathered for a movie night on Friday, March 28. They will get together again for events throughout the spring and early summer, including a possible trip to see Miss Jen help direct the Homeschool Harmonizers in "Cool in the Furnace," a musical focusing on the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Please watch your email for more details, and let Mother Megan know if you need to be added to the email list. Thank you!

-Mother Megan and Miss Jen

Outreach News Super Job for the Souper Bowl!

Once again, Immanuel parishioners and guests enjoyed the clink, clink, clink of throwing their coins into the Souper Bowl and watched the pile grow during January and February. There were even some bills sprinkled in to soften the blow of all the coinage being tossed that way. Sponsored by the Middle School Youth Group, the Souper Bowl of Caring collected a total of **\$145.52** this year! It will be added to the proceeds from the

Pancake Supper and will be sent to support the Ark preschool for homeless children in Baltimore City – a ministry of Episcopal Community Services of Maryland (ECSM).

Rudi Horner

PANCAKE SUPPER 2014: The Snow Let Up and A Great Time was Had

The snow let up just in time for us to have this year's *Ash Wednesday* Pancake Supper. We did it a day late, but it was maybe the best attended in my tenure as Custodian of this event. The pancakes, sausage, hominy, fruit and sundaes were almost totally consumed, with very little leftover. That is an indication of how delicious everything tasted.

Bobbie Ensor and I want to thank all who attended to support our efforts. A total of 87 people braved the cold weather to come and support this annual event. A total of \$465 was received for the Ark, which will be combined with proceeds from the Souper Bowl of Caring. We want to especially thank our wonderful team of volunteers who inventoried, shopped, set-up and cleaned-up, decorated, cooked, served, and handled admissions. We had more volunteers this year than ever before. They made a GREAT TEAM!

THANK YOU!

Bobbie Ensor, our Hominy Hon, who did all of the above. Her hominy was as delicious as it has been for the last six years. Dary now has the recipe on file, which includes the names of all the Hominy Hons for the past 20+ years.

Noby Powell and his team for making sure the driveway and sidewalks were cleared so everyone could arrive safely, and for making sure the water was running properly.

Ashby Shanks, John Sieverts, and Susan and Brice Dowell for doing a superb job of flipping pancakes this year. The Dowells used Mary J Moses's griddle. This is the first time in 20 years that Mary J has been unable to flip pancakes, but her griddle represented her well.

Mark and Katie Ritter for braving the bad weather

to make sure the sausage was picked up and cooked to perfection in their kitchen.

Rudi Horner, our decorator, who was there to help wherever needed.

Deborah Cunningham, who graciously and expertly greeted our guests and handled admissions.

Linda Ambrose, Donna Sieverts, Betty Cummings, and Donna Saddler for serving and making sure all of the details were attended to before and during the event.

Anne Brown, Andy and Paige Crosby, Bill Saddler, and Shawna Garliss for helping wash dishes and clean up, a daunting task.

The Stewart-Sicking Family for the fabulous sundaes.

Betsy Powell, Carolyn Sass, Nellie Perkins, and Anne Somerville for the delicious fruit and applesauce.

To all those 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
Custodian of Pancake Supper 2014

Property Perusal

This winter has been rather hard on our little campus on the hill. Thanks to the help of many we have managed to keep the driveway, parking lots and walkways clear and the bushes from being crushed by the weight of the snow. We are looking forward to spring and the annual clean-up day with our Boy Scout Troops, which has just taken place on March 29th. There was a general clean-up of debris along with some transplanting and removal of shrubs. We thank God that our Church has survived this winter without too many physical plant problems and we are all looking forward to the warmer weather.

Warmest regards,
Noby Powell
Property Committe

Vestry Meeting Notes

February:

The Vestry met on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, for a regular business meeting. Chuck Gilbert, the Treasurer, reported that our investment fund contained \$1,524,613.12 as of January 31, 2014.

Deborah Cunningham, Co-Chair of the Pledge Drive, reported that we had received 60 pledges, totaling \$131,020, for the year 2014. Furthermore, the parish received special gifts for the general fund totaling around \$4,000 from four households, either members or friends of the church, during the months of the pledge drive.

The Vestry voted to pay \$2725 to Clean Sweep Chimney, Gutter & Slate Service to make repairs to the church's slate roof, including the replacement of 60 defective, worn pieces of slate. Clean Sweep has performed excellent work at Immanuel Church in the past couple of years.

Megan+ announced that some cabinet work needs to be performed in the Sacristy to make the storage and accessing of heavy linens easier for the faithful volunteers on our Altar Guild. For this purpose, the Altar Guild has input regarding what's useful and practical for their work. Tom Turner, a member of the parish, has volunteered to do woodworking to make the remodeling a reality. Todd Garliss, also a parish member, has been asked to help in designing the planned cabinetry.

Megan+ suggested that we get estimates from several contractors for a new boiler in the parish hall. Our present boiler is very, very old, and its recent performance has been irregular. The Vestry authorized the Property Committee to get multiple estimates for a new boiler.

Megan+ recommended that our next parish directory be our first picture directory since the 1980's. The idea was well-received, so the church office will not produce a purely typed parish directory this spring. Instead, Megan+ hopes that we will be scheduling portraits of church members in the early autumn, to produce a photo directory. Darcy Turner offered to assist with organizing us for the parish directory.

March:

The Vestry met for the parish's annual Mutual Ministry Review on Tuesday, March 11. This review is required by our Rector's Letter of

Agreement with Immanuel Church, and such a review is now typical in the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. Specifically, the Rector, the Vestry, and lay officers meet annually to discuss how our Parish is doing, how lay leaders, clergy, and staff are functioning, and what is going well or might need attention in the future.

The areas that we discussed in particular were:

- Worship and preaching
- Music
- General parish organization and communications
- Parish life – programs and events other than church services
- Outreach
- Pastoral Care
- Church School and Middle School Church Group
- Administration and Staff

- Deborah Cunningham
Registrar



Easter Thanksgiving and Memorial Flowers

Easter Sunday is April 20th. We will have beautiful Easter Flowers on the altar and around the church, and will list the names of those in whose honor they are given in the Easter Sunday bulletin. If you wish to include names, please use the form below. Include your check (*with "Easter Flowers" written on the memo line*), and either mail it to the Church Office (1509 Glencoe Road, Glencoe, MD 21152), or drop it off at your convenience by Monday, April 14th. (There is no set amount for this donation).

Your Name: _____
Telephone: _____

Name(s) or events to be listed "in Thanksgiving for:"

Name(s) to be included on the list of Memorials:

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Thank you!

Betsy Powell
Flower Guild

2014 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 5, 2014**. The new envelope numbers have been entered into the computer and will track your giving throughout 2014. **Please dispose of any old offering envelopes**, as those numbers no longer correspond with your 2014 giving record. If you would like to order offering envelopes, please call the church office.

2014 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. (The Rector also offers a personal recommendation for Brooks-Huff due to their recent, speedy replacement of her failing tires on very short notice, and their excellent service during many visits!)

From the Office:

Reminder: My office hours are Mon. 10:00 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 odd 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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Vestry and Officers

Liz Sieck, Senior Warden, Doug Whatley, Junior Warden,
Chuck Gilbert, Treasurer, Deborah Cunningham, Registrar,
Linda Ambrose, Betty Cummings, Andy Crosby,
Chad Crowe, Michele O'Connor, Nelly Perkins,
Betsy Powell, Suzanne Supplee, and Darcy Turner