

Immanuel's Messenger

August/September 2014

Immanuel Episcopal Church 1509 Glencoe Road Glencoe, Maryland 21152 410- 472-2828
www.ImmanuelGlencoe.org Office Email: Dary@ImmanuelGlencoe.org

From the Rector

It is time to start making your calendar for another amazing program year! More dates and details will be available in the October/November Newsletter covering the entire year, but here is what we know so far:

Monday-Tuesday, August 11-12- New boiler being installed in the Parish Hall Building.

Sunday, August 24- Piano Recital by Gretchen Hull at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Details below from the Director of Music Ministries.

Saturday, September 6- Ordination and Consecration of our new Bishop Suffragan. Held at the Church of the Redeemer. Doors open at 10am. Service at 11am.

Sunday, September 14- Program Year Kick-Off! Sunday School & Nursery begin as we return to our regular worship schedule with services at both 8am and 10:15am. The adult choir returns, and Coffee Hour will be after the 10:15am service.

Sunday, September 21- First Children's Choir rehearsal of the year at 11:45am.

Sunday, September 21- Broadmead Vespers at 4:30pm (at Broadmead).

Sunday, October 5- Pledge drive begins as we discuss Stewardship throughout the month.

Saturday, October 11- Annual Cook-Off and Square Dance! Full details are in the article

below and the flyer available at the end of this newsletter and on the parish website.

Sunday, October 19- The Rev. Charles Cloughen will be our special Stewardship guest preacher. Join us at 10:15am (no 8am today!).

October 21-25- Portraits for our new Parish Directory! Watch for more news and schedule a time for your picture to be taken. Don't miss this opportunity to help our congregation get to know each other better through a new Picture Directory!

Sunday, November 2- All Saints' Sunday. No 8am today. One service at 10:15am.

Sunday, November 16- Annual Meeting of the Congregation. No 8am today. One service at 10:15am.

Sunday, December 14- Special outreach speaker from Five Talents, an international organization that will benefit from our Christmas Offering this year. Five Talents fights poverty, creates jobs and transforms lives by empowering the poor in developing countries through innovative savings and microcredit programs, business training and spiritual development. No 8am today. Join us to learn more about this important ministry at 10:15am.

Many, many more details, dates, and events will be available in the Sunday bulletin, the Mini-Messenger eNews, and the next printed newsletter.

-The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking
Rector

From the Director of Music

Make a Note!

August 24, 4pm, in the Parish Hall ~ Gretchen Hull, piano, will play the last concert in the summer concert series! Gretchen, a graduate of Houghton College and Temple University, will play a variety of works including Bach, Beethoven, Scriabin, and Chopin. This recital is sure to be outstanding!

Adult choir will begin on September 11, 7:30pm, in the undercroft. Please contact Jen if you are interested in singing. New members are welcome, and it is possible to not commit to the entire year!

Children's Choir will begin on September 21, at 11:45am. This year we will be bringing back the boomwhackers! Please contact Jen if your child would like to sing (and play).

-Jen Newgent
Director of Music Ministries

From the Senior Warden

We have been so blessed with lovely weather every Sunday since Memorial Day weekend to enjoy "lemonade and cookies" on the lawn after the 9:30 AM service. Thank you to everyone, from those who arranged the serving schedule to those who "sneak" out of the service a little early to set up our refreshments. After enduring such a cold dark winter, it seems we are now rewarded with ample time and comfort to enjoy each other's company and even the song stylings of the "Missing Chums" on June 22 led by Organist and Choir Director, Jen Nugent.

Sunday, June 29, had to be one of the most beautiful days of the summer, so far. That was the day "Mass in the Grass" was held and it was a delightful, celebratory, educational service. Mother Megan+ worked hard on creating a Quiz Show Game for us based on the sermons we have heard the past season, the hymns that we have sung and the composers who penned them musically and lyrically, and the scriptures we

have heard in church. Parishioners who attended the 9:30 A.M. service that day also had the opportunity to enjoy the quiz game show led by Cynthia Ballard and Mary Frances Wagley.

The Vestry and leaders of the Immanuel Property Committee have been using the "slow" summer months to work on the property and plan for the upcoming fall, winter and even spring schedules for 2014-15. Please know that you are missed if you have been traveling or otherwise engaged on Sunday mornings during the summer season. We look forward to your safe and swift return to your Immanuel family.

Faithfully,
Liz Sieck, Senior Warden

From the Sunday School

We've taken a break over the summer, and I'm excited to see everyone back for the new school year on our first day, Sunday, September 14th! This year we'll continue to study bible stories, as well as the church calendar and seasons.

I'm always looking for new teachers! You can teach one Sunday... or every Sunday, it's up to you! I will give you the lesson and materials, or you can get creative and design your own lesson for a given subject. Please contact me at annegreene1996@gmail.com if you're interested. Enjoy the rest of your summer and I'll see you soon!

Anne Greene
Sunday School Coordinator

From the Youth Group

Are you interested in attending the Ordination and Consecration of our new Bishop Suffragan with us? Mother Megan and Miss Jen plan to go, so let us know if you would like to attend with us! It will take place Saturday, September 6 at 11am. Doors open at 10am for seating, so we will want to get there early for a good spot! We will send out further details via email in early August.

If you need to be added to our email list, please contact Mother Megan and she'd be happy to add you!

-Mother Megan and Miss Jen

Outreach News

Our outreach efforts have continued this summer with healthy snack donations to the summer campers of the Club at Collington Square. Members of Immanuel's Youth Group made a special shopping trip to purchase fresh items to add to the packaged donations from other parishioners. Please continue to bring donations every week for the food bank at Hereford.

Rudi Horner

In other outreach news... Please enjoy this reflection by our own Ava Turner, reprinted from the Summer 2014 eNewsletter from Adoptions Together.

My brother made me do it!

A note from Ava Turner

When we first adopted Andrei, he was 2 and I was 6 years old. Andrei was born in Tula, Russia.. I remember the night they came home with Andrei! My grandmother, my three dogs and I were waiting for them in the driveway.... and when they opened the car door, we all ran to him, including the dogs. At first, he was a little afraid but in a short time he was petting and loving them! Then we all went inside and showed him his new room and toys, and that night we all cuddled up and watched Curious George together and he had a huge smile on his face the whole time. Actually, we all did.

Andrei has changed my life in so many ways. He always livens up the room with his energy and sound effects, he is my friend and companion! We are actually incredibly similar in many ways. We are both artistic, love basketball and lacrosse, love animals and nature, and are equally stubborn which makes arguments interesting :). He has taught me to be better at sharing, that to give is better than to receive. In fact, One year our dogs

ate all our Halloween candy and Andrei offered right away to give me his candy! This is the primary factor leading to my donations instead of gifts for my 13th birthday. Adoptions Together changed my life in ways that I can never repay, giving back to such a great organization is one small gesture to I could do to help others grow their families!

Ava Turner

Immanuel's Youth – Moving On Up!

Many of our Immanuel youth will be entering school for the first time this fall, or starting at new ones, in addition to the challenges associated with just moving on to their next higher grade. A survey of our parish families shows the following results of Youth on the Move:

Into Preschool or Kindergarten:

Angeline and Will Conner: Angeline will begin kindergarten at Sparks Elementary in August. Angie spent the last two years in preschool at St. James Preschool in Parkton. Her brother William will start at St. James in September one day a week in the We Two class for two year olds and their mothers.

Simon Stewart-Sicking: Simon recently began, and will continue this August, at Trellis Services, Inc. Headquartered in Hunt Valley and getting ready to move north on York Road into Sparks, Trellis is a progressive and innovative agency and school providing services for children with autism and related communication disorders. Simon will continue to engage in all sorts of activities, including speech therapy, as he increases his use of sign language and other communication methods until he learns to (hopefully someday!) speak vocally.

Into a different Elementary School:

Emma Whatley: Emma will be moving from Pot Spring Elementary to Mays Chapel Elementary for 5th grade. She is excited to be part of the very first graduating class from this brand new school that will be opening in the fall.

Into Middle School:

Henry Perkins: Henry graduated from the 5th grade at Riderwood ES and will be starting the 6th grade at St Paul's in the fall. Henry is looking forward to joining his older brother, Giles, who will be entering the 10th grade at St. Paul's.

Tyler Harlan: Tyler graduated from 5th grade at Sparks Elementary School receiving the President's Award for high academic achievement as well as recognition for his contributions to the Band and Chess Club. He will be attending St. James Academy this fall and is looking forward to being a "big sixth grader".

Lucy Mettee: Lucy has completed 7 years (K-6) at Friendship Elementary School in Glen Rock, PA. She is going to Southern Middle School (also in Glen Rock) in the fall for 7th grade. She is not looking forward to the very early bus run.

Louisa Gillam: Louisa is entering the 6th grade at Harford Day School. She received a three-year academic scholarship, in honor of a former HDS student and prominent ophthalmologist, Frederick Mannion. This scholarship is only awarded once every three years to a new student.

Alec O'Connor: Alec is going to Hereford Middle School next year.

The Garliss Family: Hadley, Charlie and Matthew Garliss will be changing schools to join their mother, Shawna, who will be teaching 9th grade English and AP Psychology in the Upper School at St. Paul's School for Girls. Hadley will be entering 8th grade at SPSG; Charlie will be entering 5th grade at SPS, and Matthew will enter 3rd grade at SPS. They are sad to be leaving the great Hereford schools but are excited to all be together.

Into a different Middle School

James Champion: James and his mother, Anne Brown, and his brother are moving to Rogers Forge this August where James will start 8th grade at Dumbarton Middle School. Best wishes to all of them on this new adventure!

Into High School:

Dorsey Ensor: Dorsey will be starting 9th grade at Notre Dame Preparatory School. Dorsey will be the first Ensor to attend NDP.

Tim Mettee: Tim has finished 7th and 8th grades at Southern Middle School. He is entering Susquehannock High School, Glen Rock, PA, for 9th grade in the fall. He is looking forward to his 2nd wrestling season.

Henry Traynor: Henry completed 8th grade at Hereford Middle School and will be attending Hereford High in the fall.

Flannery Supplee: Flannery will enter 9th grade at Hereford High School in the fall and says, "I'm looking forward to the different classes—creative writing, GT art, and A.P. government. I'm also worried about *finding* my different classes!"

Matthew Ryan: Matt will be entering Hereford High this fall. His grandmother, Betty Cummings, writes, "Matt is our athlete!! He has played for Hereford United Soccer Club for 4 years. He is currently playing for Essex Summer Soccer League and training for try outs for Hereford JV soccer in the fall."

Tanner Hupfeldt: Tanner will be moving on up to Hereford High School from Hereford Middle School this fall.

Rosemary Gillam: Rosemary will be starting 9th grade at John Carroll High School and has already started practices for the cross country team.

James Gillam: James is headed to 9th grade at John Carroll High School and plans to join the saxophone section of the band.

And Even Higher:

Morgan Ensor: Morgan graduated from Maryvale Prep School in June and will be attending the University of Alabama in the fall. She will be joining her brother, Kemp and cousin Jacob there. ROLL TIDE!!!

Katharine McDonough: Katharine will be entering The University of Virginia as a first year student in the fall having graduated from Friends School of Baltimore.

Katherine Powell: Katherine graduated from high school (Baltimore Lab School) in May. She will be attending Montgomery College in Rockville this fall. She is nervous but excited about leaving home.....no more Mom and Dad telling her what to do!

Jessica Ensor: Jessica graduated from Hereford and will be attending Towson University in the fall. She is looking to major in some form of counseling.

All the other Immanuel siblings and friends of these students above are also moving on up, at the same school they attended last year.

Congratulations to every single one of you!

Rudi Horner

Pasta Cook-Off & Square Dance

Saturday, October 11, 2014

Donation: \$5 person, \$15 Family

***5:30 to 6:30 PM Cook-Off
Square Dance Follows until 9 PM***

Start looking through your recipes now for your favorite pasta dish to enter in this year's PASTA COOK-OFF. Entry forms will be available on Sunday, September 14. A colorful flyer that has all the details will soon appear on Immanuel's Web site: www.ImmanuelGlencoe.org.

Square Dance Caller Gene Fitta will have you up on your Dosey Does following dinner. If you cannot make it to dinner, please do not let that keep you from coming to the Hoedown. Gene Fitta makes it easy, even for beginners.

MJ Shanks

Property Perusal

The Property Committee apologizes for the unsightly disturbance to the grounds behind the children's playground. There was some equipment failure (or was it the operator?) that has resulted in an unexpected delay in the creating of a new door to the well house.

On a brighter note, we have plans to invest in a new boiler as well as some much needed tree work/removal, and some driveway resurfacing. We have several bids being returned and we will know more as those program options become available.

Please remember that the Property Committee is always looking for new blood and we have not lost a member yet due to an accident!

Noby Powell
Property Committee

Vestry Meeting Notes

June Meeting:

Immanuel's Vestry held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, in the parish hall. The Vestry voted unanimously to authorize up to \$13,500 to replace the boiler system in our parish hall, including the removal of both the present boiler system and previously used equipment which remains installed in the boiler room. The A. J. Michaels Company will perform the work this summer, during which time the parish hall air conditioning will be able to function. The Property Committee had repeatedly updated the Vestry during the months of obtaining expert opinions and then multiple bids to replace the generations-old boiler in the parish hall undercroft.

Chad Crowe, on behalf of the Property Committee, had met on-site a beekeeper who had brought a heat sensor, attempting to locate precisely the beehive in the wall and ceiling of the entrance vestibule of the oldest portion of our parish hall. The Vestry agreed that our Property Committee must promptly investigate options for professionally moving the honeybees. If it's

possible for a local beekeeper to re-locate the bee colony, we would be preserving the healthy honeybee colony, yet it would be permanently removed from our 133-year-old stone wall.

Andy Crosby reported on the Property Committee's exploration of possibilities for re-paving of some areas of our campus. The Vestry voted unanimously to re-pave the circle with limited widening at specific points around the circle. The Rector hopes that re-paving will be finished before our program year begins in mid-September.

Megan led the Vestry on a walking tour of problem trees on the church's property. We are planning for proposals from three tree care companies. The Vestry unanimously voted to authorize up to \$12,000 for professional tree work. Our Rector emphasized the need to complete the tree work before regular programs resume this September.

Our Rector reported that the new path of entry to our well house will require fencing because of the depth of this freshly-excavated path, designed to allow side entrance to the well house. She explained that landscaping will probably be necessary after the construction work and fence installation are completed. Megan+ remarked that our well level may be raised to lower the amount of sediment constantly being filtered in the well house.

The old range in the kitchen of the Rectory, dating from the 1990's, if not even before, had developed numerous problems and then stopped working. Megan+ had received emergency authorization from our Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Treasurer to spend \$2000 for the purchase and installation of the new range and for related carpentry because of how the old range fit into the cabinetry. Our Rector stated the new range is working beautifully.

Andy Crosby, on behalf of the Property Committee, will arrange for Immanuel's three heating oil tanks to be filled in late July, at which time he will arrange for us to secure a fixed price for heating oil delivered through next spring. He's seeking, from multiple companies, both a proposal for a heating system service contract and a bid for heating oil for the next year.

Because Immanuel Church has not heavily promoted the Annual Bishops' Appeal, Megan suggested that we contribute a portion of the \$1,000 for outreach in our 2014 church budget. The Vestry unanimously voted to authorize a donation of \$400 from Immanuel Church.

July Meeting

The Vestry met again on July 8, 2014, reviewing the input from parish members in small discussion groups on Parish Celebration Sunday, May 18, 2014. The Vestry unanimously voted to hold our Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 16, 2014.

The Rector plans, during the upcoming program year, to offer multiple sessions of a class or workshop, under an hour in length, about funeral-planning. She emphasized that this is particularly important for younger and healthier people whose families probably do not know what their funeral wishes are.

The Vestry unanimously voted to donate our Christmas 2014 offering to support The Five Talents, an Anglican-founded organization that provides micro-financing opportunities for families around the world. Currently, The Five Talents emphasizes the chance for Indonesian families to improve their situations by earning through small businesses that are financed by micro-loans.

The Rector remarked that Mary Jane Shanks and Katie Ritter, two former Vestry members, were attending part of the meeting to discuss the honeybee hive that's active in the stonework near the 1888-built entrance to our parish hall. They informed us that honeybees sustain 1/3 of the crops world-wide that humans eat. In 2013, 60% of the remaining honeybee colonies in the United States died, following massive losses in recent years from honeybee colony collapse disorder. Our federal government has recognized that the U.S.A.'s food supply is threatened by honeybee colony collapse disorder. Last year, for the first time, a national group of beekeepers sued the Environmental Protection Agency in an attempt to prevent the legalized use of a new pesticide that's a neurotoxin for bees. Mary Jane Shanks, formerly employed for years at Oregon Ridge

Nature Center, had introduced the church to quite a few local beekeepers.

Liz Sieck reported that she'd talked with the parish's insurance agency and with the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland concerning the honeybee hive in the stonework of our parish hall. She learned that the insurance company views the honeybee hive as an infestation which is not covered by insurance. Damage from an infestation may be covered, depending on what's found. The insurance company perceives housing a hive of honeybees as outside of "the usual and customary" uses of the parish hall and the church campus.

In addition, the Diocese Chancellor has stated that we should promptly eliminate the honeybee hive from the vestibule wall of our parish hall. Canon Scott Slater agreed, confirming that it's an attractive bonus if the church is able to get the healthy honeybee colony professionally re-located.

The Vestry discussed the fact that Chad Crowe (Property Committee's point person for the beehive who's also a Vestry member), Suzanne Supplee (Vestry member), Katie Ritter (former Chair of Immanuel's Property Committee and an enthusiastic gardener), and Mary Jane Shanks (who had much contact with Oregon Ridge Nature Center's beekeepers during her years working at Oregon Ridge) have spoken with quite a few local beekeepers and know which are experienced moving honeybee colonies, utilizing a variety of techniques. These individuals endorsed the technique that attempts to move the hive and queen bee, as well as the other bees. We agreed that their first choice beekeeper is ideal because her contractor is bonded, insured, and has experience with the technique which carries the hive and queen bee. The Rector hopes that the work will be performed in upcoming weeks, after which part of the inner wall of the 1888 entrance to the parish hall will have to be repaired.

The Vestry voted to have the work done at the earliest possible date, using the cutout method to preserve the hive, and to pay whatever is necessary. We recognized that much honey will be professionally taken from the inside of the wall and possibly even the ceiling of that side of the

entrance vestibule. After the hive is professionally removed by the beekeeper and her contractor-partner, the Property Committee will then evaluate how to repair the inside wall and possibly part of the ceiling of that little portion of the parish hall.

George Klein, Parish Treasurer, stated our investments portfolio held \$1,553,269.00 as of June 30, 2014. The last two months, our investments have increased significantly, but we must remember that this figure includes over \$30,000 in unspent memorial funds that are temporarily housed in our investment portfolio, awaiting their specified uses.

The Property Committee and our Rector strongly agreed that major tree work, approved at our June Vestry meeting, must be finished before the paving contractor comes. Two estimates for tree work are now being discussed by the Property Committee and the Rector who lives on-site. The tree care contractors have warned that they must continue to watch three large, very old trees, two of which are big oaks near the Rectory. The third old tree will be considerably pruned by the professionals and will then need to be removed at some point in the future. Andy Crosby reported that A. J. Michaels Company will replace the parish hall boiler on Monday and Tuesday, August 11 and 12.

Megan+ reported that an anonymous, generous donor has offered to pay up to \$8,000 to pave the grassy parking area near the original entrance of the parish hall. This location has been considered our handicapped parking row for some years. The church has accepted the kind gift. We would like to have some type of fence to mark the front end of the parking row for safety after the paving is complete.

C. A. Grimmel, Inc., a paving contractor headquartered in Jarrettsville, was selected by our Property Committee, following receipt of multiple bids for assorted jobs on our campus. The Vestry voted to seal-coat and fill holes in our parking lot, including the garage apron and the short driveway next to the Rectory. The Vestry then voted to re-pave, using Petromat, the remaining paved area on the church's property, with the exception of the hill-driveway which was re-paved in August

2012. This work includes a selective widening of the paved circle around our church.

The Rector explained that our well house enhancement project has raised issues of grading, erosion, fencing, landscaping, and what this work is doing to the neighboring trees. She said that we might use block walls as part of our solution. The Vestry unanimously voted to authorize up to \$5,000 to complete the work in addition to the earlier approved amount. Noby Powell of the Property Committee will meet on-site with at least a couple of professional landscapers for their input on how to finish work on this site.

Megan+ informed us that a member of our Boy Scout Troop planned to make and install twenty cedar bat boxes for his Eagle Scout project. Because the location that had agreed to receive the boxes has just become unavailable, the Boy Scout Leader asked our Rector whether Immanuel Church can accept this project which must be completed before the Boy Scout turns 18 later this summer. The Vestry agreed, hoping that some of the boxes can be installed in some members' or neighbors' yards, not all of them on Immanuel's property. Megan+ will request a clarification about where the cedar boxes can be installed from the Leader of the Boy Scout Troop and from Benn Mann, our Eagle Scout Candidate.

The Vestry unanimously approved the time block of October 21-25, 2015, for members of our congregation to be photographed at Immanuel by the LifeTouch Church Directory Program. Immanuel members will have choices for scheduling their portrait-sittings, all of which will occur in our parish hall. Picture-taking will likely be scheduled on Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday. Darcy Turner, a member of our Vestry, is coordinating this process with Megan+.

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 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
Ms. Dary Schmidt, Parish Administrator, Dary@ImmanuelGlencoe.org
Ms. Anne Greene, Church School Administrator, Anne@ImmanuelGlencoe.org
Ms. Melissa Whatley, Bookkeeper, Melissa@ImmanuelGlencoe.org

Vestry and Officers

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