

Immanuel's Messenger

June/July 2014

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From the Rector

At the end of May we enjoyed our Annual Parish Celebration Day. This is when we thank Jen & the Choir, as well as Anne & the Sunday School Teachers. We also celebrate the end of the program year and engage in small group discussions about what took place so the Rector and staff know what to repeat and where to place energy and resources as we plan for next year.

Thank you to everyone who participated, and an extra special thank you goes out to the Children's Choir for leading our music! The Vestry will discuss the small group comments in July, so if you were not present and would like to respond, the questions are below. Please submit them with your name to Megan+ or to Liz Sieck by July 3. Anonymous responses will be discarded so please include your name and feel free to write, type, or email your responses.

1. We had four special services this year: Praise in the Parish Hall, Taize with candles and icons in the Church, Morning Prayer, and "Higher" Church. Did you have a favorite? What did you like about them? Which ones should we repeat?
2. We have had several special guest preachers/speakers this year (Jayna Powell, Paul's Place; Alan Hirsch, Neighbor-to-Neighbor; etc.) Have those been enjoyable, educational, or otherwise interesting or helpful?
3. We have had several parishioners share their personal faith stories this year (Doug Whatley, Liz Sieck, Rudi Horner). Have those been interesting for you? Have they

made you reflect in any way on your own faith journey or those of your neighbors?

4. Did anyone attend the Worship 101 Class? Was it helpful, and if so, how? Are there other topics you would like to see for Adult Ed?
5. Did anyone use Lenten resources such as Lent Madness, Forward Day by Day, etc.? If so, were they helpful? Would you be willing to attend an adult ed discussion based around something such as Lent Madness?

Other comments, things you have enjoyed, etc...

-The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking
Rector

Upcoming Events for the Calendar!

Diocese of Maryland Day at Camden Yards- June 28

Join us- and many others from around the diocese- for the Orioles vs. the Tampa Bay Rays at 4:05pm on Saturday, June 28. Contact Liz Sieck ASAP to order tickets. Tickets are \$8 each.

Annual "Mass on the Grass"- June 29

Don't miss our annual outdoor Eucharist coming up on Sunday, June 29 at 4pm. (A service will still take place at 9:30am as usual, also featuring our annual Quiz Game Show at the sermon time.) For the outdoor service, please bring a camp chair, lawn chair, or blanket for seating.

Also, see below in Jen's article for our summer concerts and other summer music notes!

From the Senior Warden

It was my honor and privilege to represent Immanuel Church along with Doug Whatley, Junior Warden, at the 230th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Maryland held at the Turf Valley Inn, May 2-3, 2014. Could those faithful servants who met for the first time in 1784 envision that the Convention would still be taking place in the year of our Lord, 2014? Of course they could because they were also living out a creed and a hope bestowed more than a millennium and a half ago. Admittedly, their setting and accommodations may not have been as comfortable as ours but I suppose progress does have its privileges.

Nevertheless, our charge was vital and important to our Diocese – elect a Suffragan Bishop. It took four (4) ballots to have one of the four very worthy nominees emerge victorious – The Rev. Heather Cook, Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Easton, late in the afternoon on Friday, May 2.

Before the casting of the ballots, we had a very moving Eucharist with an inspiring and challenging homily delivered by The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde, Bishop of Washington, D.C. (check it out on the Diocesan website). In between the casting of the ballots, the convention discussed and debated seven (7) resolutions. The time spent on these debates underscored the need to put in place a process to hone and refine the language within these resolutions because presented “as is” they had the potential for unintended consequences and failure to acknowledge the nuances presented from the reality of different congregations functioning in different communities.

Bishop Sutton twice led us in song. The first time was to foster the concept of unity despite tensions when the Bishop of Kenya addressed the convention and the announcement of a new Kenyan Anglican congregation being established at the former Episcopal Church of St. Andrews on Loch Raven Blvd. The second time was right before the Bishop addressed the Convention with an African Spiritual “‘Aint Got Time to Die” because we are too busy worshipping and glorifying God. The Bishop’s address was very personal while at the same time historical, ecclesiastical, and global. He spoke of wandering in the wilderness while trying to not so much finding home but defining what home is (once again, check it out on the Diocesan website).

We are entering the time of year at Immanuel

when many of our parishioners could be far from home and our pace will slow down. Be safe and remember your Immanuel family back in Glencoe waiting to welcome you home from your adventures in the wilderness, whether imposed or chosen.

Faithfully,
Liz Sieck, Senior Warden

From the Director of Music Summer Concert Series 2014!

June 22 - The Missing Chums will join us for the service at 9:30am and then sing a concert on the lawn (weather permitting) while we enjoy lemonade! Lawn chairs and picnic blankets are welcome.

July 27, 4pm - Flute and Keyboard music with Jen and Friends. We continue our celebration of our newly restored piano with its use as an ensemble instrument, as well as exploring the combination of the flute with other keyboard instruments.

August 24, 4pm - Gretchen Hull, piano. Gretchen, a DMA student at Temple University, will present a program of solo piano works on the baby grand piano.

Reminder- Choose Your Own Hymns!

The first Sunday of each summer month (June 1, July 6, August 3) will see the return of hymns selected-on-the-spot. Come with ideas to submit! The sermon time on those days will focus on a composer, lyricist, or other aspect of the church's music.

-Jen Newgent
Director of Music Ministries

From the Sunday School

We had a great year in Sunday School and Middle School! Thank you to all of the parents who support our education program and bring your children each week. Thank you especially to all of the teachers who consistently give their time and creativity to our children each week: Michele O'Connor, Darcy Turner, Heather Crowe, Shawna Garliss, Lynn Traynor, Melissa Whatley, Coleman Mettee and Laurie May. There's always room for more! Please let me know if you'd like to teach

next year. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone back in school in September. Have a fun and safe summer!

Anne Greene
Sunday School Coordinator

Middle School Youth Group

Watch your email! We are planning a youth group event for June, details of which will be sent to our email list. Are you missing from that list? Please let Megan+ know and she will see that you are added. Our June plan is to choose a date for an outing to go shopping for the Food Bank and, of course, an ice cream or frozen yogurt stop on the way back!

We also hope everyone will plan to join us with their families for the annual outdoor Eucharist at 4pm on June 29.

-Mother Megan and Miss Jen

Outreach News

We are off to a great start this year for our outreach activities! So far, Immanuel has donated a total of \$3,398.52 to our neighbors in need, both near and far. As a parish, our outreach to those less fortunate starts in our own community and extends to very distant communities. Here's the breakdown:

Neighbors in Need: DeFelice Family for assistance after the fire that destroyed their home in Hereford (January)
\$350

The Ark preschool for homeless children in Baltimore City – a ministry of Episcopal Community Services of Maryland (ECSM)
Total donated \$610.52

\$145.52 Souper Bowl of Caring (February)
\$465.00 Pancake Supper proceeds (March)

Good Friday Offering (from parishioners)
\$435 for the Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

Neighbor-To-Neighbor, dedicated to preventing homelessness in Baltimore County. We also dedicated our Easter Offering last year to this group and had their Community Liaison as our guest preacher in February.
Total donated \$2,003.

\$1,803 Easter Offering (from parishioners)
\$200 Donation to Immanuel from Oldfields students

Graul's Receipts

\$250 from Graul's will be dedicated to an outreach project by the Middle School Youth Group

Added to the above are regular food donations for the Hereford Food Bank, monthly volunteers at Paul's Place, and support for Diocesan outreach efforts as part of our monthly Diocesan allocation.

And the above is just the outreach that we do together as members of Immanuel. On top of that, many parishioners and their families donate their **time, talent and treasure** to reach out in support of others in their homes, neighborhoods, and schools, and for local, national and international organizations. Many of these outreach contributions are found written on colored stars and posted on the free-standing bulletin board in the Parish Hall just as you walk into coffee hour. We may be a small parish, but the reach of our collective efforts to assist others in need is **truly remarkable!** Stop by that bulletin board and see for yourself!

Thank you to everyone who contributes in so many ways to these vital outreach efforts. The total is clearly greater than the sum of the individual parts!

Rudi Horner

Property Perusal

There is a lot going on around the Church grounds these days. The Property Committee will commence with the excavation of dirt around the well house as the first step in creating a new entrance. The new entrance will allow easier access to the new acid neutralizer and water filters which will require monthly monitoring. There will be a few landscape projects in addition to a further discussion of the purchase of a new boiler for the Parish Hall building and resurfacing of the parking lots and upper driveway. We are also looking into work on the Undercroft to address drainage issues and storage space concerns. Several small projects are also underway in the Rectory to address longstanding issues there.

As in the past, please feel free to volunteer any

property concerns or issues with a member of the Property Committee so that we may stay current with any and all property related matters...many thanks.

Warmest regards,
Noby Powell
Property Committee

Vestry Meeting Notes

April Meeting

At its April 8, 2014, meeting, our Vestry unanimously supported the proposed design for a large, new sign at the base of our hill. The sign will be 3 feet high and 5 feet wide, hand-carved, 2 inches thick, made of high-density urethane that withstands precipitation and other weather conditions, informative, and visually attractive. The church's main sign will be delivered in August, purchased with the memorial money given to honor Frank Palmer, III, who died last year. The sign's content, size, material, colors, and other details have been reviewed for months to reach the final specifications. The space requires that it be 1-sided, despite people approaching our church from both directions on Glencoe Road.

Our Rector hoped that Immanuel will publish a picture directory later this year. The Vestry immediately liked the idea, Darcy Turner volunteered to explore details with the company that's supplying the photographer and printing the directory. We plan to schedule appointments to be photographed in September.

We discussed a number of property issues, including the presence of a large colony of honeybees living in the upper portion of the old entrance end of the parish hall. Some beekeepers have advised our Property Committee that if the bees were killed or moved and, therefore, the beehive became inactive, the stored honey would all be released. The beekeepers did not know how much honey is stored how far into the stone building, but it might be as much as 200 pounds of honey. We recognize that honeybees are profoundly threatened worldwide, but that increasing numbers of individuals experience allergic reactions to bee stings or simply have fear of bees. This very old beehive is of unknown size, so that our Property Committee hopes to bring a beekeeper with a stethoscope to attempt to estimate its depth in the oldest part of our parish hall. We will revisit this issue again.

The 2012 Audit Committee finished our Parish's first self-audit. The same individuals have volunteered to serve on the 2013 Audit Committee and will begin that process soon.

Two weeks before our scheduled monthly Vestry meeting, the Rector asked that Vestry members and officers meet in small groups to look inside the church's well house and to hear from the Property Committee regarding options for improving our water system and improving access to the well house. Eight Vestry members and all four officers met, some on the evening of Tuesday, April 29, and others at 9:30 AM on Sunday, May 4, and others at noon on Sunday, May 4. The Rector and a member of the Property Committee attended each meeting which included a look inside of our well house when the top was removed. The Vestry voted unanimously to approve up to \$8,000 to make improvements to the existing well house. We acknowledged that more funds may be needed for unanticipated needs as the project continues.

Our present well house needs a side access door to replace the existing tall ladder that goes down from the current top entrance as well as modifications inside. After the proper digging of a space for the new entrance, our Property Committee will buy and have installed an insulated door. The usual plumber's work will require just \$3,900 that includes a spigot which the Property Committee member who's climbed down to clean the filter can use to wash the sediment out of the filter. Besides, the spigot will be useful to mix elements to keep water acidity levels low.

Hebert Plumbing and Heating Company has agreed to end leaks within the well house that presently result in standing water always being in the bottom of the well house. Many older elements of the system will be replaced in order to stop the leaking as well as our intermittent loss of water throughout the campus. Our electrician will explore how to add an electrical outlet and heat tape to warm pipes as necessary in the winter.

Noby Powell of our Property Committee is, in mid-May, removing both a large shrub and a tree to prepare for this upgrading of the church's well house. The entire job will be done soon because the long-standing water pressure problems in our three buildings have worsened beyond our ability to continue living with them.

May Meeting

The Vestry met again on Tuesday, May 13, electing George Klein to fill the position of Parish Treasurer. The Rector had accepted the resignation of Chuck Gilbert who had given early notification to our Rector of his intention to resign in 2014. As a result, not only had the Rector had plenty of time to select George Klein, but he has already been studying the Treasurer's work for several months with Chuck Gilbert.

Unanimously, the Vestry approved \$200 to be given by Immanuel Church toward the gifts being purchased for the future Bishop Suffragan, the Rev. Heather Cook, who will be consecrated September 6, 2014, at the Church of the Redeemer in northern Baltimore.

The Rector showed us the questions she proposed giving to the small groups that will meet at sermon time on Parish Celebration Sunday, May 18. Vestry members and officers volunteered to lead and to write notes for four discussion groups.

Our parish hall boiler needs to be replaced during warm weather this year. The Property Committee is getting three bids to tear out all the old equipment, some not used for years, in the boiler room. The new system will be efficient, a single, new system, replacing a system that's at least 75 years old.

The Rectory's heating is very inefficient, old, and multiple systems. It comes on some days when one would expect to be turning on air conditioning. This system needs inspection and evaluation.

Andy Crosby will get three bids for repairs to our paved areas, except for the hill driveway that was resurfaced in 2012.

A pipe burst, water-logging and causing damage to the entire wall in the back of the restroom in the undercroft of the church. The wall had to be removed due to damage and also to replace the leaking pipes behind it. The restroom is operational, but will require repairs. The plumber took out the wall and repaired the pipe immediately, and the Property Committee will work over the late spring and early summer to further repair the restroom.

The two toilets in the undercroft area of the parish hall were not replaced last year, and they've been marked "Do Not Use" because of problems with water running endlessly. They may eventually be

replaced, but are presently not needed enough to buy replacements.

The Vestry unanimously voted to approve up to \$1,500 to re-tile both upstairs bathroom floors in the Rectory. Our Rector said that one bathroom has loose floor tiles that can be completely removed because all the grout has come out.

Our electrician needs to be called to make corrections to the timer lights near the kitchen entrance to our parish hall. The Rector informed us that the very old range in the Rectory has been having problems, including beeping at random hours of the night and day.

The Vestry decided that we will meet in July, not in August, this year. We usually meet 11 months of the year, taking off August or sometimes taking off July.

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:
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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

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