

Immanuel's Messenger

April/May 2015

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From the Rector

Happy Easter! And Happy Spring! We have finally made it through winter on the hill, and other than the Season of Lent taking a major hit with cancellations, we seem to have survived the snow and ice once again.

We have completed a round of work on the campus with the Boy Scout clean-up day in late March. This marks the second time in a row we have asked the boys to haul rock and stone all morning, so we are grateful for their strength and effort! Other landscaping and planting will be worked on throughout the spring. The nicer weather will also bring some much-needed work on the Rectory, including replacement of some of the underground plumbing from the house to the septic tank, and replacement of much of the heating system.

Spring will also bring the arrival of my sabbatical, lasting throughout May and June. The Rev. Meredith Kefauver Olsen will be with you on Sunday, April 26, and all Sundays in May. The Rev. Kingsley Smith will be with you on Sundays in June.

May of you have worked with Kingsley in the past, or have met him when he has been a guest preacher or Celebrant here recently. He has a long history with Immanuel, and we are always grateful for his presence with us.

If you did not have a chance to meet Meredith when she was here last November, you will enjoy

getting to know her in May. Meredith works as a chaplain at University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson and lives in Baltimore with her husband and their two daughters. We will list more information about her in the May bulletins.

Please note that the summer worship schedule begins Memorial Day Weekend. That means that Sunday, May 24 and thereafter, we will move to one service at 9:30am.

If you have a need or specific question, please talk with me in the next couple of weeks. Otherwise, a list of contacts and ministry leaders is provided below in the event that you have questions while I am away.

-The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking
Rector

Need Help While the Rector is Away?

Should you have a need during the Rector's time away, contact the ministry coordinator or staff member in that area as you usually would. As a general reminder, if you need assistance in these areas, please contact the following:

Dary Schmidt (Parish Administrator)
*Bulletin, Newsletter, Scheduling Space Use,
Parish Calendar, Any General Office Issues or
General Questions*

Jen Newgent (Director of Music Ministries)
*Choirs and Music; All Sunday Worship Issues;
Youth Group*

Liz Sieck (Senior Warden) and Doug Whatley
(Junior Warden)
*General Church Oversight, Staff Issues,
Personnel Issues, Approval of Space Usage (for
new groups), Vestry Meetings*

Melissa Whatley (Bookkeeper)
*Donations, Deposits, Bills & Reimbursements,
General Finance Issues.*

George Klein (Treasurer)
Budget Questions

The Rev. Kingsley Smith
*Pastoral Emergencies, Illness, Death, Personal
Crisis, Funerals*

Noby Powell, Andy Crosby, or Chad Crowe
Any issues with the buildings or grounds.

Anne Greene (Sunday School Coordinator)
Sunday School

Rudi Horner (Newcomers & Outreach)
*Newcomers- Collecting Information,
Greeting/Calling; Outreach- Donations,
Needs, Etc.*

Cynthia Ballard (Sunday Morning Schedules)
*Information or changes for ushers, acolytes,
readers, chalicists, etc.*

Betsy Powell (Flower Guild Chair)
Flowers

Mary Jane Shanks (Altar Guild)
Altar needs or altar guild issues

All other concerns should be directed to the
Senior and Junior Wardens and will be responded
to or placed on a list for the Rector upon her
return. Thank you!

From the Director of Music

We have nearly come to the end of another
program year. This past year has been lovely,
thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of our
choir members, both those who sang nearly every
week and those who joined us on special
occasions. These wonderful singers are: Susan
Baxter, Joe Chadwick, Gislin Dagnelie, Savitri
Gauthier, Ana Morris, David Morris, Matt Morris,
Rachael Morris, Katie Ritter, Paul Schlitz, Edie
Stern, Trina Torkildsen, and Clay Welch.
Thank you all!

-Jen Newgent
Director of Music Ministries

From the Sunday School

Our Sunday school year is quickly coming to a
close as our last day is May 17th. Thank you to all
of our teachers this year and our new guest
teachers! If you are interested in teaching Sunday
School next year, either on a regular basis or just
once or twice during the year, please contact me
anytime. I will also be in contact with current and
possible future teachers later in the summer.

Megan+ and I hope to talk with parents over the
summer about hopes and organization for Sunday
School in the future. Also, be on the lookout for
information about Confirmation for those who
will be interested over the next year or two.

Anne Greene
Sunday School Coordinator

Youth Group News

The youth group will meet in April and June for
some outreach activities, including shopping for
local food banks and baking cookies for delivery
to near-by parishioners and shut-ins. We
communicate through an email list, so please let
one of us know if you need to be added to it in
order to receive information about youth group

events. We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

-Mother Megan and Miss Jen

Outreach News

Despite this winter's weather challenges, Immanuel's parishioners have not slowed one bit in their contributions to outreach! We've collected change for Souper Bowl of Caring, pink Graul's receipts, and multiple full bags of groceries for the Hereford and Pine Grove Food Banks. At the end of March, we enjoyed our Pancake Supper and offered the proceeds to outreach. In addition, representatives of Neighbor-to-Neighbor came on March 15 to share the good news of this organization's efforts and successes in preventing homelessness in Baltimore County. Our Easter offering will be donated to this organization. Finally, if you want to see what a whole year of outreach looks like, stop by the Parish Hall where there are two posters presenting last year's sources of outreach funds and their destinations. Thank you to Lucy Mettee for the illustrations!

Rudi Horner

From the Senior Warden

I am pleased to report that Immanuel's Vestry is now complete with the swearing in of Luke Harlan in November and Susan Baxter and Joe Chadwick in February. Thank you all for your service and commitment to Immanuel. It will be invaluable to the Immanuel community.

February proved a challenge to our plans and as I write this I am looking forward to a St. Patrick's Pancake party right in the middle of the contemplative Lenten season. March also blew in with challenges and we needed to reschedule our Mutual Ministry Review for the April Vestry meeting. It is all about how you handle "Plan B" (or P) and our community handles it well.

At the February Vestry meeting, Doug Whatley and I were nominated and elected to represent Immanuel at the annual Diocesan Convention the weekend of May 8-9. We will report to the congregation the following weekend.

Immanuel is still in need of volunteers to serve at Sunday services. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve your church without adding an additional burden of time to your already busy schedule. Please contact Mother Megan if you are interested in serving.

Faithfully,
Liz Sieck, Senior Warden

St. Paddy's Day Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 2015

It was worth the wait! Instead of tackling snow, we were blessed with a beautiful spring day, high of 60 degrees. The only glitch was a fallen tree closing down York Road, which delayed several people, and which caused a power outage midday that caused a brief period of angst for Mother Megan and me. The 61 people who came to dine on hot pancakes (some of which were green), juicy sausage, scrumptious hominy, refreshing oranges, sweet applesauce and decadent ice cream sundaes went home with full bellies and lifted spirits. Since there was no church service following the dinner, it was fun to be able to linger over our plates of pancakes and enjoy the camaraderie.

Bobbie Ensor and I want to thank all who attended to support the supper. A total of \$364 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. They made a GREAT TEAM!

THANK YOU!

Hominy Hon Bobbie Ensor helped with all of the above. We almost ran out of Bobbie's hominy this year — even the children wanted seconds. Bobbie has been my co-chair for the 8 years I have been the custodian of the Pancake Supper, and she helped the Powells and Sue Ellen Filar before me. What a lady!

Flipping Team Ashby Shanks, Andy Crosby, and Mary J Moses did a superb job this year. This was Mary J's 21st year flipping pancakes. The team had a great helper this year — Jessie Ensor mixed all the batter — not an easy job, but she did it cheerfully.

Once again, Mark and Katie Ritter made sure the sausage was cooked to perfection. With the lower attendance, we thought we would have tons of leftover sausage, but we ate almost every link.

Betsy Powell and Page Crosby brought big bowls of refreshing orange slices, which people love to eat at this and every Immanuel dining event. Anne Somerville's applesauce has been a welcome staple for many, many years.

The Stewart-Sicking Family Sundaes, with lots of sinfully sweet toppings, have become a tradition that we cannot do without.

Decorator Rudi Horner really came through with streamers hanging across the ceiling for a special touch. Rudi helped setup, serve, cleanup, and even carried two full plates of food to Emily and Alex Haller who could not make it this year. The Hallers have attended almost every pancake supper we have ever had, and they were definitely there in spirit this year.

Deborah Cunningham graciously greeted our guests and handled admissions. It is a relief for me to be able to count on Deborah to handle this important job.

Linda Ambrose, Liz Sieck, Jessie Ensor (when she wasn't mixing), and of course, Rudi and Bobbie made up our team of servers and runners, making sure all of the details were attended to before and during the event.

Katie Ritter and Howard Moses tackled one of the most daunting tasks of this supper and did a great job — washing and drying dishes. Noby and Betsy Powell and all of the Whatleys (Doug and Melissa and Julia, Kate, Alex and Emma) graciously stayed late to help Ashby Shanks take down tables. They joined everyone on the pancake supper team in the arduous task of cleaning up. When we left, the streamers were the only remaining sign of the festive event that had taken place that evening.

Thanks go to the Carolyn Sass and Drew, Nelly, Giles and Henry Perkins who helped those mentioned above with setup on the Sunday preceding the event.

Last, but not least, "thank you" Dary Schmidt and Mother Megan for handling the newsletter and email publicity.

Mary Jane Shanks
Custodian of Pancake Supper 2015

Property Perusal

The Property Committee (and many others) have managed to once again bring the Church and physical plant through the winter months without too many problems. We must thank our Rector, staff and congregants for their watchful eyes as matters came up that needed immediate attention. Yes, we had a septic tank back-up in the Rectory, the well water needed to be chlorinated, the driveway, sidewalks and parking lots needed repeated clearing, and we almost ran out of salt—yet here we are looking to take on the Spring.

We are grateful to the Boy Scouts who attended the clean-up day on March 28. Their energy was spent mostly on hauling small stones and filling in the Mary Horner memorial path, sections under the Parish Hall steps, and other locations around the campus.

Thanks again to all those who have helped us maintain the property, we would be lost without you.

No more shoveling snow,
The Property Committee

From the Parish Register

Deaths

Bunny Knipp
January 27, 2015

Barbara Gilbert
January 29, 2015

2015 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.

2015 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 4, 2015**. The new envelope numbers have been entered into the computer and will track your giving throughout 2015. **Please dispose of any old offering envelopes**, as those numbers no longer correspond with your 2015 giving record. If you would like to order offering envelopes, please call the church office.

Vestry Meeting Notes

Immanuel's Vestry met on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015, when we welcomed the two newly-elected

members, Susan Baxter and Joe Chadwick. We voted unanimously to designate Neighbor-to-Neighbor as the recipient of our Easter offering.

Megan, our Rector, had thoroughly reviewed various details of the status of our parish, including numerous counts, and entered information into Immanuel Church's Parochial Report, to be filed in several weeks with both the Diocese of Maryland and with the national Episcopal Church.

George Klein, parish Treasurer, reported that Immanuel Church's investment portfolio contained \$1,481,106.47 as of January 31, 2015. Deborah Cunningham, Co-Chair of Pledge Drive 2015, announced that we now have 60 pledges, including a number of pre-paid pledges, with a total of \$135,100 pledged to our church for 2015.

Megan explained that seven-day, programmable thermostats would be installed the next day in our church, in the large Sunday School room (that's painted blue), and the upper-level, large Parish Hall room. These will permit us to enter already heated or cooled areas, while conserving our money. The current thermostats were programmable, but not for seven different days of the week. We can now program for different space usage on every day of the week.

A recent assessment of heat systems in our Rectory has revealed three different zones for heating – the right, left, and back of the house. The back of Rectory heating system serves the kitchen and pantry that are the newest wing of the house, which is extremely un-insulated. As a result, the area is exceedingly cold in the winter when the contents of the pantry are often frozen, yet the space leaks extraordinary amounts of air conditioning during hot spells. Contractors pointed out that one of the air circulators broke altogether, and numerous parts of the heating systems are obsolete. Heating the Rectory under present circumstances is profoundly inefficient and, therefore, costly. Furthermore, the Stewart-Sickings have endured sauna-like heat in some rooms with deep chilliness in neighboring rooms for the five years that they've lived here.

One contractor explained to Megan that the reason her family has had so much trouble with one of the three heating systems is that it was originally designed to prioritize heating the hot water heater, but the hot water heater was taken off the heating system many years ago. George Klein, Treasurer, stated we ought to use the funds already appropriated for repairs to the Rectory's heating systems, but never spent, to begin the work. Our Rector continues to hope that the heating systems will function through this winter, so they can be replaced during the time of year when the oil-generated heat will definitely not be needed. We are therefore planning to have work done on the heating system in the spring or early summer.

The 231st annual Diocese of Maryland Convention will be held at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City on May 8 – 9, 2015. Even though Megan will be on Sabbatical during this time, she will attend, and, in fact, is again the Co-chair of the Diocesan Convention Planning Committee. We voted for Liz Sieck to be our Delegate and Doug Whatley to be our Alternate Delegate for the 2015 Diocesan Convention.

We planned to hold our Annual Mutual Ministry Review at our regularly-scheduled March 10 Vestry Meeting. We had to postpone that meeting because our Rector was too sick to attend a meeting that day. We look forward to the Mutual Ministry Review at our April Meeting.

Deborah Cunningham
Parish Registrar

From the Office:

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

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Vestry and Officers

Liz Sieck, Senior Warden, Doug Whatley, Junior Warden,
George Klein, Treasurer, Deborah Cunningham, Registrar,
Susan Baxter, Joe Chadwick, Andy Crosby,
Betty Cummings, Luke Harlan, Michele O'Connor,
Nelly Perkins, Betsy Powell, and Darcy Turner