

Immanuel's Messenger

June/July 2015

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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

The Immanuel Summer Concert Series, 2015!

June 28, 4pm - Mark Fosson, guitar, will present a concert of his own compositions: solo guitar with folk and country influences. *See below for his bio.* There will be a reception afterward. The concert will be held in the sanctuary.

July 19 - The Missing Chums will join us for the service and then sing a concert on the lawn (weather permitting) during Lemonade on the Lawn! Feel free to bring camp chairs or picnic blankets.

August 16, 4pm - Jen & Friends present Schubert & Sherbet. Works by Franz Schubert using

various instrumentation will be presented (at time of writing, piano, piano 4-hands, and piano with voice are definite, with others still to be determined), followed by a reception featuring sherbet. In the Parish Hall.

Songwriter and guitarist **Mark Fosson** grew up in Kentucky, where he began writing songs while still in his early teens. In the late '70s he sent some song demos to **John Fahey's** West Coast-based **Takoma Records**, and Fahey, impressed with what he heard, offered Fosson a recording deal. Fosson lost no time in relocating to Los Angeles and began recording with Fahey, but as bad luck would have it, Takoma was in some difficulty, and the label soon folded. Fahey allowed Fosson to retain the master tapes of the sessions, however.

Now located on the West Coast, Fosson met fellow songwriter **Edward Tree**, and the two began working together, eventually forming the **Bum Steers**, a country-tinged group, in the late 80's. Fosson's material appeared on several soundtracks through the 1990s. In 2005 Fosson released a solo project, "**JESUS ON A GREYHOUND**", on **Big Otis Records**. The record drew positive reviews and Fosson was frequently compared to Americana artists like **Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Joe Ely, John Prine, and Guy Clark**. The Fahey material finally saw the light of day as "**THE LOST TAKOMA SESSIONS**" from **Drag City Records** in 2006 and "**DIGGING IN THE DUST**" from **Tompkins Square Records** in 2012. An instrumental piece "**Another Fine Day**" is included on the critically acclaimed **Tompkins Square** compilation "**IMAGINATIONAL ANTHEM Vol. 3**". His music has recently been featured in the Emmy-nominated AMC movie

"**RING OF FIRE**" and his newest release, "**kY**", is currently available on Big Otis Records.

Jen Newgent
Director of Music Ministries

From the Sunday School

As Sunday school takes the summer off, I'm sending out another appeal for ONE-TIME teachers. I'll provide an easy lesson and instructions. Please consider taking one Sunday

out of the 2015-16 SS year to teach our youngest members!

Thank you,
Anne Greene
Sunday School Coordinator

Youth Group News

Middle School Youth Group - Keep your eyes open for an email with possible dates for our next meeting! We'll be making cookies to send to our parishioners at Broadmead and elsewhere (and eating some ourselves!).

-Mother Megan and Miss Jen

Outreach News

Outreach Donations for the Winter and Spring 2015

So far this year, Immanuel has donated a total of \$4,576.25 to various outreach efforts, some very familiar and others brand new. To recap, donations this year have included:

The Ark, a preschool for homeless children run by the Episcopal Community Services of Maryland. Immanuel donated a total of \$431.25, which includes \$67.25 from the Souper Bowl of Caring organized by the Middle School Youth Group and \$364 from proceeds from the Pancake Supper.

Palermo Children's Education Trust – Immanuel parishioners donated \$2,125 to this trust for the children of Thomas Palermo who was killed while riding his bike in December in Baltimore.

Camp Success – run by the church of St. Michael and All Angels. Scholarships for two children, totaling \$140, will be provided by the Rector's discretionary fund.

Good Friday Offering – a total of \$280 was donated by parishioners for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Neighbor to Neighbor – a ministry dedicated to preventing homelessness and stabilizing families in Baltimore County. For the second year in a row, our Easter offering was donated to this group. The total for 2015 was \$1,400.

Nepal Earthquake Relief – parishioners donated \$200 to Episcopal Relief and Development for their work in assisting in the relief efforts.

Rebuilding Baltimore: Immanuel will participate in one or more of the Diocese’s initiatives to rebuild communities in Baltimore. More information will be forthcoming.

Rudi Horner

Strawberry Festival

Boy Scout Troop 485 will be hosting its annual Strawberry Festival and Silent Auction on Sunday, June 7th at 4pm. Cost is \$5.00 a person, children 4 and under are free!

Come enjoy the hot dogs, hamburgers, strawberry shortcake, silent auction and carnival games!

From the Senior Warden

Highlights from the 2015 Diocesan Convention held at Turf Valley in Ellicott City May 8-9:

Doug Whately, Junior Warden, and I attended the Convention as representatives of your church. The overarching theme of the convention was **Forgiveness**; not only of others but also for ourselves. The devastating loss experienced by the Palermo family and our continued prayers for them in their grief was emphasized along with continuing to pray for Heather Cook, our former Suffragen Bishop.

In my opinion, the most important development was the appointment of the Right Reverend Chilton Knudsen (retired Bishop of Maine) as Assistant Bishop of Maryland. This appointment was accomplished by the President of the Diocese’s Standing Committee introducing a resolution that would allow for the creation and appointment, with the Standing Committee’s consent, of this position. An election can then be called at a future date for a Suffragen Bishop. The resolution overwhelmingly passed. I have placed flyers with Bishop Chilton’s biography in the vestibule of the church and on the display table in the Parish Hall.

Six (6) other resolutions were proposed and considered in a much more streamlined process than last year. Please visit the Diocese’s website (www.ang-md.org) if you wish to examine the outcome of the proposed resolutions. They concerned (1) *Clergy and Lay Employee Compensation*, (2) *Amendment to Canon 1-420 “Of the Regions”*, (3) *Establish New Regional Council Boundaries* (Mother Megan+ served on the Diocesan Council which sponsored resolutions two and three), (4) *In Support of a Moratorium on Hydraulic Fracturing in the State of Maryland Until 2023*, (5) *Death with Dignity Legislation* (Tabled), and (6) *Building Positive Relationships between Neighbors and Police*.

Please also visit the website to review the *Treasurer’s Report* to the Convention. Click on the “*For Parishes*” link. To summarize: 75% of the Diocese Budget comes from the parish allocation (110 congregations). The Diocese then takes 5% of the three year rolling average from its investment portfolio to close the gap. The *Bishop’s Appeal* reached 88% of its goal this year and that also helps address the budget gap.

During the Business portion of the Convention, Bishop Sutton made a motion to elect all nominees who were running unopposed for their positions. It was seconded and passed on voice vote. An election was held and concluded on the first ballot for positions on the Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee.

The keynote speaker was the Reverend Becca Stevens, Chaplain of Vanderbilt University. She also preached the sermon at Saturday’s Morning Prayer service and offered two workshops concerning the home for abused women (*Magdalene House*) she founded and the social enterprise (*ThistleFarm*) that subsequently followed. The workshop was titled *Radical Hospitality*. She was dynamic, disarming, and

believes in the healing power of love for all the broken places of people and society. Three (3) other workshops were also offered over the two-day convention: *Urban Violence and Poverty*, *Mental Health First Aid*, and *Stewardship of God's Creation*.

The Bishop opened his address acknowledging how hard the past few months have been on the

Palermo family, Heather Cook, the Diocese, and him. He thanked everyone for their continued prayers and support for all. He brought the quotation attributed to Julian of Norwich to the convention's attention: "*All Shall Be Well and All Manner of Things Shall be Well*". Bishop Sutton then reported that out of the tragedy experienced on December 27, 2014 a seven (7) member task force on Alcohol and Addiction has been appointed made up of both clergy and health specialists. In March 26 an information seminar on Alcohol and Addiction was held at Claggett Conference Center in Buckeystown, MD. The Diocese had also partnered with Bike Maryland to co-sponsor two (2) bills in Annapolis concerning safe cycling and driving and penalties for hit and run accidents.

The Bishop regretfully reported that the Diocese did not reach one of its Horizon 2015 goals – growing the member population by 10%. There was actually a decline but the good news is that Christian formation and education doubled.

Bishop Sutton also addressed the riots in Baltimore and stated he would be meeting with the rectors of the five (5) Episcopal Parishes in West Baltimore to best ascertain how the fellow parishes in the Diocese can help. Contributions to the Bishop's Appeal can help programs already in place that assist with the populations of West Baltimore. Flyers and envelopes are available in the Parish Hall. It was also announced that the *United Black Episcopalians (UBE)* will be meeting July 26-29 at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum, MD. They will be unveiling the statue of the first Black Episcopal Priest on July 27. **All are welcome.**

On an Immanuel personal level, Rev. Kingsley Smith was recognized and received a standing ovation for all his work as the Historiographer for the Diocese. He is retiring from that position. Mother Megan+ was one of the Co-chairs of the Planning Committee for the Convention. A

resolution was passed to recognize the hard work and success of the Planning Committee and how

much it was appreciated by the Bishop and all the attendees.

Faithfully,

Liz Sieck
Senior Warden

Property Perusal

The Property Committee would like to express our sincere appreciation once again to our Scout Troop, their parents and Scout leadership for all the work they provided in our Spring Clean-up/Scout Day. The path to the cemetery has been resurfaced along with a full host of additional improvements around our Church campus. We have just removed several pine trees on the back wall of the Church that were encroaching on the gutters and, thanks to Rudi Horner, have replanted several bushes that will serve the flower guild over the next many years. Our committee will be addressing, over the next several months, the needed repairs to the steps going down to the offices along with the roof issues over the Parish Hall and other various matters that always have a way of popping up (usually at some inopportune time). Please know that we welcome any suggestions for campus improvement and we appreciate your letting us know if there are problematic areas that need attention.

Our Property Committee

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Vestry Meeting Notes

The vestry reports for April, June, and July will appear in the next newsletter. Please note there were no vestry meetings held in March, when the Rector was too ill for us to conduct the Mutual Ministry Review (then moved to April), or in May while the Rector was on sabbatical.

From the Office:

Reminder: My office hours are Mon. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 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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