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Immanuel's Messenger
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From the Rector:

Twice a year the vestry sets aside a normal business agenda to pray, learn, and discern together. We first did this last May when we worked on a visioning and priorities exercise formed around the group discussions from Parish Celebration Day. The vestry was working with information directly from the whole parish and every individual present at the discussion day. We learned about the values and wishes of the congregation and look forward to reviewing our goals again mid-year.

At our October meeting last month, we again entered into discussion and prayer together led by author Alexander Shaia. Alexander was in town to lead Clergy Conference for all clergy in the Diocese of Maryland, and spent an evening with our vestry as well. We explored the four great questions of the spiritual life, the four gospels, and how the original gospel communities experienced these same questions and dilemmas.

The four questions are: *How do we face change?* (explored through Matthew) *How do we move through suffering?* (explored through Mark) *How do we receive joy?* (explored through John) *How do we mature in service?* (explored through Luke) This journey and gospel exploration also forms the basis for our monthly study group on *The Hidden Power of the Gospels*. We learned a lot as we considered how we move through these four questions and paths over and over again in our

own lives and in our life together as a community. We also engaged in discussion and sharing around our own moments of change, trial/challenge/suffering, joy, and service at Immanuel.

I invite you to consider these four questions in your own life and in the life of our community. When have you experienced change? How have you dealt with trial/challenge/suffering? When has there been joy, union? How have we taken all of our history and present experiences and used it to grow, mature, and serve God in new and vital ways?

This progression happens again and again in our lives. I hope that you will reflect on the questions and consider joining us for other opportunities to study with Dr. Shaia or his work over this program year.

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

Counting sheep

Anyone is a member of the Immanuel family who considers it to be his or her church home (i.e. is on our mailing list and is not registered or attending elsewhere). But being disciples of Jesus means discipline, commitment and responsibility. These are privileges, not burdens; to be counted

as a member of the body of Christ is liberating, not confining.

Of course Jesus was more concerned with caring for his flock ("Feed my lambs, tend my sheep") than for statistics--but how did that shepherd know one lamb was missing out of 100 unless he counted them? So, Immanuel needs to know who are to be counted as parishioners, both to be ministered to and to minister.

Immanuel's parish register has not been revised for many years. With help from Polly Horner and many others, I plan to reconstruct our list in time for the annual diocesan report in February. We will collate the mailing list with the last roster, adding and subtracting names as we go. We will need to ask many of you if you have been members of other churches and should transfer in, or if you have not yet been confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church. Immanuel is on the move--time for roll-call!

~~Kingsley Smith

Stewardship

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

As I write in mid-October I am grateful for those of you who have returned your 2011 pledge cards to the office. Cathy Tipper, our bookkeeper, tells me that she has received 27 pledges for a total just over \$65,000 which is a bit ahead of this time last year. That is a fine beginning. We had Commitment Sunday, October 24th, yet to be counted and I hope some of you waited until then to put your pledge in the offering plate. I did.

I was distressed to learn from three parishioners that they had not received their pledge packets through the mail. They were mailed towards the end of September. If you have not received yours, please pick up a packet in the church vestibule or call me at 410-527-9899 and I will mail one to you the next day. Thank you all for your support of Immanuel Church.

Faithfully yours,
Mary Frances Wagley, Stewardship Chair

Highlights from the September 14th Vestry Meeting

The Vestry had the pleasure of spending the evening with Dr. Alexander Shaia on October 12th.

We thoroughly enjoyed this discussion and extend a special thank you to Megan for arranging the evening and Dr. Shaia for leading the discussion. It was a wonderful break from our more typical "business" meetings!

Nelly Perkins

Dessert Bake-Off and Square Dance

On October 9, 2010, Immanuel combined a potluck and bake off with a fun night of square dancing. 40 people enjoyed the potluck (always delicious!) and over 20 stayed for square dancing. Nine people (children, women and men alike) entered a variety of desserts enjoyed by all. All who attended helped with the judging by picking their favorite dessert and voting for it. The votes were tallied and Julia Whatley came in first with her Banana Squares, Megan E. Stewart-Sicking came in second with Triple Chocolate Brownies and Kate Whatley came in third with her entry of Magic Cookie Bars. After dinner and dessert, Gene Fitta led the dancers (7 yrs old and up) through basic and then more advanced square dancing, all helping to work off the calories from dinner and dessert. Thanks to all who helped make this night possible, especially Mary Jane Shanks, Christina Williams, the bake-off contestants, Bobbie Ensor, Betsy and Noby Powell, Rudi Horner, Eva Whiteley, and John and Donna Sieverts. Plans are already being discussed for next year's event.

AND THEY WALKED!

On Sunday, October 17, a total of 19 children demonstrated how children overseas contribute to their families' and community's daily wellbeing by carrying water, firewood, hay, animal feed, vegetables and school building materials. The children fueled up on refreshments before they got started, and were assisted by Immanuel's teenagers including Rebecca Probst and Jacob, Walker, Bennett and Will Ensor. Peter Greene, John Probst and Rudi Horner also aided the walkers. While the objective of this event is to increase awareness of the difficulties of families in underserved areas, fundraising is also involved and members of the Immanuel family donated a record total of \$350 this year! Thanks to the children who so visibly shared their own compassion for others through their labors: Alli and Marylin Greene, Giles Perkins, Dorsey Ensor, Rosemary, Louisa and James Gillam, Sarah and Ashley Earp, Lucy and Tim Mettee, Alex, Julia, Emma and Kate Whatley, Alex Lee, Sam Stewart-Sicking, and Elsbeth and Flannery Siple.

Hereford Food Bank Collections Special Needs This Month

Please remember to bring your canned goods and other non-perishable food items to church for the offertory every Sunday. As the baskets fill, we will continue to make deliveries to the Hereford Food Bank. *This month they are especially in need of spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, and jelly.* Thank you!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Coffee hours are a time of fellowship and are held immediately after the 10:15 a.m. service (after 9:00 a.m. in summer). It is a wonderful time to catch up on news with friends and meet new

ones. We need Coffee Hour Hosts. The coffee, tea and lemonade are provided. All you have to do is setup and cleanup. If you would like to bring a snack or two, that would be most appreciated. If you need assistance in setting up and/or cleaning up, please let us know. If you would like to host a coffee hour, please call Bobbie Ensor at 410-472-2206.

Property Perusal

To everything there is a season...and this year appears to be The Year Of Catching Up On Repairs. As the rectory window painting came to a close, the roofs of the rectory and church jostled themselves impatiently to the front of the property list.

Megan called one morning to report that she had water in her shoes. A climb into the attic and peering at the roof quickly located the cause: some missing shingles on the rectory roof. If you stood in their bathroom, water from another source could be heard dripping on the bathroom ceiling from rafters somewhere. And, to round out the things coming in threes, the family room ceiling had a leak as well. We were graced by drenching rains for days afterwards. Thank you to Megan and Joe's patience in getting this addressed!

The roof on the rectory is many years old, and like the rest of the house, has not demanded our attention. It is as if the old house stretched a little in relief at having a family again, and said to itself, "*Thank goodness...I can stop holding my breath. At last I'll get some things fixed.*"

Not to be outdone, the church roof decided to spring leaks as well! Needless to say, we have been working with a roofer to locate the source of the water and get them all repaired. Then...you guess it...more painting will be needed, to repair the damage.

This too shall pass. Money and resources will somehow be found. If you are inclined

to volunteer to paint this autumn, your call would be most welcome.

FOR NOW:

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR A FEW EXTRA HANDS FOR FALL CLEANUP

let's get inside the rectory cleaned up from leaks and maybe start painting?

Saturday November 13, 8:30 to 11:30
(any part of that time you can join us, please come over!)

Bring garden tools of any kind you want to use: raking, tarps, pruning, weeding, shovels, mattocks are all welcome.

Painting and cleaning material will be available onsite. RSVP please.

Doughnuts and sweet green tea after. We will work rain or shine so let's wish for a warm, dry day!

Many thanks,
Katie Ritter, Property Chair

ps...new property committee members are always sought. A few hours of help across the year are a great gift. Very little in the way of skills needed.

Sunday School News

We have completed our rotation for Jesus Loves the Children. Next we will study Zaccheus.

Coleman Mettee
Sunday School Coordinator

“Cash for Kids”

Thank you Sarah Ebert for again volunteering to collect and tally the cash register receipts for the “Cash for Kids” program. The program began September 23, 2010 and runs through March 27, 2011. The receipts are **PINK** this year. So be on the look out for those **pink** receipts. Please collect them and deposit them in the container provided in the church vestibule. For each \$25,000 collected in pink Graul’s cash register receipts, we will receive a check in the amount of \$250 to benefit our Sunday School.

Your participation in this worthwhile program is greatly appreciated!

From the Office:

Reminder: My office hours are Mon. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Wed. and Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 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: office.imm@verizon.net

Dary Schmidt - Your Parish Administrator

Newsletter Deadlines

All articles, photos, inserts, and updates are kindly requested by 2:30pm on:

The second Monday of each month.

Please give to Dary, or email to office.imm@verizon.net

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.

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Rudi Horner, Senior Warden, Doug Whatley, Junior Warden,
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Katie Ritter, Donna Saddler,
Mary Jane Shanks, Pam Swanson,
and Mary Frances Wagley

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Nov. 1		All Saint's Day	Nov. 17	2:30 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline
Nov. 4	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Nov. 21		Last Sunday after Pentecost Broadmead Sunday
Nov. 7		24 Pentecost		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I		10:10 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School		10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
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Nov. 9	7:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall	Nov. 24	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter Team Meets
Nov. 11	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Nov. 25		Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 13	8-12 Noon	Fall Clean Up – Boy Scouts	Nov. 28		1 Advent
	10:00 a.m.	Tea & Talk		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
				10:10 a.m.	Sunday School
				10:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist II
Nov. 14		25 Pentecost/Annual Meeting			
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II			
	11:00 a.m.	Annual Meeting and Potluck			