

*Founded 1871*  
*Celebrating 139 Years*  
***Immanuel's Messenger***  
*June, 2011*

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## ***From the Rector:***

### ***Parish Celebration Day***

On May 22 we held our second annual Parish Celebration Day. This included a special service followed by the parish picnic sponsored by the Women of Immanuel. The “special” part of the service was the sermon time, when all those in attendance joined small groups meeting at various locations in the church, parish hall, and rectory. Each small group shared about why they love Immanuel, their favorite programs and memories from the past year, and their hopes and priorities for the next couple of years.

The goal behind Parish Celebration Day is two-fold. First, everyone gets to meet together and share their ideas with their vestry members as well as talk with others they may not always have a chance to interact with at church. This is a wonderful way to catch up with old church friends, to make new ones, and to learn the names and ideas of those worshipping in the pews around you every week. Second, the Rector and vestry use the ideas and conversation to set programs and priorities for the next year. If there are things you love, we want to keep doing them! If there are things you have as priorities for the future, we want to know what they are.

The high spirits and excited conversations that continued as we re-gathered in the church for

communion were indicative of a great time had by

all. If you were not able to make it, please plan to join us for this festive and engaging event next year. *If you would like to contribute your ideas and were not present on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, see the question sheet at the end of this newsletter and follow the directions to submit your answers.* Thank you for participating and for being a community of such joy and Spirit!

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

### ***Our 227th Diocesan Convention***

As I predicted, our two days at the Marriott, Hunt Valley and one day at St Paul's School were not very dramatic, but your representatives--the rector, Alex Haller, Susan Anthony and I-- agree it was informative, productive, efficient and inspiring.

We elected clergy and laity to carry out many tasks: deputations to the 2012 General Convention and Episcopal Church Women's meeting, the Diocesan Council (to manage our programs between diocesan conventions), the Standing Committee (which shares many executive responsibilities with the bishop), the Ecclesiastical Court, and the compensation review committee. We rejected a resolution to have the bishop appoint the convention secretary each

year; we wanted to stay with the custom of our nominating and electing them ourselves. We approved the schedule of suggested compensation for parish clergy and lay employees, a study of how to have better guidelines for the parish assessments for diocesan support, and a program for helping make transition processes for clergy be more sensitive to diversity in searches and interviews.

Our assisting bishop, the Rt. Rev Joe Burnett, preached on Christian service by focusing on one of our "holy women and holy men"--Frances Perkins. (OK, you can look her up.) Dr Mark Chaves of Duke shared some enlightening facts and figures about religion in 21st Century America. With that fresh in our minds, Bishop Sutton's address challenged us to have the courage and humility to take risks in an age which is as scary and as exhilarating at the 16th Century, which gave birth to the Protestant and Anglican Reformation (think "printing press//internet")

Saturday was given over to "lifelong Christian formation" (which we used to call "adult education")--about 75 different events in 3 periods led by the wonderfully talented people of the Maryland Episcopal family.

And, there was plenty of time for schmoozing, just enough for snoozing, and not much for boozing. Three hundred of us really did "come-together" at our "con-vention," "share-bread" as "com-panions", and "dwell-in-unity" as "comrades." Sounds to me like the Holy Spirit at work.

~~Kingsley Smith

## ***Highlights from the May 10th Vestry Meeting***

At the May meeting, the Vestry prepared for the Parish Celebration Day held on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will give the congregation an opportunity to provide feedback to Megan and the Vestry.

The Summer schedule will begin on May 29<sup>th</sup> with a single service at 9:00 a.m., and this schedule will continue through Labor Day weekend.

Nelly Perkins

## ***Parish Register***

***Confirmation***

***May 8, 2011***

The following members were confirmed at Bishop Sutton's visitation:

Youth - Sam Crosby, Jessica Ensor, Kemp Ensor, Morgan Ensor, Walker Ensor, Kate McDonough, Jacob Schiffer, and Sam Schiffer; Adult - Chad Crowe and Chuck Gilbert.

## ***Easter Beauty Thanks Also to the Flower Guild***

We cannot forget to thank the Flower Guild for their hard work to organize flowers and then decorate the church for Easter. The long list of contributors for Easter memorials provided the financial resources and the Flower Guild did the work on behalf of the parish. The flowers that continued to beautify the church for the Bishop's Visitation were an added bonus. Thank you so much!

Rudi Horner, Senior Warden

## ***Hereford Food Bank Collections***

### ***Hunger does not take a vacation!***

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. At this time they especially appreciate canned fruits, boxed rices and potatoes, and coffee. 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.

## *Women of Immanuel*

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Parish Picnic.

**WOI annual potluck dinner and meeting will be June 8th at 6:30 p.m.** This is always a favorite and this year will be no exception. Polly Horner will be hosting this year's potluck dinner/meeting at her house. Thank you Polly. Please call Polly at 410-472-2755 and let her know if you will be attending and what you plan to bring. We will be discussing the plans for WOI and next year's bus trip. Please bring your ideas. What social/fellowship activities would you like the WOI to host? Do you have any ideas for next year's annual bus trip?

All women of Immanuel are part of this group. Hope to see you there.

Linda Ambrose

## *Immanuel at July 4th Parade*

We are planning on having a table at the annual July 4th celebration sponsored by the Hereford Zone Business Association. The parade and other festivities are popular with people living in

this area and we believe it will be a great opportunity to share information about Immanuel. We will need help with set up and take down of our table and display as well as with taking a turn at staffing. Please call Susan Anthony at 410-592-3003 or [susan.anthony@sawmillmarketing.com](mailto:susan.anthony@sawmillmarketing.com). Thanks for the help!

Susan Anthony, Parish Growth Committee

## *Property Perspective*

Water is such a gentle thing and rain can have such a soothing sound. Except that all those little raindrops add up to huge floods in the Mississippi...and leaks in our roof...and leaks in the undercroft.

First we need to credit the patience of the Altar Guild. What we thought was a leak under the undercroft door from heavy rains turned out to be a burst pipe in the wall behind the sacristy sink cupboard. Walls were cut open to find it, and stuff had to be moved. With the pipe fixed, fixing the walls and repairing the sink cupboard should be completed soon - we just have to wait for everything to be fully dry.

Secondly, we'll be working on the church roof. When was our beautiful slate roof installed? It's nearing the end of its life expectancy of 100 years, and needs some patch work.

The property committee is obtaining bids to do some careful fiscal and physical stewardship of the roof. We'll get a few more years out of it!

Happy June,  
Katie Ritter, Property Chair

## ***Summer First Sundays***

*June 5, July 3, August 7*

To add a little spice to our summer life, we will have great fun with our hymns on the First Sunday of each summer month. As you arrive at church, you will be given a card and pencil on which you can write your name and a hymn (any hymn!) you would like to sing that day. It will then be placed in a basket. At each moment in the service when we sing a hymn, one will be drawn and we will sing it together. This will be a fun way to see which hymns you and your neighbors like- and YOU get to pick the surprise hymns for the day!

- Megan+ and Jen

## ***Sunday School News***

The Sunday School is very appreciative of the teachers this year. Two of our mainstays are headed off to college: Gwen Sieck and Michael Neubauer. We were also assisted by the Crowes, the Gillams, the Whatleys, the Greenes, the Traynors, and the O'Connors. I am always very grateful with the teachers' flexibility, guidance, and willingness to handle whatever the weather or illness sends us. Sunday School can be like preparing for a party without RSVP's. We never know if we are going to have 25 or 4. I am thankful for the group that makes this all work.

Coleman Mettee  
Sunday School Coordinator

## ***Just for fun....***

### ***There's a hymn for everyone...***

The Electrician's Hymn.....Send The Light  
The Realtor's Hymn.....I've Got a Mansion,  
Just Over the Hilltop  
The Lawyer's Hymn.....In the Hour of Trial

The Dry Cleaner's Hymn.....O For the Faith  
That Will Not Shrink

The Butcher's Hymn.....Are You Washed in  
the Blood of the Lamb

The Innkeeper's Hymn.....Abide With Me

The Choir Director's Hymn...Sing Them Over  
and Over Again To Me

The Librarian's Hymn.....Let All Mortal  
Flesh Keep Silence

The Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him with Many  
Crowns

The Golfer's Hymn.....There's a Green Hill Far  
Away

The Optometrist's Hymn.....Open My Eyes That  
I Might See

The IRS Agent's Hymn....I Surrender All  
The Only Hymn that Jen will play.....You'll have  
to come to find out!

## ***Come hear what else the organ can do...***

Jen Newgent in Recital! She will be playing works by Buxtehude, Mozart, Schumann, and more! Some pieces are relatively new, while some have been around for hundreds of years. Only one is based on a hymn tune.

**June 12, 2011, at 4pm., in the church, with refreshments to follow.**

Jen

## *Annual Plant Give Away*

If you have any extra plants, for example, those lovely volunteers that migrate around your garden, just dig them up, label them and bring them to Immanuel on a Sunday morning for the Plant Give Away. You don't have to bring any plants in order to take some home; the idea is to match plants that need a home with someone who has a home to offer!

### *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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## *Clergy and Staff*

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking, Rector, [immanuelrector@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelrector@gmail.com)  
The Rev. Kingsley Smith, Assisting Priest, [pksmith@comcast.net](mailto:pksmith@comcast.net)  
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Ms. Coleman, Mettee, Church School Administrator  
Ms. Cathy Tipper, Business Manager, [crtipper@aol.com](mailto:crtipper@aol.com)

## **Vestry and Officers**

Rudi Horner, Senior Warden, Doug Whatley, Junior Warden,  
Chuck Gilbert, Treasurer, Nelly Perkins, Registrar,  
Deborah Cunningham, Carol Hayes, Doug Gunn,  
Gayle Hagan, Bunkie Hopkins, Tara McDonough,  
Mary Jane Shanks, Pam Swanson,  
and Mary Frances Wagley



# Immanuel Episcopal Church

Glencoe, Maryland

## Parish Celebration Day

May 22, 2011

Any member who was not present on May 22 is invited to share answers to the questions below. Answers received in the parish office by June 10 will be included in the vestry priority discussion at the June meeting. You may also email answers directly to the Rector at [immanuelrector@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelrector@gmail.com). Anonymous feedback will not be included in the vestry discussion. Thank you for participating!

**Name:**

If someone were talking with you about church and asked you to name one or two things you love about Immanuel, what would you say?

Think of some events, programs, worship services, etc. you remember over the past year (since last May) at Immanuel. Name the top two things you have really enjoyed.

Do you have any comments you would like to offer about Sunday worship, special services, sermons, or music?

If you had to choose two favorite hymns to sing in church, what would they be?

If you had to name two top priorities to focus on in the next couple of years, what would they be?



# *Strawberry Festival & Silent Auction*

Immanuel Church, 1509 Glencoe Road, Sparks

Sponsored by **Boy Scout Troop 485**

Cost is \$4.00 a person

*Strawberry  
Shortcake!*

**Over 100 Items  
to Bid On!**

*Hot Dogs  
Hamburgers  
Snacks*

*Children 4 & under  
FREE!*

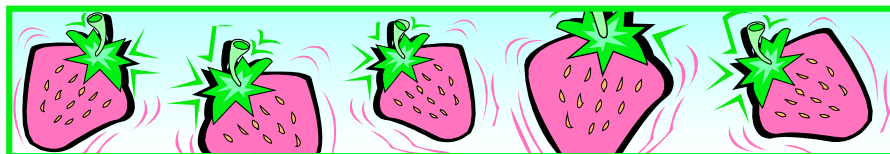
*Carnival Games  
For the Kids!*

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**Sunday, June 5 4 – 7 PM**

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*Questions? Call Bob Ryan 410-472-2748*



## June 2011

<b>Jun 5</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>7 Easter</b> Holy Eucharist II	<b>Jun 14</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall</b>
	4-7 p.m.	<b>Strawberry Festival</b> <b>Boy Scout Troop #485</b>	<b>Jun 19</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> Holy Eucharist II <i>Guest Preacher and visit from</i> <i>The Rev. Charles Cloughen,</i> <i>Diocesan Staff</i>
<b>Jun 7</b>	7:00 p.m.	<b>Adult Education Class</b>	<b>Jun 26</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>2 Pentecost</b> Holy Eucharist II
<b>Jun 8</b>	6:30 p.m.	<b>WOI Annual Pot Luck Dinner-</b> <b>Home of Polly Horner</b>			
<b>Jun 10</b>	5:00 p.m.	<b>Oldfields - Bacaluareate</b>			
<b>Jun 12</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>The Day of Pentecost</b> Holy Eucharist II			
	4:00 p.m.	<b>Jen Newgent's Organ Recital</b> <b>and Refreshments</b>			