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*Celebrating 139 Years*  
**Immanuel's Messenger**

March, 2011

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***From the Rector:***

***Approaching the Great 100 Days of Lent and Easter...***

As Lent approaches we call to mind the words of Alexander Schmemmann from *Great Lent: Journey to Pascha*:

*In the early Church, the main purpose of Lent was to prepare the "catechumen," i.e. the newly converted Christian, for baptism which at that time was performed during the Paschal liturgy. But even when the Church rarely baptized adults and the institution of the catechumenate disappeared, the basic meaning of Lent remained the same. For even though we are baptized, what we constantly lose and betray is precisely that which we received at Baptism.*

*Therefore Easter is our return every year to our own Baptism, whereas Lent is our preparation for that return – the slow and sustained effort to perform, at the end, our own passage or "pascha" into the new life in Christ.*

With this knowledge and intention, we will seek to reflect on individual and communal transformation throughout the Great 100 Days of Lent and Easter. As we deepen our own reflection

and our felt sense of community, please join us for these programs and events throughout Lent:

Tuesday, March 8, 6pm, **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper followed by Ash Wednesday Prayer Service.** We will have that last, sugary, overstuffed extravaganza with all our Pancake Supper favorites. Then, as sunset comes and darkness falls, our ancient understanding of the "church day" tells us that evening brings the arrival of Ash Wednesday. We will process to the Church for a service of Ash Wednesday to officially begin the Season of Lent.

Wednesday, March 9, 10:00am, **Ash Wednesday Service.** For anyone who did not attend on Tuesday night or wishes to receive communion, a brief, spoken service (no music) with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

Sundays, March 13- April 17, **Preaching Series on Strengthening Unity within Community.** We will explore the ancient Lenten season as a retreat that reflects upon and heals division while revitalizing our practice of being the living Body of Christ.

Sundays, March 13-April 10, **Education at 9am in the Parish Hall.** Join us as we explore "Episcopal Church 101," bringing to mind things we may have forgotten or never knew about the basics of our Church.

Sunday, March 13, 4:00pm, **Hymn Sing.** This will be a fun and invigorating way to be community as we shout out the numbers, sing

your favorite hymns, and make a joyful noise together!

Wednesday, April 20, 7:00pm, **Tenebrae Service.**

The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." In this dramatic service, extra candles are used, and all of the lights and candles on the altar are gradually extinguished until the room is in darkness. It also features readings, collects, hymns, and choir anthems.

This will be our major Holy Week offering this year with full choir and anthems.

Thursday, April 21, 7:00pm, **Maundy Thursday Service.** As we enter the sacred time of Easter Triduum (three days), a simple, spoken service of Holy Eucharist for Maundy Thursday, commemorating Jesus' commandment to us to "love one another as I have loved you."

Friday, April 22, Noon, **Good Friday Service.**

As we continue in the sacred Triduum, a simple, spoken service including the Proper Liturgy for Good Friday, a reading of the Passion from the Gospel of John, and a brief period of silent meditation.

*Please note that Easter Sunday is April 24, with services at 8am (organ only) and 10:15am (with full choir).*

I look forward to seeing all of you many times through this next church season!

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

## ***Confirmation Retreat a Great Success!***

In February, eight Confirmands joined Mother Megan for a day-long retreat. This involved learning about the liturgical year, the Church seasons and colors, the Sacraments and their symbols, and all about the Eucharist. In addition, the group bonded through a Sunday School room

organizational project and work on a skit for the sermon time the next day.

The class did an excellent job of helping to lead worship on Sunday, February 13. They did the readings, served as acolyte and chalice, helped officiate the first part of the service, and offered the sermon. This included a very informative skit about hunger in the United States as well as a collection for the Souper Bowl of Caring. In support of this group of Confirmands, the congregation gave over \$300 and many canned goods that will be donated to the Hereford Food Bank and The Ark, the only accredited preschool for homeless children in Baltimore City.

Thanks to everyone for their support, and to the Confirmands for their hard work! We look forward to our Bishop's Visit and Confirmation on Mother's Day, May 8, 2011. In the meantime, please remember our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers: Sam Crosby, Jessica Ensor, Kemp Ensor, Morgan Ensor, Walker Ensor, Kate McDonough, Jacob Schiffer, and Sam Schiffer.

The Rev. Megan E. Stewart-Sicking

## ***Adult Education in Lent***

We will meet on Sundays at 9am for coffee and education hour in the Parish Hall.

### **Episcopal Church 101**

Everything you never knew, once knew and forgot, or can show everyone you still know!

### **March 13: The Liturgical Year and the**

**Sacraments-** *Just what are the seasons of the Church Year? How does the year work, what are the colors, and how does the lectionary fit in? What are the Sacraments and the symbols associated with each?*

**March 20: Understanding the Liturgy-** *What is the flow of the service, who does what, and what does it all mean?*

**March 27: History of the Church-** *What is the basic history of the Church of England and The Episcopal Church? Also learn history and fun facts about the Diocese of Maryland!*

**April 3: The Book of Common Prayer-** *Learn the basic history of the Prayerbook and explore just what exactly is in it!*

**April 10: Episcopal Church Structure-** *Confused about the difference between a diocesan bishop, bishop coadjutor, suffragan bishop, and assisting bishop? You're not alone. Come learn all the basics of Episcopal Church Structure.*

As background, access <[episcopalmaryland.org](http://episcopalmaryland.org)> [or, Google "episcopal diocese maryland"]; click "Who we are"; click "history". We'll have some hard copies on hand for any who do not have computer access.

## ***Hymn Sing!!!***

Join us Sunday, March 13 at 4:00pm for a Hymn Sing. You call out the numbers, we sing them! Here is your chance to sing your favorite hymns-- don't miss this opportunity to make a joyful noise. And bring a friend or two!

## ***Highlights from the February 8th Vestry Meeting***

Mother Megan has been working diligently completing annual reviews for the Church staff, and organizing their personnel folders. She is also writing job descriptions for each.

Immanuel must submit its annual Parochial Report by March 1<sup>st</sup> and Pastor Smith is continuing his work updating the Church Register so that the figures we provide on the Parochial Report, regarding the Church's membership, are as accurate as possible.

The Vestry was pleased to hear from Mother

Megan that Immanuel's average attendance during 2010 was 75 for both Sunday services. Total attendance, for all services, was 14,500 in

2010 which represented an increase of approximately 1,000 when compared to the previous year.

The Vestry will meet again on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, as the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Nelly Perkins

## ***How About a New Experience for Your Child This Summer?***

The Women of Immanuel provides partial financial support for Immanuel youth who wish to attend summer camp at The Bishop Claggett Center in Buckeystown, MD or other diocesan-sponsored youth events, such as the mission trips to Honduras that Michael Neubauer and his sisters have taken. There are still openings for the mission trip to Puerto Cortes, Honduras, from July 30 – August 5. For more details on the various camp sessions at the Bishop Claggett Center, please go to [www.bishopclaggett.org](http://www.bishopclaggett.org). To find diocesan sponsored youth events, please visit the website of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland – [www.ang-md.org](http://www.ang-md.org). Click on Ministries and Committees and then click on Youth Ministries.

The number of scholarships to be provided will be determined by demand and the WOI's budget. Please contact Rudi Horner, 410-472-0211 or [rhorer@ccbcmd.edu](mailto:rhorer@ccbcmd.edu), if you are interested in applying for a WOI partial scholarship for a qualifying activity or event. The deadline to apply is May 15.

Rudi Horner

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

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.

## ***Property Projects***

A few exciting things coming up in the spring! First, please put on your calendars the property cleanup scheduled for April 16. If we get good weather it would be great to have several folks dedicated to putting more pachysandra rootings on the hillside to stabilize trees. And if you love doing windows... :-)

We've been in touch with the Reverend Elizabeth Orens at St. James Parkton to share thoughts about their environmental committee which was featured in a recent edition of The Zone magazine. How great would it be for two neighboring Episcopal churches to work together for environmental stewardship? We look forward to exchanging ideas very soon.

As always, if you have an hour or two to spare, we have a wish list of projects and I'll happily work with anyone. Thanks to Betty Cummings for noticing that the undercroft windows leak a tremendous amount of cold air. An hour spent putting up plastic will keep the choir warmer! Please let me know if you have time and interest in a quick property project.

Katie Ritter, Property Chair

## ***Sunday School News***

February has been very busy in Sunday School. We are just completing our rotation on the Sermon on the Mount. I led the cooking rotation. We had a breakfast buffet. Each child had a partner. The child could not ask for food, only answer yes or no questions from the partner. The partner had to ask the child what he wanted. If the partner did not ask everything, a child could have cereal with no spoon or bowl!!!! This was a great lesson in patience.

Gwen Sieck led the drama portion of the rotation where the children learned sign language including sermon, mountain, Jesus, blessings, and blessed.

Michael Neubauer led the games portion of the rotation. The children were divided into two groups. They had to move across the life sized game board by answering questions on the Beatitudes. It was a very noisy and animated game.

Our next rotation is on Transfiguration. It will start on the last Sunday of February and continue for the first two weeks of March. Lynn Traynor is leading the cooking rotation. Michael Neubauer is leading the games rotations. Gwen Sieck will be leading a version of the telephone game centering on comfort.

## ***Looking ahead***

Michael and Gwen will be graduating from high school this spring. Michael is a senior at Hereford. He will be attending New York

University, in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Gwen is a senior at Friends School. She will be attending Auburn University in Alabama. We will miss both of them very much.

However, we will have spots available for teenagers interested in teaching Sunday School. The commitment is 3 weeks of teaching with 3 weeks off. The greatest advantage to this program is to learn one lesson and teach it three times. Hence ROTATION. Please let me know if you are interested for next year.

Coleman Mettee  
Sunday School Coordinator

Coffee hour volunteers: Please remember the [Sunday School shares](#) your space in the kitchen [on Sunday morning](#). We are busy cooking, learning, and sharing !!!

## ***CHOIR NOTES***

Many thanks to the children for their enthusiasm for the Children's Choir! I've had so much fun with them already!

Lent is just around the corner, and Easter will follow before we know it! Anyone who wishes to sing with the choir for just Lent and Easter should start attending rehearsals the first week of March.

Jen Newgent

## ***IT'S TIME FOR FLAP JACKS ON SHROVE TUESDAY***

***March 8, 2011***

Let's celebrate together on Shrove (or Fat) Tuesday at Immanuel's annual Pancake Supper beginning at 6 PM on March 8<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. The menu will be delicious pancakes, hominy, sausage, fruit, and the Stewart-Sicking's special, family-tradition ice cream sundaes that were such a hit last year.

We need you and your family and friends to make this celebration a success. To help in

buying groceries, please let us know your intentions by reserving your spots in advance on the sign-up sheet located on the **MARDI GRAS** table in the Parish House. If that isn't convenient, you can also call Mary Jane Shanks at 410-557-6047 or email [mjshanks@zoominternet.net](mailto:mjshanks@zoominternet.net). The fee is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

A flyer will go out via email and snail mail as a reminder of this festive event. Please print it out and pass it around to all your immediate and extended family.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP.** There is a Volunteer Sign-up Sheet at the **MARDI GRAS** table in the Parish House, as well as some extra flyers.

After supper, sometime between 7 and 7:30 PM, we will form a parade and march behind Megan+ to the church for a special service. We hope to see you all there.

MJ Shanks

## ***TOUR THE BRANDYWINE RIVER MUSEUM WITH VICTORIA WYETH***

***Saturday, April 9, 2011  
7:45 AM – 5:30 PM***

The Women of Immanuel's 2011 bus trip is to the Brandywine River Museum in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, for a personal tour with Victoria Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth's only grandchild, to learn the stories behind the works of Andrew, Jamie, and N. C. Wyeth. Ms. Wyeth has been a docent of Wyeth art since the age of 15. While earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Cultural Studies at Bates College, Ms. Wyeth organized and curated an exhibition of her grandfather's works entitled *Andrew Wyeth: Her Room* for the Bates College Museum of Art in Lewiston, Maine. She currently gives nationwide lectures on the art of the Wyeth family and provides tours at the Brandywine, where she shares memories and unique insights gathered over years of talking with her grandfather and uncle about their work. Please visit <http://victoriawyeth.com/bio.php> to learn more about Ms. Wyeth and her Brandywine

tours.

We will also take a shuttle to tour N. C. Wyeth's house and studio. In 1911, N. C. Wyeth used the proceeds from his illustrations for *Treasure Island* to purchase 18 acres of land on Rocky Hill in the village of Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. He built his home and studio overlooking the valley and began raising a family possessed with extraordinary creativity. After his death, members of the Wyeth family occupied the house until 1994. In 1997, the National Park Service granted the property National Historic Landmark status. The Brandywine River Museum now owns and maintains the land and building, and opened the studio for tours in 1996, adding the house in 2000.

Following the tours, we will lunch at the Brandywine Prime Restaurant. The menu includes a Spinach Salad with goat cheese, toasted nuts, and sun-dried cranberry vinaigrette, entrée choices of Ricotta Tortellini and Chicken Involtini, and dessert choices of Crème Brulee and Chocolate Lava Cake with vanilla ice cream.

The bus leaves Immanuel at 8:00 AM and returns between 5 or 5:30 PM. Reservations and the fee of \$77/per person must be made no later than March 8. We need 28 people to attend this trip in order to meet expenses. If you have already signed up, please invite a friend.

Checks should be made payable to *Women of Immanuel* and mailed to Mary Jane Shanks, 3821 Marcus Court, Monkton, MD 21111. You can also make your reservation with payment at the **Brandywine Table** in the Parish House after church on Sundays and at the Pancake Supper. Checks will be returned if we do not receive enough reservations to confirm the trip.

MJ Shanks

## ***“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 receipts will be **PINK** this year. 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. The “Cash for Kids” program runs through March 27, 2011. So far we have collected **\$19,313.99** in receipts. Last year we did not make our **\$25,000** in collected receipts until the very last one. Please keep bringing your pink receipts to church!!

Your participation in this worthwhile program is greatly appreciated!

## ***Save the Date!***

Sunday, May 8, 2011: The Annual Bishop's visit with Confirmation. There will be no 8:00 a.m. service. The Rt. Rev. Eugene T. Sutton, Bishop of Maryland, will preside at 10:15 a.m.

### ***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)  
Ms. Jen Newgent, Interim Director of Music Ministries, [jen.newgent@yahoo.com](mailto:jen.newgent@yahoo.com)  
Ms. Dary Schmidt, Parish Administrator, [office.imm@verizon.net](mailto:office.imm@verizon.net)  
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

## March 2011

<b>Mar. 1</b>	7:00 p.m.	<b>Adult Education Class</b>	<b>Mar. 13</b>	4:00 p.m.	<b>Hymn Sing</b> <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>
<b>Mar. 3</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>Mar. 15</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall</b>
<b>Mar. 6</b>		<b>Last Epiphany</b>	<b>Mar. 17</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I	<b>Mar. 20</b>		<b>2 Lent</b>
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II		9:00 a.m.	Adult Education
	11:15 a.m.	Children’s Choir Rehearsal		10:10 a.m.	Sunday School
<b>Mar. 8</b>	6:00 p.m.	<b>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</b>		10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Ash Wednesday Prayer Service</b>		11:15 a.m.	Children’s Choir Rehearsal
<b>Mar. 9</b>		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>Mar. 21</b>	2:30 p.m.	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II w/Imposition of Ashes	<b>Mar. 24</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Mar. 10</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>Mar. 27</b>		<b>3 Lent</b>
<b>Mar. 13</b>		<b>1 Lent</b>		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I		9:00 a.m.	Adult Education
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Education		10:10 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday School		10:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer w/H. E. II
	10:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer w/H. E. II		11:15 a.m.	Children’s Choir
	11:15 a.m.	Children’s Choir Rehearsal	<b>Mar. 28</b>	1:00 p.m.	<b>Newsletter Team Meets</b>

# SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER AT IMMANUEL GLENCOE

**IT'S FAT TUESDAY!**  
**March 8, 6:00 PM, Parish House**  
**\$6/Adults; \$3/Children**

**Join Us for Pancakes, Music,  
and Mardi Gras Fun and Fellowship**

**Then join the parade of Saints to the church for a special  
service of confession and forgiveness.**

**Please let us know your intentions:**

*(It will help in knowing how much to cook. If you can't commit now,  
don't let that stop you from coming impromptu.)*

**I plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_ . There will be \_\_\_\_\_ in my party.**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**YES, I want to help with the following:**

**Set Up \_\_\_\_\_ Serving \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Clean Up \_\_\_\_\_ Collect Admission \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Cook Hominy (become a Hominy Hon) \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Provide a supplementary dish (fruit, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_**

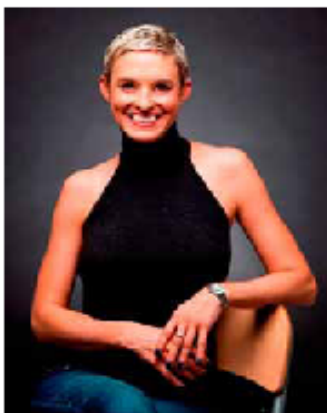


**Please call, mail, or email your reply by March 3 to: Mary Jane Shanks, 3821  
Marcus Ct., Monkton 21111; 410-557-6047; [mjshanks@zoominternet.net](mailto:mjshanks@zoominternet.net)**



**Or sign up during coffee hours!  
Look for the Mardi Gras Table.**

## THE WOMEN OF IMMANUEL'S 2011 BUS TOUR



**BRANDYWINE MUSEUM with VICTORIA WYETH**

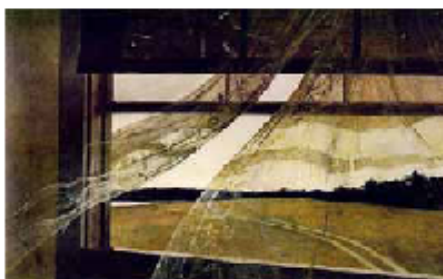
**N.C. WYETH'S  
HOME AND STUDIO**



**SATURDAY  
APRIL 9, 2011**

**7:45 AM to 5:30 PM  
(Departure at 8:00 AM)**

Twenty-eight lucky people can join Victoria Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth's only grandchild, for a private tour of the Brandywine Museum. Learn the stories behind the paintings and about life with the Wyeths. Additionally, a shuttle will transport you to tour N. C. Wyeth's Chadds Ford home and studio. There will be time to peruse the Brandywine Museum gift shop and explore the grounds. Have a relaxing lunch at the Brandywine Prime Restaurant and enjoy a Spinach/Goat Cheese Salad, Ricotta Tortellini or Chicken Involtini, and Crème Brulee or Chocolate Lava Cake with vanilla ice cream.



**COST: \$77 per person**

Checks to: Women of Immanuel (write Brandywine in Memo Line)  
3821 Marcus Court, Monkton, MD 21111

**RESERVATIONS WITH PAYMENT  
DUE NO LATER THAN MARCH 8, 2011**

A table will be set up at Coffee Hours and at the Pancake Supper on March 8 to take reservations and collect payment. We must have 28 reservations to cover expenses at the rate indicated above. Deposits (bus and restaurant) equaling \$350 are non-refundable if cancellation occurs after March 9.

For a preview of the trip, check out the following websites: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIW9Z3GtwT8>,  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vX6V1DPQbGU>, <http://victoriawyeth.com/bio.php>, <http://www.brandywinemuseum.org/>  
<http://www.antiquesandfineart.com/articles/article.cfm?request=547>.