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Immanuel's Messenger

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Noble Powell, Jr. Warden; Dary Schmidt, Parish Administrator*

✠ *From the Priest-in-Charge* ✠

Dear Immanuelians:

Happy Easter season! As we continue to celebrate the miracle of the resurrection, the most significant event in the history and tradition of the church, we also celebrate our time together as a parish. This year, we have beautiful flowers from the bulbs planted last year for the Maryland Home and Garden Pilgrimage. And a recent review of the Church Register revealed that overall attendance is up over last year. The total for the five Sundays of Lent last year was 318; the total this year was 377, representing an increase of about 19%, in large part due to the Family Service.

Recently, we were given the opportunity by our diocese to work with consultant, Christina Brennan Lee, and we learned some things about talking straight with each other in a loving way and that it is important to talk *with* each other. She also suggested that we could work on the transparency of our processes, and that one step in helping ourselves in that direction was to make ourselves better acquainted with our various roles, as set out by the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church. I did a bit of looking up myself, and it is easy to do on-line—just use the search terms “Canons Episcopal Church”, and they pop right up (at least with Google), to be read, downloaded and copied in “pdf” form. Here’s a bit of what I learned.

Canon I.14 is entitled “Of Parish Vestries”, and it provides that, except as provided by State Law or the diocese, the Vestry shall be the “agents and legal representatives of the Parish in all matters

concerning its corporate property and the relations of the Parish to its Clergy.” And, unless it conflicts with such law, the Rector (or such other member of the Vestry designated by the Rector, shall preside in all the meetings of the Vestry.

The duties set aside for rectors and priests-in-charge are as follows (Canon III.9.5):

-- The Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall have full authority and responsibility for the conduct of the worship and the spiritual jurisdiction of the Parish, subject to the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, the Constitution and Canons of this church, and the pastoral direction of the Bishop.

-- For the purposes of the office and for the full and free discharge of all functions and duties pertaining thereto, the Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall at all times be entitled to the use and control of the Church and Parish buildings together with all appurtenances and furniture, and to access to all records and registers maintained by or on behalf of the congregation.

Our Canons only tell us so much about our relative roles, and then we are directed to our own parish by-laws, which every Vestry member now has a copy of.

Why is all this so important? Isn’t it just more efficient to let a self-appointed committee make all the decisions in a certain area, without having to go through the rigmarole of consulting the Priest or the Vestry? The problem is that this is like getting into debt. It may solve the immediate problem and may give us a desired outcome at the moment but, in the end, we pay double the price for the lack of transparency, the lack of congregational involvement and, ultimately, the

failure of trust between the congregation and its vestry and/or priest. Taking the trouble to get our processes right is like putting money aside for retirement. If we practice being faithful to making small decisions in the ways spelled out by the Episcopalians who tested them over many years of trial and error, then when the big decisions have to be made, we will have the procedural machinery of checks and balances well-oiled and ready for action.

So, how does this relate to resurrection? Well, it has been said that the only time we have is “now.” The past disappears, and the future is not yet. But we always have the power to change the “now.” We live in resurrection by being willing to learn new things, by being open to doing things differently, and by deciding to live in touch with our risen Lord every day, every “now” that we have.

Many blessings, Pat+

Update on the Information Gathering Meetings

These meetings to discuss the future of Immanuel started in March and will continue through mid-April. At the end of April, we will be making a very important decision regarding the status of our current Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Pat Drost+. May 1 marks the end of two years that Pat+ will have been with us. Having a Priest-in-Charge requires that we as a parish, through our Vestry, cast our vote to say whether we would like Pat+ to remain and become our rector or not. Pat+ will also vote to say whether she would like to stay or not. As recommended by the Diocese, the Information Gathering meetings are an opportunity for parishioners to come together to share their experiences over the past two years. If you have not attended a meeting, please try to find one below that is convenient. The schedule for April’s meetings is below; all meetings will take place in the Rectory dining room:

Sunday, April 6, 10:00 am, Sunday School parents, with conveners Chuck Gilbert and Doug Whatley

Sunday, April 6, 11:15 am, Open – anyone invited, with conveners Susan Dowell and Chuck Gilbert

Sunday, April 13, 9:00 am, Altar & Flower Guilds, with conveners Barbara Vosburgh and Mary Frances Wagley.

Sunday, April 13, 3:00 pm, Staff, with conveners Mary Frances Wagley and Mary Jane Shanks

If you have any questions, please contact Rudi Horner, Senior Warden.

Stewardship

73 pledges totaling \$130,822 as of March 9

Sunday School News

Our Lenten Sunday School rotation was the Last Supper. Our current rotations are about Jesus’ miracles.

Coleman Mettee
Sunday School
Administrator

Music Notes

A hearty thanks to the Immanuel Choir for their hard work for the March 2nd Evensong and the glorious music for the Palm Sunday and Easter services. We are delighted to have Page Crosby join the soprano section. We are looking for another volunteer to join us in the fall. Think about it and give me a call (410-323-3322).

Music for April is as follows:

April 6 "If Ye Then Be Risen With Christ" -
F. W. Wadly
"Christ Our Passover" - Sir John Goss

April 13 "The Lord Is My Shepherd" –
Thomas Matthews

April 20 "Let My Prayer Come Up Into Thy
Presence" - Palestrina

April 27 "Creation: The Heavens Are Telling" –
Franz Jos. Haydn

John Holland
Organist-Choirmaster

Annual Newcomers Breakfast

A wonderful group of newcomers enjoyed breakfast in their honor on Sunday, March 30. Those that were not able to be present last year include: Marge Tuttle, Florence Platt and Hannah Wilson. Those who are more recent newcomers to Immanuel include: Bunky and David Hopkins; the Larichuta family of Jessica, Isabelle and Keith; Marcella and Michael Riisager; and Jane Drumm. Please introduce yourself to anyone you do not know, and welcome them all to our Immanuel family.

From the Parish Register

Deaths

Emily Abernethy
March 6, 2008

Mary Waterbury
February 29, 2008

Updated Website:

Thanks to Pam Swanson, our webmaster, and input from Gayle Hagan and Doug Whatley, our website (www.immanuelglencoe.org) is now updated, much easier to read and has additional pages. There is plenty of space available on the site for additional pictures, e.g., Sunday school children, clean-up days, etc, so please send them to Pam Swanson (pam@prgraphics.net).

Women of Immanuel

The WOI had a wonderful Spirituality Day on March 1st lead by the Rev. Adrien Dawson. The discussion centered around three women whose visions of the divine have been shared through the centuries; Julian of Norwich, St. Theresa of Avila and St. Catherine of Sienna. If you would like information on these Saints, please let me know. I have copies of the handouts that the Rev. Dawson prepared.

Many thanks to Fran Tilghman, Deborah Cunningham and Marcella Riisager for helping with the Evensong reception on March 2nd and to everyone who brought the delicious food.

Also thanks to John Holland and the choir for a beautiful evening.

Linda Ambrose

WOI ANNUAL BUS TRIP

The Women of Immanuel will be offering their annual Bus Trip on May 3, 2008. We will be taking the MD House and Garden Pilgrimage in Chestertown and will be touring 5 houses. Lunch will be at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Please save the date and plan to join us for a fun day!

Mary J. Moses

Women of Immanuel (WOI) Youth Activities Scholarship(s)

WOI provides partial financial support for Immanuel youth who wishes to attend summer camp at The Bishop Claggett Center in Buckeystown, MD, diocesan youth events such as mission trips, or the popular *Nightwatch* that takes place at St. John the Divine Cathedral in New York City. For more details on the various camp sessions, please check the flyer attached as one of the back pages of this newsletter or go to www.bishopclagget.org. The number of scholarships to be provided will be determined by demand and the WOI's budget.

Please contact Liz Sieck, 410-472-2119 or Jagers@comcast.net, if you are interested in applying for a WOI partial scholarship for a qualifying activity or event. The deadline for camp sessions at The Bishop Claggett Center is April 30th.

Concert Series

The Evensong on March 2nd was a huge success. Two people told me that they counted 70 people in the congregation! A big round of applause goes to the congregation, who heartily and fearlessly joined the choir in singing the responses to Plainsong Chant. A number of people commented that they thought it would be great if we could sing the responses at Morning Prayer on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. We will pursue this and keep you posted. We are so proud of the Immanuel Choir and the fine job they do.

We are delighted that David Bergin, recipient of the Sheila Vickers Memorial Scholarship, will play an organ recital at Immanuel Church on Sunday, May 11th at 4:00pm, followed by a light

reception in the Rectory, where you may greet our guest performer. We will be able to tell you more about David, who is a third year student at the Peabody Conservatory, in the May Newsletter. Plan now to attend this fun concert!

The Music Committee is busy working on next year's Concert Series, and we will have more information in the May Newsletter.

John Vickers, Chair, Music Committee
John Holland, Organist-Choirmaster

WINE DINNER SMASHING SUCCESS

There were 45 people who attended the wine tasting dinner at the Manor Tavern on Friday, March 7th. Everyone had a great time with fun conversation and scrumptious food! All agreed that this should become a semi-annual event. Wines for the dinner were from a vineyard in the state of Washington, one of the vineyard's representatives was present to tell us about the type of wine served with each course. Many people purchased bottles and cases of wine that had been served during the course of the evening. A small profit from this goes to help fund the Friends of Music at Immanuel. A big thanks for all your support! A number of people wanted to be there but had other commitments. In the future, we promise to publish Wine Tasting Dinner dates well in advance.

John Holland

FRIENDS OF MUSIC SILENT AUCTION

The Friends of Music Auction has been postponed until further notice. We will keep the Congregation posted as to a new date.

Mary J. Moses

Rainbow Camp – Volunteers Needed:

Rainbow Camp is July-August 1, 2008 at Claggett Diocesan Camp. Rainbow Camp is a camp for children ages 7-11 infected with HIV or affected by having family members with AIDS. The quality and quantity of service to these children depend on having dedicated volunteers. The Diocese is seeking individuals willing to serve as program director for the week, counselors and day volunteers.

The Program Director will organize and develop activities consistent with camp objectives, help with planning, and help with recruitment of counselors. Counselors must be 18 years of age or older. The Camp is particularly looking for counselors who have skills working with young people and who will devote the entire week to the campers. Counselors must protect the safety of each camper and work with other counselors sharing leadership. Day volunteers are needed to provide special activities for the campers one or two days during the week, such as helping with swimming, canoeing, hiking, crafts, service projects and storytelling. If you are interested, or know someone to recommend, please call the office at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 410-489-4411 or email to stpaulsemail@comcast.net to the attention of the Rev. Ann Boyd.



Scouting News

Milton J. Firey, IV, (Buzz), Column writer and original member of Boy Scout Troop #485, writer in the 1950's and a Tenderfoot Scout, now

an adult leader for 15 years, Scouting news writer for Immanuel Messenger for 3 years.

Mr. Gene Ruhl has been the Scoutmaster for Troop #485 for over 23 years of loyal service. Mr. Ruhl graduated from Hereford High School and attended Towson University, majoring in Musical Education. Mr. Ruhl is a congenial, talented Scoutmaster who has diligently helped a number of our Scouts gain the rank of Eagle Scout, a Scout's highest honor. He works hard to lead our Scouts to be successful adults in their lives.

We thank you, Mr. Ruhl, for exemplary service in making Troop #485 a Scouting adventure worth being a part of every week. God Bless.

Your writer, Boy Scout Buzzy, must bow out for a couple of weeks due to possible oral surgery, but shall return with more Scouting news. I want to wish the Reverend Pat Drost, her staff at Immanuel Episcopal Church, as well as our Boy Scouts and parents a very happy Easter season.

Our next column will feature Boy Scout Jamboree News and more exciting Troop #485 stories.

Buzz Firey, writer
Maria-Helena Diaz, secretary

Hereford Optimists Sponsor Bike Swap:

The Hereford Optimist Club and the Seventh District Recreation Council are sponsoring the fourth annual Bike Swap for northern Baltimore County. The purpose of this activity is to recycle bicycles and get used bicycles to children who need them. Bikes are swapped free of charge, and no money is exchanged. This is simply a good-will activity to help children in our communities.

The Bike Swap will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 24, 2008 at Hereford High School. People can bring used bikes that their

children have outgrown and drop them off at Hereford High School from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. During the morning, the Hereford Optimist Club will clean the bikes, fill the tires with air, and perform routine maintenance on the bikes. At noon, people who have dropped bikes off may return to pick out a “new” used bike for their child.

Leftover bikes will be donated to daycare centers or others in the community who may need bikes. Those who are interested in the extra bikes may simply show up at 1:00 p.m. to take the extra bikes away.

Previous Bike Swaps of this type have traded over 100 bikes. For additional information, please contact Leslie Sipes-Pachol at 410-357-5896 or lesliesipes@yahoo.com.

2008 Church Directory

Immanuel’s 2008 Parish Directory is ready for pick up in the Parish Hall. Thanks to Taylor Spencer for printing the directory and to Cynthia Ballard and Rudi Horner for providing the updates.

Correction: The Earp family was mistakenly omitted – please add: Mr. & Mrs. Scott Earp, Scott & Mallory; Ashley; Sarah, 15025 Priceville Rd., Sparks-Glencoe, MD 21152 **410/472-1504**.

Graul's Receipts

Graul’s Market in Hereford is sponsoring another year of “Cash for Kids.” We can put money back into our church programs by saving the yellow Graul’s receipts with a date between September 24, 2007 and March 28, 2008. Peggy Ensor reports that we collected \$5,746.20 in yellow Graul's receipts for the month of February. This brings us to a year to date total of \$17,808.99.

The March 28th deadline date is fast approaching! We will not make it without your help!!

Please turn in your Graul’s yellow receipts as soon as possible!! Place them in the basket marked “Cash for Kids.” Thank you.

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. Pat+ is in and out most afternoons, and is available by appointment. You may reach either of us at 410-472-2828. If we are both unavailable, please leave a voice message for either me or Pat+, and we will return your call as soon as possible. You may also email me at office.imm@verizon.net and Pat+ at Rev.PatriciaDrost@verizon.net. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call Pat+ directly at 571-331-2618.

Dary Schmidt - Your Parish Administrator

Newsletter Deadlines

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

The *second Monday* of each month.

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

The Newsletter Team Meets

The *third Wednesday* of each month

1:00 pm – Rectory

Thinking of Joining a Committee?

Here is an opportunity to find out more about a committee you think you'd like to join -- or maybe you're ready to take the plunge and jump right in! Feel free to call the person listed. They will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Acolytes & Chalicists: The Rev. Pat Drost +
African Craft Sale: Rudi Horner - 410.472.0211
Bill Eddison - 410.329.1877
Altar Guild: Anne Somerville - 410.527.0674
Carolyn Sass - 410.343.1352
Cemetery Committee: Ashby Shanks - 410.771.3455 Day
410.557.6047 Eve.
Choir: John Holland - 410.323.3322
Coffee Hour: Ellen Hall - 410.472.4073
Bobbie Ensor - 410.472.2206
Flower Guild: Betsy Powell - 410.472.6886
Friends of the Office: Peggy Taliaferro - 410.527.1288
Lay Visitors: Polly Horner - 410.472.2755
Parish Growth: Rudi Horner - 410.472.0211
Property Committee: Katie Ritter - 410.472.9083
Service Participants: Barbara Vosburgh - 410.771.0037
Stewardship: Cynthia Ballard - 410.584.7668
Sunday School Administrator/
Wedding Coordinator: Coleman Mettee - 410-303-3025
Website design and maintenance: Pam Swanson -- 410.308.1666
Gayle Hagan - 410.357.8394
Doug Whatley - 410.683.0337
Women of Immanuel: Linda Ambrose - 410.374.1814

Other Opportunities for Service

Junior Warden	Pianist for Family Service
Treasurer	Outreach Chair
Registrar	Altar Guild

If any of these opportunities interest you, please give Pat+ a call at the office.

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.

Vestry and Officers

Cynthia Ballard, Page Crosby, Bill Eddison, Todd Ensor,
Gayle Hagan, Catherine Klein, Julie Metcalf,
Katie Ritter, Pam Swanson, Fran Tilghman,
Mary Frances Wagley and Doug Whatley

Senior Warden: Rudi Horner;
Junior Warden: Noby Powell;
Treasurer: Taylor Spencer

April 2008

Apr. 1	7:30 pm	Vestry Meeting	Apr. 16	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Apr. 2	10:30 am	Broadmead Communion	Apr. 17	7-9 pm	Pre-Diocesan Convention Mtg.
Apr. 5	11:00 am	Memorial Svc./M. Carniewski	Apr. 19		Oldfield's Alumnae Weekend
Apr. 6		Easter 3/Newcomers Liturgy	Apr. 20		Easter 5
	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist I		8:00 am	Holy Eucharist I
	9:15 am	Family Service		9:15 am	Family Service
	10:15 am	Holy Eucharist II (Rain date for Egg Hunt)		10:15 am	Holy Eucharist II
Apr. 8	2:00 pm	Communion/Brighton Grdns	Apr. 23	1:00 pm	Newsletter Team Meets
Apr. 9	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal		7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Apr. 10	10:00 am	Revelation class/Broadmead	Apr. 26	9:00 am	Spring Clean-up/Boy Scouts
Apr. 13		Easter 4/Broadmead Sunday	Apr. 27		Easter 6
	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist I		8:00 am	Holy Eucharist I
	9:15 am	Family Service		9:15 am	Family Service
	10:15 am	Morning Prayer Rite I		10:15 am	
Apr. 14	2:30 pm	Newsletter Deadline			