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Immanuel's Messenger

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From the priest in charge:

***“Oh Worship the Lord in the
Beauty of Holiness!”***

Last month I wrote about the importance of our praying for one another, specifically those who are “afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or estate.” Let’s be sure to (1) tell the pastor and administrator about our concerns for those in need, both our Immanuel friends and others, (2) to name (“in silence or aloud”) those not named, and (3) to share a prayer of thanksgiving when the original needs have passed.

We also need to share another dimension of our discipleship at Immanuel--the outward and visible signs of worship and fellowship.

Sometimes, as we leave church, I have said “Why would anyone want to live in this Godforsaken corner of the world? and why are we here at this unGodly hour?” That has never failed to elicit indignant denials! We are truly blessed to have inherited such a handsome, safe and commodious site, both built and natural. Of course God does not forsake anyone anywhere--no slum, battlefield, emergency room or prison. But on this holy hill God makes it even easier to be grateful for his gifts and generous in our sharing. It is no accident that the Bible begins in the Garden of Eden and ends in the New Jerusalem.

First, caring for the grounds and gardens: Some heavy chores we have to pay others to do, but many can be undertaken by us, with timely help from our Boy Scouts. Weeding, raking, pruning, planting--those were Adam and Eve’s jobs too. The grounds committee organizes two work Saturdays a year, and has a list of chores for other times [see Katie Ritter’s article on page 2.] I notice that the Hereford Zone is filled with beautiful gardens; so should be God’s little acre on Glencoe Rd.

Then the buildings: can you remember the first time you drove up the hill and saw what is barely visible from the road? It is breathtaking, a gem of our reformed catholic piety, in a Victorian Gothic style called “frozen prayer.” But the church, parish house and rectory are not automatically repaired or renewed. I heard a Church Insurance executive say “The Episcopal Church is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Deferred Maintenance.” Maybe we can leave the leaking roofs and rotting window frames for our children--that is, if there are any around. The buildings committee knows that most such work has to be paid for, but there are some jobs anyone can do.

The unseen grid is called “the infrastructure” (or maybe “infernal structure”): the electric, telephone, water and sewer lines. Eternal vigilance is the cost of (in this case) sheer survival. As you know, Dary Schmidt, Katie Ritter and Chuck Gilbert have been playing the roles of Moses, Aaron and Miriam in stemming the waters so we children of Israel can “with

unmoistened foot cross the Red Sea waters.”
Leaks and floods in all three buildings and the temperamental Well House threaten to close us down.

What a treat it is to have a sanctuary which is always clean and neat. On Sunday it is further blessed by the flowers arranged by the altar guild and John Holland and dedicated to the glory of God. Sometimes they are also dedicated to the memory of loved ones, or in thanksgiving for birthdays, baptisms, confirmation, weddings, anniversaries, and recovery from illnesses or injuries. Skipping Advent and Lent, there are about 40 Sundays for these dedications; what a wonderful way to share blessings! The cost is \$25. Dates are reserved at the parish office. After church they may be taken by the donors or given to the sick and shut-ins by our parish visitors, who remind them that “Every blossom is a prayer.”

Winston Churchill once said “First, we shape our buildings. Then our buildings shape us.” Those old folks did a great job in the 19th Century. Now we get to continue in the 21st, to care for these blessed sacraments --“outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace.” “The beauty of holiness” is also “the holiness of beauty.”

Kingsley Smith

Praying for our armed forces

Every Sunday we remember those of our parish (and others for whom our prayers are requested) who are on active military service. Andrew Smithwick has just finished his current tour of duty, though he remains in the reserve. Zack Ritter, who just got his 3rd stripe, has deployed with his Marine helicopter squadron to Afghanistan; his address is Sgt Zachary R Ritter, /HMH-463 MAG-40 Operations, /Unit 44170, /FPO AP 96607-4170. Some of us may know Scott Will, another Hereford marine in the same unit. Let's keep in close touch.

Any news about the other 9 on our list-- deployed overseas, or no longer on duty? Any other names to add?

Kingsley Smith

"Some Ideas from Katie:"

We can always use summer weeding

- we need someone to spray the rock patio behind rectory with Roundup again
- we need donations (from existing gardens, not purchased at a garden center) of three plant materials: old-fashioned large blue hydrangeas, peonies, and BLUE hosta, from anyone moving or dividing plants, who would be willing to place them in designated areas, now or in the fall
- we need folks who are willing to work on the driveway uphill area: planting pachysandra to stabilize it and removing invasive vines (often small) after a rain....I'll show them
- the scout trail near the stream needs regular walking and light clearing of sticks, etc
- windows can be cleaned in the rectory and the church

Katie Ritter

Property Committee

Highlights from the July 14th Vestry Meeting

At the July meeting, the Vestry discussed the church schedule for the balance of the summer. Pastor Smith will be out of town at the end of August and early in September. On Sunday, August 23rd, Gayle Hagan and Michael Jacobsen will lead the 9:00 AM service. The Reverend Bev Braine will officiate on the following two Sundays, August 30th and September 6th. Wes Wubbenhorst will be with us on Sunday, September 13th. On September 13th, we will return to having two Sunday services and Sunday school will begin again.

Rudi Horner reminded the Vestry about the Diocesan Visioning Event to be held on Saturday, October 3rd from 9:00 to 4:00 and Saturday, February 27th from 9:00 to 4:00 at Claggett. The Vestry would like for Immanuel to be represented at the event. Please contact Rudi if you have an interest in serving as a representative for this process (the commitment is for both days).

Nelly Perkins

Here I Am, Choose Me

As we move closer and closer to calling a new rector, we are looking around the parish, the grounds, and the ongoing activities with an eye towards seeing these as our new rector will see them. And we are seeing what we might want and need to improve before that person comes. One area where we, as a *whole* congregation, have become complacent is in our efforts where volunteers can take the place of paid staff (e.g., our Friends of the Office) or where the task requires volunteers (e.g., to serve on the Outreach Committee).

This paragraph is copied verbatim from the Parish Profile that prospective new rectors read about us: *“We have a tremendous array of talented and dedicated people in our midst. Among the many examples of how this talent finds expression are: our faithful Sunday School teachers; a parishioner coming to spread salt before 8am on icy Sunday mornings; lay visitors taking flowers to the sick and shut-ins; glorious flower arrangements that adorn the church weekly; excellence in music and in the service of lay readers, chalicists, acolytes and the Altar and Flower Guilds; and our volunteer FOTOs (Friends of The Office) who assist with routine office tasks. We struggle in our efforts to reach out successfully to find ways for each and every member to contribute time, talent and treasure. Consequently, some of us are overworked while others are overlooked in the routine tasks of parish life.”*

We are a small parish and that means that everyone needs to give of their time and talent, as they are able. There are a number of committees that need to be formed: Transition, Archives, Personnel, Finance, Worship and Parish Life. Some committees exist, but they are staffed by only one volunteer. And still others always need more help – Altar Guild, Church School teachers, Outreach. Now is the time to step forward. Please think about where you would like to devote

some of your time and talent on behalf of the parish. Contact the head of that committee or ministry and find out what’s involved. And, if someone comes to you, asking you to consider signing up, please be ready to respond, “Here I am, choose me”.

Thank you,
Rudi Horner

Episcopalian T-Shirts: For those of you interested in buying one of the “Ten Top Reasons for Being an Episcopalian” T-shirts that Rudi Horner had on at the picnic, here’s the information: website: episcopalmedia.org or 1-800-229-3788.

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 with 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

Mark your calendars as we start our new year September 13th with our annual open house hosted by the Women of Immanuel. This is the Sunday we return to our fall schedule of two services (9:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.). Everyone please bring a delicious morsel to share. The Open House will be after the 10:15 service. Anyone interested in coordinating this event, helping with setup or clean up, please give Linda Ambrose a call at 410-374-1814.

Linda Ambrose

WOI Scholarship Recipient Report

I have indeed arrived safely from my trek to Central America with the Diocese group led by the Rev. Wes Wubbenhorst. Aside from leaving a day early, our mission was thoroughly unaffected by the recent coup d'état. This is not to mean of course that it wasn't very exciting, for in all regards it was an enlivening week. It is hard to put into words what happens down there but as someone from my group says, 'Honduras is an inexplicably magical place.' We stayed at an Agriculture School in the town Talanga (which is about one hour's drive from Tegucigalpa, the capital) and in a sense we were in our own little haven. We varied between doing construction, "helping" our Honduran peers with their farm work (or rather, actually slowing them down), or in general, just hanging out with the guys. The language barrier proved tiresome to the less-fluent (i.e. me) in our group, but by the end of the week communication somehow found a way to get through. I would like to take this time to show my utmost gratitude to the Women of Immanuel for their generous contribution towards my trip.

Sincerely,
Michael Neubauer

THE ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOU!

Most people do not take special notice of the details surrounding the Altar as they quietly sit through a Sunday service. They take it in as a whole, a place to which they make the small trek to receive Holy Communion and a fresh beginning.

There is a small group of people, however, who notice every tiny detail of the Altar each Sunday...the color of the hangings, the length of the candles, the placement of the silver vessels, and even the condition of the linens. The members of the Altar Guild take special

satisfaction in knowing they have a hand in making sure the Altar Table is set just so.

If you enjoy working quietly behind the scenes, are seeking to serve Immanuel in a way that fits into your busy schedule, and are looking for fellowship with a wonderful group of supportive comrades, the Altar Guild is the place for you. Traditionally the Altar Guild has been a woman's domain, but we welcome people of all genders, 16 and older. More members mean less work for everyone.

So please give some thought to joining our Altar Guild band. We need you and you need us!

And here's something that everyone can do.....

WIN A QUILT! HELP THE ALTAR GUILD

The raffle of a special quilt, hand-pieced and hand-quilted by our own Marcella Riisager, begins in September with the drawing taking place at the Annual Meeting in November. Titled "Flying Home to Glencoe" this beautiful, cotton quilt is 5'10" x 5'8" and displays a traditional pattern known as Flying Geese with column sashing.

Marcella is a member of the Altar Guild, a small group of parishioners who work behind the scenes to ensure that all activities held at the Altar proceed as flawlessly as possible, including weddings, funerals, baptisms, blessings, and regular Sunday communion. Altar Guild workers often can be seen working in the Sacristy in the undercroft of the church. During a previous renovation many years ago, the Sacristy was updated using memorial funds generously left to us in the will of a long-time Altar Guild member, June Wippert. The Sacristy is named in memory of Miss Wippert.

Over the years, this Altar Guild Fund has been depleted. The purpose of the fund was to replace damaged linens and Altar hangings, replace or care for the silver vessels, and to cover other major expenses that occur from time to time. In

the recent past, the white hangings needed to be replaced and a chasuble purchased to match the hangings. Members of the Altar Guild donated the \$2000 needed for this purchase.

Through your generosity and support, we would now like to replenish the June Wippert Altar Guild Fund. So please look for details about the upcoming quilt raffle and buy tickets for yourself and as gifts for others. The quilt will be displayed off and on throughout the fall and a good picture will be on display at the *QUILT TABLE* in the Parish House.

Thank you for your support.

Altar Guild Members

Linda Ambrose	Mary Jane Shanks
Betty Cummings	Donna Sieverts
Tilly Dorsey	Marcella Riisager
Heather Crowe	Barbara Gilbert
M J Moses	Anne Somerville
Carolyn Sass	

FALL MEANS FUN CHILI COOK-OFF AND SQUARE DANCE

Saturday, October 10, 2009
Time to be Announced

This fall will bring a new minister and a renewed commitment to fun and fellowship, kicked off by a good, old-fashioned square dance. To add a little spice to the affair, the dancing will be preceded by a Chili Cook-Off. That is, of course, "if" we have members who are willing to put up their favorite chili recipe for judging.

We will need at least 8 to 10 chili entries and lots of people to come, taste, and cast their vote for their favorite. We hope to solicit a local chef to join us to give us a professional opinion of the best recipes and give out the first, hopefully annual, blue-ribbon awards.

Would you like to enter your chili recipe? Please let us know by picking up an entry form that will be available in the church and the Parish House in September. You also will receive a flyer and entry form via email in September. **Look for details at the "Chili Cook-Off/Square Dance" table in the Parish House.**

Music Notes

We wish to thank Mark Lund for a brilliant Saxophone solo on Sunday, July 26, with music by Dave Brubeck.

On Sunday, August 2nd, we will have The Missing Chums Chamber Choir, under the direction of Clay Welch, who also sings in the Immanuel Choir. Following the service The Missing Chums will serenade us with medieval madrigals on the Rectory Lawn while we sip lemonade. They sang for us three years ago, and we are delighted to have them return.

In place of an organ voluntary at the beginning of the service, The Missing Chums will sing, *Sicut Cervus Desiderat Ad Fontes* (psalm 42) by Giovanni da Palestrina (1525-1594)

At the Offertory, the same text in English: *Like As The Hart* - Herbert Howells (1892-1983), Communion Motet: *Two Blessings* by Clay Welch.

On Sunday August 9th, soprano, Mary Agnes Evans will be guest soloist. You may remember, Mary Agnes sang in the choir for the spring season while Page Crosby was away. At the Offertory she will sing *How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings* by Jeffrey O'Hare.

The full choir will return on Sunday, September 13 at the 10:15 service.

John Holland
Organist-Choirmaster

CONCERT SERIES

To date, we have raised \$1,800 towards our goal of \$4,200. If you haven't sent in your contribution, we would love to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Be generous, remember, The Lord Loveth a Cheerful Giver, and so doth the Concert Series. Please help us reach our goal as soon as possible.

Mark your calendars for Sunday October 18, Wine Tasting Party at the Milton Inn on York Road, 3:00pm to 6:00pm. More information in next month's Newsletter

Our first concert of the season will be on Sunday, October 4th at 4:00, when the Friends of Music will present Organist Ted Dix and his wife, Flutist Gretchen Dix. They will be playing music from the Baroque and Romantic periods. A reception will follow in the historic rectory.

Cheers,
John Holland, Organist-Choirmaster

GREETING CARDS

The Friends of Music still have about 20 packs of attractive note paper on heavy stock for sale. Each pack contains six note cards (including envelopes) with photographs of Immanuel Church. Note packs are \$10.00 each, and are available in both the church tower entrance and the Parish Hall.

"Cash for Kids"

Come on somebody.....September is almost here!!!

We are looking for a volunteer to collect and tally the Graul's grocery receipts for next year's "Cash for Kids" campaign. Graul's will send us their announcement letter and guidelines sometime this summer. The Project begins the middle of September 2009 and runs through March 2010.

Please consider lending a hand with this very worthwhile project which will benefit our Sunday School.

Please call the church office to volunteer:
410-472-2828

Thank you Blair Ensor for helping with this year's collections!

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.

Vestry and Officers

Page Crosby, Bill Eddison, Todd Ensor,
Chuck Gilbert, Jeremy Gillam, Gayle Hagan,
Rudi Horner, Catherine Klein, Nelly Perkins,
Michael Riisager, Katie Ritter, Mary Jane Shanks,
Pam Swanson, Fran Tilghman,
Mary Frances Wagley and Doug Whatley

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Aug. 2	9 Pentecost	Aug. 17	2:30 p.m.	September Newsletter Deadline
9:00 a.m.	H. E. I w/Morning Prayer			
10:00 a.m.	Lemonade and Conversation	Aug. 23		12 Pentecost
10:20 a.m.	Chat about today's Lesson	9:00 a.m.		Morning Prayer Rite I
		10:00 a.m.		Lemonade and Conversation
Aug. 9	10 Pentecost	10:20 a.m.		Chat about today's Lesson
9:00 a.m.	H. E. II			
10:00 a.m.	Lemonade and Conversation	Aug. 26	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter Team Meets
10:20 a.m.	Chat about today's Lesson			
		Aug. 30		13 Pentecost
Aug. 16	11 Pentecost	9:00 a.m.		H. E. II – Guest Preacher
9:00 a.m.	H. E. I w/Morning Prayer			The Rev. Beverly Braine
10:00 a.m.	Lemonade and Conversation	10:00 a.m.		Lemonade and Conversation
10:20 a.m.	Chat about today's Lesson	10:20 a.m.		Chat about today's Lesson