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Immanuel's Messenger

February, 2008

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✠ *From the Priest-in-Charge* ✠

Dear Immanuelians:

TO DIP, OR TO SIP—THAT IS THE QUESTION!

Last summer, we held a series of meetings of service participants—acolytes, readers, altar guild, etc. One of these groups was the chalicists, and an intriguing question was raised by one of our numbers—wouldn't intincting (or dipping) the wafer in the cup be a more sanitary practice than drinking from the same communion chalice that had already been pressed against the lips of a number of other people?

My research has been very interesting, and I invite you to do some investigation on your own. As it turns out, this question has been raging in the Episcopal Church since at least 1934, when opponents of the common cup planned to take their battle to the next General Convention.¹ A recent period of major controversy was during the AIDS crisis of the last couple of decades, until the CDC found that transmission by a shared communion cup would be extraordinarily unlikely.²

In April 2003, the Bishop of Toronto actually suspended the use of the common cup and the handshake during the passing of the peace in response to fear associated with the occurrence of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

¹ "Common Cup & Intinction", *Time Magazine*, May 14, 1934, at website

"www.time.com/time/printout/0,8816,754102,00.html"

² "HIV/AIDS and the Common Cup", National Episcopal AIDS Coalition, November 2002, at website

"www.neac.org/articles/000363.html"

However, after a survey of current literature and expert medical advice, the Diocese of Toronto concluded that both sipping from a common cup of wine and the sharing of a handshake during the peace present only a minimal risk of transmission of disease.³

The most recent information I uncovered was a 2004 article on the website "GetReligion.org" entitled "Common Cup II: Intinction and Infections", which explored the writer's fears that shaking hands and sharing a common communion cup just might increase the chances of infection during the flu season. He was enlightened by a microbiologist's study pitting the process of intinction (the wafer or bread being dipped into wine and then distributed to a communicant) against the practice of sipping from a common cup. The intinction study found that intinction transmitted a smaller number of bacteria, but not *no* bacteria. It seems that, when many people use intinction, the fingers of parishioners and/or ministers often dip into the wine during the process.⁴ The Toronto Report even deemed the practice of intinction to be a *higher* risk activity, because the fingertips of intinctors might contaminate the shared wine with more serious pathogens than those commonly found in human saliva.

Curious about these results, the microbiologist conducted another test comparing the rates of infection for those who regularly drink out of a common cup with those who don't. A ten-week survey of 681 people revealed

³ "A Summary Report Concerning the Risk of Transmission of Contagion via the Use of the Common Cup and Other Liturgical Acts", Diocese of Toronto, December 10, 2003.

⁴ "www.getreligion.org/?p=477"

essentially no difference in reported illness between those two groups. To quote, “Those who sipped from the chalice weekly or even daily were no more likely to get sick than those who got drunk the night before and slept in Sunday morning.”

This may in part be explained by the training that every licensed chaliceist receives, requiring the turning of the cup by a quarter turn and wiping firmly with a small cloth (called a purificator—guess why!), preferably carrying a little alcohol from the wine along with every wipe. While intinction may be viewed by some to a more hygienic means of administering communion, in reality, it may very well introduce multiple contacts instead of the reduced contact of the clergy with the wafer and the chalice turned and wiped between each communicant.

There are other things that we can do to further ensure good practice. The risk of disease transmission is also reduced by:

- Ensuring that chalices and purificators are washed properly with hot water and soap, and stored in sealed containers—thank you Altar Guild!
- Having communion ministers use care when wiping the chalice to ensure effective cleaning between communicants—thank you faithful chaliceists!
- Having all communion ministers wash their hands thoroughly with a hand sanitizer (anti-microbial rise) immediately before administering the elements of communion (e.g., during the offertory)—a new practice for us starting just last month.

The common cup is not only a principal symbol of our Christian life. It is also a formative element in our identity as Episcopalians. At the time of the Reformation, a major principal of Anglicanism was the restoration of the common cup to all the faithful. It has been called a basic mark of our tradition. In view of this, the Standing Liturgical Commission of the Episcopal Church “counsels against any practice which diminishes the sign value of the common cup by

providing other vessels”, citing both theological and scientific claims upon us.

When the Church gathers around the Lord’s Table for worship, as bread and wine are shared, we are reminded of what it means to gather together as God’s people, and to welcome all persons as members of God’s common household. The common cup reminds us that we share a common life in Christian community, and that the benefits of that common life are believed to outweigh the minimal risks involved. May we drink from the chalice together as one Body, one Church, as we work and pray for the growth, not just of healthy life, but of *abundant* life together!

Many blessings, Pat+

BISHOP SEARCH UPDATE -

Transition Timeline

March 2, 2008 - The Walk-Abouts begin

March 29, 2008 - The Electing Convention for the 14th Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland will be at St. James’ Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square in Baltimore

June 28, 2008 - Consecration of the 14th Bishop of Maryland!

Please keep our Diocesan Standing Committee, Search Committee, and Transition Committee in prayer as they complete their work.

Stewardship Update:

As of Jan.7, 2008:

69 pledgers for total of \$124,102.

It's not too late to pledge! Let us hear from you very soon.

CONSULTANT TO REPORT ON SURVEY OF PARISH

In January's Vestry meeting, all staff, committee heads, and parish leaders joined the Vestry in meeting Christina Brennan Lee, who was recommended by the Diocese to work with us. Ms. Lee is an experienced consultant and mediator who has worked with a number of parishes across the country to resolve issues and conflicts. She gave each of the approximately 30 people in attendance a very broadly worded questionnaire about the strengths and weaknesses of the parish. Each participant was to complete and mail back the questionnaire directly to her in the self-addressed envelope she provided by January 18 (or thereabouts). Ms. Lee will then digest all of our comments and prepare a summary to share with all interested parties on Sunday, February 3, after the 10:15 service. All those who have participated are to be thanked for their input and honesty. We will all be interested in what this "verbal inkblot test" will show us about each other, and how we relate to each other.

Sunday School News

The SS has made Valentine's Day cards for our military members over seas. This is the second year the children have created cards. They were all very interested in what we know about each military member.

January 13 starts our new rotation, "The Calling of the Disciples." At Christmas we shift from learning about the Old Testament to the New Testament. This rotation will include making fish pizza to learn about fishers of men, an art workshop creating a banner, and a games workshop with several games:

- With a game that is like **Tag** where half the children are fish and half are nets.
- **Following Jesus** where the children are the playing pieces on a giant game board.
- **Jesus Fishes for ...** This game is like musical chairs except without the music.
- **Fishing Game** where we'll learn about being followers of Jesus.

Children's Christmas Pageant

We had a great Christmas pageant this year, with the church being filled with 98 parents, grandparents and guests. Below is Will Ensor's introduction and story in verse. We are much honored to have had Will write and direct our pageant for a second year.

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Hello, my name is Will Ensor as you might know,
And the Sunday school is here today to put on a show.

The story of Christmas, as all you have heard.
Acting today, in this wonderful play,
Are the names of the Sunday Schoolers,
and who they are acting as, Okay?

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Now I present to you,
The Christmas pageant of 2007, without further ado.

1ST READING:

'Twas the night before Jesus' birth,
And all through the city,
Not a room was open, not one--what a pity!
Mary and Joseph, needing a place to stay,
Were stuck in a stable, with a bed made of hay.
In that stable, where the animals lay,
was born baby Jesus, on the twenty-fifth day.

2ND READING:

Mary and Joseph let him sleep in a manger,
While all the animals around started to gather.
The donkeys, the cows, sheep and the horses,
gathered around to see what was the matter,
What they saw, asleep in the Manger,
was Jesus Christ, our savior.

3RD READING:

As angels told shepherds of the good news,
kings were alerted by what the angels told,
The kings and the shepherds, followed the stars.
To reach Jerusalem, some traveled far.
As the kings brought gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh.
Remember the meaning of Christmas tonight,
And to all, have a good Christmas.
Make sure you sleep tight.

Coleman Mettee
Sunday School
Administrator

Music Notes

We have a short Epiphany season this year, which means Easter will be quite early, March 23! This really has the choir hoping to prepare music for Lent, March 2nd Evensong, Good Friday, and Easter.

We are excited to welcome Natalie Gottsch to the soprano section of the Immanuel Choir. Natalie was away in school, and is now back living in Glencoe. We also extend a warm welcome to Michael Riisager.

Music for February:

February 3 "Imperial Mass" (Lord Nelson):

Credo - Haydn

"O Living Bread" - Henry Kihlken

February 10 "Purge Me O God" - Thomas Tallis

February 17 "God So Loved the World" –

Sir John Stainer

"Hide Not Thy Face from Me" –

Farrant

February 24 "Jesu, the Very Thought Of Thee" –

Richard Proulx

John Holland
Organist-Choirmaster

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 Women of Immanuel have several upcoming events. Be sure to mark your calendars:

March 1st – Women's Spirituality Day, 9:00

a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Church Rectory – The Rev.

Adrien Dawson, new Rector of St. Marks-on-the-Hill, will lead the discussion. If you would like to attend, please fill out one of the sign-up sheets located in the Parish Hall and the front hallway of the Rectory.

On March 1st, we will spend the morning on retreat with three women whose visions of the divine have been shared through the centuries. We will reflect on our relationship with Christ, letting the words of Julian of Norwich, St. Theresa of Avila, and St. Catherine of Sienna guides us into our own reflections on the divine. These women use surprising metaphors drawn from everyday life to describe their faith and the insights given to them. There will be opportunities for silent reflection, sharing and journaling. If you are artistically inclined, you may want to bring some supplies so that you can better express your images.

I look forward to spending the morning with Theresa, Catherine, Julian and the Women of Immanuel.

The Rev. Adrien Dawson

March 2nd - Royal Tea after Evensong for Lent

– The WOI will be hosting the Royal Tea after Evensong for Lent. We are looking for a coordinator, as well as help to set up, clean up, and/or bring food. Anyone interested, please call Linda Ambrose 410-374-1814.

March 12th, WOI Meeting, 7:00 p.m. All women are invited to attend at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Please bring any ideas you would like to discuss.

Linda Ambrose

Energy Costs Soaring

With 13 thermostats and mixed furnaces, oil burners, and heat pumps, it's easy to get confused about the HVAC systems at Immanuel. Here's one thing we can't afford to get confused about: our energy costs are rocketing up!

- PLEASE, if you turn up a thermostat, turn it up only a couple of degrees. Heat pumps that have been pushed up more than that at one time run Auxiliary or Emergency heat coils, and these cost a LOT of energy.
- Please, when you leave a building area, **TURN THE THERMOSTAT BACK DOWN** or, if there is a "RUN" button on the thermostat, push that button.
- Please make sure all doors and windows are tightly closed.

Signs to assist you should be up by the reading of this newsletter. We greatly appreciate your help.

Katie Ritter, Property Committee

Outreach Holiday Project 2007

This year's project was very successful in several ways, including the continued enormous generosity of Immanuel parishioners. There were a large number of families struggling financially and otherwise this year – 14 families with a total

of 17 children. We are fortunate at Immanuel, and the congregation is always magnanimous to those who are in circumstances that any one of us could find ourselves in some day.

We are also blessed to have Mr. Graul of Graul's Market in Hereford in our community. Our project intended to purchase Graul's Market gift cards for the 14 families to help with Thanksgiving shopping, as well as Target gift cards to help with Christmas gifts. Mr. Graul donated \$50 gift cards for all 14 families. We could never have purchased those \$50 cards and still been able to purchase Target cards of any beneficial value. Mr. Graul's selfless giving is matched only by you. Your donations for the Holiday Project allowed us to purchase \$85 gift cards for each of the 17 children whose families are struggling this year.

Please accept our gratitude for your donations and know that you have made a great difference in many people's lives this past holiday season.

Margaret Quinn

Concert Series

Our next concert will be Sunday, March 2nd at 4:00pm, Evensong for Lent. The congregation will join the choir in singing the responses in the form of Plainsong chant. Several parishioners have requested this form of music, so mark your calendars, and invite your friends. It will still be light out, so those who do not drive at night will be able to attend.

The choir will be singing the Kyrie from the Imperial (Lord Nelson) Mass of Franz Jos. Haydn. Other music will include the works of Sir Edward Elgar and J. S. Bach. There will be more information in the March Newsletter.

The Immanuel Concert Series sponsored a Wine Dinner at the Manor Tavern last fall and it was a big success. So much so, that we are planning another one this spring.

We are also planning to have a Silent Auction, starting at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 5th. Mary J. Moses will be chairing this event. Proceeds will go towards the Concert Series Budget.

We are delighted to announce that we have heard from the Peabody Conservatory of Music, that the recipient of the Sheila Vickers Scholarship fund is David Bergin. He is a junior at the Peabody. We will keep you informed regarding an organ recital in May by David.

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

FRIENDS OF MUSIC SILENT AUCTION ALERT

The Friends of Music will present a Silent Auction of a limited number of interesting high quality items beginning on February 5th at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Bidding will continue through the March Wine Dinner when Winners will be announced.

To whet your appetite, one item includes overnight accommodations, golf for two with cart and a sumptuous breakfast the following day at Heritage Hills Golf Resort in York, PA. Get set to bid on this and other intriguing opportunities!

Mary J. Moses

Cleaning Consistency

As many of you know, we are trying to support both good environmental practices and the Diocesan support of environmental stewardship here at Immanuel. There are rapidly growing statistics of health concerns such as asthma, autism and eczema, among other conditions, being attributed to exposure to the chemicals commonly found in cleaning products and air fresheners.

We have converted these products in the Rectory, Parish Hall and Church to those containing

natural and non-toxic ingredients. They do not have ammonia or chlorine, two of the most common and toxic of household cleaning materials - and they clean better than their toxic counterparts!

Please respect this effort on behalf to convert Immanuel to a toxin-free footprint on the earth. In the last month, several ammonia- and chlorine-laden cleaners made their way back into our cupboards. We ask you to please refrain from bringing cleaning products to church, and to use instead the ones provided there for your use.

If there are any questions about which products to use for regular cleaning or items such as wood floors, disinfecting, mildew, metal or silver polish, etc., please contact Katie Ritter.

WHAT DOES THE DIOCESE DO WITH ALL OUR MONEY!

The 118 member churches of the Diocese of Maryland are part of one body in Christ committed to ministry in his name. 94% of every dollar in the 2007 diocesan budget went directly to support various programs and ministries around Maryland, the United States, and the World. The remaining 3% of the budget supported our congregations, programs and ministries through funding administrative and fund raising support. 80% of the funding for the budget came from congregations like Immanuel. In 2007, this money

- Sent children with challenges such as parents in prison, dealing with HIV and AIDS, living in urban blighted neighborhoods, to summer camp and let them experience a different part of life outside the horrors they have endured.
- Provided countless numbers of children playground equipment and milk in their schools, as well as immunizations, health care, and clean drinking water in Panama and Africa.

- Provided a safe place and activities for children after school, while supplying homework and tutoring help in areas around our state with challenged school districts.
- Furnished warm housing in a safe environment for people without other resources and provided a safe harbor for those from both inside and outside our national borders afflicted by domestic and terrorist violence.
- Supported campus ministries and resources at Towson, UMBC, Morgan and Frostburg Universities.
- Supported urban and country ministries around our state through direct financial support, seminarian support, and post-ordination support of congregations with newly ordain clerics, and grant programs open to every congregation with in the diocese along with many other programs that would not be existence without your help.

Thanks go to all the 118 congregations in our Diocese. Anybody interested in seeing the 2008 Budget passed by this year's Diocesan Council, please contact Pat+.

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, Scottt & Mallory; Ashley; Sarah, 15025 Priceville Rd., Sparks-Glencoe, MD 21152 **410/472-1504.**

From Pat's E-mail Bag:

I've learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles four things: a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that, regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.

I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life."

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But, if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch -- holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

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 we have collected \$4,443.79 in yellow Graul's receipts for the month of January. This brings us to a year to date total of \$9,996.53!!

Please save your Graul's yellow receipts each week, and 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

Large Coffee Cans Needed:

Please bring in your large empty coffee cans. These are decorated and used to transport Sunday Altar flowers to our shut ins. Thank you.

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

The Newsletter Team Meets
The third Wednesday of each month
1:00pm – 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 & Chalcists: 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

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

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

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| Feb. 3 | 8:00 am 9:15 am 10:15 am 11:15 am | Last Epiphany Holy Eucharist I Family Service Holy Eucharist II Meeting w/Consultant | Feb. 14 | 10:00 am 7:30 pm | Revelations Class/Broadmead Choir Rehearsal |
| Feb. 5 | 5 pm-7 pm | Pancake Supper/Service | Feb. 17 | 8:00 am 9:15 am 10:15 am | Lent 2 Holy Eucharist I Family Service Holy Eucharist II |
| Feb. 6 | 10:00 am 12:00 pm 7:30 pm | Ash Wednesday Broadmead Holy Eucharist II Holy Eucharist II Holy Eucharist II | Feb. 18-25 | | Pat on Vacation |
| Feb. 7 | 7:30 pm | Choir Rehearsal | Feb. 18 | | President's Day/Office Closed |
| Feb. 10 | 8:00 am 9:15 am 10:15 am | Lent 1 Boy Scout Sunday Holy Eucharist I Family Service Morning Prayer Rite I | Feb. 20 | 1:00 pm | Newsletter Team Meets |
| Feb. 11 | 2:30 pm | Newsletter Deadline | Feb. 21 | 7:30 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| Feb. 12 | 2:00 pm 7:30 pm | Communion/Brighton Grdns Vestry Meeting | Feb. 24 | 8:00 am 9:15 am 10:15 am | Lent 3 Holy Eucharist I Family Service Morning Prayer Rite I |
| | | | Feb. 26 | 2:00 pm | Communion/Brighton Grdns |
| | | | Feb. 28 | 7:30 pm | Choir Rehearsal |