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*Immanuel's Messenger*

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Immanuel Episcopal Church 1509 Glencoe Road Glencoe, Maryland 21152 410- 472-2828

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

✠ *From the Priest-in-Charge* ✠

Dear Immanuelians:

Here we go in the beginning of another new year! Especially since I have been a priest, I breathe a little sigh of relief in January. Christmas was wonderful, and it was also exhausting. The frantic rush of the holidays is over, and things can return to normal. But, as one author has pointed out, "Normal is just a setting on your dryer." And so it is at Immanuel, just as in other phases of life. Just when we think things can become routine again, another major issue or project comes to the fore.

Your Vestry has already begun the process of preparing to make a significant decision by May 1—whether to keep me on as your Priest-in-Charge. It is not too early to begin sharing with your Vestry members how you feel about the matter. You cannot review a person's work without knowing what his or her responsibilities are, and so I share with you the paragraph entitled "RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRIEST-IN-CHARGE" from the standard Diocesan Letter of Agreement your Senior Warden and I executed a year and a half ago. It reads:

The Priest-in-Charge's ministry is the pastoral and canonical responsibility for the congregation. S/he shall lead the Church as pastor, priest, and teacher, sharing in the councils of this congregation and of the whole church, in communion with the bishop. S/he shall work with the Vestry and other lay leaders to maintain the regular schedule of worship services and preaching, education,

pastoral care and pastoral offices (weddings, funerals, baptisms), calling upon the sick and shut-in, visiting newcomers, and ongoing administration of the parish. S/h shall supervise all parish staff in the exercise of their responsibilities and ministries, for which they shall be accountable to the Priest-in-Charge. S/he shall also support the Vestry in its responsibilities.

In addition to the standard duties, I was also charged with working with the Renovation Committee to coordinate our renovation/restoration project with other groups in the parish, and to work with the Capital Campaign Committee to reach our financial goals.

I invite you to consider prayerfully your sense of how things have gone in the parish over the last year and a half, and to communicate your reflections, both favorable and unfavorable, to a Vestry member of your choice. As of January 8, when we swear in four new duly elected Vestry members, the Vestry will comprise:

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

Each Vestry member has been presented with a "Vestry" pin to wear proudly on their lapels on Sunday morning, and at least one Vestry member regularly attends each of our three Sunday worship services. It is important to note that the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Registrar will not be voting on this issue. Article

III, Section 9 of our Bylaws lists “matters relating to the call of a Rector” as one of those questions on which officers who are not also elected Vestry members do not have the right to vote. So, it is important that you share your thoughts with one of the above-listed Vestry members, rather than one of the officers, if you want your opinion to “count.”

I would have liked to put off this time indefinitely, and I suspect that some of you might also feel the same way. However, time marches on. For better or worse, the ordinary responsibilities of January do inevitably follow the joy and excitement of December, and we are once again called to faithfulness in the small things as well as the great. My wish for all of us is that we find truth in our journey together, and that there will be a way forward for the deepening our relationship. God’s peace to you all.

Blessings, Pat+

## **BISHOP SEARCH UPDATE - Transition Timeline**

**January 9 - January 29, 2008** - The Search Committee arranges public presentations of their slate of candidates and their process

**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

Our Diocesan Standing Committee commends both the Search and Transition Committees for their faithful work and asks that all members of the Diocese keep our three committees in your daily prayers.

## **Gleaned from the Priest’s Email-Bag:**

Why go to Church?

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. “I’ve gone for 30 years now,” he wrote, and, in that time, I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can’t remember a single one of them. So, I think I’m wasting my time, and the pastors are wasting theirs, by giving sermons at all.”

This started a real controversy in the “Letters to the Editor” column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

“I’ve been married for 30 years now. In that time, my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this . . . They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!”

When you are down, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible. Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment.

## **Stewardship Update:**

Many thanks to you 60 families who have already pledged \$109,372 to the 2008 Operating Budget. This compares to \$144,712 from 75 families at this time last year.

In January, the Vestry will wrestle with balancing the expected income and the expenses of the Proposed Budget Wish List as presented at the Annual Meeting in November.

To make the job a little easier, it would be wonderful to have more families adding support. Is your family one of those from whom we need to hear? If so, please make a pledge soon.

## *Sunday School News*

We have some spots to fill in our 2008 rotations. Would you agree to a quick 2-or-3 week commitment to the Sunday school for

- call of the disciples in January,
- last supper in March, or
- blind beggar in April??

If so, please give call me a call at 410-303-3025.

Coleman Mettee  
Sunday School  
Administrator

## *Welcome to Immanuel Church's New Lay Leaders*

At the Annual Meeting in November, the congregation elected new Vestry members who will begin their service in January: Gayle Hagan, Pam Swanson, Mary Frances Wagley and Bill Eddison. Also, John Vickers has completed his Vestry term and has become an Officer of the church through taking on the position of Registrar. Please introduce yourself to them if you don't know them, and congratulate them on their new roles on behalf of the parish.

## *Music Notes*

Happy New Year to all of you. Well, we survived the Christmas Holidays, one more time. Hope you all had a joyful and spiritually enriching Christmas. Things at Immanuel were very busy, and a BIG thank you goes to the choir for all their hard work! We are so blessed to have such a wonderful, talented, and loyal choir that works so very hard every week, rehearsing music for all the services, Evensongs, and other events at Immanuel.

Goodbyes are always difficult, but there comes a time when we have to say them. We are very sad to tell you that Dottie Olander, who has sung soprano in the choir for the past 14 years, is moving to Chevy Chase. For the past couple of years, Dottie has driven from Washington, D. C. to sing with us on every weekend. However, her job as Leonard Slatkin's personal assistant at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts has become very demanding. Dottie is a graduate of Towson University with a degree in voice. We are going to miss her bubbling personality as well as her angelic voice. We can only hope that someday she will be back with us! Good bye Dottie, we will miss you more than you will ever know.

John Holland  
Organist-Choirmaster

## *Choral music for January:*

January 6 "Arise Shine Forth!" - Henry Purcell  
"Nativity Carol" - John Rutter

January 13 "Holy Spirit Lord Of Light" –  
Henry Kihlken

January 20 "Christ Our Passover" –  
Will MacFarland  
"Jesu, The Very Thought Of Thee" –  
Glenn Rudolph

January 27 "Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect  
Peace" - S. S. Wesley

John Holland

## *Updated Website:*

Thanks to Pam Swanson, our webmaster, and input from Gayle Hagan and Doug Whatley, our website ([www.immanuelglencoe.org](http://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](mailto:pam@prgraphics.net)).

## ***Women of Immanuel***

On December 11<sup>th</sup> the Women of Immanuel had a gift wrapping party. We wrapped gifts for the boys from Catonsville Children's Home. Thank you to everyone who helped. The WOI also hosted the Christmas Reception after Lessons and Carols on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who helped with the reception. A special thanks goes to Fran Tilghman for helping to organize the reception. In January, a letter will be mailed to all the Women of Immanuel listing our upcoming events. One special event is the Women's Spirituality Day on Saturday, March 1, 2008. The new rector of St. Mark's-on-the-Hill, Rev Adrien Dawson, will be leading our Spirituality Day on Saints and Mystics. Mark your calendars now.

Linda Ambrose

## ***Recycling and Reusing!***

If anyone has pretty Christmas cards they don't want to throw away after the holidays, please save them for Katie Ritter, who is trying out an art project. The cards can be from this or prior years, as long as they are in good condition. Please put them in the mail or call Katie to arrange picking them up at church one Sunday this spring. Thank you!

Katie Ritter

## ***From the Parish Register***

### ***Baptisms***

*Isabel Audrey Larichuita*  
*Jessica Strandquist*  
*November 18, 2007*

## ***Deaths***

*Polly Mowell*  
*November 22, 2007*

*Evelyn McCartney*  
*December 7, 2007*

*Kathryn Sieverts*  
*December 9, 2007*

## ***Marriage***

*Jessica Stranquist and*  
*Keith Larichuita*  
*December 9, 2007*



## ***Scouting News***

Buzz Firey, writer and original member of Boy Scout Troop #485, is again writing for the Immanuel Episcopal Church newsletter. As column editor, I wish to express my sincere thanks to my assistant and friend, Ms. Elizabeth Holtzman who has assisted me with many columns.

For many years the main fundraising event for our Troop #485, has been "North County Santa Breakfast," and it has always been successful. This very important event is held at a huge building known as Puhtok Lodge located at 17433 Big Falls Rd., in Monkton, Md. in north Baltimore County. Camp Puhtok Lodge was once

owned by a Tribe of Blackfeet Indians and is currently owned by the State of Maryland Recreation and Parks Bureau.

Our boy scouts did a superb job of waiting on folks and serving a wonderful array of food and beverages. The scouts were courteous and worked in a professional manner. They also looked sharp in their Class A uniforms. We must also thank the Scout parents and adult leaders for giving their time to help with chores, such as parking cars, and seeing what was needed to make this Santa Breakfast a real success.

Our troop auditor advised this writer that the Scouts served an estimated 600 or more people. While all monies are still being counted, Troop #485 has raised an estimated total of \$3,000 – 4,000. Kudos go to our P. R. Staff for spreading the word and making Saturday, December 1, 2007, a truly happy scouting event.

Next column will be the fall Court of Honor report. Editor's note: Your writer was very ill and could not continue scouting news until now! Prayer works!!

Buzz Firey – Column Writer  
and Troop Historian

Herman Kemper – Assistant Editor

## ***OUTREACH PLANS***

Our Outreach Committee is in search of a Chair. We hope to have a line item in the 2008 Operating Budget for the Outreach Committee to work with, either as seed money for fundraising projects, or for direct donation to projects selected by the Outreach Committee. We also have people willing to serve on the Outreach Committee, but we need someone who is willing to schedule and chair meetings, and report on Outreach efforts for the newsletter. If you have a heart for outreach, and God is speaking to you about leading this important committee, please give Pat+ a call.

## ***Concert Series***

The Festival of Lessons and Carols was a success, as always! Many thanks for all who participated in reading the lessons and ushering, and to the Women of Immanuel for providing the elegant Christmas Tea. Most of all, we thank our loyal and faithful choir. A special thanks to Sue and Scott Hunter who so generously have supplied wine for the receptions following all of the concerts this season.

Our next concert is Evensong for Lent, on Sunday, March 2nd. We are planning a number of new anthems, a new setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, and new plainsong responses. Plan now to attend and invite your friends. Best Wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year! Thanks for your continued support!

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

## **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.

## ***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 \$5,552.74 in yellow Graul's receipts to date!

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](mailto:Rev.PatriciaDrost@verizon.net). In case of 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](mailto: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 – 410.472.2755

Lay Visitors: Polly Horner – 410.472.6796

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 Francis Wagley, and Doug Whatley

## *January 2008*

<b>Jan. 1</b>		<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>Jan. 13</b>		<b>1 Epiphany</b>
<b>Jan. 2</b>	10:30 am	<b>Broadmead Communion</b>		8:00 am	Holy Eucharist I
<b>Jan. 3</b>	7:30 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>		9:15 am	Family Service
<b>Jan. 5</b>		<b>Private Party/Parish Hall</b>	<b>Jan. 14</b>	10:15 am	Morning Prayer Rite I
<b>Jan. 6</b>		<b>The Epiphany</b>	<b>Jan. 17</b>	2:30 pm	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist I	<b>Jan. 20</b>	7:30 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
	9:15 am	Family Service			<b>2 Epiphany</b>
	10:15 am	Holy Eucharist II		8:00 am	Holy Eucharist I
	11:30am	Meet w/Officers to review Vestry Agenda		9:15 am	Family Service
<b>Jan. 8</b>	2:00 pm	<b>Communion/Brighton Grdns</b>	<b>Jan. 22</b>	10:15 am	Holy Eucharist II
	7:30 pm	<b>Vestry Meeting</b>			<b>Communion/Brighton Grdns</b>
<b>Jan. 10</b>	10:00 am	<b>Broadmead/Revelation Class</b>	<b>Jan. 23</b>	2:00 pm	<b>Newsletter Team Meets</b>
	7:30 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>Jan. 24</b>	1:00 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Jan. 11-15</b>		<b>Pat on Vacation</b>	<b>Jan. 27</b>		<b>3 Epiphany</b>
				8:00 am	Holy Eucharist I
				9:15 am	Family Service
				10:15 am	<b>Morning Prayer Rite I</b>
			<b>Jan. 31</b>	7:30 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>