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Immanuel's Messenger

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From the priest in charge:

“The Descent of the Dove”

That’s a fancy term sometimes used for what is more prosaically called “Church history.” It affirms our faith that the Holy Spirit has been inspiring and directing the apostolic church since the first Pentecost. To us, history is not just chronicles of dates and data but the living record of the saints bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world.

When I retired from full-time parish ministry in 1995 I asked Bishop Ihloff if I could do anything to help him and Garner Ranney, the diocesan archivist. Soon I found myself called the Historiographer (an archivist is, like a librarian, one who acquires, catalogues and preserves the records, and Maryland’s archives are among the best of their kind in America; an historian’s job is to get the word out to the churches by writing or speaking). I thought I could write a history of the Diocese of Maryland, but I soon found myself committed to the first of the seven part-time interimships I have enjoyed since 1996, so that grand scheme is still in the “forthcoming” stage-- just a table of contents.

But I have been able to take on many interesting tasks for the Diocese and at the many congregations I have visited in the past 14 years. My brief history of the Church in Maryland

is posted on the diocesan web-site: <http://www.ang-md.org/history.php> Our current archivist, Mary Klein, and I presented a major paper on Racism in the Anglican and Episcopal Church in Maryland, also on the site: <http://www.ang-md.org/history-racism.php> . Given my concern about combating racism in our church and our state, I have also served on the diocesan Reparations Task Force and the Claggett Center Slave Graveyard committee

Last fall Mary Klein and I did a program for the Historical Society of Baltimore County about the history and architecture of the Episcopal churches in our County. This spring I helped my old parish, Trinity in Towson, to publish an update of its history, celebrating its 150th anniversary (see about the Presiding Bishop’s visit in Trinity’s June newsletter: TrinityEpiscopal@comcast.net). I hope to help Immanuel organize and publish more about your great heritage in the future.

As a member of both the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists and the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church I have attended annual meetings since 1996. This year’s, in June, was in Racine, Wisconsin, at the DeKoven Center, exploring how the Episcopal Church came to the old Northwest in the 19th Century. My paper was called “They Didn’t Wait for the Pullmans,” showing how much Maryland helped in the new missionary work, especially through our great bishop, William R. Whittingham, a prominent leader in a critical

period who served here from 1840 to 1879.

One thing the Holy Spirit teaches us for sure: you can't see where you're going if you don't know where you've come from.

Kingsley Smith

Let's Look for that Book!

Current and accurate Parish Registers are required by Canon Law, and for good reason. They contain the official record of Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings and Funerals, and a list of all members. This changes with transfers in, baptisms and confirmations, and with transfers out, removals, prolonged inactivity, and deaths.

Of course actual average attendance and the treasurer's roster of contributors of record are important, but this Register is the basis for our annual report to the diocesan and national Church, and a pretty good measure of how a congregation is doing. Alas, Immanuel's current register is not in good shape. Many of the entries are incomplete and will require some sleuthing to fill out. But the worst problem is that the Parish Register which covered the years 1976 through 1997 has vanished, and the membership list was not copied into the next book! I've searched through all the nooks and crannies on our campus and asked some of you for help, but it is still missing. It's a large, heavy 16 inch by 11 inch green cloth covered volume. Does anyone have any clues?

When we find it the new rector will have the interesting challenge of reconstructing the parish membership list. That will be a good way for him or her to get to know just who are the rams, ewes and lambs in the Immanuel flock. Maybe that way we can know if there are any lost sheep.

Kingsley Smith

On to next fall and next year!

Plans are underway for coming events beginning in September. Here is how the transition is to happen:

Sunday services will be Holy Communion at 9 am, followed by lemonade on the lawn, through Sept. 6. Pastor Smith will be away from August 17 through September 14. We look forward to having Beverly Braine as our visiting priest on August 30th and September 6th, with Gayle Hagan as lay preacher on August 23rd.

On September 13 we return to 8 and 10:15 services, when the regular Sunday School starts and we have our annual Homecoming Picnic. Our special guest then will be the Rev. Wes Wubbenhorst, who is the diocesan Youth Minister--and much else, including leader of our wonderful programs for youth (including our own Neubauers) and adults to El Hogar in Honduras, and leader of our critically important Mending Creations training programs.

Kingsley Smith

"Lord, hear our prayer, and let our cry come unto thee."

Of all the things a parish does, praying for others is central. Each Sunday we "pray for the whole state of Christ's church" as we thank God for his blessings, we remember the faithful departed, we intercede for those in authority in church and state, and we ask God to watch over all those who are in any danger.

As much as possible we pray for others by name. Why? Surely God knows the needs of all his children. But our need is to be specific. That's why we have a list in each service bulletin of the names of members of the parish and also friends and relatives for whom our members are concerned. These lists can, therefore, get very long.

In order to focus our prayers well, we will adopt the custom of many parishes of naming aloud only those who are members of Immanuel or their immediate relatives, but always including the invitation "In silence or aloud, let us offer our

personal prayers,” and allowing plenty of time to speak the names of anyone we chose.

One other part of effective prayer: although we know that God works in mysterious ways to bring help to those in need, he also asks us to help too. Therefore we should have a way in which those being prayed for know that they are in our hearts and at our altar. This means that whoever has asked for their being remembered makes sure that at least a copy of the bulletin is sent to them regularly, maybe with a note, a phone call, some altar flowers, or a visit by the clergy or a lay visitor. This puts our words into action.

Yes, prayer is not magic; it is hard work, sometimes costly, even risky. But that’s what being Disciples of Christ means.

Highlights from the June 9th Vestry Meeting

The Vestry discussed the Summer schedule at its June meeting. We will continue with one service at 9:00 AM until Sunday, September 13th when we will return to having two services. Sunday School also will begin again on September 13th. The Vestry considered several options for the four Sundays Pastor Smith will be out of town.

Nelly Perkins

Immanuel’s Graduates are on the Move!

Headed off to Elementary School:

- Emma Whatley graduated from Pleasant Ridge Preschool and will be in kindergarten at Pot Spring Elementary
- Benjamin Ryan graduated from Trinity Church Day School and will be in kindergarten at Seventh District
- Kelby Whittle graduated from Monkton Country Day School and will be in kindergarten at Jacksonville Elementary

- James Traynor – graduated from preschool and will enter kindergarten at Sparks Elementary School

Moving on to Hereford Middle School:

- Andrew Ryan graduated from Seventh District Elementary and will be entering 6th grade
- Bennett Ensor graduated from Sparks Elementary and will also be entering 6th grade

Going to High School:

- Graduated from Hereford Middle School and entering 9th grade at Hereford High School are Sam Crosby, Kemp Ensor and Rich Hall
- Walker Ensor graduated from Hereford Middle and will be entering Boys Latin School

Off to College:

Reiley Crosby – graduated from Hereford High School and is going to Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA

Kristin Neubauer – graduated from Hereford High School and is going to Tulane University

Graduate School:

Jennifer Neubauer – graduated from Cornell University and is going to Boston University Law School

Best regards,
Rudi Horner

The Horizons Gathering: Developing Goals and a Vision for the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland

This message is from the Diocese: The time is ripe for our diocese to reflect, imagine and then begin to act on a new vision for our ministry together. In order to gather input from throughout the diocese, Bishop Sutton is asking for every parish, mission and diocesan institution to select

one of its members to be part of the newly formed "Horizons Gathering." We are specifically asking that this person be a lay person, with official confirmation from the Vestry. Every church or institution may select this person in any way it wishes.

- We are looking for prayerful people who can work together to create achievable goals and an inspiring vision for our diocese.
- Representatives must be available for the two gatherings which will be held at the Bishop Claggett Center from 9am to 4pm on **Saturday, October 3, 2009** and **Saturday, February 27, 2010**.
- Some representatives may be asked to attend a few additional meetings in smaller working groups during the year to work on goals for specific ministry areas.
- It is desired that representatives have access to email and website communication
- The website for this effort is:
<http://www.ang-md.org/press/2009-06-08-horizons-announcement.php>

Since the name of Immanuel's representative needs to be submitted by September 1, the Vestry is calling for volunteers and/or nominations immediately (please contact Rudi Horner). We will then vote at the July 14 Vestry meeting.

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

The WOI had their annual dinner/meeting on June 3, 2009 at Liz Sieck's house. Thank you Liz for hosting our dinner/meeting. We recognized Mary J Moses for organizing our annual bus trip for 21 years. Mary J would select the location, set up the transportation, itinerary and made sure we had plenty to eat and drink. Mary J has retired as our bus trip organizer. We would like to thank Mary J by taking her out to lunch. Look for further details on our September lunch outing. Thank you Mary J!

Our next WOI meeting will be September 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Linda Ambrose

WOI Scholarship Recipient

The Women of Immanuel have once again awarded a partial scholarship to a deserving young parishioner to off-set the cost of participating in youth diocesan activities. Michael Neubauer will be making his second mission trip to Honduras this June and revisiting the village he traveled to last June. It was a transformative trip for Michael and he shared his

stories and experiences with us when he returned. He is looking forward to returning and we are looking forward to hearing of his new and wonderful experiences.
Godspeed, Michael!

Liz Sieck

Music Notes

Fifty years ago, last month, at the age of 15, I begin my career as a church organist. My first church job was at Manokin Presbyterian Church, Princess Anne, Md., the town where I was born and raised on Maryland's Easter Shore. The church's congregation dates from 1683, and the present church was built in 1765. Manokin Church had an old two manual tracker (mechanical) action pipe organ that was built in 1880. In the hot humid summer months, the organ would often have ciphers (notes that stick and won't stop playing), along with hissing and wheezing from leaking bellows, as well as other problems. However, to my untrained ears, it was truly magnificent. I started piano lessons at the age of five, and had had a year of organ lessons when I got the job, which paid \$7.50 a Sunday. That with my paper route, I thought I was rich! My, how times have changed.

Speaking of old boys...did you know that Isaac Watts (1674-1748) has been described, with some justification, as the father of English hymnody. It is said that as a 16-year-old, Isaac complained to his father (an elder in the Congregational Church) that the hymns sung in church were dull.

"Then write something better," his father replied.

What a challenge! And what a response! Despite being dogged by ill health, he went on to write more than 700 hymns, and many, such as "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun" (Tune: Duke Street) and "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" (Tune: Rockingham), is considered by many to be the greatest hymn ever written, both still in regular use 250 years later.

Many of his hymns are paraphrases of the psalms,

but unlike the metrical versions of other 16th and 17th century hymn-writers, Watts used a much freer style, in which he sought to "Christianize" the psalms. Many of these are memorable, such as his free paraphrase of Psalm 90 which we now sing on state and solemn occasions as "O God Our Help In Ages Past" (which is almost Britain's second national anthem, after Jerusalem, of course).

His famous Christmas Carol, "Joy To The World", is another happy outcome of that endeavor, and is based on part of Psalm 98, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth" and has been a popular part of the Christmas repertoire for many years.

Here's hoping that you are having a great summer!
Cheers,

John Holland
Organist-Choirmaster

CONCERT SERIES

By now, many of you have received your Concert Series fundraising letter and brochure, outlining an exciting 2009-2010 season. We are grateful to all who have already sent in their contribution, if you haven't, we would love to hear from you. Our goal is to raise \$4,200.00. To date we have raised \$1,400.00.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to what has become The John and Sheila Vickers Memorial Scholarship Fund. It is hard to believe that both John and Sheila have left us, but what a legacy they have left behind (with your help and support), which will benefit organ students at the Peabody Conservatory of Music for years to come.

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”

Now hear this.....

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

Thank You

To Immanuel choir,
Beverly Brainx, Kingsley Smith
and last but not least
- John Holland,

I want to let all of you
know how much it really
meant to us to have Layla
baptized while John was still
with us and all of your
selfless efforts in getting
everything organized to send
John off in such a beautiful
way! It really showed how
much each of you loved John.
You all took time out of your
busy day to be there and I
know that it meant the world
to John too. I want to
also say a special thanks
to a few of you for personally
reaching out to me -
Gail Hagan^{Rudie Horner} + Mari Marshall
for following up with us
on a regular basis and
offering a hand of friendship
to Sandra + myself!! —
Kingsley Smith for not only
baptizing Layla, but visiting
me @ the hospital when she was
born —
Beverly for thinking of the
beautiful necklace as a
memoir for when Layla grows up
— and of course John Holland
for his dedication

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to visiting John @ Gilchrist daily
and the beautiful friendship
they shared over the years!

I will never forget your acts
of kindness and plan on
seeing you all at church
in the near future!

Sincerely with love,

Heather
Vickers

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July 4		Independence Day	July 16	2:30 p.m.	August Newsletter Deadline
July 5		5 Pentecost	July 19		7 Pentecost
	9:00 a.m.	H. E. I w/Morning Prayer		9:00 a.m.	H.E. I w/Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Lemonade and Conversation		10:00 a.m.	Lemonade and Conversation
	10:20 a.m.	Chat about today's Sermon		10:20 a.m.	Chat about today's Sermon
July 12		6 Pentecost	July 26		8 Pentecost
	9:00 a.m.	H. E. II		9:00 a.m.	H. E. II
	10:00 a.m.	Lemonade and Conversation		10:00 a.m.	Lemonade and Conversation
	10:20 a.m.	Chat about today's Sermon		10:20 a.m.	Chat about today's Sermon
July 14	7:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting - Rectory	July 27	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter Team Meets