

Founded 1871
Immanuel's Messenger

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“June Brides”

“June” and “honeymoon” are embedded in our minds like some universal truth. So how come Immanuel has no weddings planned for next month? We may guess that, in the old days, when the cycle of planting and harvesting ruled our lives, and life was harder than it is now, June was the best month to take time off, “when the livin’ is easy.” (Is it “December honeymoons” in South Africa and Chile?) But today there are so many other factors influencing when to marry and whom to marry and whether to marry that a calendar date is a small factor.

On July 5, 1956, Bishop Noble Powell ordained me a deacon. I had my first wedding that fall. Since then I have officiated at over 800 of them (I could do the old 1929 Prayer Book service by heart.) From this, I have learned two things: these are genuinely joyful events, and our traditional Anglican liturgy really works. When the minister says “Those whom God has joined together let no-one put asunder,” we are not just thinking wishfully, we are affirming positively that God does bless, preserve and keep the tie that binds. It is a wonderful example of how sacraments change reality.

Much harm has been done, even in Christian societies, by restricting free choices about whether and to whom and when to marry. In the 21st Century we are freer, though some “restrictions may apply.” Instead. We need to witness to how enlightening, supportive and

liberating it is to make and to keep the solemn vow “to cleave to one another and to become one flesh.” True, no-one has to marry, and not all marriages have children, but it is our basic creative activity, so that, to use the ancient metaphor, marriage “signifies to us the mystical union between Christ and his church.” God the Creator shares with us the gift of procreativity. And the pledge made “as long as we both shall live” gives a hint of how total and permanent commitment can work even among us frail and foolish human beings—how much the more between us and the all-mighty and all-merciful God! Christ is the bridegroom and we are the bride.

For us, matrimony is not simply a social custom, sex is not casual, parenthood is not burdensome, and every child deserves to be both wanted and cared for. Holy wedlock is not bourgeois morality; it is of the very order of creation.

Kingsley Smith

Summer Schedule for Worship, Fellowship and Study

From June 7 through August 30, our schedule is:
Every Sunday, 9 am, Holy Eucharist
 1st & 3rd Sundays, Rite I with Morning Prayer;
 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays, Rite II
At 10, lemonade, coffee and conversation
From 10:20 to 11, chat about the day’s gospel and sermon.

Highlights from the May 12th Vestry Meeting

At its May meeting, the Vestry discussed Pastor Smith's continuing as Immanuel's Interim Rector for the next couple of months as we continue our search for a Permanent Rector. He has graciously agreed to this and his contract will be extended accordingly.

Pastor Smith reminded us of the importance of having both the Vestry and the members of the congregation wear name tags at Coffee Hour each Sunday. Not only does this assist him and members of the Church with learning names, it also sends a welcoming message to those who have come to Immanuel as visitors.

Nelly Perkins

The Search for our Pastor

Susan Anthony reports that the Search Committee, with the skilled and caring aid of Canon Glasspool, is looking at many applications and is writing other possible candidates. Other suggestions may be given them up to June 15th.

Message from the Senior Warden

Nametags! Now that we have them, we need to wear them. While many of us know most of us, there are those among us who only know a few of us. The Vestry decided that we must do more to encourage this practice and to help us, we will have our nametags available inside the church. Please find yours and put it on before service. It

may be a little awkward at first, and we'll experiment with figuring out the logistics of the best places to put them, and to return them. The ushers have a separate set of nametags that sit in a little box in one of the windows in the vestibule.

The ushers play a vital role in wearing their nametags and reminding each of us to do the same. Let's give this a real honest effort, as it is just one of the many ways that we show that we are a welcoming parish. Thank you!

Best regards,
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

WOI will hold a Pot Luck Dinner on Wednesday June 3rd 6:30 p.m. at the home of Liz Sieck. Please call Liz on 410 472 2119 for directions and to advise what dish you would like to bring.

Linda Ambrose

Sunday School News

We have had a great year at Sunday School using the Rotation model. As in the past two years, the cooking Rotation remains the most popular. Arts/Crafts and Games cannot compete with the appeal of cooking and eating your lesson. I am very thankful to the young people, mothers and fathers who have contributed this year to lead our children in the Old and New Testament. Next year we will spend more time in the Old Testament.

Here is the roll of honor, those among us in Sunday School who are serving as "Godparents and Sponsors" for the children God has entrusted to our care: Ginny Gillam, Michele and Bryan O'Connor, Melissa Whatley, Anne and Peter Greene, Lynn and Michael Traynor, Kelley Jo Ryan, Brooke Whittle, Mallory Earp and Michael Neubauer.

Also many thanks to the Ensors: Blair for counting our Graul's receipts and Walker and Bennett for helping me prepare our game questions for "It's Sunday School". Our most recent winners were Dorsey Ensor, Kate Whatley, Cate O'Connor and Rosemary Gillam.

The Sunday School is especially proud of our three Confirmands: Will, Jacob and Elizabeth. The second and third graders discussed what it means to be an adult in the church and how we are all growing at home with responsibility. We have witnessed Baptisms this year and now are learning that Confirmation is the next step.

Thanks to Pastor Smith for sharing with the Sunday School about Holy Eucharist. It pleases me to see our young ones participating in the service.

Thanks to the Traynors for organizing another wonderful Easter Egg Hunt including delicious cupcakes. Also many thanks to the Greenes for organizing games for our Sunday School picnic.

Many many thanks to all the SS parents who contributed food, grilling and time to make the picnic successful even with rain rain rain.

Coleman Mettee
Sunday School Coordinator

Celebrate Immanuel's 1873 Consecration

In 1900 our first full-time rector, the Rev. Duncan McCulloch Sr., reported on how much had been accomplished in the first 29 years. He ended the report with the words of the Apostle Paul to his young church in Corinth: "Let us be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know our labor is not in vain in the Lord." (Thanks to his grand-daughter-in-law Beth for finding this report.)

IT WAS A PICNIC!

After an ominous start with dark clouds and cool temperatures, the sun broke out right after church and our celebratory picnic began. It was fun!

Days of rain kept us out of the lower field, but it did not ruin the big day. We moved everything to the Parish house, set up the grills on the back porch, and used the lawn around the church for lots of ole' time games. Nearly 60 people gobbled up chicken, hamburgers and hotdogs grilled to perfection by Doug Whatley, and a delicious array of pot luck dishes homemade by Immanuel's best cooks....pasta salad, corn casserole, broccoli salad, strawberry cake and much more. It was a feast!

The games began soon after the feast. The children competed in a Balloon Stomp and a Shorts Race. Games manager Anne Greene used Scott Horner's collection of pairs of XXXXXXXXL shorts, big enough for a child to fit into each leg...so two kids to a pair and the race was on. It was hilarious!

Girls painted pots and boys wrestled on the lawn while their parents checked out the plant swap. And hopefully everyone stepped behind the large, colorful 1800's Photo Board, created by artist Katie Ritter, to have their picture taken as a memento. It was memorable!

The picnic was John Holland's bright idea to commemorate the 1873 Consecration of Immanuel Church. The Women of Immanuel and the Church School co-sponsored the event and Linda Ambrose did a great job organizing everyone and everything. A big "THANK YOU" goes to Linda Ambrose, Rudi Horner, Claudia and Scott Horner, Anne and Peter Greene, Catherine Klein, Coleman Mettee, Lucy and Tim Mettee, Mary Jane Shanks, Marcella Riisager, Katie Ritter, Liz Sieck, and Melissa and Doug Whatley. It was a great team!

So it was fun, it was a feast, it was hilarious, and it was memorable, thanks to great teamwork and your support. Please visit our web site to see the picnic photographs.

**Thank you all!
IT WAS A PICNIC!**

Mary Jane Shanks

THE FUN GOES ON!

There is more fun to come. Look for details in upcoming newsletters about the October 10th *Pot Luck Dinner and Square Dance*. In early November we are trying to put together a *Chili Cook-off*. We will end the fall fun at the Annual Meeting with a pot luck dinner and a special *Quilt Raffle*. Check your email for flyers about these events.

Music Notes

A big Thank You to the choir for their loyalty and hard work, as they have completed another year of superb music that has enhanced and enriched our worship services and concerts. As usual, it was a busy season, with regular rehearsals, Sunday services, Evensongs, Festival of Lessons and Carols, as well as singing for several funerals. A round of applause to the choir, as they serve more hours per week than any other organization at Immanuel. They are: Page Crosby, Jeanne Jacobs, Mark Lund, Kari Marshall Mac (John) Marshall, Michael Riisager, Louise Sharp, Sandra Smith, Walt Troyer, Clay Welch, Gale Hagan, Mary Agnes Evans.

During the summer months, the congregation will have a golden opportunity to heartily join in the singing of many old familiar hymns and service music, and be "the choir." From time to time there will be a soloist or instrumentalist.

Looking ahead to the fall season, on various Sundays, we will be celebrating birth and death anniversaries of various composers. For example we will have a Sunday with organ and choral music, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the death of George Frederic Handel (1759), on another Sunday we will have organ and choral music celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Felix Mendelssohn (1809), and the 200th anniversary of the death of Franz Joseph Haydn. The November Evensong will feature music by Henry Purcell, celebrating the 350th anniversary of his birth (1659). More information in the fall newsletters.

Thank you for your continued support in the fine music program here at Immanuel. Here's wishing all of you a safe and fun filled summer.

John Holland
Organist-Choirmaster

CONCERT SERIES

As we end our ninth season, thanks to all of you for your continued support of the Immanuel Concert Series, both financially and in your attendance. This year saw the largest attendance at all concerts since we began nine years ago. At the *Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols*, there were people in folding chairs, and a few standing in the rear of the church. Good attendance is a result of the high quality of music that is presented at all concerts, and is one of Immanuel's best sources of outreach to the community.

The April concert, *Baroque Organ Festival*, was a huge success. All of the participating musicians played brilliantly, with lots of energy, and did a great job of showing off the many tonal colors of our magnificent organ. Attendance was excellent; there were lots of new faces in the audience, with people not only from Baltimore City, and as far away as Washington, D.C., and York, Pa. Many expressed an interest in having this become an annual event, and it will. There are so many organists that want to play in the Festival, that we already have organists lined up for the next two years!

We were pleased to have drawn such a big crowd, considering that there were a number of major concerts going on in Baltimore on the same day and about the same time.

The Concert Committee announces the following events for the 2009-2010 season. All concerts are on Sundays at 4:00pm except for the Baroque Organ Festival, which will run from 3:00pm to 5:30pm. Each concert is followed with a *Royal Tea* that means we serve wine and sherry.

October 4th Music for Organ and Flute
(Organist Ted Dix, Flutist-Gretchen Dix)

November 1st Evensong with music celebrating
the 350th anniversary of the birth
of Henry Purcell

December 20th Christmas Festival of Lessons

and Carols

March 7th Evensong for Lent

April 25th Baroque Organ Festival

As you know, the Immanuel Concert Series is totally self supporting, with no funding from the church's operating budget. We rely entirely on your generosity. By now you have received our annual fund raising letter, and we look forward to hearing from each of you at your earliest convenience. Our goal is to raise \$4,200 to cover the costs of the 2009-2010 concert season.

A special thanks to the Women of Immanuel for the Royal Teas following various concerts, the food was exceptional. Thanks to Sue and Scott Hunter who supplied the wine for all of the concert receptions. A special thanks to Mary J. Moses for organizing the Silent Auction and Scott Hunter for organizing the Fall Wine Tasting Party at the Manor Tavern. The Wine Tasting Party this spring at the Milton Inn was postponed; instead, we are planning another Wine Tasting Party on Sunday October 18th 3:00 to 6:00p.m., at the Milton Inn. Remember, a certain percentage of the wine purchased, goes to help support The Friends of Music. So plan now to attend this fun event and drink up and buy up!

Last of all, we bring you the very sad news that John Vickers died on Friday, May 15th at about 1:00pm from congestive heart failure. John's passing will leave a very large void at Immanuel Church. For more years than I can count, John sang in the Immanuel Choir, was Chair of the Concert/Music Committee, served on the Vestry, and had a magnificent tenor voice. How well we remember his solos on: *Bless This House, O Holy Night, Panis Angelicus*, and others. John and his late wife Sheila both did their vocal training in England, in fact, it was their voice teacher that thought they should meet, so he arranged for them both to have voice lessons on the same day (without them knowing it, of course), and Vah Vah Voo, it was sheer magic! This was told to me by both John and Sheila. It was John that established the Sheila Vickers Memorial Scholarship Fund that has now become the John

and Sheila Vickers Memorial Scholarship Fund. John, farewell, we will miss you!

The Vickers family has requested that gifts in memory of John be made to the John and Sheila Vickers Memorial Scholarship Fund, which partially pays for the tuition of a young organ student attending the four year degree program at The Peabody Conservatory of Music of the Johns Hopkins University. The Friends of Music of Immanuel church wish to see the fund continued and are dedicated to the growth and preservation of organists and organ music throughout the area and to the cultural and musical outreach to the greater community. The recipient of the scholarship fund is one of the participants in the Immanuel Baroque Organ Festival, which takes place each year on the last Sunday in April.

Upon John's death, Dr. Michael Riisager has agreed to Chair the Concert/Music Committee. Michael was a good friend of John's, also sings in the choir, and is a member of both the Vestry and the Rector Search Committee.

Have a great summer!

Cheers,
John Holland, Organist-Choirmaster

Property Committee

Property Members Needed!

Do you understand plumbing? Know how to tighten a doorknob? Feel a kinship with HVAC systems or caulk?

Immanuel has a loyal group of folks who take care of our beautiful buildings, and we'd love to welcome you into the fun-loving property committee.

Time commitments can be large or small; typically each member oversees one aspect of the property, like roofing or electrical systems.

Depending on the system you have, you may only get a request once or twice a year to help with something. We can match you whatever you enjoy doing.

Interested? Please let us know! Call Katie Ritter or leave a message with the church office at 410-472-2828. Thank you!

Katie Ritter, Property Chair

From the Parish Register

Confirmations

William Oscar Ensor
Jacob Bosley Ensor
Elizabeth Stacey Czaplicki
May 10, 2009

Baptisms

Layla Grace Vickers
May 13, 2009

Nora Virginia Elder
May 17, 2009

Deaths

John A. Vickers
May 15, 2009

“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



Strawberry Festival & Silent Auction

Immanuel Church, 1509 Glencoe Road, Sparks

Sponsored by **Boy Scout Troop 485**

**Strawberry
Shortcake!**

Cost is \$4.00 a person

**Over 100 Items
to Bid On!**

**Hot Dogs
Hamburgers
Snacks**

**Children 4 & under
FREE!**

**Carnival Games
For the Kids!**

Sunday, June 7 4 – 7 PM

Questions? Call Bob Ryan 410-472-2748



June 2009

Jun 5	5:00 p.m.	Oldfields Baccalaureate Service	Jun 21	9:00 a.m.	3 Pentecost/Father's Day H. E. I w/Morning Prayer
Jun 7	9:00 a.m. 4-7:00 pm	Trinity Sunday Summer Schedule Begins H.E. I w/Morning Prayer Strawberry Festival - Boy Scout Troop #485	Jun 28	9:00 a.m.	4 Pentecost H. E. II
Jun 9	7:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting - Rectory			
Jun 14	9:00 a.m.	2 Pentecost H. E. II			
Jun 15	2:30 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline			