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Immanuel's Messenger

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Dary Schmidt, Parish Administrator*

From the priest-in-charge

“All holy scriptures were written for our learning.”

This great Advent collect continues with a prayer that “we may read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them.” Many of us are quick to mourn the drop in Biblical literacy in America. (Did God create the animals before or after human beings? What is the difference between 1st Chronicles and 2nd Corinthians?) About the only good place to learn our holy lore is in church, and even that takes some doing.

I do think there is a healthy appetite for Bible study at Immanuel--not just “oughta” but “wanta.” So to start, I gathered half-a-dozen of us for coffee and conversation on Sept. 21st after the 8 o’clock. We started with reflecting on the gospel we had just read, and then went on to other topics. Katie Ritter and I agreed to call this “stump the chump”--to see if my seminary and post-graduate training, my 52-year membership in the Society of Biblical Literature, my weekly attendance at a local Lutheran-Episcopal clergy seminar, and my priestly status really guaranteed that I had all the answers. (Hint: clearly not--but I love the learning.)

So we’ll begin an every-Sunday 9:05 to 9:55 class, in the Rectory open to those coming to either 8 or 10:15. For a while we’ll center on the Gospel of the Day, looking more at its exegesis

(where it came from) than its homiletic (what it means to us). Then we can center on some special topics--here are some I’d like to explore with you:

“Ecclesiastes and the Song of Songs: what they tell us about Jesus.”

“Problematic texts, like the curses in Psalms and the punishments in Revelation.”

“Christmas in the New Testament (besides Matthew & Luke).”

I hope many of you can join us.

Highlights from the Sept. 9th Vestry Meeting:

- Pastor Kingsley Smith attended the September Vestry meeting and shared with members of the Vestry his plans for the next few months. He intends to serve as our priest through December. He is committed to fostering our relationships with both Oldfields and Broadmead. He is starting an adult Bible study class which will meet at 9:00 AM.
- Katie Ritter plans to post grounds keeping and other maintenance jobs on a bulletin board in the church. Everyone is

- encouraged to select a task or two. The best part of this arrangement is that you are free to work whenever you would like. Please contact Katie Ritter with questions.
- At the end of September, everyone who made a pledge to either the Capital Campaign or Stewardship will receive a reminder notice showing what they pledged, what they have funded and what remains outstanding.
- In October, all parishioners will receive a letter in the mail regarding 2009 Stewardship.

Nelly Perkins
Registrar

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 fall meeting on September 10th. We would like to thank Michael Neubauer for coming to our meeting to share his experiences in Honduras. Michael and his sister, Lindsay went on a mission trip through the Diocese of Maryland to Honduras in June, 2008. Michael and Lindsay each received a scholarship from the WOI for their trip. Lindsay is away at college and could not attend. See The Fall Maryland Church News page 14. (Check out page 9 too!)

The Women of Immanuel have several events in 2008. Please review the following and if you can help out in any way (bring food, setup and/or cleanup); call Linda Ambrose at 410-374-1814 or thebrose55@gmail.com.

- **Evensong Reception, November 2nd.**
Evensong is at 4:00 p.m.

- **Annual Meeting and Luncheon, November 16th** - There is only one service, at 10:00 a.m. WOI hosts the luncheon. Everyone please bring a side dish to share. WOI provides the main dish and beverages.

- **Christmas Gift Wrapping - December 10th,** 7:00 p.m. We will be wrapping gifts for the Catonsville Boys' Home.

- **Lessons & Carols Reception, December 21st.**
The service is at 4:00 p.m.

Linda Ambrose

Sunday School News

We are off to a very exciting start. We have started with our first Rotation on Creation. The cooking Rotation has the children making some interesting snacks layering the days of Creation. There is a game for matching days to what was created. Lastly, the children are learning about creating artwork, mimicking Michelangelo, painting on their backs.

Our next Rotation is Adam and Eve.

We are starting a small monthly group for our fifth graders. We will be sharing their plans in the next newsletter.

Pastor Smith will be working with our Middle Schoolers again on the 4th Sunday of each month. We will also be sharing the plans for this group in the next newsletter.

The children will be staying in church for the whole service on the first Sunday of the month. Look for them to participate in our worship services.

Coleman Mettee
Sunday School Coordinator

Music Notes

When we arrived at church on Sunday September 7th, we found there was no electricity because of the downed trees from the storm on Saturday, so the choir rehearsed in the Parish Hall where there is some natural light. Using candle light, we vested in the undercroft, and then proceeded to sing all a capella service. We made some changes in the anthems for the day, but the choir pulled it off, and are to be congratulated for the superb job they did.

See the *Concert Series* column in the newsletter for information on the **October 5th Organ Concert.**

The American Guild of Organists has selected October 19th as a national day for organ recitals, and has asked that churches throughout the United States and Canada to sponsor organ recitals. St. James, Monkton, is having an Organ Marathon on that day, starting at 3:00pm, running until 7:00pm., featuring a several organists from the Baltimore area. I have been asked to participate in this concert, and am scheduled to play at 3:40pm. My program will include: Trumpet Tune by Harold Rholig, Bist Du Bei Mir by J.S. Bach, Fugue in C (Gig Fugue) by Dietrich Buxtehude, Come Savior of the Heathen by J.S. Bach, and Andante from the 4th Organ Sonata by Felix Mendelssohn. Admission is free, so plan to attend and enjoy hearing various organists from the Baltimore area. People may arrive and leave at will.

Choral music for October is as follows:

October 5 O Praise God In His Holiness – Noel Rawsthorne
O Come Let Us Worship - G. da Palestrina

October 12 Praise To God in The Highest – Sidney Campbell

October 19 An all Mendelssohn Sunday
Symphony No: 2 I Waited For The Lord - Felix Mendelssohn
Symphony No: 2 My Song Shall Always Be Thy Mercy – Mendelssohn

October 26 Then Round About the Starry Throne - G. F. Handel

John Holland
Organist-Choirmaster

Concert Series

Our first concert of for the 2008-2009 season is on Sunday, October 5th at 4:00pm, when The Friends of Music will present Henry Lowe in an Inaugural **Organ Recital** on our new Casavant Pipe Organ.

During his fifty-year career as church musician, Henry Lowe has served parishes in Baltimore, New York City, Hamilton, Massachusetts and Cincinnati, Ohio. He came to The Church of The Redeemer, Baltimore, in 1984 where he leads choirs of children and adults in weekly rehearsals and liturgies. For twenty-four years he has enriched a strong musical tradition with monthly concerts of choral, organ and instrumental music including such masterpieces as Bach's *Mass in B Minor*, Handel's *Messiah*, and Mozart's *Requiem*. Under his leadership the Adult Choir has been invited to sing at many churches in the Baltimore-Washington area as well as Carnegie Hall, New York City and the Washington National Cathedral.

Mr. Lowe's organ studies were with Richard

Wegner, Jack Ossewaarde, Robert Baker, Clarence Watters and Roberta Gary. In 1983 a six-month sabbatical afforded him the rich opportunity of studying technique and repertoire of the English Choral tradition in Cambridge, England.

His recital career has taken him to many parts of the United States, England, Holland and France, playing at such noteworthy places as St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, and the Washington National Cathedral.

He is an active member of The American Guild of Organists, having served as Dean of the Cincinnati and Baltimore Chapters, where he has presented workshops and recitals for local chapters and conventions. He is Instructor in Organ at Towson University.

Mr. Lowe's recital will include the works of J.S. Bach, Vierne, Widor, Mendelssohn, Chorale Preludes on familiar hymn tunes, as well as compositions by other composers.

A reception will follow in the Rectory, coordinated by Anne Somerville. If you are able to help with food items, please let Anne know. We are grateful to Scott and Sue Hunter for supplying wine for all concert receptions.

A big thanks to all who have contributed to the Friends of Music of Immanuel Church. To date we have raised \$2,000 towards our goal of \$4,700 for this year's concert series. If you would like to help support Immanuel's cultural outreach in northern Baltimore County, make your check payable to Immanuel Episcopal Church, mark the MEMO LINE *Concert Series* or *Friends of Music*. We look forward to hearing from you.

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

Casual Sunday Workday A Fun Success

Our first "Casual Sunday Workday" in August was a great success! We encouraged parishioners to attend the 9:00 service in work clothes so we could turn out immediately after the bells rang to work on getting Immanuel in shape to welcome Pastor Smith.

Among the tasks accomplished:

- Chuck Gilbert installed new "Episcopal Church Welcomes You" signs on York and Carroll Roads
- Rudi Horner and nephew Tim tackled the first round of removing gargantuan summer weeds around the church
- Mary Frances Wagley, Cynthia Ballard, Frank Knipp, Linda Ambrose, Deborah Cunningham and Katie Ritter finished removing weeds from all sides of the church and put down 20 bags of mulch, delivered on the spot by Gabe Ritter
- Heather, Carter and Logan Crowe tackled some of our forsythias which needed serious trimming
- Chad Crowe cleaned out ALL of the gutters on all three buildings
- Liz Sieck brought her powerwasher over to scope out the cleaning requirements for the fall

We got so much done and had fun! Thanks to everyone for supporting this event.

The vestry approved placing a bulletin board of "Help Wanted" items in the church vestibule for ongoing help. Please feel free to select a task that appeals to you and do it when your schedule allows - either after services (we promise to welcome workboots in church) or on a weekday.

We would love for you to write your name on the finished task and put it in the offering plate on Sunday. Thank you so much for your greatly appreciated help.

Katie Ritter

African Craft Sale

Our annual sale of African crafts will take place during coffee hour on Sunday, October 19, and Sunday, October 26. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase crafts at a very reasonable price and at the same time support projects sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of East Africa. Besides jewelry, there are musical instruments, soapstone dishes, scarves, purses and wooden animals – you can start working on the friends and family members on your Christmas list! If you would like to help with the sale, please contact Rudi Horner (410-472-0211). The first person to offer to help who has not helped before is allowed to choose one craft as a way of saying “Thanks for helping!”

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

The key to the Rectory has been relocated. If you need access to the Rectory during off hours, please call Dary Schmidt in the Church Office or Rudi Horner to learn where the key is now kept. Thank you.

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.

Food for Thought

Difficulties are not difficult to bear if they make you better, not bitter.

Opportunities are seldom displayed in neon signs.

When your get-up-and-go has gotten up and gone, you've reached old age.

Willpower...the ability to eat only one salted peanut.

Dreams come true for those who don't oversleep.

Choose kids toys that won't break when parents play with them.

Praise is the soil in which joy thrives.

You make a living by what you get, but a life by what you give.

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

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, Rudi Horner, Catherine Klein, Julie Metcalf,
Nelly Perkins, Katie Ritter, Taylor Spencer, Pam Swanson,
Fran Tilghman, Mary Frances Wagley and Doug Whatley

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Oct. 1	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Oct. 19		Pentecost 23
Oct. 5		Pentecost 21		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I		9:00 a.m.	Adult Education Class
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Education Class		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School		10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II			African Crafts
	4:00 p.m.	Inaugural Organ Recital	Oct. 23	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Oct. 7	7:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting - Rectory	Oct. 26		Pentecost 24
Oct. 9	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
Oct. 12		Pentecost 22		9:00 a.m.	Adult Education Class
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Education Class		10:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer Rite 1
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School			Guest Preacher: Rev. Amy Richter
	10:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer Rite 1			African Crafts
Oct. 16	10:05 a.m.	Oldfields Founder's Day			
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
Oct. 17	1:45 p.m.	Oldfields Installation of Head of School Taylor Smith			