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Immanuel's Messenger
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From the priest in charge:
“Help me, Doctor”

As you read in our last Newsletter, in the Maryland Church News, or on the diocesan website (Episcopal Diocese Maryland), Bishop Sutton had called for a thinking-and-planning forum called “Horizons Gathering.” He asks for one lay person from each of the 110 parishes to meet at Claggett on two Saturdays, October 3 and February 27. We are pleased to say that Immanuel’s representative will be Dr. J. Alex Haller. He and Emily have been members since 1961. He is a chaliceist and lay reader, has served as vestryman and senior warden, and is our present delegate to Diocesan Convention. And he is a pediatric surgeon with a remarkable career at Johns Hopkins, retired from practice but still consulting.

You also know that the new chair of our Concert Series committee, succeeding the late John Vickers, is a more recent member of our family, Dr. Michael Riisager, recently retired from long service as a surgeon. He is also on the Vestry.

Co-incidence? I think not--it set my mind traveling back to another great doctor, the Rev. George Merrill, who for many years assisted the Rev. Carl Edwards, rector from 1979 to 2002. His main vocation was as a psychiatrist. I met him first in 1956, when our bishop, Noble Powell,

asked him to help interview candidates for ordination. This was required by canon law, a good idea not only to screen out those who had mental illness but also to help healthy people to be honest and creative about our own needs. As you may have realized, I passed his tests, Rorschacks and all.

Wait, there’s more! In the 1960s, Bishop Doll recruited another member of Immanuel, Dr. Leroy Polvogt, a distinguished otorhino- laryngologist, to test the clergy’s voices. This was to prevent overstraining the organs with which we preach the Word and celebrate the sacraments. He told many of us not to strain our voices by trying to be choristers too--at least that’s what he told me. (Good advice in my case, don’t you think? My musical standard is “If you can’t keep on key, at least keep in time.”) Fortunately that was not the advice given Carl Edwards, who inspired and led this parish to our present high musical standards.

I’m not saying that medical training and Christian service are necessarily linked, but we may be grateful for what these doctors have shared with us.

Kingsley Smith

Sept. 13th – Presentation on Youth Ministry to Honduras

Our Officiant for Sunday September 13th will be the Rev. Wes Wubbenhorst. Wes will have a presentation on the Youth Ministry to Honduras from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. on that Sunday. Also, Immanuel will give him a check for next year's visit to El Hogar.

~~Kingsley

Praying for our warriors

Last month we asked those who had requested prayers for members of the armed forces to help identify them by unit and present duties, since many of them are not members of Immanuel or are not known to us directly. We know about Jarrod Gillam, who is in the Army [Special Forces], and Sgt. Zachary Ritter, stationed with his Marine Air Group in Afghanistan. Andrew Grimmitt is the Horner's cousin in England. Andrew is in the Royal Navy and has been to Afghanistan. Currently, he is on active duty in the UK. We always pray for all who are in the service, but it's best if we know who and where they are. Please tell us more about: Rob Levy, Craig Meeks, Andrew McCulloch, Tom Pulcher, Brett Rurka, Lynn Schienman and Matt Smith.

Zach's mother Katie is writing a regular blog about Zach and his unit, well worth reading. It's at <http://afghanistantourofduty.blogspot.com/>. One of its readers wrote: "I enjoy getting a glimpse of daily life with one of Immanuel's own soldiers. Katie's writings are very thought provoking and inspirational and give us a bird's eye view of what our military men and women are doing on our behalf."

Kingsley

Is That Water Dripping I Hear?

If you see anything that looks like a leak, PLEASE call Noby Powell at (home) 410-472- 6886 or (work) 410-584-8931 or Chad Crowe at 717-419-3102 (cell) as soon as possible.

Our plumbing system is aging along with our beautiful buildings. The good stewardship of reporting problems quickly can save us much headache and money. Thank you!

The Floods Are Over And Gone

...for good, we hope!

By the time you read this, we should be moving back into the Sunday School and everyone might be saying...WOW!

Every cloud has a silver lining. Our water tank rupturing caused enough flood damage to the Sunday school and Scout areas that extensive work was needed to repair it.

If you haven't visited the Sunday School area, please do so in September! You should see bright clean floors, sparkling fresh paint, and the whole area fresh and nice. It's going to be a great way to welcome our children back to Sunday school, and a welcoming space to build the future of Immanuel.

Our contractor Howard Logan worked hard to make the space even better than it was before. They removed lots of debris for us left behind after the flood. Thanks to their advice and work, we now have nicer trim and doors, which makes the space much more inviting. They addressed and repaired water damage not related to this flood - and advised us on how to prevent it in the future.

Thanks to Don Scholtz of Flo-Rite Plumbing, all plumbing in all three of our buildings has been inspected and many small repairs made where needed. Chuck Gilbert, Dary and Cathy Tipper pitched in extra help to keep the ball rolling, office-wise, as we sorted through the financial matters to make this happen quickly.

We are so appreciative for everyone who helped with this project. Immanuel has a great team, and many hands helped to make this project turn a mess into something good for many. Enjoy.

Katie Ritter
Property Committee

Vestry on Vacation during August – Reconvenes on Sept. 15th

Nelly Perkins

Message from the Senior Warden

Each week we are hearing updates from the progress of the Search Committee. Behind the scenes, other plans are taking place to prepare for our new rector. A Transition Committee has been formed, comprising Mark Lund (chair), Cynthia Ballard, Page Crosby, Will Ensor and Betsy Powell. This group will help plan our formal farewell to Pastor Smith (when the time comes) and will work directly with the new rector in the two-way crucial phase of her/his getting to know the congregation and vice versa.

Another initiative underway that will help our new rector (and us!) involves compiling the parish's policies and procedures. As a parish, we are guided by the Canons of the Episcopal Church and our own By-Laws. These documents provide the overall policy structure for us, e.g., describing the different authorities of the rector and the Vestry. Then, for the day-to-day and week-to-week operations, we develop our own policies and procedures as they pertain to our specific situation at Immanuel and as the need arises. For some ministries and committees, e.g., the Altar Guild and the Cemetery Committee, we have very thorough documents that describe how things work. We will just ask the heads of these groups to review their documents and update any parts of them as necessary. For other areas of our corporate work together, we do not have (or cannot find!) any written policy. For example,

How is the Vestry agenda prepared? What is the Executive Committee and what does it do? Who determines what memorials may be given in someone's memory? These and other policies need to be articulated in writing, so please be ready to contribute to this process if asked. Policies and procedures can be pretty dull stuff, but they are crucial underpinnings of a well-organized group and can help avoid unnecessary misunderstandings that come about by their absence. We plan to place all of these documents in a binder that will be accessible to everyone. If you have any questions about this initiative, please contact Michael Riisager or Rudi Horner.

*Thank you,
Rudi Horner*

African Children's Concert

Over two dozen African children and their instruments will be performing at St. John's Lutheran Church, Sweet Air, on September 18th at 7:00 p.m. This is a good opportunity to enjoy a pleasant evening, support a worthy cause and get prepared for our own African crafts sale coming at the end of October! For more info: <http://africanchildrenschoir.com>.

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

2009 Calendar of Events - If you are interested in helping out with one of the events, please call Linda Ambrose 410-374-1814. Thank you very much for the gifts of your time and talents.

September 13th - GALA COFFEE HOUR.

This is the Sunday we return to our fall schedule of 2 services and the choir is back from summer break. Everyone please bring something to share to the Gala Coffee Hour after the 10:15 a.m. service. If you can help setup and/or clean up please call Linda Ambrose.

September 16th - WOI Fall meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. The meeting is open to all the women of Immanuel.

October 15th - Oldfield's Founder's Day, Graveside service at 10:00 a.m. Light reception hosted by WOI after the service.

November 1st - Evensong - 4:00 p.m. - Light reception after the service. Looking for a host.

November 15th - Annual Meeting and Luncheon. There is one service at 10:00 a.m. The annual meeting and luncheon is after the service. WOI is hosting the luncheon. Looking for a coordinator.

December 9th - Christmas Gift Wrapping for

Catonsville Boy's Home, 7:00 p.m.

December 20th - Lessons & Carols - 4:00 p.m. Light reception after the service. Looking for a host.

Linda Ambrose

WIN A QUILT! HELP THE ALTAR GUILD

The raffle of a special quilt, hand-pieced and hand-quilted by Marcella Riisager, begins in September with the drawing taking place at the Annual Meeting in November. Titled "Flying Home to Glencoe" this beautiful, cotton quilt is 5'10" x 5'8" and displays a traditional pattern known as Flying Geese with column sashing.

Marcella is a member of the Altar Guild, a small group of parishioners who work behind the scenes to ensure that all activities held at the Altar proceed as flawlessly as possible, including weddings, funerals, baptisms, blessings, and regular Sunday communion. Altar Guild workers often can be found in the basement of the church, working in the Sacristy.

As with all things, repairs and replacement are necessary from time to time to keep the linens looking fresh, the silver sparkling, and the hangings pristine. Funds from this raffle will go to replenish the now depleted Altar Guild Fund, which was begun through a memorial donation for June Wippert who worked as an Altar Guild member for many years. June was Louise Sharp's aunt, sister to Al Sharp.

Please look for details about the upcoming quilt raffle and buy tickets for yourself and as gifts for others. The quilt will be displayed off and on throughout the fall and a good picture will be on display at the **QUILT TABLE** in the Parish House.

Thank you for your support.

Mary Jane Shanks

FALL MEANS FUN CHILI COOK-OFF AND SQUARE DANCE

Saturday, October 10, 2009

Time to be Announced

Do people rave about your chili recipe? Has your chili recipe been handed down from generation to generation? Do you enjoy experimenting with recipes and want to show off your latest chili concoction?

The upcoming Square Dance on October 10 will begin with a Chili Cook-Off. But we need a commitment from some of our members to enter their favorite chili recipe for judging.

We will need at least 8 to 10 chili entries and lots of people to come, taste, and cast their vote for their favorite. We hope to solicit a local chef to join us to give us a professional opinion of the best recipes and give out the first, hopefully annual, blue-ribbon awards.

*If you want to enter your chili masterpiece, please fill out an entry form that will be available in the church and the Parish House in September. You also will receive a flyer and entry form via email in September. **Look for details at the "Chili Cook-Off/Square Dance" table in the Parish House.***

Mary Jane Shanks

Sunday School News

We are starting Sunday School on Sunday Sept 13. Kicking off our new year is Wes Wubbenhorst from the Diocese. See you then.

*Coleman Mettee
Sunday School Coordinator*

Adult Bible Classes

We just read about how our children will begin their regular Christian education classes in September. What about us adults? Too old to be able to learn more? Too smart to need to study the Bible? If, like me, your answer is "No" then September is when we settle into a discipline of reading and sharing the Word of God. Reading, marking, learning and inwardly digesting the Bible is not a spectator sport!

We'll start on Sept. 20 between the services, meeting in the rectory from 9 to 10 a.m. Sundays (coffee brewed). I especially encourage participation by our lay readers, who have the privilege of sharing the Scriptures in church. The first two weeks will be orientation to learning the appointed lessons and responding through worship. Then we can plan specific topics for the fall, including also having week-day morning classes at Broadmead; these worked well in February, May and July for many of the folks who live there and also for some who do not (including a choir member who has to miss the Sunday morning sessions because of rehearsals).

~~Kingsley Smith

Concert Series

To date we have raised \$2,150 toward our goal of \$4,200. We are grateful to all who have donated to the Friends of Music of Immanuel Church. If you haven't sent in your contribution, and would like to, we would love to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Please help us reach our goal!

Our first concert for the season will take place on Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m., at which time, The Friends Of Music Of Immanuel Church will present Organist Ted Dix and (his wife) Flutist Gretchen Dix in a concert of music from the Baroque and Romantic periods. A Royal Tea will follow in the historic Rectory.

Ted Dix is Organist-Choirmaster of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Westminster, Md. and teaches at McDaniel College and Carroll Community College, also in Westminster. Gretchen and Ted have both studied extensively in America and abroad. Ted and Gretchen are both well known concert artists throughout the United States.

Included in the October 4th concert will be Toccata in F by J. S. Bach, Pastorale for Flute and Organ by Charles Callahan, Romance and Scherzo, from Suite, Op. 34 by Charles-Marie Widor, and Finale from Organ Symphonie 1 by Louis Vierne.

*Mark your calendar NOW for our second concert of the season which will be **Evensong** on Sunday, November 1 at 4:00 p.m. At this service, we will celebrate the 350th anniversary of the birth of English composer Henry Purcell. There will be organ voluntaries, hymns, and choral music by the composer. In our life time, one only celebrates a 350th anniversary once, so plan now to attend this magnificent banquet of music.*

John Holland

Music Notes

A BIG WELCOME BACK TO THE CHOIR!

Rehearsals start Thursday, September 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the undercroft choir room, and we will resume singing the 10:15 service on Sunday, September 13th.

A big round of applause to the congregation for the admirable job they did in singing the hymns, service music, Canticles, and Suffrages during the summer months. Also, a big thank you to Clay Welch, one of our tenors, and conductor of a chamber choir "The Missing Chums", who sang some of the most beautiful and elegant choral music by Herbert Howells, Palestrina, and two anthems composed by Clay, on Sunday, August 2nd. After church, while we were sipping lemonade on the lawn, they sang Medieval

Madrigals; the only thing missing was a 12th century English castle in the background! THANK YOU CLAY! We look forward to a repeat again next summer. Thanks to Mary Agnes Evans for a beautiful solo on August 9th.

We are delighted to welcome Ms. Trudy Wetherall of Monkton who is joining the alto section of the choir. Trudy has had a long history of singing in church choirs, which include: Church of the Epiphany (Episcopal), "G" Street NW, Washington, DC, Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal), Baltimore, and St. James, Monkton.

There are several Sundays this fall and into the winter and spring, when we will be celebrating birth and death anniversary dates of various composers. On these Sundays, both choral and organ music, and on some occasions, hymns, will be by a selected composer.

*September 27 Haydn Sunday celebrating the 200th anniversary of the death of Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)
Choral music from Creation*

*October 11 Mendelssohn Sunday celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Choral music from Hear My Prayer*

(O For The Wings Of A Dove)

November 1 Evensong celebrating the 350th anniversary of the birth of Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

November 27 Handel Sunday celebrating the 250th anniversary of the death of George Frederic Handel (1685-1759) Choral music from Messiah

In 2010 we will be celebrating the anniversaries of several other composers, more information in the January newsletter. But I will tell you now; it is ironic that we will celebrate the 325th birthday of J.S. Bach on Sunday, March 21st the very day on which he was born! Yes, I know, we will be in

the depths of Lent, but it will be quite a celebration, with appropriate choral music for Lent from the B Minor Mass and a big Organ Prelude and Fugue.

Choral Music for September:

*September 13 Judas Maccabeus: Hallelujah
Amen - G. F. Handel*

*September 20 Sheep May Safely Graze –
J. S. Bach
Comfort O Lord The Soul –
William Crotch*

*September 27 Creation: Achieved Is The
Glorious Work - F. Jos. Haydn*

*John Holland
Organist-Choirmaster*

NOTE CARDS FOR SALE

The Friends of Music still have packets of note cards for sale. Each packet has six cards with photos of Immanuel Church, and costs \$10.00. Packets are located in the Tower entrance of the church and at coffee hour.

FLOWER MEMORIALS

Help support the Flower Guild by donating flowers in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special occasion, or in thanksgiving of an event. The Flower Guild is self supporting, with no funds from the operating budget. For only \$25.00 per Sunday, you can have a beautiful flower arrangement by one of our talented Guild members. To sign up for a certain Sunday, call Dary at the Church Office for available dates. Checks should be made payable to Immanuel Episcopal Church, mark the memo line Flower Memorials.

“Cash for Kids”

Come on somebody.....September is here!!!!

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*

HOW TO COUNT (YOUR LIFE)

*Count your blessings instead of your crosses,
Count your gains instead of your losses,
Count your joys instead of your woes,
Count your friends instead of your foes,
Count your smiles instead of your tears,
Count your courage instead of your fears,
Count your full years instead of your lean,
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean,
Count your health instead of your wealth,
COUNT ON GOD instead of yourself.*

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*

September 2009

Sept 6	14 Pentecost The Rev. Beverly/Braine 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist II 10:00 a.m. Lemonade and Conversation 10:20 a.m. Chat about today's Lesson	Sept 16 7:00 p.m. WOI Meeting - Rectory
Sept 7	Labor Day – Office Closed	Sept 17 2:30 p.m. Newsletter Deadline 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Sept 10	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Sept 20 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist II
Sept 13	15 Pentecost The Rev. Wes Wubbenhorst Sunday School Begins Choir Returns 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I 9:00 a.m. Presentation on Youth Ministry To Honduras 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite I 11:30 a.m. WOI Open House	Sept 24 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Sept 27 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite I
Sept 14	6:30 p.m. 1 st Scout Mtg. w/cookout	Sept 28 1:00 p.m. Newsletter Team Meets
Sept 15	7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting - Rectory	