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Immanuel's Messenger

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Dear Fellow Parishioners of Immanuel,

In the last newsletter, I shared the expectation that we hoped to be able to have our Interim Rector with us by the end of July. It turns out that this process will take longer than we expected.

Although searching for an Interim Rector seems like it would be a very straightforward process, it is every bit as complicated as any job search that any one of us has been through. Immanuel Church, as the employer, reaches out to not one, but several, potential candidates at the same time. By the same token, each of the candidates is engaged in conversations with not one, but several churches or other potential employers at the same time. Both sides are looking for the right fit at the right time with the right conditions. And, as we all know very well, this process is fraught with high expectations and then dashed hopes when we don't end up with the "match" we had counted on.

Furthermore, we have learned that right now our Diocese has an unusually high number of parishes searching for Interim Rectors, so we are in direct competition with them. Our Search Committee has already started planning to meet with more candidates as we seek an Interim who will work with us over the next year.

Meanwhile, summer services continue on a regular basis and all the "back office" work is flowing with staff and volunteers who keep the parish running smoothly – visiting the sick and shut-ins and welcoming newcomers in our midst. Our supply priests this summer have delighted us with their presence, their warmth and their

provocative sermons – one especially memorable one used a Dr. Seuss text as a metaphor for our own parish's task right now of searching for an Interim.

We are also blessed with having very capable parishioners among us who can lead us in Morning Prayer, as Gayle Hagan did on July 13 and did again on July 20. The search for supply priests this summer is also very competitive, and if no one is available, then we just call on the resources right within the parish so we do not skip one beat on a Sunday morning.

As I close my message for this month, I am not going to predict when our new Interim will be with us as I do not know! I do know that when this person does come join us, she or he will find a faithful and energetic parish whose congregation and staff are eager to welcome a priest to take on her/his designated role among us and move forward with us.

Rudi Horner
Senior Warden

"Highlights" from the July 1, 2008 Vestry Meeting

Reminder notices regarding unfunded Capital Campaign Pledges will be mailed early this Fall.

We discussed being more mindful of conserving energy. This includes both managing usage of air conditioning and other utilities, as well as planning a Work Day to include installing weather stripping and preparing for the Fall and colder weather.

Nelly Perkins

As you travel around this summer

Many of us will have the opportunity to visit another church this summer. As a result of your visit, if there is something that you would like to recommend that we consider at Immanuel, please let us know. Bring back the bulletin or the newsletter or just write down what aspect of their Sunday experience caught your eye, e.g., the way they greet people, incorporate children in the service or manage their nametags. Please mark the document with the aspect that you recommend, sign your name and put it in the Sr. Warden's box on the left side as you enter the vestibule. Thank you!

Property Committee

It's good not take oneself too seriously, and we are continuing to learn and modify our energy system while realizing that we will make mistakes!

A concern has been voiced that it is difficult for many parishioners to hear portions of the service while the A/C fans are blowing. We tried a (fairly disastrous!) pre-cooling before the service and

kept the building closed during the service, with the result of a near-meltdown just after the Peace.

For summer: since morning services are at 9 am and the day is fairly cool, please do not turn on the air conditioner - just open the doors and windows as we always used to do.

For special services during the hot hours: please keep the building closed up while the A/C is on, and push Run Program on the thermostat when leaving the building.

For any buildings: please use open windows and fans as much as possible. and if you see our annual budget dollars going out the window, address it using common sense. You and I are each paying for unnecessary air conditioning.

Let us reiterate that it is the "new cool" for men to dress lightly and less conservatively during the summer months. Please dress as you like to be comfortable during the hot summer weather.

Warmly :-)
Katie Ritter

Parish Cleanup Day

We are having a teeny weenie parish cleanup day, just to try it and see how it goes. Please come to the 9 am service on August 10th (rain date August 17th) dressed in cool and comfortable to serve with gladness in work clothes.

We'll turn out immediately after services and work together for a couple of hours, ending at about noon, just to have fun together and get a few things done.

We hope to clean the church windows, do some weather stripping, some weeding, some cleaning - we'll have a task board and you can pick what you want to do!

If you know you are coming, and have something you see needs doing, please call Katie Ritter to coordinate tools and materials needed.

Even the smallest or most elderly hands will be appreciated as we work in community together. The experience of stewardship will be in working together and having fun, not in how much we get done!

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 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).

Concert Series

It may not be widely know that the only source of funds to pay for the Immanuel Concert Series expenses such as guest performers, guest organist, choristers, choral music, Evensongs and the Festival of Lessons and Carols services comes from you and the Friends of Music of Immanuel Episcopal Church.

We have put together a proposed series of concerts for 2008-2009 (published in the last two Newsletters) based on the actual donations we received last year. Unfortunately our appeal earlier this summer has produced only about a quarter of the funds needed to pay for our proposed 2008-2009 concert series. Our goal is to raise \$4,700, to date we have raised \$1,100.

The concerts have been very warmly and enthusiastically received by all who attended, and we are sure that you will join us in wishing for their continued success. If you have not yet contributed, and would like to do so, we would enjoy hearing from you as soon as possible.

Don't forget the Wine Dinner at the Manor Tavern on Friday September 26th at 6:00 p.m. – more information later.

John Vickers
Chair, Music Committee

“Letter from Fran Tilghman”

Ed. Note: Fran is the niece of the late Ellen Lynch and is currently a Vestry member at Immanuel.

July 11, 2008

To My Dear Family and Friends,

I want to say God Bless You for all of the support; visits, phone calls, letters, cards and gifts, over the past 13 weeks. You have helped me through a most difficult period in my life.

For 44 years, since I was 17, I have been living with Anorexia Nervosa, an eating disorder in which the individual can never be thin enough. For years, I have sought treatment. A good therapist is extremely difficult to find. For years I have lived on the edge. I have missed out on a lot of life and living because of this disorder. Anorexia Nervosa is like living with an evil Siamese Twin – your twin is the sickness but you are the one who is sick.

This March when I returned to Johns Hopkins for reevaluation for a kidney transplant, I was told by the transplant team that I would need to bring my BMI (Basal Metabolic Index – a measure of body proportions) from 16 up to 18 (I have a living donor). They suggested that I enter the Eating Disorders Unit here at Hopkins. What started as a six-week journey has lasted for 13 with a possible four more weeks to go. Each bite of food feels like a betrayal and makes you feel even more alone. As you regain some health, you miss the thinness but not the chest pains, headaches, the obsessing over something as immaterial as a single calorie, the frustration of my family, friends and therapists. I guess a part of me loves and wants to relish in good HEALTH.

I say thank you all again from the bottom of my heart, and want you to know the real fight

has just begun. So please keep up the support. And a special thank you to Rudi – she has been my rock and my strength and my sounding board throughout.

Good Bless you all,
Fran

Dary Schmidt Out on Medical Leave

Our Parish Administrator, Dary Schmidt, will be undergoing surgery and then will be out on medical leave starting July 28 for several weeks. Dary assists us all in so many ways, and now it is our time to assist her. You can pray for her successful surgery and speedy recovery, send her a card (15830 Carroll Road, Monkton, Maryland 21111), and/or plan to visit her when she comes home. The church office will continue to function during this period, though there may be some bumps along the way. Please be understanding and please look for opportunities for how you might assist whomever is filling in for Dary.

Thank you,
Rudi Horner

Women of Immanuel 2008-2009 Events

It is not too early to look to Fall for cooler weather and the wonderful events that the Women of Immanuel will be hosting for the year. Please review the list and if you can help with any of the events, please call Linda Ambrose 410-374-1814 or email thebrose55@gmail.com.

Sunday, September 7th, 11:30 a.m. – Coffee

Hour. Welcome back from summer vacation.

Wednesday, September 10, 2008, 7:00 p.m. –
WOI Meeting - Rectory

October, 2008, Oldfield's Founder's Day, TBD
- Light reception - Rectory

Sunday, November 2, 2008, 4:00 p.m. –
Evensong Reception - Rectory

Sunday, November 16, 2008, 10:00 a.m. –
Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Service is a
10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 10, 2008, 7:00 p.m. –
Christmas Gift Wrapping for Catonsville Boy's
Home - Parish Hall

Sunday, December 21, 2008, 4:00 p.m. –
Lessons & Carols Reception - Rectory

Wednesday, March 11, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. –
WOI Meeting - Rectory

March 15, 2008, 4:00 p.m. – Evensong
reception - Rectory

June, 2009 - WOI Potluck Dinner & Meeting –
TBD

Women's Spirituality Day and Bus Trip –
TBD

Sunday School News

We will have the Sunday School registration the same day as the return to two services, September 7, 2008. Sunday School will start the next week, September 14, 2008. The children will continue to go to church the first Sunday of the month.

We welcome Anne Greene as our newest Sunday School teacher. She will be sharing the cooking rotations with Lynn Traynor.

Coleman Mettee
Sunday School
Administrator



Scouting News

Buzz will return with more Scouting News later this summer. He is currently taking it easy – recovering from some surgery. Take care Buzz – and hurry back!

From the Office:

Reminder: The office will be manned 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. You may reach it at 410-472-2828. If no one answers, please leave a voice message and we will return your call as soon as possible. You may also email me at: office.imm@verizon.net

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.

Food for Thought

Looking at the bright side of things will improve, not damage, your insight.

A name engraved on hearts will out last those engrave in marble.

Success comes in “cans”.....failure comes in “can’ ts.”

Humor is the harmony of the heart.

Faith is the bird that sings while it is still dark.

If you rust when standing in the rain, you may have taken too much iron.

Newsletter Deadlines

All articles, photos, inserts, and updates are kindly requested by 2:30pm on:

The second Monday of each month.

Please give to office, 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, Catherine Klein, Julie Metcalf,
Katie Ritter, Pam Swanson, Fran Tilghman,
and Mary Frances Wagley,

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Aug. 3	9:00 a.m.	Pentecost 12 Holy Eucharist II	Aug. 24	9:00 a.m.	Pentecost 15 Holy Eucharist II
Aug. 10	9:00 a.m.	Pentecost 13 Holy Eucharist II	Aug. 27	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter Team Meets
Aug. 13	through	Sept. 3 – John Holland on Vacation	Aug. 31	9:00 a.m.	Pentecost 16 Holy Eucharist II
Aug. 17	9:00 a.m.	Pentecost 14 Holy Eucharist II			
Aug. 18	2:30 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline			