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A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Friends,

Since about the end of the fourth century, The Church has set aside forty days prior to Easter as a time for self examination, repentance, reconciliation and restoration. In the early Church, Baptismal candidates (known as Catechumens) who were completing preparation to be baptized used the forty days for their intense, final preparation for Baptism at the Great Easter Vigil. Those who had fallen away from the Church used the same period of time, through acts of penitence and self-denial, to prepare to be restored to the Church. In modern times the season of Lent continues to help us enter into the mystery of the Resurrection (Easter) through our own period of penitence, fasting, reconciliation and restoration. Our Church calendar (you can find it at the beginning of the Book of Common Prayer), designates Ash Wednesday and the other weekdays in Lent and of Holy Week as days to “be observed by special acts of discipline and self-denial.”

Many Christians abstain (reduce their food intake, give up meat) as an act of devotion on Fridays in Lent. In conjunction with these observances, during Lent, Christians are asked to follow a Spiritual Rule of Life, in addition to that
which they normally observe, which should include regular prayer time, self examination, perhaps adding attendance at a weekday service, auricular confession (also called the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a priest – see p. 446 in the Prayer Book) and self-denial (sometimes referred to as "giving up" something for Lent, which may include abstinence and or fasting.) A Rule should be a spiritual aid, not simply a burdensome list of tasks to get through and should be designed to help a person focus more clearly on the redemptive power of Christ’s atoning death and resurrection.

Please know that you have an open invitation to speak with me at your convenience about appropriate ways to mark these Holy Days as we prepare together for the Paschal Mystery which is Easter. May God richly bless you during this Lenten journey which we share together.

In Christ,
Fr. Keene

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
Wednesday, March 6 9:30 am & 7 pm
Lent begins Wednesday, March 6, when the Ash Wednesday liturgy with imposition of ashes will be offered at 9:30 am (said Eucharist) and 7:00 pm (sung Eucharist with choir).

**Bring your palms from last Palm Sunday back to church this Sunday March 3. Leave them on the porch where they will be collected and burned to create our 2019 ashes for the beginning of the Lenten season on Wednesday March 6.**

BREWS AND STEWS

Have you got TOMORROW Saturday March 2nd - 6:00pm clear on your 2019 Immanuel calendar? It's our Mardi Gras Stews and Brews event! There will be music, a one-of-a-kind Immanu-ale Porter brewed by our own Buddy Garrison, and of course a stew pot luck! Get ready to party, and bring a dish and a friend!
Calling **anyone with a smart phone**! We're in need of some pictures of you all having a great time at Brews and Stews, and for any pictures that show the Immanuel community together, even during mass. If you have anything you can share, please send them to the office at
immanuelonthegreen@comcast.net. We can't wait to see your submissions, and show the world how wonderful Immanuel is!

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR LENT 3/10 @ 4PM

Lessons and Carols for the Season of Lent
Sunday, March 10 at 4 pm

This special event, "Lessons and Carols for Lent" is being offered to provide a frame and focus for a rich and rewarding experience of Lent. We've taken the popular "lessons and carols" format and reconstructed it to explore—through music, scripture, literature, and silence—the many dimensions of this important (but not always well understood) season of the Church Year. We will reflect on themes that include Fasting, Penitence, Covenant, and Prophetic Vision, through compelling choral music of Stephen Paulus, Anton Bruckner, and Alice Parker (and others) sung by the Immanuel Choir; hymns and carols old and new sung by all; and brief readings from Old and New Testaments paired with more recent poetry and meditations by Thomas Merton, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and Robert Herrick, to name a few.

The sacred space of Immanuel Church on the Green provides the ideal setting, in its gracious simplicity, to consider and reflect on the connection between our inner life and the activities and challenges of every day.

We hope you will join us for Lessons and Carols as we seek a renewed and refreshed perspective on the Lenten season!

- Jack Burnam

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of those who have made a pledge for the coming year and to all who have responded to our second appeal letting us know whether you are able to add to your total 2019 pledge. By giving, you help our church serve out its mission as a community of faith and reflection of God's love in the world through our liturgy, through our music, through our service. This is why we give.

Pledging annually is an incredibly important statement and helps the Vestry plan for the activities that support our mission in the coming year. We have made tremendous gains through the generous statements of intention that we have received. Thank you again to those who have responded - we have heard from approximately one-third of our pledgers that they either will or will not be able to increase their pledge. Through those responses, we have been able to reduce our projected deficit by approximately $15,000 and have experienced an overall increase in pledged dollars for the first time in several years. We are so grateful to all!

BUT...in the spirit of continuous improvement, there is still much to be done! If you have not yet responded to the second call, either yes or no, or if you would like to pledge for the first time, you still can! Please reach out to the church office or to Mary Nash Wilson at marynash.godden@gmail.com. We have many exciting things happening in our church, and we hope to have your support. Again, we are deeply thankful to all who have pledged for this year!
FROM THE VESTRY

The Vestry held met on February 27 for its regularly scheduled meeting. The following topics were discussed:

- New Vestry members Bob Davis, Caitlin Irwin, and Lydia Timmons were welcomed.
- The Stewardship Committee reported that there has been a positive response to the request for an increase in pledges. There is still time to increase your pledge if you haven’t already done so.
- The appointed positions of Vestry clerk (Felice Jo Lamden), treasurer (Barry Hutton), and assistant treasurer (Wendy Bulter) for 2019 were approved.
- The Vestry will meet for its annual retreat on March 23 at the Parish Hall. The theme of the meeting is Invite, Welcome, Connect.
- A good turnout is expected for Stews and Brews on March 2.
- Ash Wednesday services will be at 9:30 a.m and 7 p.m. on March 6.
- Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at 7 pm during Lent, starting on March 15.
- The pew project is scheduled to start in June.

- Geri Krolin-Taylor

PARISH HAPPENINGS

St. Anne’s Guild will meet in the Parish Hall on Monday 3/4 at 7pm. New members are always welcome, please join us for our meeting, and see what St. Anne’s is all about!

Immanuel’s organist Jack Burnam will play two organ recitals in March.

The first is at Christ Church, Christiana Hundred, on Sunday, March 3 at 4:30, where Jack will play a one-half hour program in advance of that parish’s monthly Choral Evensong.

Then on Wednesday, March 27 at 11:30 am, Jack will appear on the mid-week Lenten Recital Series at St. Stephen’s Pro-Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Speak to Jack if you’d like details!

Immanuel Supports Emmanuel

A great time was had when a group of parishioners from Immanuel on the Green attended the Ministry of Caring’s International Night Dinner, in support of Emmanuel Dining Room. From January through October, the Emmanuel Dining Room hosts a dinner, with each one featuring a different chef and cuisine. All proceeds go to support the Emmanuel Dining Room. The theme of the February 24th dinner was Spanish night and featured paella.

For more information about upcoming dinners, go to https://www.ministryofcaring.org/special-events/international-nights/. Tickets are $25 a person for a three-course dinner.

- Geri Krolin-Taylor
Enjoying their dinners are (from left) Martin Taylor, Caitlin Irwin, Rob Holland, Bob Irwin, Doe Irwin, Georgia Shinn, and Wendy Butler. The empty seat belongs to Geri Krolin-Taylor, who’s taking the picture.

Next Movie Discussion Night on Saturday, March 23

We will gather together for our next Movie Discussion Night at 6 PM on Mar 23. Our hosts are Carol Hickman and Bob Vietri at 900 Gray Street (corner of W. 9th St and Gray St).

The film to watch before you come is “Selma”. This historical drama examines the 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery. What events led up to the march, what happened during the march, and what changes did it bring to our history, and why.

Bring a dish or refreshment to share and come ready to talk about the social and religious questions raised by the story and the values it highlights.

A ladies coat was left in the church on Sunday 2/10, it has been placed in the lost and found in the office. If this is your coat, please contact the office on (302)328-2413 to arrange pick up.

SERVICES AT IMMANUEL

Did you know we hold Mass every Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday at Immanuel Church on the Green? Of course you did, but just in case, our service schedule is:
Sunday
- 8am - Said Mass
- 10am - Sung Mass
- 7pm - Compline

Wednesday
- 9:30am - Said Mass

Thursday
- 6pm - Said Mass

**Large print bulletins are available.**

**Compline continues every Sunday at 7 p.m.**

This includes holiday weekends, summer Sundays, ordinary and extraordinary days.

Immanuel has been offering Compline on Sunday evenings at Immanuel for just over one whole year! We have ranged from 2 to 17 in attendance. The service has been led by many different individuals and the candlelight set-up is shared by anyone willing. The church is incredibly beautiful when lit by 60+ candles, and it provides a setting for prayer that is reverent and serene.

So what is Compline like? Those who attend usually spend a few minutes of quiet prayer in their pews. When the tower bell strikes seven, we stand and move to the altar. Bringing our service leaflets with us, we stand in a circle around the altar and recite the prayers, psalms, and readings of this beautiful office. The service is about 8 minutes long with time allowed for individuals to offer their own thanksgivings and intercessions. We return to our pews for additional time of quiet prayer before leaving in silence. Please consider attending; it's the perfect way to end your Sunday and to center yourself for the coming week.

For more information, contact Father Keene on (302)328-2413, or Jo Harney on (302)598-0858.
STAY CONNECTED

The FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) struggle is real. If you haven't already, be sure to follow us on Twitter and Instagram, for memes like this one:
EPISCOPALIANS EVERYWHERE

ARRE MAKING THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR LENT

Stay up to date on all the latest happenings by visiting our website.

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