The Curate: May 2019

DIONC SUCCESS! A BUMPER CROP OF PICTURES + GRADUATE SHOWCASE + More!

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

The Feast of the Ascension (Ascension Day) is this Thursday, May 30. Choral Eucharist, sung by the Immanuel Choir, will be offered at 7pm at Immanuel Church.

Episcopalians observe Ascension Day as one of the seven Principal Feasts of the Christian Year (Book of Common Prayer, page 15), on a level with Christmas and Easter.

According to the accounts in the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus appeared to his disciples during the forty days following his resurrection. Then on the fortieth day (Ascension Day), he led them to the Mount of Olives and instructed them to
wait in Jerusalem for the promised Holy Spirit. Then, as they watched, he ascended into the clouds. As they continued to watch, two angels appeared and declared that just as he had ascended, Jesus would return in glory. Augustine of Hippo, one of the early church fathers, records that the Feast of the Ascension originated with the Apostles. John Chrysostom and Gregory of Nyssa, contemporaries of Augustine, refer to it as being one of the oldest feasts practiced by the Church, probably going as far back as AD 68.

For Christians, Ascension Day’s meaning underlines the Christians’ hope that the glorious and triumphant return of Christ is near. It is a reminder of the Kingdom of God within our hearts, and of the ever-present Holy Spirit of God, watching over and protecting us as we seek to spread the light of Jesus’ truth throughout the world.

Please join us!

DIONC SUCCESS!

Thank you!

We’d like to thank everyone who volunteered, baked, sang, rang, greeted, gave tours, and everything else at Immanuel this last Saturday! A great time was had by all, and here’s proof!

Above: Many people find the cemetery fascinating and walk around it - Geri Krolin-Taylor

Right: Hospitality ready for action! - Mark Bacher

Below: One of the many tours Teddy Kinservik (right) gave of the church - Geri Krolin-Taylor
Above: Jon Barrett enjoying a break in the sun; DIONC flowers at the church - Mark Bacher

Below: Ornaments are still available - Mark Bacher; Twilight at Immanuel - Bruce Burk
Above: A melodious surprise during A Day in Old New Castle. Wendy Butler (left) brought two guests up to the choir loft as the gentleman is a choirmaster, and he and his wife wanted to see the organ. Jack Burnham (seated) played a hymn for the guest, and his booming baritone filled the church. All who were outside rushed in to listen! - Geri Krolin-Taylor

Left: A quiet moment in the shade! - Mark Bacher

Below: Jeff Meadows takes the afternoon shift with Doe Irwin at the hospitality table - Geri Krolin-Taylor
Above: Jon Barrett (center) talks about the gravestones during one of the many tours he gave during A Day in Old New Castle; Hospitality is ready! Lisa Whitaker (center) and Doe Irwin (right) are all set to give out the free water bottles. Each bottle has a hang tag with information about Immanuel on the Green. Teddy Kinservik (left) picks up a bottle before giving a tour of the church. - Geri Krolin-Taylor

Right: Pick up your flyers! - Mark Bacher

Below: Waiting for the tour groups. (From left) Martin Taylor, Mark Bacher, and Jon Barrett. - Geri Krolin-Taylor
Above: Just like his son Teddy, May Kinservik (left) enjoys giving tours of the church

Below: Wendy Butler (right) greets people as they enter the church - Geri Krolin-Taylor

Above: Teddy Kinservik impresses visitors with his knowledge of Immanuel and its history

Left: Teddy Kinservik waits to greet visitors to Immanuel

- Matt Kinservik

DIONC BAKE SALE.....RESULTS ARE IN!!!!

I just wanted to thank everyone who took the time to donate the delicious baked goods for the bake sale. We raised a total number of $132.00! With over 20 baked goods donated I
would say the bake sale was a success!!!! I also wanted to give a special thank you to Jen Robelen, Nancy Turner, and Rob Holland for their dedication to the bake sale. Thank you all again and great job!!!

In God's Love,
Caitlin Irwin

We Want Your Photos and Ideas!

We're always looking for photos to put in the Curate and the weekly emails. These photos can be of recent events, Immanuclians gathering outside of church, or older events. Whatever you have, we'll take them! Send the photos to the office at immanuelonthegreen@comcast.net. We keep them on file for future use.

We are also looking for story ideas. Send in an article about an event you attended. Or, if you don't want to write an article, send in your ideas for a story for someone else to write. We want to hear from you!

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Cassidy Dixon will graduate this June from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance and a Minor in Music Management Studies. This fall she will be attending Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University, pursuing a Master of Music in Voice Performance with a Vocal Pedagogy Track.

Cassidy, who hails from Far Hills in northern New Jersey, has served as a staff singer in the soprano section of the Immanuel Choir for the past two years.

Please join us in wishing her all the best for the future!
Katya Linton is also graduating from high school, and is performing her senior recital on Wednesday, June 12th at the Music School of Delaware. All are invited! Katya would love to have as many of her Immanuel family come as are able.

Katya Linton
Senior Recital
Wednesday, June 12, 7 pm
violin and piano
Accompanist Liliya Maslov

Music School of Delaware
4101 N. Washington St., Wilmington, DE
Enjoy an evening of music by Debussy, Scott Joplin, Mozart, Sarasate, Vieuxtemps, and more. Reception following.
ST. ANNE'S GUILD

On Monday, April 1, St. Anne's Guild had Caitlin Custer, Donor Relations Manager at the Food Bank of Delaware as a guest speaker at their monthly meeting. Ms. Custer shared a wealth of information about the Food Bank's new facility and the different programs the Food Bank runs. One of the many programs we learned more about was the Backpack Program.

The Food Bank of Delaware's Backpack Program provides food to children (K-12) in need for weekends and holidays when school is not in session and federal school meal programs are not available. Backpacks are stocked with kid-friendly, nutritious food including shelf-stable milk and juice, meals such as macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and meatballs and beef stew, granola bars, apple sauce, cereal and more. They are distributed on Fridays or the last day before a holiday or vacation in a discreet manner at Delaware school sites. More than 5,000 children participate each week.

In the spirit of last year's Freezer Fundraiser for the Ministry of Caring, St. Anne's Guild is happy to announce that we have chosen this program for our Spring Fundraiser campaign. For every $200 raised we will be able to cover the cost of one backpack for a child for an entire school year. Throughout the month of May we will be collecting for this worthy program. Donations can be sent to the office, please make checks out to St. Anne's Guild with Backpack Drive in the memo.

Valerie Long, President
St. Anne's Guild

Click here to learn more about the Food Bank
Click here to learn more about the Backpack Program

NOTES FROM THE VESTRY

The Vestry met on May 15 for its regularly scheduled meeting. The following items were discussed:

• Volunteers are needed for A Day in Old New Castle, greeters at the church gates and tour guides for inside. (Note: Thanks to all who volunteered!).
• June 22 is nursery/church school clean-up day; volunteers will spend about three hours cleaning up and clearing out. The tentative start time is 10 a.m. See Matt Kinservik if you'd like to help.
• New visitor cards have been ordered and will be put in the church in the porch and in the pews.
• The church picnic will be June 9. Pray for good weather.
• Fr. Chris thanked everyone who helped make Holy Week a success.
• Newly retired Bob Davis has been working on the gardens at the Academy. Be sure to tell him how nice they look.
• Former parishioner John Carpenter died in early May. John and his wife Emily attended 10 am mass and Thursday Bible study.
The removal of two pews and construction of a handicap accessible entry through the porch will start in early June. The porch will be closed so please enter through the transepts.

The Vestry continues to discuss Invite Welcome Connect, and Fr. Chris's sermon on June 9 will be about Invite Welcome Connect.

June 23 will be the last day for the choir, until September.

SAVE THE DATES!

- June 9 -- Fr. Chris's sermon will be about Invite Welcome Connect.
- June 9 -- Church summer picnic and seersucker Sunday. Parishioners are asked to bring side dishes; the main course will be provided.
- June 22 -- Nursery and Sunday school room cleanup. See Matt Kinservik for more information and to volunteer.
- June 23 -- Last day for the choir, until September.
- Early June -- construction on the pews to start.

VESTRY SPOTLIGHT

![Lydia Timmins](image)

Lydia Timmins

I'm a lifelong Episcopalian. When I moved to Delaware, I lived in New Castle, and when I looked in the phone book for churches in New Castle, Immanuel was the first one. I came to church one Sunday and was awestruck by the beauty of the church, and the immediate sense of the Holy Spirit I got when I stepped inside.

I stayed because every time I walk in the doors, I feel a sense of calm and peace. I was married here in 1995 to my husband Steve. Our children Jake (14) and Phoebe (11) were baptized here. I was an EM at the 8am service for many years. But in the past decade, I'm a lector, Sunday School teacher, and now vestry member!
In my work life, I'm a professor at UD. After retiring from 22 years in TV news, I now teach communication and journalism. I'm also a one-woman driving machine with 2 kids in multiple activities!

**Immanuel on the Green's 2019 Pew Accessibility Project**

Immanuel Church is a difficult place to visit if you're confined to a wheelchair or other mobility device. Our box pews are elevated, making access difficult for anyone with mobility issues, and there are no spaces in the church where anyone in a wheelchair or mobility device can conveniently enjoy a service.

Our Vestry began to explore solutions to these issues in 2015. We have a solution to these issues that will be completed during this summer.

The Vestry sought to identify a solution that would accommodate people with mobility issues while maintaining the aesthetic of the church. We engaged John Milner Architects, the firm that worked with Immanuel on the rebuilding of the church after the 1980 fire that essentially destroyed everything except the exterior walls of the church. After careful deliberation, we have identified a solution that will meet all of the project's criteria.

By removing pews on the North side of the church, opposite the porch door, we could achieve the most important criteria of the project:

1. The construction as proposed is the "lightest touch" to altering the church building. Removal of the pews on the North side of the church - opposite an existing open space by the Porch doors – introduces a symmetry that is now currently lacking.
2. Using the North side of the church provides the most inclusive area. Those parishioners and visitors utilizing this area will be right in the midst of the congregation, not segregated at the back or far sides of the church.
3. Opening the pews on the North side of the church is the safest space for an emergency exit from the church for anyone with mobility issues because the space is located directly across from the Porch, which is the church’s primary entrance/exit.
4. Bricks from the porch will be removed and used to replace the wood floor where the raised box pews currently are located. An option to recreate pavers to replace the bricks removed from the porch are being considered, as is an option to use existing late 19th/early 20th century pavers on the porch.
5. Construction will begin in mid-June, 2019, and will be completed during the summer of 2019.

Providing an accessible area for mobility devices, as well as movable seating for those accompanying parishioners and/or visitors using mobility devices, gives Immanuel an opportunity to create a welcoming environment that incorporates all of our parishioners and visitors within our church services.

The Pew Accessibility Project truly enables Immanuel to live into its Mission Statement: *Building on our 300-year-old missionary journey, as a community nurtured by faith, transformed by spiritual development, and nourished by the liturgy of our tradition, we are called to go out and manifest Christ's love*

- Matt Kinservik
PARISH HAPPENINGS

Announcing the Reopening of the Family Medicine Office at the New Castle Senior Center.

After upgrading the computer system, and office equipment, Christiana Care has now reopened the medical office New Castle Senior Center to provide medical care to seniors (age 50 and over).

Initially it will be staffed on Mondays (9am -3pm) and Wednesdays (8:30am to noon). To schedule an appointment call 302 327-7630.

Next Movie Discussion Night on Saturday, June 29

We will gather together for our next Movie Discussion Night at 6 PM on June 29. Our host is Nancy Crowder at 42 W 4th St in New Castle. The film to watch before you come is "The Bookshop".

In the late 1950's a woman buys a run-down historic house in a conservative English village and opens a bookshop. She soon receives strong opposition from some in the community partially because of the daring books in her shop. Will she be successful or fail? 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.

The office will be closed Monday 5/27 in observance of Memorial Day.

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.
Jo Harney will be away on sabbatical for a good bit of the summer and it is important that we make sure Compline leadership is covered during this period (and beyond). Please click on the sign-up link below if you can take a week or weeks between now and mid-August.

If you have never led Compline, but would be willing to learn, please sign up and Jo will make sure that training is provided in advance. Thank you for helping us continue our unbroken history of every-week Compline.

Sign up here

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 (thanks Val!):
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