The Curate:
July 2019

IMMANUEL AT THE KING'S COLLEGE CHOIR
COURSE
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MORE!

Worship in the Summer Months

Friends,
With several weeks of high temperatures, heavy rain storms, and holiday vacations now both behind and ahead of us, we are most certainly in the midst of summer.

We've had a busy June and July at Immanuel, and there is a lot being planned for this fall and beyond, but in between we have the opportunity to enjoy a more relaxed state of mind.

Of course we know that the church workload doesn't really slow down at all in the summer. Everything we usually do still happens, even if attendance drops because people are traveling. But fewer people on summer Sundays doesn't mean less preparation. Even if there are somewhat fewer meetings to attend, and some time off for vacation, there is also a lot of planning happening for the next year in addition to the long list of things we want to get to “when it slows down,” and the preparation and/or catch-up that has to happen on either side of vacation. This summer we are finally completing our pew accessibility project and working on many other ways in which we might “Invite, Welcome and Connect” with newcomers and the wider community, so even through summer, the work of the church goes on - it’s just air conditioned!

As you take time to relax and renew this summer, I encourage you to hear and speak with God differently but always tuning your heart and mind to the rhythm of the love and nurture of Christ in your life.

I remain faithfully yours,
Fr. Keene

Immanuelians at the King's College Choir Course

On July 22nd, six Immanuel Choristers--Bob Davis, Michael Westman, Melanie Samardza, Tom Plant, Gabriela Cortada, and Ella Morton--will travel with Jack Burnam to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where they will join over 150 participants ranging in age from 10 to 80 for the annual King's College Choir Training Course of the Royal School of Church Music in America (RSCMA).

Robert McCormick, organist and choirmaster of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia is Guest Director for the Course. Jack will assist as a Housemaster to rehearse the adult participants, and Melanie will serve as Course Nurse.

It’s an intensive week, with four hours of rehearsal every day, plus daily Mass, Evensong and Compline, time for recreation and fellowship, and educational opportunities. On Sunday, July 28 the week culminates in festival choral services of Eucharist and Evensong in the awe-inspiring acoustic of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre.
Please keep participants from Immanuel in your prayers as they hone their skills as musicians, and "seek through music to perfect the praises offered by God's people on earth" (BCP p. 819).

- Jack Burnam

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, Immanuilians 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!

ST. ANNE'S GUILD

Over $3,000 Raised for Food Bank Backpacks

Due to the generosity of Immanuel on the Green parishioners, 15 more children in need will have backpacks full of food on weekend and holidays as part of the Food Bank of Delaware's Backpack Program. This fund-raiser, run by St. Anne's Guild, raised $3,065. The Guild started the event with a $400 donation. The cost of the program is $200 per child for the school year.

"What a fantastic job with your fund-raiser!" said Caitlin Custer, who spoke to the St. Anne's group in April about the program. "We really appreciate all of the support, and I had a great time speaking with the group," she said.

According to the Food Bank of Delaware, the program "provides food to children 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,
NOTES FROM THE VESTRY

The Vestry met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 17, and the following topics were discussed.

- For A Day in Old New Castle 2020, other musical options are being explored, such as having music earlier in the day, instead of Evensong. Attendance at Evensong has been declining in the last few years, and it is a lot of work for all involved. This year, there were as many people in the pews as in the choir.
- The nursery cleanup went very well, and thank you to all who helped. A second round of cleanup, for the church school room, is tentatively scheduled for August 24. The basement cleanup is yet to be scheduled.
- The pew accessibility project is moving along on schedule and should be finished by the end of next week.
- The fall picnic and Oktoberfest will be combined into one event, to be held October 12, the October Beer Fest.
- Curriculum options are being explored for Sunday School. The fluctuating attendance was also discussed.
- The music and service booklet for 2019–2020 is being worked on and will include social events.
- The Vestry will not meet in August. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 18.

– Geri Krolin-Taylor

SAVE THE DATES!

- September 8, Sunday -- Choir and Sunday School return
- September 9, Monday -- St. Anne's Guild meeting
- October 6, Sunday -- Blessing of the Animals
- October 12, Saturday -- October Beer Fest
- October 19, Saturday -- Attic Treasures
- November 4, Monday -- All Soul's Day Mass

VESTRY SPOTLIGHT
My husband, Martin, and I came across Immanuel on the Green five years ago in our search for an Episcopal church. We had just moved to Delaware from New Jersey, and we wanted to find a church to attend. We tried several others and kept coming back to Immanuel. We officially joined Immanuel soon after; we like the welcoming community and the history of the church.

I got involved in the church by becoming a reader and joining St. Anne’s Guild. This picture is from a recent St. Anne’s Guild outing to see the Wilmington Blue Rocks, I was lucky enough to get a foul ball! I am also on the Finance Committee and the Vestry (this is the last year of my three-year term). I write for the Curate, doing the Notes from the Vestry and other articles when needed.

In my professional life, I am the senior managing editor for IEEE Magazines, where I manage a staff of four. We edit and produce over 130 magazine issues a year, all about different aspects of electrical engineering. My office is in New Jersey, and I am very lucky to be able to telecommute full time from our home in Hockessin. I have been with the IEEE for over 25 years.

In my free time, I like to garden, cook, read, and spend time with friends. Martin and I like to travel and go to Florida several times a year to visit my parents.

Let’s Keep the Porch Clean

The church porch is the first look visitors have of our church. We want it to be inviting, welcoming, and clean. To keep it from becoming cluttered and messy, the Vestry has voted that anything put on the porch must have the approval of the rector or wardens beforehand. The only item there will be the guest book and its stand (and wet umbrellas on rainy days). The food pantry donation basket will now be in the Academy. See the rector, wardens, or any vestry member if you have any questions.
Pew Accessibility Project Update

All is going well, the builders are ahead of schedule. Work will continue into next week with painting, tent removal, general clean up and the return of the baptismal font.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Next Movie Discussion Night on Saturday, Sept 7

We will gather together for our next Movie Discussion Night at 6 PM on Sept 7.

Our host is Roberta Smith at 117 W 4th St in New Castle.

The film to watch before you come is "The Green Book". In 1962 an African-American pianist goes on tour in the Midwest and Deep South. His driver and bodyguard is an Italian-American bouncer. They make use of the "Green Book" which lists restaurants and hotels that serve African-American travelers.

What challenges do they meet on this tour? Find out by watching this Best Picture of 2018 movie based on real events.

Then 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.

Food Closet Update

The Food Closet is in need of the following items:

- Box Mac & Cheese
- Canned Soup - progresso or chunky (it's not winter anymore, but these soups can become a meal)
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Entrees - either Chili or Stew
- Spaghetti or Pasta and Sauce - no elbows please
- Unsweetened Dry Cereal - Cheerios, Corn Flakes, etc
- Crackers - Ritz or Saltines
• Rice A Roni
• Peanut Butter and Jelly - **18oz size please**
• Instant Potatoes - single serving packages are good

Contributions are to be left at the office for collection during the week, and at the Academy on Sundays; the church porch needs to be kept clear.

**SERVICES AT IMMANUEL**

**Schedule of Services**

Immanuel's sense of community is firmly grounded in our weekly gathering for corporate worship. **You** are an essential member of that Community! Do plan to join us every week for one (or more) of these services:

**Sunday**
- 8am - Said Mass
- 10am - Sung Mass
- 7pm - Compline

**Wednesday**
- 9:30am - Said Mass [**but currently suspended, until the Pew Project is completed**]

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

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