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A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Annual Parish Meeting took place this past Sunday, January 26th. In addition to an abundance of food and fellowship, we elected three new vestry members: Stephen Franklin, Jo Harney, and Sarah Garrison. We also elected Matt Kinservik as our new Senior (Rector’s) Warden and appointed Bob Irwin as new Junior (People’s) Warden.

The vestry is a group of lay people elected by the parish to work with the rector to oversee the temporal health of the congregation. A new group of vestry members is elected at each annual congregational meeting, and all communicants in good standing are eligible to vote. Immanuel is blessed with an active, working vestry made up of parishioners who give generously of their time and talents. Our vestry includes people with a variety of skills and backgrounds, ages, and length of time as parishioners at Immanuel. Some are lifelong Episcopalians. Others are relatively new to the Episcopal Church.

The vestry generally meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Each meeting contains presentations about and discussion of various areas of parish life. Visitors are welcome to attend vestry meetings.

To communicate with the vestry, you may contact any member individually via phone, email, or in person.

The new vestry members will begin their duties at the February 19th vestry meeting. May God bless them in their ministry.

Of course, as we welcome new vestry members we also give thanks for our outgoing members: Mary Nash Wilson, Geri Krolin-Taylor, and Buddy Garrison. In addition, our Senior (Rector’s) Warden Jon Barrett has completed his term. Gratitude is the music of the heart and we are very grateful to Jon for his leadership and guidance (peppered with a healthy dose of humor and humility) over the last six years. We are grateful to God for all individuals who help to build up Immanuel Church and give so abundantly to us in such diverse ways.

For these wonderful gifts, dear Lord, we say thank you!

Fr. Keene

A new directory is being produced. In order to have the correct information for all parishioners, please initial against your contact information in the large directories in the church and the Academy. If you do not wish to have your information in the directory, please cross your name out. Details can also be confirmed or changed by email or phone.

The new directories can be expected in the next few weeks after everyone has been contacted.
LITURGY AND MUSIC NOTES

SUNDAY’S MUSIC

Today’s celebration of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple, formerly known as the Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin, and in the Eastern Church the Meeting of Christ with Simeon, is known in the Anglican tradition as Candlemas, and is the occasion for the blessing of candles to be used throughout the coming year. This tradition also echoes the theme of light, as proclaimed in Simeon’s song: “...a light to enlighten the nations,” which canticle is heard at every service of Evensong.

The theological significance of this Feast is the meeting of the Old Dispensation (or “testament”), symbolized by the aged Simeon, with the New Dispensation, the perfect Offering that God was providing to replace the former system of burnt sacrifices and offerings.

H. Boone Porter, respected 20th century scholar of Episcopal Liturgy, has provided this perceptive and helpful reflection:

“The word “incarnation” is very orthodox, but when it stands by itself, it is rather technical and intellectual. On the other hand, when a prayer goes on to speak of Jesus being born of the Virgin Mary, it suggests the wonder and mystery of the Son of God entering human flesh through the motherhood of a young Jewish woman. Liturgy must speak to the heart as well as the head; it must gather up body, mind, and spirit, and for this reason must be suggestive, evocative, and artistic as well as reasonable.”

During Communion the choir will sing the Nunc dimittis, the Song of Simeon quoted in today’s Gospel. This particular setting by the American composer Gerald Near deftly incorporates the ancient Latin antiphon for the blessing of candles, Lumen ad revelationem gentium, as a counterpoint to the English text, “...a light to lighten the Gentiles.”

10am Hymns:
259 “Hail to the Lord who comes”
656 “Blest are the pure in heart”
324 “Let all mortal flesh keep silence”
657 “Love divine, all loves excelling”

Offeratory Anthem: “Jesu, bright and Morning Star” - Leo Sowerby
Communion Motet: "The Song of Simeon: Nunc dimittis - setting: Gerald Near"
Organ Voluntaries: “Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming” [Hymn 81] - Johannes Brahms, and “Farewell I bid thee now, O World” - Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

AN UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT!

“The Epiphany of Beauty: where Art and Faith converge”
Immanuel’s Visiting Scholar Weekend with Dr. Esther Lightcap Meek, February 8 - 9, is fast approaching! You won’t want to miss this fascinating event, focused on the theme of beauty as the channel and content of God’s self-revelation, and its meaning and implications for the life and witness of our Community of Faith.

Who is Esther Meek?
Dr. Esther Meek is Professor of Philosophy at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and a Fellow Scholar with Artist Makoto Fujimura’s Fujimura Institute. As a philosopher, author, teacher, and speaker, she has been described as
“a masterful, compassionate teacher inviting a wide audience to reflect on the nature of knowledge...epistemology for the people, so to speak.”

Dr. Meek contends that knowledge is not about collecting data and acquiring information. She writes, "Rather than knowing in order to love, we love in order to know...all knowing is like knowing God—a transformative encounter." To her, the account of the Magi “who journey to ind the Christ Child and to bring gifts offers an emblematic story of knowing. They are not called wise men for nothing! Nor is it a meaningless accident that we use the word epiphany in referring to a moment of insight.”

Schedule of Events

Saturday, February 8

- **10—11:45 am**: Open Rehearsal, in the church, with Jack and the Immanuel Choir; and occasional reflection and response by Dr. Meek. The public is invited to attend and observe for all or any part of the morning.
- **12 noon**: Complimentary light lunch, served in the Parish Hall at the foot of Harmony Street. Everyone is invited, and there is no charge; but please RSVP below, or contact the Parish Office by phone (302-328-2413) or email at immanuelonthegreen@comcast.net to let us know you will join us for lunch.
- **12:45 pm**: Lecture/conversation with Dr. Meek, concluding by 2 pm.

Sunday, February 9

- **10 am**: Dr. Meek will preach at the sung Holy Eucharist
- **11:30 am**: Coffee Hour and a second presentation by Dr. Meek, concluding by 12:30.
- **4 pm**: Choral Evensong with the Immanuel Choir, and a homily by Dr. Meek.

RSVP for the light lunch and lecture

PARISH HAPPENINGS

St Anne's Guild

St Anne’s Guild will be holding their Annual Games Night on Monday, February 3rd, at 6pm. Snacks and drinks will be provided, please join us as Jon Barrett and his legendary bingo machine ensure this will be another games night to remember!

Next Movie Discussion Night on Saturday, Mar 21

We will gather together for our next Movie Discussion Night at 6 PM on Mar 11. Our host is Nancy Crowder at 42 W 4th St in New
Castle. The film to watch before you come is "The Upside". Bryan Cranston portrays a quadriplegic billionaire who offers the job of being his caregiver to a paroled ex-convict, portrayed by Kevin Hart.

Does this relationship work? 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.

Available Flower Memorial Dates

Memorials can be a Sunday closest to a set date (such as a birthday, anniversary, or passing), or a specific Sunday in the month (such as the 1st Sunday in October), and can be recurring or one time happenings. Please contact the office or Mark if you would like to talk about an offering.

The following Sundays do not have dedicated flower offerings:
The Food Closet does not currently need any contributions. Please expect an update from Gary in the near future!

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 (postponed until further notice)

Thursday
- 6pm - Said Mass

Compline continues every Sunday at 7 p.m.

Compline continues every Sunday night at 7 p.m. This brief service of prayer and readings is the final service in the monastic daily prayer cycle. It is less than 10 minutes long, and includes time for private prayer in your pew before and after the service. If you have not yet joined us for Compline, please consider making this a part of your spiritual discipline.

A new signup has been posted with dates available through the spring. If you would like to lead Compline and/or set up the church by lighting 60+ candles, please use this link to do so. Questions? Ask Jo Harney at jo.w.harney@gmail.com.

Sign up here

Large print bulletins are available.

February Birthdays
- Week 1 - Jimmy Carl Hopper, III., Jeff Meadows
- Week 2 - Jane Brereton, Julia Durante
- Week 4 - Lauren Barczak, Kristina Brereton, Eileen Burk, Valerie Woodard, Henry Tobey, Sara Hutchinson
- Week 5 - Charlotte Keeton, Helen Newnam Hannan
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:

![Meme Image]

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

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