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*from Reverend William A. Jenkins, Sr....
Rector, Faith and Emmanuel, Baltimore, MD*

Wonderful things are happening at Emmanuel and Faith Churches in East Baltimore. God has been at work and is evidencing His presence and direction in many ways. We have been in the process of merging these two parishes since last June, and everything is finally coming to pass! We first began considering this in earnest at the start of Lent in 2006. After prayer between the Bishops and Vestries, both congregations passed unanimous resolutions that the two parishes should become one. We met together for the first time in June at a joint Episcopal visit with the Rt. Rev. Hicks. His pastoral counsel was worth its weight in gold to us. We continued meeting together throughout the summer months at Emmanuel Church, even as we were making plans to sell the property at Emmanuel. In the meantime, we were beginning the demolition and remodeling at Faith Church in order to hold our new enlarged congregation. Looney-Hoffman has been most generous in advancing us the money we needed for the renovation of Faith Church, in lieu of our sale of Emmanuel. Just last month we received and signed an offer from a local congregation who had been praying to move into Emmanuel's building longer than it had been for sale! After crossing the "t's" and dotting the "i's", we are on our way to a settlement at the end of April. That coincides with our finish date (God willing) of the expansion at Faith. We still have much work to do, but many willing hands making the burden light! Please pray for our contractor, sub-contractors, laborers and upcoming settlement, that God's blessed providence may rest upon us. We'll keep you posted!

Winter Youth Camp....

by Emily Harmer

A wonderful time was had by all who attended the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic's Committee on Young People's Work sponsored Winter Camp at River Valley Ranch in Manchester, Maryland Friday, February 16th through Sunday, February 18th. There were over 60 campers in 6th to 12th grade and 20 counselors represented from 8 churches. The Rev. Ron Martin facilitated in teaching the young people about the various parables in the Bible. The campers and counselors had very insightful discussions about how the principles of these parables can be applied to our daily lives and how we can witness to others.

Campers had a wonderful time making new friends and re-connecting with old friends, playing games, and fellowshiping with one another. Mr. Billy Jenkins coordinated all of the campers' activities, games, and competitions. There were a number of fun activities that both campers and counselors enjoyed, including: Disney trivia, snow tubing, reverse football, Bible trivia, Pictionary, Jeopardy, and Slogan trivia.

A great time was had by all, and both Junior and Senior campers are looking forward to Summer Camp at Rock Mountain Bible Camp in Gibson, PA from Sunday, July 15th through Saturday, July 21st.

Traditional Liturgical Evangelical Scriptural

Liturgical Colors

April 1	Palm Sunday	Violet
April 6	Good Friday	Black* (or nothing)
April 8	Easter	White
April 15	Easter I	White
April 22	Easter II	White
April 29	Easter III	White

WANTED:

St. Stephen's Classical Christian Academy is seeking an experienced Headmaster for the 2007-08 school year and beyond. SSCCA is located in Eldersburg, MD, just west of Baltimore. The school currently serves 115 students in grades K-12. The Academy is a parish school of St. Stephen's Reformed Episcopal Church. The headmaster will be a part of school and parish life at St. Stephen's. Prospects should send their resume to:

c/o The Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen
2275 Liberty Road
Eldersburg, MD 21784

*from Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick...
Rector, Grace RE Church, Collingdale, PA*

The Missions Committee of Bishop Cummins Memorial Church (Catsonville, MD) has named Grace Church/Collingdale their summer missions project for 2007. A team

of approximately fifteen will spend the week of July 8th assisting Grace/Collingdale with building repairs and improvements and other projects yet to be determined. One member of Grace/Collingdale has already scheduled a week's vacation in order to participate, and other members of Grace/Collingdale are making similar plans. Grace/Collingdale, already excited at the prospect of all this, hopes to provide housing for the Bishop Cummins Church team among our own members.

Two or three years ago Grace Church/Collingdale established an Organ Fund as a means of providing for needed repairs. The present organ is an 85 year old Moeller — a worthy instrument, but in dire need of repairs and restoration to the console. The company which services our organ, C.M. Walsh Organbuilders, located in Collingdale, has very generously offered to make the repairs for the \$15,000 we presently have in the Fund — a sum accrued primarily through memorial gifts. Besides restoring the console inside and out, Mr. Walsh is donating a new set of principals. In addition, Mr. Bryon Morgan is donating supplementary electronic voicing, a MIDI, and several other upgrades. Work is expected to begin in late January or early February. The total value of the work is estimated at \$50,000. We are grateful to God for providing for us beyond our means and to those whose generosity he has used.

Sue Brodish, a member of Grace Church/Collingdale, is supported by the Board of Foreign Missions. In February, she was present at Grace/Collingdale to give an update on her work with the Christian Kindergarten she has established in Germany.

For the past two years, Grace/Collingdale has received many Liberians into membership. Many of these are immigrants who struggle to establish themselves in an altogether foreign economy. We are once again assisting a Liberian family of four in their first residence here by collecting used furniture and household items. The family will be worshipping at Grace Church/Collingdale regularly.

Calendar of Events:

Date	Time	Explanation
Tuesday, April 17, 2007	noon	NY/Northern NJ Area Ministerium at Covenant Chapel Basking Ridge, NJ

NOTE:

Philadelphia Area Ministerium will not meet
Maryland Ministerium will not meet

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 10-14, 2007..... General Committee Meetings, Summerville, SC
- April 20-21, 2007..... Diocesan Men's Retreat, Schooley's Mountain, NJ
- April 22, 2007..... St. Mark's REC, Rydal, PA — Consecration of Church Building
- April 28, 2007..... REAPERS, St. Mary's REC, Bronx, NY
- April 29, 2007..... St. Stephen's REC, Eldersburg, MD — Anniversary Service