



# Immanuel Messenger

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*A Word from the Pastor*

## Epiphany Greeting



Epiphany Sunday: January 2, 2010

One of our Immanuel traditions that especially charms me is the progression of the crèche Wise Men in our windowsills. When Sexton Chris Schulze sets up the crèche for the great Christmas Eve liturgy, he puts the three Wise Men in the rear windowsills, then moves them forward liturgy by liturgy. This week's midweek evening liturgy will find them in the windowsill closest to the crèche. Then they will arrive at their good destination on Epiphany Sunday, which we celebrate on January 2nd this year.

Epiphany Sunday is a major festival of the church year, not only in the liturgy books, but also in the estimation of our congregation. For one thing, we get to enjoy the frankincense. Our entrance procession includes the gifts for the Child: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We do not keep the incense for long -- simply for the entrance procession and then someone takes the incense bowl out into the courtyard -- but there for a while we enjoy the traditional fragrance associated with our prayers rising up to God.

But the great thing about Epiphany is the friendliness of it. Epiphany is kindhearted toward all the world. The visit of the Wise Men means that the birth of Jesus is not miser's gold. The Wise Men are not Jews, nor are they Christians. They come from foreign lands and tongues, distant ways, notions, and religions. But Epiphany *celebrates* them and signifies that the birth of Jesus is good news for them too.

It will be good to be with you in church, both for Epiphany Sunday and in this new year now before us.

In Christ,

*Gregory Fryer*

Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

## Name of Jesus Day

11 a.m. Saturday, January 1, 2011

Let us spring into this New Year ahead of us by bringing to mind the blessed Name given to us in Baptism – Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. That good Name is given us both for our comfort and our encouragement in holiness of life.

## The Baptism of Our Lord: Sunday, January 9



his too is a major festival of the church year. And well it should be! Long before you or I were baptized, Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River to John, to be baptized by him. Thus started a life wholly given over to others. The Baptism of Our Lord commences our salvation. Our Lord's baptism launched him into the wilderness, into a mighty conflict with sin, death, and the devil. It is a conflict he wages with humility and with perseverance, and it is a conflict into which he invites us too.

## Fraternité Notre Dame Toy Collection And Sunday School Mitten Tree

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas mitten tree and to the toy collection for the Fraternité Notre Dame. The toys were given to the Fraternité Notre Dame for their Christmas Party for needy children held in the middle of December and the mittens will soon be distributed to needy children.

## Artek will present *Sing Along with Claudio* Saturday, January 1, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. here at Immanuel

Artek will present *Sing Along with Claudio* this Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. here at Immanuel. Guests for the holiday? Bring them along! The event is a special concert presentation AND audience sing-along of Monteverdi's immortal *Vespers of 1610* - a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to raise your own voice in conjunction with America's finest singers and instrumentalists. In addition to ARTEK, we'll have some of our performer friends from Gallery Voices (Washington, DC), Piffaro (Philadelphia), Parthenia (NYC) and guests such as Michael Collver, cornetto, from Boston. This will be

a full Renaissance instrumental ensemble typical of Monteverdi's time, over 25 early music specialist performers.

Following the performance, we'll have a party in the undercroft celebrating ARTEK's latest CD, Monteverdi's Madrigals Book 5, scheduled for release that very day. We'll have CDs available for purchase.

If you love to sing, please come and join us on January 1. Tickets are just \$25. Order your tickets now by calling 212-866-0468, or online at [www.gemsny.org](http://www.gemsny.org). Tickets will also be available at the door.

## *Midtown Concerts' January Schedule*

All concerts Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. here at Immanuel  
Admission free!

JANUARY 5

Ensemble Viscera: *The Grumbling Hive*

A modern ballad-opera based on author Mandeville's "Fable of the Bees." "The paradox of thrift" is explained and our recession reflected in these humorous scenes of 18<sup>th</sup>-century England.

JANUARY 12

John Moran: Cello Recital

John Moran, an outstanding cellist from Washington, DC, presents a recital of music for early cello, accompanied by Dongsok Shin on the fortepiano.

JANUARY 19

Dodd Quartet: Classical String Quartets

New York's period instrument string quartet offers works by Haydn (Op. 20, #4), Mozart (Quartet K. 464, adagio), and Beethoven (Op. 18, #5).

JANUARY 26

Ensemble La Pantomime: 18<sup>th</sup>-century Chamber Music

Ensemble La Pantomime presents music for violin, viola da gamba and harpsichord in virtuoso works by Bach, Rameau, and Marais.

## **Roof Fund-raiser Concert**

Saturday, January 29, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.

Hold the date! On Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. members of Immanuel's Choir will entertain us all with a program of music from Broadway, Gilbert and Sullivan, and other popular genres - a different take from our usual serious Sunday morning music! Paul Sigrist, who has done wonders with our children at Vacation Bible School, is turning

his directorial talents to our multi-faceted adults. The program will be a fund-raising evening to benefit our roof campaign. Tickets (\$20) include refreshments and the musical entertainment. It promises to be a very special evening! More information will be coming in the new year.

# Presentation on Old Yorkville during AARP Meeting

Here at Immanuel on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.



One of our members, Yorkville Historian Kathy Jolowicz, will hold a lecture here at Immanuel during the AARP's January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. There will be 20 photo panels, depicting the life and times of this once internationally famous landmark in New York City called "Germantown". It encompasses the era of the 10's through the 60's, as well as the Slocum Disaster. The story tells of the people, the businesses and the churches that made up the vibrant German community of Yorkville. You are welcome to share your memories.