

THE GOOD NEWS FROM EMMANUEL

March 1, 2009 - First Sunday in Advent

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL MARK 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."



*Editor's note:
This was a tough
Gospel reading to
catch in one visual.
Mark includes Christ's
baptism, wilderness
time and his ministry
in only 130 words!
Was he saving his
words for what
follows?*

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OTHER STUFF

The vestry met after church on February 22 and discussed all sorts of business. Here's a snapshot of things discussed:

- Parochial reports are being sent to the Diocese who sends them on to the national church. The reports give information about Emmanuel's finances, number of members, average Sunday attendance, etc.
- There will be a meeting to plan for the next auction at Jean's house on March 2 at 7 p.m.
- The finance committee will meet on March 8.
- Diocesan canon for stewardship Jack Spaeth will meet with representatives from the Cluster churches on March 10 regarding year round stewardship. Ted will represent Emmanuel.
- The vestry will meet again on March 15 after church.
- The next Children's Service will be on March 22.
- The Lions Club will hold a dinner in our parish hall in June and may hold their meetings here in the future.
- There will be Christian formation meetings for adults following church services during Lent. Reading material from *Dying to Live* can be found on the table in the church. The discussions will be led by Jean and Deb.
- Christianity 101 meetings will resume in March. Check with Darcy for the dates and times.
- The Cluster Council nominating committee is putting together a slate of officers for voting at their next full meeting. The council has rewritten the bylaws and are writing job descriptions. Howard, Dale and Scott are our Cluster representatives.
- We will participate in another feeding at St. Vincent de Paul's in Middletown on April 19. This time Emmanuel will be supplying desserts...the best part of the meal! Let Leslie know if you want to help out with baking and/or serving food.
- This year's Ascension Day service will be celebrated at St. James' in Higganum on Thursday, May 21.
- The Chicken BBQ & Pig Roast will be held on July 11 from 6-8.
- Dale is our thermostat guru and, thanks to him, our heating system is automated. Please don't adjust the thermostats! Simply talk to Dale if you have any concerns or questions.

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