

New Officers of Vestry 2012

Kirk Domingos - Senior Warden

Jim Shearon - Junior Warden

Bill Conway - Treasure

Ann Maxwell - Clerk of the Vestry

Mike Murphy - Chairman of the Stewardship Commission

Joe Parrott - Chairman of the Finance Committee

Ginger Slaughter - Chairman of the Outreach Committee

Class of 2012: Bev Cone, Mike Hunter,

Jim Shearon (Jr. Warden)

Patricia Catchings

Class of 2013: Mike Murphy, Ginger Slaughter,

Kirk Domingos (Senior Warden), Sam Edgens

Class of 2014: Vestry Elect

Harriet Hamilton, Bobby O'Dell, Eric NeSmith, Tom Tracy

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Our Mission Statement: *The Church of the Incarnation*

exists to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through worship, love and service. As individuals and as a congregation, we dedicate ourselves to this purpose.



The celebration of the Incarnation of our Lord is certainly taking on a whole new level of meaning for me this year. With great anticipation and wonder, I contemplate this new thing that God is doing among us. The excitement is building for my family as we say good bye to those we love in Morganton and greet the wonderful people of God in Highlands.

I am encouraged by the heartfelt responses we are receiving from various people who call the Church of the Incarnation home. Your messages of welcome are reassuring and bring a pleasant sense of calm to the busyness we find ourselves in at the present moment. In the midst of celebrating Christmas with our family and friends here, we have our eyes fixed on packing and our hearts being prepared to be with you in the New Year.

Susie and I experienced your goodness through your discernment committee and vestry. Spending time with them, we had a sense of being among friends. Their words and actions spoke of a certain love you have for each other and we hope to build upon this love in our new life together. Love is indeed the basis for our future together. This love that first came to us through Christ is the same love we hope to share with each other and the world.

Speaking for my wife, Susie, we are thankful for this new door that is opening. We intend to walk through it joyfully, knowing in faith that God in a very real way, dwells among us.

Faithfully,

The Reverend Dr. S. Bruce Walker, Rector - The Reverend Howard W. L'Enfant, Priest Associate
The Rt. Reverend G. Porter Taylor, Bishop - The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop

Vestry Minutes for November

November 09, 2011

Present: Denson Franklin Howard L'Enfant, Bill Temple, Mike Murphy, Ann Maxwell, Dan Adcock, Joe Parrott, Kirk Domingos, Sam Edgens, Ginger Slaughter, Peggy Woodruff, Mike Hunter, Jim Shearon
2012-2015 vestry member guests Harriett Hamilton and Patricia Catchings

Call to Order/Opening Prayer

Father Denson Franklin called the meeting to order at 4:00, and opened the meeting with a prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from the October 10, 2011 vestry meeting by Mike Hunter, and seconded by Kirk Domingos. The motion passed.

Financial Statement:

Bill Conway gave the Treasurer's Report. We have a YTD net income of \$34,649.49 compared to a net loss in 2010 of \$68,058.58. The 2011 figure does include some past and future pledge income, but with two months left in 2011 we should meet our 2011 budget projections without taking into consideration the advanced pledge income of 2012 and 2013.

The Finance Committee recommended the transfer of the Vreeland funds to the Rectory fund to be used in the possible purchase of a Parish Rectory. The value of the Vreeland fund was \$51,386.94 as of 10/31/2011.

A motion was made by Joe Parrott to transfer the Vreeland funds into a Parish Rectory fund. Mike Murphy seconded the motion, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Reports

a. Rector- Denson stated that our church has a lot of momentum and we are a healthy and positive parish. Denson said that he was grateful to have had a role in the achievements of the past year and that everyone has worked hard and made extra commitments to get us to this condition. He asked all of us to give the new rector the exceptional support which was given to him.

b. Priest Associate- Howard said that he and Jean Ann would be leaving Highlands soon, but that our parish would be in their thoughts and prayers during the remaining discernment process. He expressed gratitude for being a part of our parish life, and said that they would return to Highlands and our parish in April.

c. Special Financial Report- Joe Parrott proposed a Christmas Bonus for Teresa, Andrea, and Oscar stating that the funding for this expense comes out of Administrative Benefits. A motion was made by Ann Maxwell to approve this expense. It was seconded by Jim Shearon.

Minutes continued.....

The motion passed.

d. Senior Warden- no report

e. Junior Warden- Jim Shearon reported that a faulty valve was replaced so that the sprinkler system is now in working order.

Ministry Reports

a. Stewardship Commission- Mike Murphy updated us on the status of pledges.

b. Music- Ginger Slaughter said that many people were enjoying having a violinist play during recent 10:30 services.

c. Christian Formation- no report

d. Children and Youth- no report

e. Pastoral Care- no report

f. Outreach- Ginger Slaughter provided an update on the *Tis the Season* fund raiser to be held on December 03 from 11:30 until 2:00 at the Presbyterian Church.

g. Bell Tower Endowment- no report

h. Discernment Committee- Mike Murphy stated that the committee was over budget by \$3199.00

i. Stephen Ministry- Dan Adcock stated that all trained Stephen Ministers had clients, and that the project was providing assistance to many in need.

Old Business- none

New Business- none

Discussion- none

Adjournment/Closing Prayer- Bill Temple led us in prayer and then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Maxwell, vestry member

JANUARY SUNDAY MINISTRIES

Date	Lectors	Chalice	Ushers	Camera	Altar	Acolytes	Vestry of the Day
Jan. 1 10:30am	Nancy Tarbox	Christine Murphy & Luther Turner	Team 1	Chris Alley	Ann Turner & Barbara Cusachs		Tom Tracy
Jan. 8 10:30am	Jean Whitby	Jane & Selwyn Chalker	Team 2	Tom Cox	Craig Edmondson & Harriet Hamilton		Patricia Catchings
Jan. 15 10:30am	Peg Brannen	Robin Carter & Lewis Doggett	Team 3	Zeke Sossomon	Ann Turner & Sarah Wallin	Alley & Tiffany Preda	Mike Murphy
Jan. 22 10:30am	Emily Murphy	Christine Murphy & Ed Whitby	Team 4	Selwyn Chalker	Ginny Harris & Ann Maxwell		Mike Hunter
Jan. 29 10:30pm	Selwyn Chalker	Jane Chalker	Team 1	Mike Murphy	Suzy Mosely & Barbara Cusachs		Bobby O'Dell



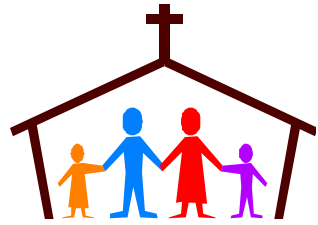
January Birthdays

1/1 Mary Chanfrau
1/3 Sarah Wallin
1/4 Allen Jackson
1/6 Peg Brannen
1/7 Keith Mitchell
1/8 Jim Meiring
1/9 Andrea Chalker
1/10 Marilee Betor
1/11 Arthur Simpson
1/12 Carol Mathews
1/12 Rosemary Stiefel
1/13 Mary Hackett
1/15 George Bujoreanu

1/16 C. Massey Jr.
1/16 Sylvia Walbolt
1/18 Will Garrett
1/18 Samuel Gassaway
1/19 Nancy Parker
1/20 Agnes DeHart
1/24 Barbara Gassaway
1/25 Christopher Lathem
1/26 Steve Ackerman Jr.
1/26 Bill Grimes
1/27 Kathy Fisher
1/29 Garrison Chalker
1/29 Jane Hollis
1/30 Claire Harrington

January Anniversaries

1/2 Linda & Charlie Arnold
1/7 Elizabeth & Henry Salzarulo
1/12 Anne & Earnest Curtis
1/31 Allen & Samuel Murray



Family Fun at Incarnation

For more information please contact ...

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" The child lacks what is usually thought of as power and yet is able to enter (or receive) the Kingdom... when you meet such a child you meet Jesus, the embodiment of the Kingdom"

Jerome Berryman, Toward a Theology of Childhood

Sunday Mornings

9:00 Sunday School (Old Testament Stories)

10:30 Children's Chapel

Lectionary based curriculum that follows the worship service for ages 2nd grade and under...children are brought upstairs during the passing of the Peace.



Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together.

Vesta M. Kelly



Youth Events

(6th grade & up... held in HUMC youth room)

Wednesday Evenings 6-7:15



Got cabin fever?

Join us for Family Bowling

Sunday, January 15th

Immediately following the 10:30

service we will caravan to eat

lunch and then head to

Franklin Lanes for an afternoon

of family fun!

Stephen Ministers "The After People"...

Stephen Ministers are there:

....after you've washed and returned the last casserole dish.

....after the divorce papers have been served and the bottom falls out of your life.

....after you realize the hands on the gold watch you received at your retirement party move more slowly than you ever imagined.

....after the baby has arrived, putting more demands on you than you ever dreamed possible.

....after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are ready to come alongside people and provide comfort and support for as long "after" as they are needed.

Stephen Ministers are professionally trained individuals who minister one-on-one to those in need. Contact Dan Adcock or Bobby O'Dell if you wish to receive CONFIDENTIAL caring from one of Incarnation's Stephen Ministers.

Our Stephen Ministers are busy with their care receivers. We are seriously evaluating the need for another training class if you are interested please contact Dan Adcock or Bobby O'Dell.

The Stephen Ministers have offered to help in any way during the transition of Father Bruce.

Bell Tower Endowment

As you walk into Incarnation this winter think about our beautiful church and how important Incarnation is to your life. We hope you will consider her perpetual care in your financial planning. We encourage you, if you have not considered it, to sign a codicil to your will and leave a lasting legacy to the Church. For a more complicated codicil, it is not necessary to make a new will, just have your lawyer draw up a codicil and add it to your existing will. Steve Lucas is also available to do this for you too (free of charge). Like the energizer bunny, this is a gift that keeps on going!! You are leaving a legacy for perpetuity. Please attach all codicils to a Legacy or Anchor Society form (located in the narthex). Your gift amount is kept confidential.

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift? Why not make a contribution in honor of a loved one to the BTE!! Your gift will continue to grow and grace others.

Many thanks for the following contributions:

- ◆ Virginia & Joe Parrott in celebration of Tom Tracy's birthday
- ◆ Jane & Tom Tracy in honor of Tom Cox's birthday
- ◆ Ann Maxwell in honor of BTE
- ◆ Virginia & Joe Parrott in celebration of Tom Cox's birthday.

For more information or if you have you have any questions, please contact a BTE Board Member: Tom Tracy 526-2816, Alwyn Staley 526-3219, Paula Jones 526-0307, or Tom Cox 526-9889.

Stewardship

Stewardship - What's it All About?

It's about **TIME**. Time was created by God, along with the rest of creation. How we spend our time tells who we are and whose we are. Most of us live over-scheduled lives. How we live in time reflects our relationship to God. It's about **RELATIONSHIPS**. One of God's greatest gifts to us is relationships. The Bible teaches us to love people and use possessions rather than to use people and love possessions. Four of the 10 Commandments deal with our relationship with God. The other six deal with our relationship to each other.

It's about the **ENVIRONMENT**. The creation stories in Genesis clearly identify our responsibility for the care and concern for "this fragile earth our island home". In Genesis 2:15 when Adam is put in the garden to work it and care for it the Hebrew word suggests the exercising of dominion as a caring benevolent ruler.

It's about **TALENT**. Each of us is unique, given gifts for ministry by God in a way no one else has. When we apply our talents to meet the needs of the world and our neighbor, we are being good stewards of our unique gifts.

It's about **WORSHIP** and **GOD'S WORD**. Evangelism, which is sharing the Gospel, and stewardship go hand in hand. Our very attendance at church services is an act of stewardship for when we gather to worship, we are exercising stewardship of the faith that God has given us.

It's about **MONEY**. 15% of everything Jesus said related to money and possessions. He made more references to money and possessions than either prayer or faith. He spoke more about money and possessions than heaven or hell. Why? Because scripture makes clear that there is a fundamental connection between a person's spiritual life and their attitudes about money and possessions.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (found in both Matthew and Luke). The Bible gives a very effective method for lessening our attachment to possessions: give a tithe, 10% to God and keep 90% for yourself. This is a very practical step in lessening our attachment to money.

It's about **LIFE**. Stewardship encompasses all that we are, and all that we hope to become. Stewardship is not a program. Stewardship is not about raising money. Stewardship is not here today and gone tomorrow. Stewardship is a journey. It's about life. In fact, stewardship is a way of life.

- Excerpt from the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana website.

Announcements

Taize services will be held on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 5:30pm. The next services will be held January 5th at Incarnation and January 19th at Our Lady of the Mountains.

Sunday, January 1: Festival of the Holy Name of Jesus

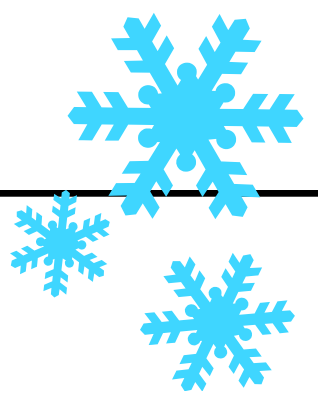
10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Nave

New Feast Groups to Begin in January 2012 It's that time again to sign up for a new Feast Group at Incarnation. These groups are composed of 8-10 parishioners who meet 4-6 times for a potluck dinner in one of the group's homes. The feast group is an opportunity to meet new people for fun and fellowship. Sign up in Jones Hall by January 22nd. The groups will be announced the following week.

The Food Pantry is experiencing a critical shortage. Please help by picking up a grocery bag downstairs and filling the bag with your donation. As winter approaches jobs become scarce - The Food Pantry needs more food to meet increased demand. Your assistance here would be greatly appreciated. (For more information about The Food Pantry, call Claire Harrington at 526-9407.)



January 2012



"Curriculum Vitae" on the Supply Priests

The Rev. Dennis G. Fotinos (Jan. 1)

I graduated from the University of Miami, Miami, Florida in 1967, and then attended and graduated from the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, in New York City, graduating from there in 1971.

When I was first ordained I served a church in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, St. Mark-the-Evangelist, during which time I met my wife, Barbara. I was then called to serve a yoked cure in Western North Carolina, St. Andrew's, Mt. Holly and St. Peter's-by-the-Lake, Denver, NC. We were there 1974-1983. During our time there we had our two sons, Timothy and Andrew. From there I accepted a call to St. Timothy's, Alexandria, LA. In 1987 I accepted a call to become rector of Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA and remained there until 1993. In '93 I accepted a call to become rector of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Kingwood (Houston) TX, and I retired from there in 2008 after 38 years in active ministry.

We then moved to Mills River, NC where we built a home, and started attending Trinity Church, Asheville, about three years ago. We have two grandsons and two more grandchildren on the way.

The Rev. Peggy Walker (Jan. 8 and Jan. 15)

I graduated from the School of Theology at Sewanee, Tn in 1992. I was the first woman priest to serve in the Diocese of Louisiana. For many years I served St. Paul's Church in the Lake View section of New Orleans.

My husband, Francis King, a former practicing attorney, is also an Episcopal priest. Together we served The Chapel of the Holy Spirit in New Orleans before, during, and after Hurricane Katrina. After the hurricane we evacuated to Highlands to my sister's, J. R. Kirby, house. While in Highlands we found a home of our own just two blocks from The Church of the Incarnation on South 5th Street.

Currently Francis is serving two churches in Morganton, NC and I do supply work and transition consultation throughout the Diocese of Western Carolina.

Sundays

9:00am Sunday School for children & adults

10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Mondays

10:45am Yoga in Jones Hall

4:00pm Women's cursillo in Library

5:30pm AA Meeting in Jones Hall

Tuesdays

8:30am Men's cursillo in Jones Hall

9:00am Staff meeting in Vestry Room

3:00pm EFM in Vestry Room

5:30pm Women's AA Meeting in Jones Hall

Wednesdays

7:30am Yoga in Jones Hall

12:00pm AA meeting in Jones Hall

*Vestry Meeting on second Wednesdays @ 4

3:30-5:30 Stephen's Ministry in Library (1st & 3rd)

Thursdays

10:45am Yoga in Jones Hall

12:00pm Al-Anon in Library

Fridays

12:00pm AA meeting in Jones Hall

Church Office Closings

Monday, January 2nd - Closed