



*The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation  
Parish Post ~ September 2010*

*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.*

Dear Fellow Parishioner;

As you know, last year we made a change in the way we approached Stewardship, and focused more on the holistic Time, Talent, and Treasure, as everything that we have is truly a gift from God. As part of this change, our Vestry created a Stewardship Statement, Stewardship themes were incorporated into Sunday School, and Stewardship was discussed as part of many Sunday sermons. We also revised the pledge card to allow you to state your Time, Talent, and Treasure commitment to God, by way of the Church of the Incarnation.

The annual pledge card ingathering is now upon us. This year we have identified Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> as Intention Sunday. On this Sunday you can bring the enclosed pledge card and drop it in the pledge basket when you come up for communion. If you cannot be at church that Sunday, you can always mail in your pledge card, or bring it the following Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please be aware that your Vestry needs this information to start the process of developing our church budget for 2011 (January through December).

In preparation for turning in your pledge, I encourage you to take the time to pray. Pray about your Time, Talents, and Treasure, and determine what God is calling you to do. The Episcopal Church has established the Biblical Tithes that we all should strive to achieve. Our Vestry has committed to prayerfully work towards this standard. Giving 10% of your time, 10% of your talent, and 10% of your treasure back to God may seem scary to some and no big deal to others. It all depends where you are on your Stewardship journey.

For those that are interested, on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding informal Stewardship Dialogs in the lounge area downstairs in front of the church office from 9-10am. One or more representatives from your Stewardship Commission will help facilitate these dialogs. There will be no set agenda for these dialogs, except to have a forum to explore what the Holy Spirit is calling us to do with the gifts that God has given us. We will also have Stewardship 101 information packets available for those that want to do some further discernment of their Stewardship journey. These Stewardship 101 packets are also available online at [www.incarnationwnc.org/stewardship](http://www.incarnationwnc.org/stewardship).

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for taking the time to discern where you are on your Stewardship journey.

Yours in Christ,  
Michael Murphy  
Stewardship Commission Chair

# Vestry Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, August 1, 2010

- I. Fr. Brian Sullivan called the meeting to order with prayer at 11:56am.
- II. Approval of the 2009 Annual Meeting minutes was tabled until the correct cover page could be located and ultimately tabled until the 2011 Annual Meeting. Motion to table by Ann Maxwell, seconded by Peggy Woodruff. All approved.
- III. **Bill Conway presented the financial report. He reported that the parish would “save” money due to the resignations of Brian and Peter but will have costs of Discernment Committee, the consultant, etc. Need accounts to be back up to where they were. The Vestry approved a slightly more aggressive investment policy – going to zero coupon funds, etc. Pledges are substantially higher but the payment of those pledges is behind compared to last year. The Church audit and breakdown of statements is in church office. Motion to approve by Joe Parrott, seconded by Bill Steifel. All approved.**
- IV. Election of Vestry for 2011 – no nominations received from floor. Fr. Sullivan described the **process of how names are put on the ballot. This year’s nominating committee decided to have four names on the slate.** All approved by voice vote from the floor for the following four: Sam Edgens, Mike Murphy, Kirk Domingos, Ginger Slaughter. All four were present at the meeting and received a round of applause.
- V. Reports
  - A. Rector – **Fr. Sullivan expressed a “big, huge thank you” to the parish for the last 5 years, 8 months, especially for Wednesday night.** Report attached.
  - B. Sr. Warden – Bill Temple, report attached. Special recognition of Andrea for all her hard work and volunteer activities. He met with the Bishop and Canon Pritchett. Bill delegated interim search responsibilities to Mike Hunter. The Vestry is meeting this Wednesday to meet with a **potential consultant. Looking for supply priests for after Howard’s last Sunday. Gave Brian the next installment of his farewell purse. Presented Brian with Kids4Peace chalice that was gifted to the church by the K4P kids.**
  - C. Jr. Warden – Jim Shearon. Report attached.
- VI. Ministry
  - A. Stewardship Commission: Mike Murphy reported that the party last Wednesday night was phenomenal. Special thanks to Andrea Chalker and Helen Moore for their part in that evening. Will designate a Sunday in September to put pledge cards in the basket.
  - B. Music – Report attached.
  - C. Adult Christian education – report attached.
  - D. Children and Youth – Report attached.
  - E. Pastoral care – report attached. Dan Adcock also asked people to bring anyone who needs care to the attention of the Stephen Ministry group.
  - F. Outreach – Ginger Slaughter: report attached. Only handicap now is that not all pledges are paid so the committee cannot pay out all its pledge commitments.
  - G. Angel Food Ministry – report attached. Linda Shearon – winter is higher use time. Special thanks to Dan Adcock and to everyone who has volunteered.
- VII. Bell Tower Endowment – Virginia Parrott – party invitation: if you have made a bequest or a cash contribution of \$100 or more, you are invited. 86 members. Party sign-up sheets on table in Jones Hall. Thanked the Board. Most pay-outs to the church from the BTE have been for structural issues.
- VIII. The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 12:24pm.

## Adult Education

***Encounter the Scriptures...***  
***Engage the Issues...***  
***Enrich your spirit...***

### Contemporary Christian Theology

This class is known for its wide ranging exploration of contemporary theological trends and directions.

Currently the class is watching and discussing a series of lectures entitled The Human Spirit and the Times We Live in with Joan Chittister and Richard Rohr. Chittister gives two challenging addresses on "seeking the Divine feminine" in which she explores the place of women in the church and in the world. Richard Rohr's lectures focus on stages of religious consciousness, and the factors that push us to continued growth in faith. The concluding lecture is a question and answer period with both Rohr and Chittister. This lecture series will run through September.

The class will then turn to a time of studying other world religions through lectures given by scholars of The Teaching Company.

The video resources that the class uses are available in our library when the class has completed them. Check out previous topics which are in the library now.

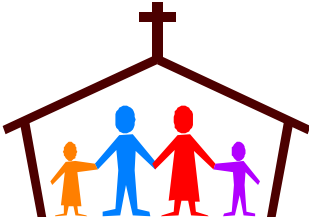
Class begins at 9 am in the Vestry Room and is led by Martha Porter and Peter Ray. Join us for interesting and lively discussions on these topics.

## **Stewardship Dialogues**

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All classes are structured to encourage participation whether you are here for the summer or for a weekend. Please join in the studies and discussions—  
**YOU AND YOUR THOUGHTS,  
QUESTIONS, IDEAS  
ARE WELCOME!**



# Family Fun at Incarnation

For more information please contact ...  
Andrea Chalker 526.2968 x206 christianed@incarnationwnc.org

**" 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

8:30 Breakfast Begins

9-12 Nursery provided

9:00 Sunday School (after Labor Day)

### **10:30 Children's Chapel**

Lectionary based curriculum that follows the worship service for ages 2nd grade and under...children are brought upstairs for The Great Thanksgiving.



## Youth Events

for 6th grade & up!

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS!

5:30 dinner (call 526-3376 for reservations)

6:15-7 Youth Activities

Bullies & Mean Girls

Study to begin Sept 1st !

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Look forward to emails for more details on separate high school & middle school groups this summer!



## Family Camping Weekend

September 17-19th

Yogi in the Smokies

[www.jellystone-cherokee.com](http://www.jellystone-cherokee.com)

Family fun weekend with friends and families from HUMC

Please rsvp by Monday, Sept 6th

New Sunday School Class  
to begin Sunday, September 12  
**9:00am in Children's Chapel**

Chronicles of Narnia  
Voyage of the Dawn Treader

In preparation for the upcoming theater release in Novem-

# September 2010

## Sundays

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I in Chapel  
8:30am Breakfast  
9:00am Sunday School for children & adults  
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II

## Mondays

7:30am 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  
10:00am Bible Study in the Library  
1:30pm Staff meeting in Vestry Room  
2:00pm Stephen Ministry Group 2  
5:30pm Women's AA Meeting in Jones Hall

## Wednesdays

12:00pm AA meeting in Jones Hall  
\*Vestry Meeting on second Wednesdays @ 4

## Thursdays

10:00am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel  
10:45am Yoga in Jones Hall  
10:30am Daughters of the King meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays in the Vestry room  
12:00pm Al-Anon in Library  
5:30 Taize services (see schedule to right)

## Fridays

12:00pm AA meeting in Jones Hall

## Special Events

Taize Worship Schedule  
1st & 3rd Thursdays  
@ 5:30pm  
9/2 Holy Family Lutheran  
9/16 Our Lady of the Mountain

September 17-19  
Family Camping at  
Yogi in the Smokies in Cherokee  
Contact Andrea for more info

Saturday, Sept 25th  
Memorial Service for John Armor  
2:00pm in the church

Sunday, Sept 26th  
Intention Sunday

## Upcoming Events

October 6- **"Holy Conversation"**  
Meal & Dialogue  
October 13—Octoberfest  
November 7- Holy Conversation  
Meal & Dialogue

## SEPTEMBER SUNDAY MINISTRIES

| Date                | Lectors                | Chalice                       | Ushers<br>& Flowers | Camera            | Altar  | Acolytes                        | Vestry of<br>the Day |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sept 5<br>8:00am    | Ernest Smith           | Jane Chalker                  | Bill<br>Conway      |                   | Claire<br>Harrington<br>Barbara Smith            |                                 |                      |
| Sept 5<br>10:30 am  | Bill Conway,<br>verger | Betty Chesna<br>Lewis Doggett | Team 1              | Chris Alley       | Martha Hunter<br>Ginny Harris<br>Barbara Cusachs |                                 | Mike Hunter          |
| Sept 12<br>8:00am   | Jean Whitby            | Lana Jordan                   |                     |                   | Pat Parker                                       |                                 |                      |
| Sept 12<br>10:30 am | lb Rae                 | Ginny Harris<br>David Moore   |                     | Thomas<br>Craig   | Sarah Wallin<br>Harriet<br>Hamilton              | Samuel<br>Tiffany<br>Alexandria |                      |
| Sept 19<br>8:00am   | Jack Freese            | Selwyn Chalker                |                     |                   | Craig<br>Edmondson<br>Ginger Grimes              |                                 |                      |
| Sept 19<br>10:30 am | Betty Chesna           | Diane McPhail<br>Carl Norman  |                     | Mike<br>Murphy    | Ann Turner<br>Suzy Mosley                        | Philip<br>John<br>Drew          |                      |
| Sept 26<br>8:00am   | Peg Brannen            | Lewis Doggett                 |                     |                   | Nancy Freese<br>Helen Andersen                   |                                 |                      |
| Sept 26<br>10:30am  | Agnes DeHart           | Helen Moore<br>Luther Turner  |                     | Selwyn<br>Chalker | Terese Heard<br>Ann Maxwell<br>Bobbie Holden     | Emily<br>Maddie                 |                      |
| Oct 3<br>8:00am     | Bill Conway            | Aggie Richards                |                     |                   |  |                                 |                      |
| Oct 3<br>10:30am    | Eric NeSmith           | Christine Murphy<br>Ed Whitby |                     |                   |  |                                 |                      |

For more information or if you would like to volunteer for any of these ministries please contact:

Ushers / Chalice: Lewis Doggett 526-8009

Lectors: Bill Conway 526-4030

Altar Guild: Barbara Cusachs 526-3579

Flower Guild: Midge Rothermel 526-5903

Acolytes: Helen Moore 526-0727

## Parish Life

### Birthdays

9/1 Wayne Urban  
9/2 Christopher Alley  
Mary Demere Raee  
Sarah Fricks  
9/4 Jessie Sheldon  
9/5 Emily Andrews  
Nancy Freese  
9/6 Bob Fisher  
9/7 Olivia Diamond  
Julia Hilliard  
Larry Hilliard  
9/9 Donald Laier  
Bert Westbrook  
9/10 Mercedes Heller  
Barbara Roberts  
9/11 William Conway  
George Maxwell  
9/12 Clyde Eldridge  
9/13 Armand Mouw  
9/15 Sue Clary  
Peggy Crawford  
Edmund Whitby  
Laurie Harrington  
9/18 Wallace Marshall  
9/19 Penny Waddell  
Eugenia Wattles  
Dollie Swanson  
9/20 Kirk Domingos  
9/21 Natalie Edgens  
9/22 Beth Jones  
9/24 Rachael Jenks  
9/24 Jane Tracy  
9/25 William  
Mathiowdis  
9/26 Sarah Edgens  
George Underwood  
9/28 Jerry Center  
Creighton  
Sossomon  
9/29 Ann Turner  
9/30 Wade Coleman  
Bette Hester  
Robert Martin

*May the Lord bless you  
and keep you;  
May the Lord shed his light  
upon you,  
May the Lord look upon you  
kindly and give you peace.*

### Anniversaries

9/1 Luther & Ann Turner  
9/4 Wallace & Shelley Marshall  
9/10 Gerry & Avary Doubleday  
9/11 Sam & Sarah Edgens  
9/12 Robert & Kendall Andrews  
9/21 Peter Ray & Martha Porter  
9/25 Will & Kelly Garrett  
9/29 Robert & Ann Duvall  
9/30 David & Mercedes Heller

### Angelfood Ministries

Angelfood orders for September will be taken until Tuesday, September 17. Please pick up a menu on the front table in the lobby. Food will be ready for pick up on Saturday, September 21 between 8-9am in the downstairs lobby. Orders must be placed in person at the church office or contact Linda Shearon or Dan Adcock for more information.

Donations are always welcome and food will be distributed to deserving families in the area.

### Daughters of the King

Please consider visiting the Daughters of the King for a meeting. The DOK always welcomes visitors. We meet each month on the 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings following the 10:00 am service in the chapel. To find out more please call Mary Vaughan at 526-9206, or contact another person in the Incarnation DOK group. We hope to see you soon!



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## ***THE PARISH POST***

### **“Holy Conversations”**

Wednesday, October 6th at 6 pm  
Sunday, November 7th at 12 noon

The Discernment Committee will be hosting two "Holy Conversations", which are opportunities for parishioners to talk about our parish and who we are. These are face-to-face dialogs with fellow parishioners, which will help the Discernment Committee in putting together our Parish Profile (a short document describing who we really are!). There will also be a parish survey distributed at a later time, but these Holy Conversations are another avenue for dialog, input into the Discernment process, and for the Holy Spirit to help guide us in our selection of a new Rector. The first Holy Conversation will be on Wednesday, October 6th at 6pm. The second on Sunday, November 7th at 12 Noon. Each will start with a light meal. Sign up sheets are available in the narthex or you can call the church office. You can attend either one or both, it's up to you!