

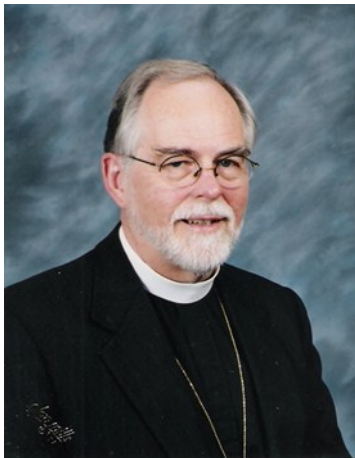


## *The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation*

*Parish Post ~ April 2011*

### ***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 friends of Incarnation,

Six months have passed since Carolyn and I moved to Highlands. In some ways it seems much longer that that because we have had so many opportunities to meet people and participate in the life of this church and the community. It also seems like yesterday because time passes so quickly for me.

In the month of April we continue our Lenten Observance culmination in the remembrance of Jesus's passion and death in Holy Week. Those events both here and in our community are included in this Parish Post and other publications.

Then we celebrate our Lord's resurrection and ours on Easter Eve and Easter Day. I am particularly fond of The Great Vigil of Easter at 7:30 on Saturday Evening. That is the most ancient liturgy in the Prayer Book. I hope everyone will come and bring a bell to ring in the service. After the liturgy and Holy Eucharist we will have an amazing chocolate feast in Jones Hall in celebration of the first mass of Easter.

Frankly, if I didn't have other responsibilities The Great Vigil would be my Easter observance. I would not be in the Sunday crowds.

I want to thank all of you who have rallied around your church as we have honestly dealt with financial reality. Painful decisions have been made about all programs, especially our local outreach to people who serve those in need. We are looking for ways to increase our Outreach allocating outside of the funds available from our budget. Your participation will be appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday at Holy Eucharist. It is the most important thing we do. I especially look forward to the return of our seasonal members. Incarnation is your church home, too. You are missed when you are not here. Plans for celebrating your return will be announced very soon.

Peace!

Denson+

# The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation Vestry Meeting

## Minutes for March 9, 2011

Present: Father Denson Franklin, Mike Hunter, Mike Murphy, Peggy Woodruff, Anne Maxwell, Dan Adcock, Jim Shearon, Bev Cone, Sam Edgens, Isabel Allen

Absent: Ginger Slaughter, Bill Conway, Kirk Dominigos, Joe Parrot, Bill Temple

I. At 4:00 Father Franklin opened the meeting with a prayer.

II. The February minutes were approved.

III. Financial Report: Bill Temple. Less in the hole for February than in 2010—down \$15,797.94. YTD down \$32,419.52 See attached for full report. Mike Murphy made a motion to accept the report; Dan Adcock seconded it. Bill Temple added that 800 letters were sent out asking for funds, only a few responded. Also, the committee suggested getting rid of the credit card machine, which costs \$85 a month. Motion to approve by Mike Hunter, seconded by Anne Maxwell.

### IV. Reports

A. Rector's Report: Fisher Garden Tour is on for the last two weekends in July. The Fishers will let us know where they want the funds to go, perhaps Outreach. Anne Maxwell suggested that the volunteers who helped with the garden tour in the past do so this year.

We have seven weddings booked. We are looking for a strong person to head the wedding committee; Claire Harrington agreed to do it temporarily. We have a wedding booklet that is given to the bride and groom with instructions to be followed. We are currently charging \$750 for weddings, and additional for musicians, sexton, flowers, etc..

B. Senior Warden: no report

C. Junior Warden: Jim Sheron. We're having trouble getting the parts from Honeywell for a/c and heat, but will be operating by the end of March. To help cut cost we will have the filters changed every four months, saving \$2,504 Ordered new globe light; sprinklers tested ok. The fire alarm system was sounding an alarm but it wasn't reaching the center has been corrected with a new panel system. The water leak in Jones Hall will be

repaired by roofing company. The bill of \$2,800 will be paid by funds from BTE.

### V. Ministry Reports:

A. Stewardship: Mike Murphy. There is a committee meeting on March 24, 2011.

B. Music: Robert Henry is pleased with his 2011 budget. He is on budget. Where do the funds from his concerts go? What part of the church's budget?

C. Christian Formation: Father Franklin will give a series of talks on the Serenity Prayer at the Lenten dinners.

D. Children and Youth: Andrea Chalker is working on a way to build relationships between adults and children.

E. Pastoral Care: Helen is organizing it.

F. Outreach: Anne Maxwell reported. Looking for more ways to supplement the budget. Perhaps lunches after church catered by chefs, a book fair, etc. See Ginger's attached report.

G. Angel Food: Franklin has pulled out. Because of many complications, we are pulling out temporarily.

D. BTE: Tom Tracy, Chairman, has not received funds requested in February.

### VI. Old Business

VII. Bishop's Workshop in Asheville was attended by Sam Edgens. It was suggested that we do an updated pictorial directory. Father Pritchett asked that we do a fire inspection. The question was raised: Should we be more evangelical.

VIII. Computers: Need an anti-virus program for the three computers. Mike M. will look into it.

IX. More Stephen Ministers are needed. Isabel suggested compiling a list of former SM's. On April 1, Stephen Ministers returning to Highlands will need a care receiver.

X. Discernment Committee: Mike Murphy asked if we approved The Church of the Incarnation Narra-

## Vestry Minutes Continued...

tive. Isabel suggested that the errors in spelling, grammar, and punctuation be corrected before posting it on the www. This site will be open for two months. Compensation package will be posted, excluding 18% to the Pension Fund. With the correction inserted, Mike Murphy moved and Bev Cone seconded the motion to approve the Church of the Incarnation Narrative.

The meeting was adjourned with no further business.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabel M. Allen

Clerk of the Vestry

## Discernment Committee

The Discernment Committee is now receiving names for the position of rector. If you would like to refer a candidate for consideration, please direct them to our Parish Profile on our web site and refer to the application process on the last page. That information is also available in the church office. It is important that you know that the Discernment Committee members are required to maintain confidentiality of the identity of candidates. We therefore ask that you not inquire about the names of candidates or their status in the process. We really appreciate your cooperation and patience as we search for a new rector.

The logo for Angel Food Ministries features the word "angelfood" in a large, blue, serif font, with "MINISTRIES" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font underneath it.

Orders will be taken until Tuesday, April 12  
and distribution will be on

Saturday, April 16th from 8-9am.

## Outreach

### What Is God Calling You to Do?

This year, due to a large number of members not turning in their pledges, we have had to make some drastic cuts to the church's budget. The impact of this is that most of our church programs have seen a significant cut in their programs and ministries. The most significant cut is in our Outreach Program, which has been reduced by over 43% (\$33,000!) in funding. Just when nonprofit organizations in our community are struggling to meet increased demand for their services.

If you have not turned in a 2011 pledge, please consider doing that now. If you have turned in a 2011 pledge and can contribute more this year, please update your pledge. Pledge cards can be downloaded and printed via the church website ([www.incarnationwnc.org/stewardship.htm](http://www.incarnationwnc.org/stewardship.htm)) or you can simply call Teresa Hollingsworth at the church office (828-526-2968) and let her know the amount you would like to pledge or the amount you have decided to increase your 2011 pledge.

The Vestry, Interim Rector, and members of the Outreach Committee all invite you to prayerfully consider what God is asking of you in this time when needs have never been greater. What is the Lord calling you to do?

Ginger Slaughter, Chair

## Pastoral Care

### CARING FOR EACH OTHER & CALLING ALL COOKS! ETC.

At Incarnation, we are often aware of many of the needs in our congregation but we can miss a lot too! So I'm writing to ask your help. I, and those involved in pastoral care, want to ask you to let us know about any one or anything that you feel needs addressing.

Sometimes the need is for a good prepared meal; sometimes a request for home communion, sometimes a ride to an appointment and the list goes on..... When one of us, one of you, comes home during or after an illness, often the last thing we feel like doing is preparing meals! Sometimes just a little company helps as much as anything.

Might you be able to help out by cooking something delicious for a family of one or two which we can freeze for use when needed??? or sign on so that I can call on you when the need arises?

Would you be interested in a "card ministry" workshop? Or a sewing circle or a "needlework-drop-in-circle" or ?

If any of these ideas is of interest to you,(or if you have another idea!) please call or email and let me know.

When I had my surgery, "I was hungry and you fed me" and you fed me so well and I know it aided my recovery. I hope you will let me know if I can call on you for food, or 'sitting with' or running errands etc. or if you would like to sit & knit or sew or stitch in the company of others..

Helen Moore  
hmpanther@frontier.com  
#226-3391  
#828-526-0727

## Bell Tower Endowment

Anyone who would like to leave a permanent legacy to the church endowment may do so with a gift of property, stock, cash, IRA(tax advantage).The bequests may be a percentage or an amount. For a simple bequest, the forms are on the BTE table. Once they are filled out, take to your bank or Steve Lucas to be notarized, give a copy to Teresa at Incarnation. 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.

Everyone who has made a cash contribution of \$100.00 or more is a member of the Living and Memorial Endowment. Anyone who has made a bequest to the BTE is a member of the Endowment. Bequests are easy to do and are needed-make a gift that keeps on giving for perpetuity.

We would like to welcome Beverly and David Coker as Anchor Society Members.

We would also like to welcome Alwyn Staley as a new board member to the Bell Tower Endowment.

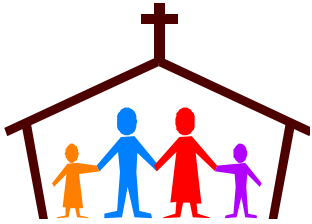
For more information, please contact any board member: Tom Tracy 526-2816, Tom Cox 526-9889, Paula Jones 526-0307, or Alwyn Staley 526-3219.

**Thank you from the Kaiser Family,**

From our hearts we thank you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, for your faithful prayers for our son-in-law, Ian Noble, our daughter Catherine and grandchildren Connor, Cameron, and Madison. Your supportive love and prayers continue to bring us all through this difficult time. We will always be grateful.

Our love to each of you,

Mike and Susan Kaiser



# Family Fun at Incarnation

For more information please contact ...

" 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

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.



## "Kiki to Kenya"

### 5k & Fun Run

Saturday, April 23

Highlands Civic Center

Registration begins @ 8:30am

5k @ Highlands

Begins at 9:30am

\$25/pp

Fun Run (all ages)

Begins at 10:30am

\$10/pp

Egg Hunt

Begins at 11:00am

Lunch Afterwards



## Family Events

Easter Services

9:00am & 11:00am

Egg Hunt on the Playground

10:00am



# April 2011

## Sundays

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
8:30am Breakfast \$5/per person  
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  
1:30pm Staff meeting in Vestry Room  
3-5:30 Education for Ministry in Library  
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  
12:00pm Al-Anon in Library

## Fridays

12:00pm AA meeting in Jones Hall

## Special Events

### Wednesday, April 6 @ 5:30

Lenten Supper & Program

### Thursday, April 7

Taize Service @ 5:30 @ Incarnation

### Wednesday, April 13 @ 5:30

Lenten Supper & Program

### Thursday, April 14

Taize Service @ 5:30 @ HUMC

### Monday, April 18

5:30pm Service in Chapel

### Tuesday, April 19

5:30pm Service in Chapel

### Wednesday, April 20

5:30pm Service in Chapel

### Thursday, April 21

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service in Chapel

### Good Friday, April 22

12:00 noon Community Stations of the Cross beginning at the Catholic Church

1:15 Good Friday Liturgy In the Chapel

### Saturday, April 23

7:30pm Great Vigil of Easter Service in Chapel

\*Chocolate Feast following in Jones Hall

### Sunday, April 24

Holy Eucharist Rite II 9:00 am & 11:00 am

In the Nave

\*No Sunday School

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

For children and their families on the playground

## APRIL SUNDAY MINISTRIES

Date	Lectors	Chalice	Ushers	Camera	Altar	Acolytes	Vestry of the Day
April 3 8:00		Jane Chalker			Pat Parker		
April 3 10:30	Zeke Sossomon	Midge & Jim Rothermel	Team #1	Chris Alley	Sarah Wallin Harriet Hamilton		Jim Shearon
April 10 8:00		Selwyn Chalker			Craig Edmondson		
April 10 10:30	Bev Cone	Jane & Selwyn Chalker	Team #2	Thomas Craig	Suzy Mosley Martha Hunter	Alley & Tiffany Preda	Mike Murphy
April 17 8:00		Ginny Harris			Ann Maxwell		
April 17 10:30	Lewis Doggett	Betty Chesna Lewis Doggett	Team #3	Mike Murphy	Harriet Hamilton Nancy Freese	Drew Chalker	Bev Cone
April 24 9:00		Bill Conway			Ann Turner		
April 24 11:00	Betty Chesna	Ginny Harris Carl Norman		Selwyn Chalker	Barbara Cusachs Ginny Harris		

### *April Birthdays*

4/2 Ginny Harris  
4/2 Jack Freese  
4/3 Chuck Harrington  
4/3 Buck Trott  
4/4 Jean Bumpas  
4/4 Cain Haley  
4/4 Bull Salzarulo  
4/6 Charlotte Bujoreanu  
4/8 Fred Hoyt  
4/8 Nancy Taylor  
4/9 Miriam Skiles  
4/10 Carl Norman  
4/10 William Edgens  
4/11 Dottie Hoppen  
4/12 Turner DeHart

4/13 Barbara Gates

4/14 Isabel Chambers

4/18 Torsten Andersen

4/21 Midge Rothermel

4/26 Pat Aspinwall

4/26 Lee Newell

4/29 Sue Hall

4/29 Vickie Chambers

### *April Anniversaries*

4/14 Midge & Jim Rothermel

4/15 Donald Laier & Garrison Boyce

4/15 Bill & Sarah Mann

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

## The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?"  
One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After People.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ...after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ...after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ...after the doctor says, "The news is not so good".
- ...after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed.
- ...after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times,  
but you still need to talk it out.
- ...after you are shut-in and feel so lonely.
- ...after the funeral, when everyone has gone home.
- ...after the last child drives away, and the house seems empty.
- ...after the divorce papers are served.

Stephen Ministers will provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.  
Call Dan Adcock, 828-526-9889 or Bobby O'Dell, 828-742-0238 or talk to any Stephen Minister for more information.

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