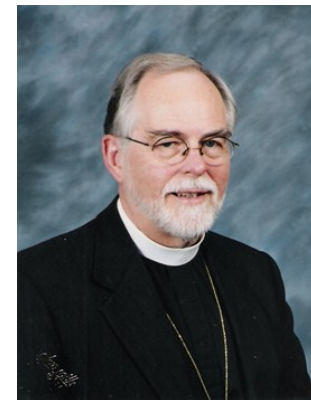




*The Church of the Incarnation
Parish Post August 2011*

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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.*



Dear Friends and Family of Incarnation Parish,

For the first time since coming to this parish, I had occasion to officiate at an interment of ashes in our Memorial Garden (beside the church on 5th Street). The person was a seasonal member who in most recent years was not able to come to Highlands. She loved our church and this town.

Our garden is a peaceful place nestled against our church. Individual small plots are reserved and the remains are buried there. A tasteful brass plaque is attached to a larger stone tablet with the person's name, date of birth and date of death. A number of people have reserved spaces for themselves or loved ones. The fee is \$300 per person and covers the engraved plaque and all other expenses related to the burial as far as our church is involved.

If you are interested, please call Teresa Hollingsworth at the church office. (828-526-2968)

Peace!

Denson+

The Reverend Denson N Franklin, Interim Rector

The Reverend Howard W. L'Enfant, Priest Associate

The Rt. Reverend G. Porter Taylor, Bishop

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop

The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation Vestry Meeting

Minutes for July 13, 2011

Present: Father Denson Franklin, Father L'Enfant, Kirk Domingos, Jim Shearon, Ginger Slaughter, Bev Cone, Peggy Woodruff, Mike Hunter, Bill Temple, Dan Adcock, Anne Maxwell, Joe Parrott, and Isabel Allen

Absent: Sam Edgens, Mike Murphy and Bill Conway

I. At 4:05, Father Franklin opened the meeting with two prayers and then the Lord's Prayer was said in unison.

II. June minutes were approved with the following changes: Dan Adcock was present; Tom Tracy spoke at the 10:30 service on June 3, 2011.

III. Financial report: Joe Parrott reported. Expenses are under budget and revenue over budget for first time this year. Collections/plate are running about the same as last year. Motion to accept the financial report was made by Dan Adcock. Peggy Woodruff seconded it. Motion passed.

2. Father Franklin suggested that the rector's office be spruced up using money from Memorial Fund. Motion, to approve the idea made by Mike Hunter. Seconded by Jim Shearon. Motion passed.

IV. Reports

Rector's Report: 1. Bill Conway clarified last month's report on Summer Chapel. 2. There will be a policy for funds given to ministries outside general budget use. We'll check with the by-laws to be sure these policies are consistent.

Father L'Enfant said it was a blessing to be here.

3. Father Franklin gave us Andrea Chalker's letter, She will continue to be head of youth and children's ministry. Then he passed out a new job description for publications and ministry support position. Nikki Smolarsky was recommended by Andrea for the staff position that includes the jobs Andrea will no longer be doing after Aug.1, 2011. Andrea will continue to be director of Bright Discoveries.

4. Vestry elections will be 9-18. Eric Nesmith, Harriet Hamilton, Bobby O'dell, Patricia Catchings, and Tom

Tracy have been nominated by the vestry nominating committee and the Rector.

5. Funds not used by the Stewardship Committee, generated from wedding fees—about \$4,000—will go to Outreach. Bill Temple made this as a motion. Ginger Slaughter seconded it. Motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: Bill Temple reported. Catholic Bishop said they would continue to lease the land, a/c unit and trash dumpster reside on, until they needed it. We'll continue to pay the taxes.

Jr. Warden's Report: 1. Andrews Auld will check the air conditioning tomorrow. On Sundays the unit will be turned on at 6 am. Mike Hunter and Jim Shearon will do an over-ride for this Saturday. Small unit may control that. 2. Valve on toilet in the men's room may be fixed soon.

D. Discernment Committee's Report: Mike Murphy, no report

V. Ministry Reports

A. Stewardship: Father Franklin said if If we have \$500,000 in pledges, then the projected goal of a \$600,000 budget will be met.

B. Music: Robert Henry will debut in Whigmore Hall , London on June 24 at 7:30.

C. Christian Formation: no report

D. Children and Youth: no report.

E. Pastoral Care: Incarnation continues to help people in the parish with food and transportation.

F. Outreach: Ginger slaughter reported.

Outreach Brunch and Silent Auction. As of July 10th the total amount of funds netted from the June 26th brunch and auction is: \$10,636. Expenses have been taken care of: \$1,052.50 to Holly Roberts for an outstanding lunch and \$52.50 to Oscar for helping the team assemble and break down the tables and chairs for the event. As noted in the recent church bulletin, this event could not



*"All Things
Come of Thee"
Thank you for
your response!*

Fisher Garden Tour

Thank you to Bob and Cathy Fisher for opening their wonderful gardens to generate funds for the Outreach Ministries of Incarnation. The Fisher Garden Tour was conducted on July 23 and July 30 from 10am to noon.

Volunteers assisted this year in the project and many of the several hundred visitors were greeted by the Fishers. At publication the amount raised for Outreach has not yet been determined. By all measures the Garden Tour, which has been an annual event for 5 year, was a great success.

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AUGUST SUNDAY MINISTRIES

Date	Lectors	Chalice	Ushers	Camera	Altar	Acolytes	Vestry of the Day
August 7 8:00	Jack Freese	Luther Turner					
August 7 10:30	Ginny Harris	Jane & Selwyn Chalker	Team 1	Chris Alley			Ann Maxwell
August 14 8:00	Steve Lucas	Ed Whitby					
August 14 10:30	Jill Montana	Robin Carter & Lewis Doggett	Team 2	Thomas Craig		Alley Preda Drew Chalker	Jim Shearon
August 21 8:00	Ernest Smith	Robin Carter					
August 21 10:30	Eric NeSmith	Ginny Harris & Carl Norman	Team 3	Mike Murphy			Bev Cone
August 28 8:00	Luther Turner	Jane Chalker					
August 28 10:30	Ib Rae	Diane McPhail & Ed Whitby	Team 4	Selwyn Chalker			
Sept. 4 8:00	Jean Whitby	Selwyn Chalker					
Sept. 4 10:30	Diane Rosazza	Midge & Jim Rothermel	Team 3	Zeke Sossomon			Mike Hunter

August Birthdays

8/1 Ernest Smith
 8/2 Ruth Furnald
 8/5 Donna Santo
 8/6 Joe Parrott
 8/7 Holly Roberts
 8/10 Mike Hunter
 8/10 Mary Joyce Cranford
 8/10 James Dillon
 8/11 Hilda Blitch
 8/11 Leila Chapman
 8/12 Louree Greehey
 8/12 Linda Arnold
 8/12 Gerry Doubleday
 8/14 Chic Holden
 8/16 Mary Lou Reeves
 8/17 Susan Griggs
 8/17 Butch Ellars
 8/17 Michelle Mead-Armor
 8/18 Jean Whitby

8/19 Amanda Gregory
 8/19 Patricia Penney
 8/20 Robert Williams
 8/22 Virginia Worley
 8/22 Michael Murphy
 8/24 Adeline Garrett
 8/24 Hayden Marshall
 8/25 Mary Jackson
 8/26 Barbara Neagley
 8/27 Nancy Tarbox
 8/27 Duncan Parham
 8/27 Connie Dillingham
 8/28 Bobby O'Dell
 8/29 Shay Connors
 8/29 Donald Leslie
 8/30 Earnest Curtis
 8/30 Christine Murphy
 8/31 Dan Walbolt

August Anniversaries

8/4 Moses & Teri Bond
 8/6 Joe & Virginia Parrott
 8/8 Louree & William Greehey
 8/9 Sylvia & Robert Gibson
 8/9 Chic & Bobbie Holden
 8/11 Barbara & John Roberts
 8/14 Mandy & John Underwood
 8/15 Mike & Martha Hunter
 8/15 Robert & Norris Williams
 8/16 Agnes & Turner DeHart
 8/18 Sissy & Ed Lowrey
 8/23 Ruth & Tom Claiborne
 8/24 Martha & Selwyn Chalker
 8/26 Barbara & Ross Neagley
 8/27 Mary Ann & C. Massy Jr.

Vestry Minutes Continued...

have happened without the dedication of over 60 volunteers from the parish.

Outreach Funds. On June 15 the quarterly installment, a total of \$10,000, was mailed to the 10 nonprofit organizations awarded funds by the Outreach Committee. In June and July generous gifts were given to Outreach.

Highlands Cooperative Workshop. The June 10th workshop, "Keeping Your Nonprofit House in Order", was a big success with 29 attendees, representing 15 nonprofit organizations in Highlands. Feedback responses re. the conference were particularly enthusiastic about the speaker, John O'Kane, of Coxe Curry and Associates in Atlanta. Total cost of the event: \$550 for John and \$131.68 for lunch provided by First Presbyterian Church.

G. Angel Food: Linda Shearon continues the program this summer.

H. Stephen Ministry: Dan Adcock reported that summer ministers are back and need people to serve.

H. BTE: Tom Tracy has two events planned.

VI. Old Business: A database continues to be compiled. We will need volunteers to use the Internet to complete the information we have on members and constituents.

VII. New Business: The vestry will write notes to those who haven't pledged. Mike Hunter and Teresa Hollingsworth think Incarnation's Internet is down too often. They will further consult and return to vestry with proposal.

VII. Discussion, none

IX. Motion to adjourn at 5:00 pm with a benediction given by Father Franklin.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabel M. Allen

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

Bell Tower Endowment

As you walk into Incarnation this summer 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 birthday gift or anniversary 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:

Tom Tracy, In honor of English and Bette DesChamp's anniversary

Tom Tracy, In honor of Helen Moore's Birthday

Virginia and Joe Parrott, In honor of Mary Joyce and Danny Cranford's anniversary and Danny's birthday

Tom Tracy, In honor of Alwyn and Peachy Wagner-Staley's anniversary

Alwyn and Peachy Wagner-Staley, In honor of their anniversary

Bobby O'Dell, In honor of the following birthdays: Carole Simmons, Avary Doubleday, Virginia Parrott, Peter Ray, Charles Richards and Ted McDaniel

Peg Brannen, In honor of the BTE

We thank those who have honored the memory of loved ones:

Grat Rosazza, In memory of Joan Scudder

Diane Rosazza, In memory of Joan Scudder

Luther and Ann Turner, In memory of Norman Sharpe

Ed and Jean Whitby, In memory of Norman Sharpe

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.

2012 Vestry Nominations



Eric NeSmith

Originally from Athens, Ga., Eric NeSmith moved to the mountains in 2003 after graduating with a journalism degree from The University of Georgia. He is currently the publisher and editor of The Highlander, a position he has held since 2006. Three summers ago, Eric was confirmed in the church. Later that year, he married Connell Sullivant. Connell is a tenth-grade English teacher at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School. Both Connell and Eric reside in Highlands year round and have been active members in the church, serving as ushers over the last three years.



Harriet Hamilton

Born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and raised in Miami, Florida by parents who were an agnostic and a Methodist, I found at the age of nine, my religious gene kicked in and I became a Lutheran. As president of the three year confirmation class, I was quite proud when I was finally confirmed and baptized at the age of twelve.

A career which spanned thirty-two years with Delta Air Lines, led to life in many American cities. I was active in almost all churches I attended. Upon arriving in Highlands, in December 2004, I was quickly welcomed by the members of Incarnation, and in May went to Cursillo. The following fall, I organized the Feast Groups and joined the four year Education For Ministry study program. I headed the Wednesday, Lenten suppers prior to Joanna Rainey's reign and have served as a visitor greeter and usher. I am currently on the Altar Guild and a member of a feast group.

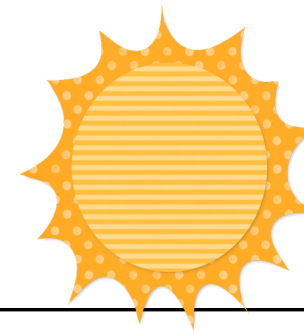
I have found there is work life after Delta, at the age of sixty-one, I passed the Series 7 and 66 exams to become a stock broker, a far cry from being in Protocol with Delta Air Lines in Washington, DC. As a Registered Financial Associate, I am currently the Branch Operations Manager and assistant to the Branch Manager for Benjamin F. Edwards and Company, a brokerage firm located in Highlands.

My home is filled with art, books and music I love, and shared with my dog, Macy, who I rescued in 2005.



Bobby O'Dell

I have been a member of Incarnation since 2007. I have served on the Stewardship Commission and the Discernment Committee. I am enrolled in EFM (Education for Ministry). I am a Stephens Minister and Stephens Ministry leader. I served as head usher in the past. I was a delegate to the convention last fall. I made my cursillo in 1981. I serve on the board of the International Friendship Center.



August 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
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

10:00am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
10:45am Yoga in Jones Hall
12:00pm Al-Anon in Library
5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous in the Library

Fridays

12:00pm AA meeting in Jones Hall

Special Events

Interlude Concerts

2:00 Wednesday Afternoons
August 3 Susan Brady, harpist
August 17 Christina Smith, flute

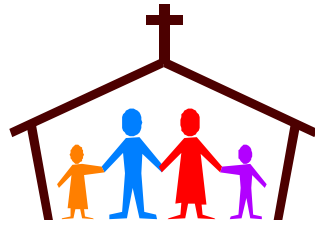
August 7, following the 10:30 am service, a reception will celebrate Andrea Chalker's new ministry as a school teacher at Highlands School. Andrea has served Incarnation for twelve years in ministry to children and youth in support of our programs. She remains an integral part of our parish in children and youth ministry and as Director of Bright Discoveries, the preschool here. She is giving up her administrative duties. Please come to the reception to thank Andrea for her past service and affirm her new ministry.

Announcements

We welcome Nikki Smolarsky to our church staff as Publications and Ministry Support Secretary. Nikki has been working as office manager for a local organization and a teacher in our preschool before joining our staff. She will continue on Wednesdays in the preschool. She will be in the church offices on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 till noon. If you have information for any of our publications please get it to Nikki in as much detail as possible to help her serve you effectively. She is committed to serve our parish. Your help is essential for a smooth transition.

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MINISTRIES

**Orders will be taken until
Sunday, July 17th and distribution
will be on
Saturday, July 23 from 8-9am.**



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

Summer Sunday Mornings

8:30 Breakfast Begins

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.

Back to School Festival

Saturday, August 13

Town Ballfield 10am-2pm

Food, Inflatables, Crafts...

Lots of fun to celebrate the beginning of a new school year!



Youth Events

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

Wednesday Evenings 6-7:15

Back to School

Service of Blessing

Tuesday, August 2

3:00 pm

**Highlands United
Methodist Church**

2012 Vestry Nominations



Tom Tracy

Tom Tracy spent 37 years in the investment business and retired in 2004 where he was the CEO of Robinson Humphrey Co. in Atlanta, GA. He and his wife Jane have been coming to Highlands for 15 years and transferred their membership 7 years ago from All Saints Church in Atlanta to the Church of the Incarnation. They have two children and four grandchildren. Tom is very active with the Bell Tower Endowment.



Patricia Catchings

Patricia was confirmed at Trinity Episcopal Church, Natchez, MS, in 1982. She served Trinity as a Vestry member, EYC leader, Altar Guild member, ECW treasurer and as the school counselor at Trinity Episcopal Day School. She attended Curcillo in 1988. Volunteer positions in the community included Natchez Junior Auxiliary President and Regional Director; board member of a thirteen county community action agency and the Adams County Literacy Council.

Patricia and her late husband, Charles, moved to Western NC in 1996 where she attended St. David's Episcopal Church at Cullowhee while working as an outreach counselor at WCU. At St. David's, Patricia served as church treasurer. She was a licensed foster parent in Jackson County.

Patricia moved to Highlands in 1999 to take the position of School Counselor at Highlands School and became a member of Incarnation. In 2008 she completed the four year EFM program. Patricia currently serves as usher and volunteer church receptionist. Frequent trips to Mississippi keep her in touch with her two sons and four grandchildren.

These four members of Incarnation: Harriet Hamilton, Eric NeSmith, Bobby O'Dell, and Tom Tracy have been nominated by the Rector and the Vestry class of 2011, whose term ends this year, and who are the Nominating Committee to serve as the Vestry class of 2015.

In addition, Patricia Catchings has been nominated to fill a one year unexpired term ending in 2012. She will be eligible to be nominated for a full three year term next year. All of these members are eligible, contributing members of the parish and have agreed to serve. The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, September 18th at 9:15 in the Chapel.