

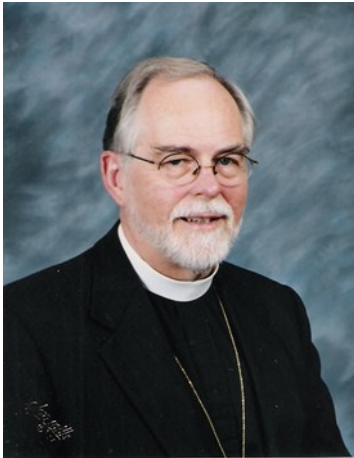


The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

Parish Post ~ May 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,

In early June you will begin to see our emphasis on giving to the church of the Incarnation in support of our ministry, mission and life together publicized in many ways. That 2010 was a difficult year financially for the church is not news. Like many organizations and individuals the troubled economy took its toll on the church, too.

With austerity in our programs and especially cuts to our Outreach efforts we have been living within our income as promised. Now its time to move forward and restore our generosity to those who need us and to reach forward to the time when a new rector will lead this wonderful church.

We will go forward as always based on the generosity of those who love Christ and his church, especially in the place at this time. Our theme this year: "All Things Come of Thee, O Lord and Of Thine Own Have We Given Thee", is a reminder that our generosity starts with all that we have received from God's abundance and grace. It all comes from God's hand, not only our possessions, but our talents, skills and good fortune at being born into our families and our nation.

The attitude of gratitude has and will undergird this church in all we undertake. Many people have been able to count on that for a long, long time.

The first event is a leadership dinner on June 3, to which I am personally inviting parishioners who have a leadership role by election, appointment or by volunteering. These folk plan, direct and execute the ministries and programs of Incarnation. They have already pledged their time and talents. They will be invited to pledge their money, their treasure, first, before the rest of the members of the parish are contacted. The leaders will be asked to lead the way into the future by their commitment to sacrificial, servant leadership in their pledge for 2012.

A pledge is a plan, an invitation, a hope based on what you expect to be your financial situation in 2012. That is a long way off and some may have to change their plans as their reality changes. That can be easily done with a call or a note to the financial secretary. Only a few people have any access to information about how much people give and that is on a need to know basis.

As our message of gratitude goes out to all of you, and as your response is solicited, remember: "All Things Come of Thee, O Lord". Make your gift for 2012 a prayer that says to God, "Thanks for everything."

Peace!

Denson+

The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation Vestry Meeting

Minutes for April 13, 2011

Present: Father Denson Franklin, Bill Temple, Mike Murphy, Anne Maxwell, Dan Adcock, Kirk Domingos, Jim Shearon, Sam Edgens, Ginger Slaughter, Bev Cone, Bill Conway, Peggy Woodruff, Mike Hunter, and Isabel Allen

Absent: no one

At 4:00, Father Franklin opened the meeting with three prayers.

II. Minutes for March Vestry meeting were approved.

III. Financial Report-Bill Temple reported. Incarnation is doing about the same as last year. Need sufficient plate income, which seems to be up from last year. There's a gap between pledges and collection. Incarnation would like to cover lay employees with health care coverage.

IV. Reports

Rector's Report: 1. During Holy Week and Easter Father Franklin will be very busy. 2. He is structuring a financial stewardship plan, which will help members of Incarnation to make decisions to share more of their giving to non-profits and charities with the church. 3. Father Franklin is pleased to be here, and finds being the Interim Rector a satisfying experience.

Senior Warden: Bill Temple reported. 1. VOD will need to buy food. Michael Murphy and Kirk Domingos volunteered. Joe Parrot said he'd help count the Easter offering. 2. Diocese is planning a senior warden weekend retreat on April 16th and 17th.

C. Junior Warden: Jim Shearon reported. The a/c will be working on Easter Sunday.

V. Ministry Reports:

A. Stewardship: Mike Murphy reported. Stewardship committee will have the largest number of people involved at the April 28 meeting. Father Franklin will host a dinner at Alfred Kennedy and Bill Kenny's catered by Charles Ellis and Sean Dubruk, members of Incarnation, where those invited will turn in 2012 pledges. Intension Sunday is July 3rd..

B. Music-Bev Cone reported. Robert Henry is keeping within the budget. He is providing great talent. On May first there will be a concert given by Robert Henry and Charae Krueger, cellist.

C. Christian Formation: Martha Porter gives support. Father Denson presented provocative talks on Wednesday nights during Lent. These were well-attended.

D. Children and Youth-We need more acolytes. Many young families have moved from Highlands—perhaps due to the downturn in the economy.

E. Pastoral Care: Knitting group has been formed as a bonding experience for Incarnation's members. A transportation team is being formed. Helen Moore is in charge.

F. Outreach: Ginger Slaughter reported. Incarnation gave \$40,000 to ten organizations. Every member of the church should feel responsible for raising more funds.

G. Angel Food: Dan Adcock reported. May will be the last month that we participate. We may reconsider in September.

H. BTE: Tom Tracy is head. About \$9,000 from BTE has been spent for church repairs in March.

VI. Old Business

A. Stephen Ministers- Dan Adcock reported. He received several referrals in March from Father Franklin; On May first new training group will begin. There are 16 active ministers.

Kirk Domingos reported that he has gone through the church's roll once with input from Denson and Teresa. There are 532 seasonal members—96 others, 29 young people, under 16. Kirk asked vestry to look over the lists to be sure no communicant was left off.

VII. New Business: Joe Parrot asked that we compensate Father Howard L'Enfant beginning in June. He is now retired. He will be part time. Joe Parrot made his request in the form of a motion, seconded by Kirk Domingos, motion passed.

Vestry Minutes Continued...

Discernment Committee-Mike Murphy reported. There are 11 applications for priest of Incarnation. These have been approved by Bishop Taylor. The applications will be accepted through May 16th. The discernment committee has been divided into three subcommittees.

Bill Temple reported 2011 Mission and Ministry Conference is coming up. He will put the letter on bulletin board.

IX. Motion to adjourn made by Joe Parrot, seconded by Bev Cone.

Prayer by Father Franklin. Meeting ended at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Isabel M. Allen

Clerk of the Vestry



Needlepoint group at Incarnation will meet on Thursdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Bring a sandwich, Bring your needlework, Bring yourself!!!

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MINISTRIES

Orders will be taken until Tuesday, May 10
and distribution will be on
Saturday, May 14 from 8-9am.

Bell Tower Endowment

Spring is officially here. As you walk into Incarnation this spring 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. This spring we will begin our "Codicil Campaign". 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.

Everyone who has made a cash contribution of \$100.00 or more is a member of the Living & Memorial Endowment. Anyone who has made a bequest to the BTE is a member of the Endowment.

Welcome to Tom and Jane Tracy as new members of the Legacy Society by their making codicils to Incarnation.

If 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.

Outreach at Incarnation



Much has been contributed from Incarnation and friends to help build La Pleiade, the community school in Cange, Haiti. The Fisher's have graciously opened their gardens many summers to support this endeavor. Our Outreach budget has contributed funds to this project. Many parishioners have donated their time, talents, and treasures.

This week I had news from our friend Leneus, founder and director of La Pleiade school, that Digicel will help build six classrooms for the school. Digicel is a cell

phone company that was the first large cooperation to go back into Haiti. Cell phones are the first means of widespread communication the country has had. Digicel has given much back to Haiti by building not only houses, but an entire community. Digicel supports the Haitian national soccer team. Their main objective is to support education. Incarnation will be in partnership with Digicel as we continue to support this effort to build La Pleiade School in Cange, Haiti. For more information about Digicel and their involvement in Haiti visit www.fondationdigicelhaiti.org/en/projects . Maybe one day La Pleiade school will be added to this site.



SAVE the DATE!

The Outreach Committee will host a catered luncheon following the 10.30 am Eucharist on Sunday, June 26th, in Jones Hall, with proceeds to go toward parish Outreach grants to local non-profits.

Due to the significant decline in pledges for 2011, Outreach funding was reduced by 43%; this greatly impacts our ability to support the many effective non-profits, which deliver quality and cost-effective healthcare and social services to the underserved in our area.

We will have a wonderful buffet lunch, a silent auction and sterling entertainment! Be watching for more information about the event in future parish updates. A limited number of seats will be available.

CHORAL EXTRAVAGANZA - MAY 22



Thirty Five Boys
and Forty Five Men
of the Grammy Award Winning



Atlanta Boy Choir

Fletcher Wolfe, Founding Director

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

520 Main Street, Highlands, NC

Sunday Afternoon

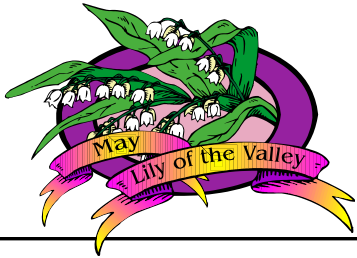
May 22 at 5:00 P.M.



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May 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
11:00am Needlework Group in Lobby
12:00pm Al-Anon in Library

Fridays

12:00pm AA meeting in Jones Hall

Special Events

May 1st @ 2:00pm

Concert featuring Robert Henry

May 14th—Wedding

May 19th @ 6:00pm

Bright Discoveries Spring Program

May 22nd @ 5:00pm

Atlanta Boy Choir concert (see insert)

May 28th—Wedding

Upcoming Summer Events...

Fisher Garden Tour

Saturday, July 23 &

Saturday, July 30

Vacation Bible School August 1-5th

“Son Treasure Island”



Needlepoint group at Incarnation will meet on Thursdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

MAY SUNDAY MINISTRIES

Date	Lectors	Chalice	Ushers	Camera	Altar	Acolytes	Vestry of the Day
May 1 8:00	Hilda Blitch	Lewis Doggett			A. Turner		
May 1 10:30	Bev Cone	Christine Murphy Ed Whitby	Team 1	Chris Alley	N. Freese B. Cusachs		Bill Temple
May 8 8:00	Steve Lucas	Diane McPhail			A. Maxwell		
May 8 10:30	Agnes DeHart	Midge & Jim Rothermel	Team 2	Thomas Craig	T. Heard S. Wallin	Alley Preda Drew Chalker	Ann Maxwell
May 15 8:00	Jean Whitby	Carl Norman			C. Edmondson		
May 15 10:30	Lewis Doggett	Jane & Selwyn Chalker	Team 3	Mike Murphy	H. Hamilton M. Hunter		Sam Edgens
May 22 8:00	Luther Turner	Luther Turner			P. Parker		
May 22 10:30	Ginny Harris	Lewis Doggett	Team 4	Selwyn Chalker	S. Mosely T. Heard	Maddie Schandolph	Joe Parrott
May 29 8:00	Ernest Smith	Ed Whitby			B. Smith		
May 29 10:30	Jill Montant	Ginny Harris Carl Norman	Team 2	Zeke Sossomon	B. Holden B. Cusachs		Ginger Slaughter

May Birthday

5/1 Jay Connors
 5/3 Anne Norman
 5/11 Charlie Arnold
 5/11 Bill Mann
 5/12 Mary Vaughan
 5/13 Betty Chesna
 5/13 Tom Chambers
 5/15 Sam Edgens
 5/17 Jody Read
 5/17 Suzy Mosely
 5/20 Dwight Bryant
 5/21 Jill Montana

5/26 Anne Doggett

5/28 Henry Salzarulo

5/30 Hoyt Andres

5/31 Beverly Cone

May Anniversaries

5/1 Diane & Grat Rosazza

5/5 Carol & Curtis Mathews

5/14 Rosemary & Bill Stiefel

5/16 Arthur & Claire Simpson

5/23 Andrea & Selwyn Chalker

5/29 Nancy & Bill Temple

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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