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During this year the mission and ministry of the church, to make Jesus known in worship, study and service, has informed all we have done together. Our goals and accomplishments have reflected our mission. The program and ministry can be viewed in four broad areas which are not distinct. They all overlap and interact.

Administration and institutional stability supports our ability to do everything effectively. The challenge this year has been to restore confidence after the loss of a beloved rector and associate. The financial health of the parish in important ways measures the parishioner's commitment and stewardship. Our goal has been to set a budget that reflects a realistic expectation of revenue. The 2011 budget as a result was cut 20%. At the same time our goal was to increase the financial support of the parish. A well planned and executed stewardship program in June and July resulted in significant increases in the amount and number of pledges. Year to date giving has increased and expenses have been controlled.

One other administrative challenge is the data base of the membership. Progress has been made but much work remains. We do not have full information on everyone who calls Incarnation their church home at least part of the year.

Another is pastoral care. Our effort has been to minister to the members of our parish as we know their needs. My priority has been to visit shut-ins and people who are sick, to call seasonal members, who are away, when I am made aware of illness or loss in their lives. Helen Moore has been a resource of both information and in directing volunteers where help is needed.

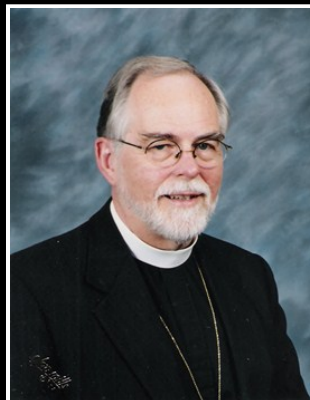
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The Treasurer, Bill Conway, reported that the church's finances were finally in a positive position relative to income and expenses. Discussion followed about the church's relationship to Bright Discoveries pre school and its furniture and equipment which the church uses as well. The Vestry voted to buy the equipment and furniture to insure its use for the church's children's ministry going forward.

Reports from the interector and associate followed. Both expressed appreciation for participation and support of parishioners in all aspects of our program.

Bill Temple, senior warden discussed Incarnation's continuing relationship to the house owned by the former rector. The property has not sold as we pass a year since the Sullivan's moved to Atlanta. No immediate action was proposed.

The church has secured a credit card in the church's name restricted to limited use and approval of one of the following, the rector, senior warden, junior warden, treasurer or financial secretary.

Jim Shearon, junior warden reported on maintenance and repairs in several areas. He reported on the work done to refurbish the offices of the rector and associate. The Vestry had previously approved the cost of the improvements to be paid from memorial funds.

A new arrangement has been made for locking up money collected at the morning services.

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Ginger Slaughter reported on the results of the Outreach Brunch and other funds that have been directed to our Outreach programs. Agencies we support will be allocated additional funds before year end because of these efforts.

The Discernment Committee's report was given by Mike Murphy. Visits and discussions are on schedule with the probability that a name should be offered to the Vestry before year end.

Dan Adcock reported that Stephen Ministry is serving a number of people. The Stephen Ministry care givers meet weekly for training and support.

The 2015 Vestry Class will be elected on Sunday, 9/18 at the annual meeting. At this point no additional nominations have been received.

A concern about people bringing food and drink into the church during worship or concerts was raised. Parishioners and visitors are requested not to bring food or beverages into worship space.

The Diocesan Convention will be held at Kanuga, November 10-12. Mike Murphy and Bill Stiefel were appointed as delegates. Helen Moore and Selwyn Chalker are to serve as alternates.

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Currently we have had a very active summer fulfilling caring and we are considering doing another class after the first of the year. If anyone is interested in enrolling in the classes please let Father Denson. Father Howard, Dr. Dan Adcock, or Dr. Bobby O'Dell know by calling the church and leaving your name and number.

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Bell Tower Endowment

As you walk into Incarnation 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.

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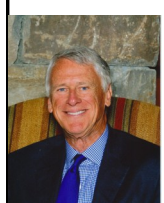
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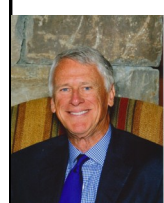


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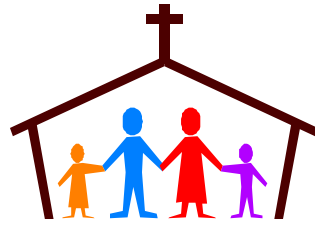
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Youth Events

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

Wednesday Evenings 6-7:15



Haiti Mission Trip

Saturday, Oct 8th-Thursday, Oct 13th

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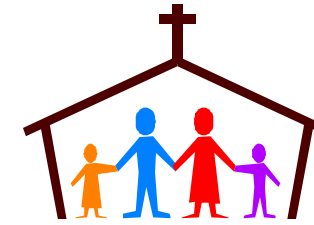
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8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
 8:30am Breakfast \$5/per person
 9:00am Sunday School for children & adults
 10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II

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
 9:00am Staff meeting in Vestry Room
 10:30 Bible Study with Father L'Enfant in Library
 3:00pm EFM in Vestry Room
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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)

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