



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



Christmas from Haiti

This nativity was handmade in the art center in Cange, Haiti. I will be visiting there again from the middle of September to the middle of October. If you would like me to bring one back for you, please let me know or sign up for one on the Haiti table in Jones Hall or let the office know. The cost of \$35 includes the six figures and the round stand which is about six inches in diameter. Each year the artist will make another figure to add to the nativity.

Thank you for your constant prayers and support for our friends in Haiti, Jane Chalker

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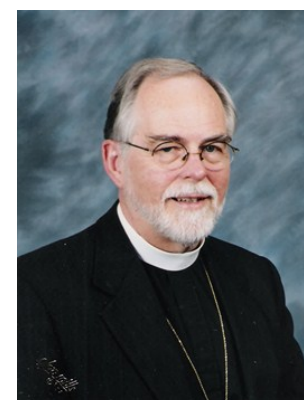
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Our Mission Statement: *The Church of the Incarnation exists to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through worship, love and service. As individuals and as a congregation, we dedicate ourselves to this purpose.*



Dear Friends and Family of Incarnation,

Sometime I identify with the sentiments of Jeremiah 8:20, “The harvest is over, the summer has ended and we are not saved.” Having just returned from Chautauqua Institution in Western Upper State New York, to Highlands and my responsibilities I admit to feeling a little regret at having vacation behind me, not having that to anticipate.

Chautauqua is a wonderful place of inspiration, education and the arts. It has been there since 1871 and started as a place to equip Sunday School teachers and clergy. It very soon became ecumenical and broadened its scope to include the arts and humanities. On the banks of a big lake with beautiful Victorian houses, inns, and hotels, and landscaped with abundant flowers, it is appealing to all the senses. The North Carolina State Dance Company is the ballet company in residence there. Performances in music, theater, and dance include students and professionals. All are talented and accomplished. The speakers are internationally known in their fields.

The theme for the week we were there was “Creativity”. There were many outstanding speakers. Two ideas I carried away was that creativity focuses on expression in a process, not outcomes. I habitually want to get things finished and off my list, which sometimes inhibits creativity. Second is “empathy”, in the sense of really being connected to the people, to the real world, you are trying to impact creatively. Empathy is the starting place as you begin to design or create some new product, program or service, or maybe.... sermon. The week gave those who listened a lot to think about.

Now I am back to doing that work of connecting and hopefully being a good listener as well as being effective at getting things done. (con’t.)

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

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I am thankful to Howard L'Enfant, Teresa Hollingsworth, Nikki Smolarsky and our non-stipendiary staff member Helen Moore, for doing everything that needed to be done while I was out for two weeks. When you return to no crisis, not even a message on your phone, you know what it means to work with committed, effective colleagues. Worship, pastoral care and the day to day requirements of this parish were carried out without any problems. I think that is really important given the transition that lies ahead, the coming of a new rector. He or she will be able to rely on the support of the staff for assistance and direction. Robert Henry and the choir will continue to bless the worship with inspiring music, and Andrea Chalker will continue to serve our families, our children and our youth with love and vision. All ministries and programs will continue to be lead and supported by volunteers who serve tirelessly. Some of them are at the church many times each week. Incarnation is in good hands.

As summer becomes Fall and the leaves put on their spectacular show of color we will continue our work together. Our stewardship emphasis was met with positive response and good results by full time and seasonal members. The parish is in a good place spiritually and organizationally. You are preparing your hearts and minds for the next chapter in the history of this wonderful room in God's house. As St. Julian of Norwich reminds us: "All is well and all things will be well" You and I are blessed to be a part of all of it.

Peace,
Denson+

Mark Your Calenders

The Rev. Dr. Martin E. Marty, Professor Emeritus of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, and an ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will be lecturing and preaching at Incarnation on September 25 and 26. Dr. Marty is the author of over 50 books and has received numerous awards in recognition of his scholarship. He is known to be the leading voice in the study of religion and culture in America. He is a historian, a commentator, a scholarly critic of the religious scene, and is also a committed participant in the life of the Christian church in America.

Dr. Marty is a warm, accepting person who speaks with authority, passion and humor about the church's past and its future. He is in great demand as a lecture and preacher. We are lucky that he and E.J. Tarbox were colleagues on the faculty of the University of Chicago for many years and that those personal ties convinced Dr. Marty to come here and share his insight with us.

AUGUST SUNDAY MINISTRIES

Date	Lectors	Chalice	Ushers	Camera	Altar	Acolytes	Vestry of the Day
Sept. 4 8:00	Jean Whitby	Selwyn Chalker					
Sept. 4 10:30	Diane Rosazza	Midge & Jim Rothermel	Team 1	Chris Alley			Mike Hunter
Sept. 11 8:00	Hilda Blitch	Lewis Doggett					
Sept. 11 10:30	Zeke Sossomon	Lana Jordan & Luther Turner	Team 2	Thomas Craig		Alley Preda Drew Chalker	Ginger Slaughter
Sept. 18 8:00	Peg Bran- nen	Ginny Harris					
Sept. 18 10:30	Nance Tarbox	Jane & Selwyn Chalker	Team 3	Mike Murphy			Bill Temple
Sept. 25 8:00	Jack Freese	Lana Jordan					
Sept. 25 10:30	Jean Whitby	Robin Carter & Lewis Doggett	Team 4	Selwyn Chalker			Peggy Woodruff
Oct. 2 8:00							
Oct. 2 10:30			Team 1	Zeke Sossomon			

August Birthdays

9/2 Carolyn Franklin
9/2 Mary Raae
9/2 Chris Alley
9/5 Nancy Freese
9/7 Larry Hilliard
9/7 Julia Hilliard
9/8 Susan Andres
9/9 Donald Laier
9/10 Barbara Roberts
9/10 Rose Heller
9/11 Bill Conway
9/13 Mary Lou Worley

9/15 Ed Whitby

9/18 Wallace Marshall
9/19 Dollie Swanson
9/20 Kirk Domingos
9/24 Jane Tracy
9/25 William Mathiowdis
9/26 Sarah Edgens
9/28 Zeke Sossomon
9/29 Ann Turner

August Anniversaries

9/1 Ann & Luther Turner
9/4 Shelly & Wallace Marshall
9/7 Betty & Alston Glenn

9/9 Marjean & Victor Preda
9/10 Avary & Gerry Doubleday
9/11 Sarah & Sam Edgens
9/12 Kendell & Robert Andrews
9/14 Keller & Sam Torrey
9/21 Martha Porter & Peter Ray
9/25 Kelly & Will Garrett
9/25 Martha & Lynn Howle
9/30 Mercedes & David Heller



September 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
 9:00am 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

Announcements

Welcome We want to take this time to welcome the following new members to our parish: Edmon Blount, Joe Alister Brady, Raymond Frederick Willeford, Sharon Breen Willeford

Camp Henry, Lake Logan Benefit Sunday October 2nd, is the Lake Logan benefit day across the Diocese of Western North Carolina. Parties for the fundraiser will be held simultaneously in three locations, Asheville, Boone and Highlands. A long list of silent auction items will be offered. The ticket you buy gives you a chance to win the "Grand Prize", an all expense paid golf trip for two to the Cloister on Sea Island, GA. The Highlands party, from 4:00 to 6:00, will be held again at the gorgeous home of Paula Dodson, at the top of Satula Mountain. There will be plenty of food and drinks with music provided by the most popular band, Nitrograss (featuring Charles Woods, two time National Champion banjo player). Cost of the party is \$75 (each), which is tax deductible. 100% of the funds raised go to Lake Logan. Plan to gather friends to attend this fun event. Should you be unable to attend the party, the ticket you buy will still be included in the drawing for the Grand Prize.

Tickets for the benefit will be on sale at each service. If that is not convenient, see Mike & Susie Kaiser, Lauch Magruder or call the church office to get your name on the list and a ticket will be sent to you.

Clergy Offices Refurbished Thanks to Robin Carter and her committee of Ginger Slaughter, Nancy Temple and Jim Shearon, Junior Warden, the offices of the Rector and Associate are being renewed and redecorated. The work is not complete but much of it has been finished. The Vestry approved this project to be paid from the Memorial Fund and is part of the preparation being made to welcome a new rector sometime in the months ahead.



Orders will be taken until Tuesday, September 13th
 and distribution will be on
 Saturday, September 17th from 8-9am.

Stephen Ministers "The After People"...

Stephen Ministers are there:

....after you've washed and returned the last casserole dish.

....after the divorce papers have been served and the bottom falls out of your life.

....after you realize the hands on the gold watch you received at your retirement party move more slowly than you ever imagined.

....after the baby has arrived, putting more demands on you than you ever dreamed possible,

....after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are ready to come alongside people and provide comfort and support for as long "after" as they are needed.

Stephen Ministers are professionally trained individuals who minister one-on-one to those in need. Contact Dan Adcock or Bobby O'Dell if you wish to receive CONFIDENTIAL caring from one of Incarnation's Stephen Ministers.

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.

Vestry Nominations

The floor is still open for nominations for the 2012 Vestry. In order to nominate someone, first check with that person to be sure they are eligible and willing to serve a three year Vestry term. To be eligible, one must:

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- *Be able to attend monthly Vestry meetings at 4:00 on the 2nd Wednesday of each month

There will be four Vestry members elected. Four members have been nominated by the Vestry at this point; one member has been proposed to fill a one year term:

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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.

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 & Jane Tracy in honor of Ruth and Tom Claiborne & Mary Ann and Knox Massey Jr. anniversaries.

Tom & Jane Tracy in honor of Butch Ellars birthday and John and Mandy Underwood's anniversary

Tom & Jane Tracy in celebration of the anniversaries of Joe & Virginia Parrott and Moses & Teri Bond

Joe & Virginia Parrott in celebration of their 6th wedding anniversary.

Hugh Harper in celebration of Anne Brissey's birthday.

Ross & Barbara Neagley, in support of the BTE

Tommy Chambers, in celebration of Tony Chamber's birthday

Tom & Jane Tracy, in honor of Virginia Parrott's birthday

Tom & Jane Tracy, in honor of Helen Lowery's birthday

Diane & Grat Rosazza, in honor of the baptism of David A. Annesi

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

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

Mr. & Mrs. Wade Coleman, in memory of Mrs. Arthur Simpson

Mr. & Mrs. Wade Coleman, in memory of Ian Denis Noble.

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.

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

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