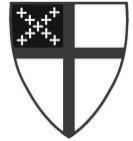


The Messenger

July/August 2007

FROM THE WARDEN



Why the Episcopal church—Why Incarnation

Most people that know me well know that I am not a “cradle Episcopalian.” I was actually raised in the Presbyterian Church. Over the last couple of years, I have had several friends who when looking for new churches, have asked me why I decided to join Incarnation. That question made me take a good look at why I became an Episcopalian and why I’ve stayed here. I can honestly say that a large part of it was luck.

Back in 1971 Tom and I were planning on getting married. He was catholic-I was Presbyterian. At that time, the Episcopal Church was referred to as the “bridge” church. The service and theology had characteristics of (or “bridged”) both the Catholic and the Protestant faiths. We felt that the service had enough commonality that we could both feel comfortable. Over the years I’ve noticed that many couples from Incarnation are also originally from two different denominations. *I like a church that is inclusive rather than exclusive.*

The luck part comes in when we moved to Penfield. Tom was asked to be a groomsman for a high school friend who was getting married at Incarnation. We started attending and about 35 years later we’re still here. Our two children were baptized and raised in this church. Like most parents, we wanted a church that made our children feel welcome. *Personally, I wanted a church that my children could view as an extended family. We found that at Incarnation.*

Originally, the idea of taking communion every week was not something that I was familiar with. Now, a church service seems incomplete without it. For me Communion is a very personal act. When I kneel at that rail I am not only receiving the Body and Blood of Christ but promising God that I will try to do better in the coming week. I put the problems I can’t handle on my own in His hands and ask for His guidance. After receiving communion I feel renewed and ready to deal with whatever the next week brings. *I like the way that Incarnation makes a point of welcoming people to take communion.*

And those are some of the basic reasons I became an Episcopalian and why I stay at Incarnation: *because of the people, the service, the sacraments.*

Your first year warden,

JUDY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:



- July 1** Summer services begin
One service at 9:30 a.m. each week
- July 7 Incarnation Work Day at Habitat House
- July 13 Episcopal Night at Frontier Field – 6:35pm
- Sept 9 Welcome Back Parish Picnic;
Church School Open House / Registration
- Sept 16** Return to 8am & 10am service times

FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

I'd like to reiterate how overwhelmed I was with the effort all our musicians put forth for the May 20th concert. There were some really fine moments. We've needed to stretch ourselves a bit, and show off a little, and the windows and anniversary were a great kick in the pants! The reception afterwards was lovely, too.



Now that we're show-business pros, we'll see what we can whip up for the 07-08 "season." Of course, music-making is more than the sum of its parts, and the more people we have actively participating, the more fun and learning and art occur; so I'd like especially to invite members of the congregation who have helped with this and other occasions to take the plunge and join one of the ensembles for our 50th-anniversary year.

Have a great summer!

David McCarthy
(Music Director)





SUPPLY CLERGY SCHEDULE

July 1	The Rev. Bill Petersen
July 8	Morning Prayer
July 15	The Rev. Bill Petersen
July 22	The Rev. Krista Cameron
July 29	Morning Prayer
Aug. 5	The Rev. Miriam Owens
Aug. 12	The Rev. Miriam Owens

WHERE IS THE STAINED GLASS?

"Good things come to those who wait"

Many of you have been inquiring about the windows on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. We are happy to report that Pike Stained Glass has given the contractor the "go-ahead" to start breaking out the old glass sometime this week. The remaining stained glass windows should be installed by July 13th, which means you will see them when you come to pick up your Chicken Barbecue that night!!

ADULT GAME NIGHT

Adult Game Nights will take a hiatus this summer due to everyone's busy schedules. We will resume in the fall, with our first meeting on *Saturday, September 15* at 7:00 p.m. at Mike & Tracey Povio's home, 696 Shanlee Drive, Webster. Mark your calendars now. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the church lobby. All adults are welcome!! For more information, contact Tracey at 872-7431, or tap55@frontiernet.net.

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Building for Growth
Penfield Habitat 2005-2007

PENFIELD CHURCHES' HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Wall Raising Building Blessing - The group had a wall raising blessing on June 23, 2007. Pastor Steve Hartman from the First Baptist Church of Penfield and Pastor William Flammann of Faith Lutheran Church led this Blessing. During the blessing we met our new homeowner, Evelyn Rodriguez. Evelyn is a health-care worker with two children, a 16-year-old daughter and a 10-year-old son. Her mother will also be living with them.

Volunteer labor - Now that we have started to build our house volunteer labor is needed to do the loving work of providing a home for a family. If you are 18 (16 with an adult) please consider joining the labor force for a six hour day. Signup sheets are available in each church office with instructions as to how to precipitate. By joining in you will meet Christian neighbors and friends from the area, all with a common goal of bettering the life of a deserving family. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Flower City and Penfield Habitat Websites - The Flower City Habitat website is located at: www.rochesterhabitat.org and the Penfield area Churches at www.penfieldhabitat.org.

Meeting Information - Our next steering committee meeting will be at Faith Lutheran Church on *Monday, July 9, 2007* at 6:00 PM. If you would like to help or just learn more about what we are doing please feel free to join us. We regularly meet on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 PM, if you cannot join us in July, please plan to join us at a future meeting.

Flower City Habitat for Humanity is a non-denominational Christian housing ministry welcoming people of all faiths or no faith to help eliminate substandard and poverty housing in Rochester, New York. Since its founding in 1984, FCHH has built or renovated more than 150 houses, and is one of the largest affiliates of Habitat for Humanity International in the northeastern United States.

If you are interested in volunteering on the Habitat house with others from Incarnation, contact Cork Dinan at 381-8740, or corkd@aol.com.



PATCHWORK WOMEN

There will be no Patchwork Women' luncheon in the month of July. Our next meeting will be our annual summer picnic on *Wednesday, August 15th* at Gay Sedor's cottage, located on Conesus Lake. Existing members, please be sure to call your telephone captain with your reservation if you plan to attend. Newcomers are welcome; call hostess Gay Sedor at 671-6748 for more information.

Goodbye, Wendy!

*For those of you who may not have heard, **Wendy Walmsley** has decided to relocate south to be closer to family. She will be greatly missed!! If you would like to keep in touch with her, you will find her at:*

30 Old Country Roses
Bluffton, SC 29909
843-705-6006



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Tempting Shrimp Phyllo Tarts

4 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese
1/4 cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese
3 tablespoons white wine or fat-free milk
1/2 cup chopped cooked peeled shrimp
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
30 frozen miniature phyllo tart shells

In a small bowl, combine the cream cheese, cheddar cheese and wine or milk. Stir in the shrimp, onion powder, salt and thyme. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours to allow flavors to blend. Spoon filling by heaping teaspoonfuls into tart shells. Place on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 350° for 8-12 minutes or until shells are lightly browned. Serve warm. Refrigerate leftovers. Makes 2 1/2 dozen.

~ Heather Melnick



July 13th
&
August

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help make the June chicken BBQ a success. We sold all 350 chickens in 1hr and 45 minutes and made a profit of \$1,000 for the church. Of course, God had his hand in keeping our food warm – the temps hit 90+ that evening!!

We will be having two more barbecue's on *Friday, July 13th* and *Friday, August 10th*. We are looking for volunteers for both dates; contact Greg Skizim at 787-2747 if you'd like to help out. We need your enthusiasm for just 2½ hrs!

Please *spread the word* to your neighbors and friends, and be sure to pick up dinners for yourself. We are the only local chicken barbecue that we know of where you don't have to leave your car... simply drive thru our parking lot and pick up dinner right at your car window! Each dinner includes a freshly grilled half-chicken, Cole slaw, salt potatoes, roll and butter for only \$8. What a nice change from the typical drive thru fare!

And remember to mark your calendars now for our "Back-to-School" Barbecue, which will be held on *September 7th*. Contact Greg Skizim (787-2747) or John Marshall (388-0627) for more information.

"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME"



Friday, July 13th at 6:35 p.m. is Episcopal Night at the Red Wings! Plan to enjoy an evening filled with great baseball, fellowship, and a grand fireworks display after the game. Tickets are \$7.50 per person. Please make checks payable to *Episcopal Diocese of Rochester*, with a notation in the bottom left hand corner of the check that this is for Episcopal Night. Submit checks to Tracey Povia; **deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, July 8th**.

