

# The Messenger

## June 2010



Dear Friends,

One of the nightly news broadcasts that I watched this week showed a video clip of the fertile farm land that once was common throughout Haiti. The broadcast then showed a picture of that same piece of land as it exists today. The trees were gone and the land had the look of a barren desert. The reporter noted that Haiti once had enough farm land to feed its population but that now almost all of its food is imported.

Here in New York State we live in the midst of good soil and prosperous farmland. During the spring, summer and fall, many of us shop for groceries at markets operated by local farmers. Through the Public Market downtown, local produce is available to people in Rochester all year long. Although most of us are far removed from direct involvement with the agricultural enterprise, our home gardens keep us keenly aware of the blessing of living in an area where the soil is rich and water is plentiful.

Throughout its history the Church has offered liturgical celebrations for the plantings of farms through Rogation services held in the spring of the year. These were mainly services of intercession for the crops. They consisted of procession that would stop at various points along the way around the open fields of a farm. I recall having participated in a Rogations service as a child. The priest, dressed in ceremonial attire, led us in a procession around a field newly planted with corn.

This service made an impression about the importance of not just consuming the fruits of the earth but of honoring the soil from which it grows. The situation in Haiti and in other parts of the world is evidence of what is at stake when we fail to respect the earth and its resources.

Incarnation is richly blessed with a large green lawn, majestic trees, a lovely walkway of beautiful flowers, and splashes of color through the planting around the Garden of the Resurrection. The garden on the corner of Whalen Road and Five Mile Road greets traffic throughout each day with the message of God's abundant blessings.

On Sunday, June 27, our service will celebrate the riches of the earth as we give special thanks to the Nature Craft and Garden Club which planned, planted and maintains the garden on the corner. Children will be invited to place plants in the Garden on that day. Once again we will have the opportunity to express our appreciation to Laurel Tarcinale, Nancy Hilt, and Shirley Rosini whose skill, hard work and loving care brings such beauty to our Church and to the community.

Please plan to join us that day as we honor the sacredness of the earth and its bounty.

Yours in Christ,  
Vicki



**ASK THE  
RECTOR...**

*Whether we grew up in the Episcopal Church or are new to the traditions and rites, there are things we don't always know or understand. If you have a question or something occurs to you that you would like clarified, write it down and we can "Ask The Rector." Questions can be submitted to the Rector, left in the offering plate or emailed to the church at [incarnation@frontiernet.net](mailto:incarnation@frontiernet.net).*

**Q:** Why do we say that we believe in "one holy catholic and apostolic Church"? Aren't we Episcopalians and not Catholic?

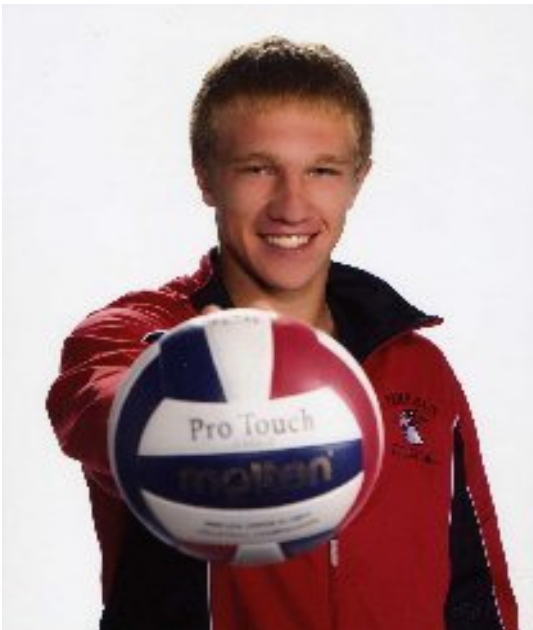
**A:** Christianity worldwide can be divided into four main branches – Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant. All have their origin in the community of disciples who were followers of Jesus. The word "catholic" means "universal". As used in the creed, it indicates that despite our different traditions all Christians are united as the Body of Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism and that we all have a common origin as followers of Jesus.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE!

Congratulations to **David Evans**, son of *Neal and Chris Evans*, who graduates from Penfield High School on June 24<sup>th</sup>! David has been very busy through the duration of his high school career—in addition to being a member of the National Honor Society, David was appointed Captain of Penfield High's Tennis team and the Varsity Volleyball team. Musically, David plays trumpet in Penfield High's Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, and Symphony Orchestra; also, he sings in the Uptown Express Men's Choir and Mixed Chorale. David has received many awards and accolades for his work in music and sports. David has been involved in community service projects, including his work at Incarnation serving as acolyte and crucifer.

David is graduating with a 95% GPA and is headed to Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey this fall to study engineering. He plans to continue to sing, play volleyball, and play in the jazz band at Stevens.

*Congratulations David and best wishes for a bright future!*



## PARISH & COMMUNITY NOTES



- ✓ Our first Chicken Barbecue of the season was a HUGE success! We made over \$800. The word spread quickly about our delicious grilled chicken—we sold out in two hours!! A **BIG** thank you goes out to the volunteers—you were wonderful!
- ✓ On May 20<sup>th</sup> at a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held by Heritage Christian Services, **Linda Nicodemus** was presented with the Gail Otto Community Service Award. This award was given to Linda in recognition of the outstanding volunteer work she does for Heritage Christian Services. **Congratulations Linda!**



## CROP WALK 2010

This year's CROP Walk will be held *Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>* following the 10:00 AM service. The CROP Walk is held each year to raise awareness and funds for local and international hunger relief efforts. If you would like to get involved in this year's walk, please contact *Gary Omphroy*. Together, we can fight hunger!





### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- June 6 Garden of the Resurrection tour following the 10AM service
- June 13 Penfield Bicentennial Ecumenical Prayer Service – 1:00 PM at the Town Amphitheatre
- June 13 CROP Walk
- June 13 Car Wash to support Incarnation Youth, after 10 AM service
- June 18 Chicken Barbecue, 5 PM
- June 20 Church School Recognition Ceremony, 10AM service
- June 21 Red Cross Blood Drive, 2 PM to 7 PM
- June 27 Special service in conjunction with the Community Garden. Coffee hour will be held outside after the 10AM service.



## June 18th

Our next Barbecue will be held on *Friday afternoon, June 18<sup>th</sup>* at 4:30 PM. Each dinner includes a freshly grilled half-chicken, Cole slaw, salt potatoes, roll and butter.

The remaining Chicken Barbecue dates are as follows:

*July 16<sup>th</sup>*  
*August 13<sup>th</sup>*  
*September 10<sup>th</sup>*

### FOUND: EARRING



An earring, purchased at the children's Jewelry Sale, was found. If you lost an earring that you bought from the children, please contact the church office.



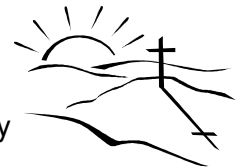
**American  
RedCross**

### BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at Incarnation *Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 2010* from 2 PM to 7 PM. All donors must be healthy, at least 17 years old, and weigh at least 110 lbs.

### IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Incarnation family expresses their condolences to the family of **Arlene Snyder**, who passed on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Arlene's family wishes to thank her many friends and neighbors for always being there whenever needed.



### INCARNATION HOMECOMING

Save the date! On *September 12<sup>th</sup>* we will be hosting a Homecoming celebration. We will be holding a service that celebrates our church and its members—past and present. Former members of the church will be invited to this special event. After the service, a Ministry Fair will be held to display the many ministries Incarnation is a part of or created. Church school registration and the Blessing of the Backpacks will also take place.

### GAME NIGHT DATES

Join us for an evening of fun at Adult Game Night. All Adults welcome! We ask that you bring your own beverages and a snack to share. Game night starts around 7:00 PM and usually lasts until 11 PM or so.



*June 19* Jeffrey Alexis and Mhorag Hay's home  
*July* No Game Night  
*August* Pool Party @ the Povio's, date TBD

If you are interested in hosting a game night at your home or at the church, please contact Tracey Povio at 872-7431 or tap55@rochester.rr.com.



We are organizing a group of Incarnation children to attend *Creation Camp*, an Episcopal church-sponsored summer camp for children who have completed grades 5 through 12. *Creation Camp*, which is a ministry of St. Mark's Church in Penn Yan, is located in Middlesex, NY (between Penn Yan and Canandaigua) and will run from *June 27 - July 2*. The cost of the camp is \$275 (scholarship funds are available). If you are interested in your child attending camp, please contact *Lisa Valcore, Sherry McCarthy* or *Sara Cegelski*.

The Incarnation children will hold a car wash after church on June 13<sup>th</sup> to offset the cost of camp. Come support this worthy cause and get your car squeaky clean!



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

If you have a recipe you would like to submit, please send it to *Shirley Rosini* at [surlyujst@yahoo.com](mailto:surlyujst@yahoo.com) or 72 Havenshire Road, Rochester, NY, 14625.

### TURTLE DESSERT

- 2 boxes of 12 regular-sized ice cream sandwiches
- 1 12 oz. jar of caramel topping
- 1 ¼ cups of chopped toasted pecans
- 1 12 oz. container of frozen whipped topping, thawed
- ¾ cup of hot fudge topping, heated

Place a single row of ice cream sandwiches in a 13x9 baking dish—do not leave space in between bars). Spread a full jar of caramel topping on top of the ice cream sandwiches. Sprinkle with 1 cup of pecans and top with two cups of whipped topping. Then, line with another row of ice cream sandwiches. Spread remaining whipped topping over sandwiches, sprinkle remaining pecans. Cover and freeze at least two hours. When serving, cut into squares and drizzle with hot fudge.

## TIME AND TALENT SILENT AUCTION

Let's put the *fun* back in *fundraising*! Mark your calendars for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual **TIME AND TALENT SILENT AUCTION** for Church of The Incarnation.



The auction will be held *Friday, October. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM*. This will be a fun family event as we bid for the time and talents of our friends and family. Other auction items will also be available, including items for children. Desserts and other surprises will be available throughout the evening. We will be contacting all Incarnation members, asking to offer their time and specialized talents. Be thinking ahead as to what you would enjoy putting up for auction! Don't worry, suggestions and ideas will be given to inspire you! Perhaps you might have a special item we can offer as a raffle. There will be a lot of opportunities to participate in this event. If you would like to offer to serve on this fun committee, please contact *Mary Lynn Miraglia* (671-3056) or [mlmiraglia@gmail.com](mailto:mlmiraglia@gmail.com). If you have a little time or a lot, you can be accommodated, so give it some thought. Fundraising can be FUN!



*Dear Church of the Incarnation,*

*Thank you very much for allowing the U.S. Census workers of Perinton, Penfield and Webster to use your church for Census Training May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. We were very grateful to have a place to work near our homes instead of traveling to Lima, NY. Your generosity allowed us to save over \$5,000 in taxpayer dollars on this project. Again, many thanks for helping us to be efficient on this project.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ellen Warner  
Field Operations Supervisor  
US Census 2010*