

The Messenger

May 2008



Dear Friends,

In the very first verses of the Bible, we read that in the beginning there was God creating the heavens and the earth from the dark formless void. Genesis is quite descriptive about the darkness that covered the face of the deep over which the spirit of God hovered calling life into being. In the creed we offer praise to this Holy Spirit the giver of life.

Without getting into literal or scientific explanations about the origins of life, it is fair to say that life and liveliness come through others coaxing the hiddenness of our souls into the light of day. Children thrive when loving adults gaze into their faces with expressions that elicit a lively response from the child. In psychoanalytic language, this is called "mirroring." We let the child look into our face and see the reflection of his or her own inner being. It authenticates in the world around her what she is experiencing deep within.

These thoughts come to mind this year when the Feast of Pentecost falls on the same Sunday as Mother's Day. The Christian understandings of the Holy Spirit are myriad and complex. But what is real for all of us is the experience of a loving God calling us to life like a mother tending to the needs of her child.

On May 11, let us celebrate together the common bond that we share with all humanity – that of having been brought to life by a loving God who cradles us and cuddles us so that our souls may live.

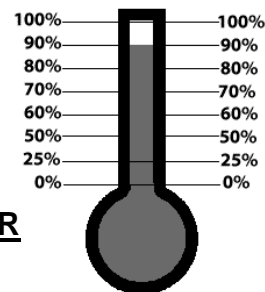
Yours in Christ,
Vicki

SAVE THE DATE

The Standing Committee is pleased to announce the upcoming Ordination & Consecration of

The Reverend Dr. Prince Singh

*as the eighth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
Saturday, May 31, 2008 at 11 o'clock ~ Eastman Theater*



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

Hello Fellow Parishioners,

The capital campaign is in full swing now and we are off to a great start. The canvassers have been trained and you should have received your informational brochure in the mail. Please contact the church office to obtain one if you have not seen it yet.

Canvassers will be contacting you soon if they haven't already. Please be willing to meet with them. They are there to help answer any questions you may have about the campaign. Once they have answered all your questions they will provide you with a pledge card and an envelope. Fill out the card and seal it in the envelope. That's it. The canvasser will then give the sealed envelope to the church financial manager to be recorded. You do not need to share your pledge amount with the canvasser.

To keep everyone well informed on the status of the campaign there will be announcements made in both 8 and 10 o'clock services every week. There will also be a poster on the church bulletin board that will indicate where we are with the pledges. And of course I will continue to have information in this Messenger.

So where do we stand now? Well as of May 2 we have received approximately 33% of the expected pledges totaling \$98,000. That is about 36% of our campaign goal of \$275,000. That is a great start and I hope we can keep the momentum going.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
Mike Povio



Save the date...

We are pleased to announce the upcoming Ordination of

Jennifer Zogg

to the Sacred Order of Deacons
Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 11 o'clock
The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- May 31 Bishop-Elect Prince Singh's Consecration
- June 6, 7 Flower Festival & Afternoon Tea
- June 14 Jennifer Zogg's Ordination at Incarnation
- June 22 Church School Recognition & Picnic
- July 6 Summer Services begin – 9:30 a.m.



GAME NIGHT DATES

We're on a roll!! All adults are welcome! We ask that you bring your own beverages and a snack to share. Game night starts around 7:00 p.m. and usually lasts until 11 p.m. or so. Upcoming dates & locations are as follows:

- May 17 – David & Sherry McCarthy's home
- June 21 – Peter & Heather Melnick's home
- July – No game night
- August 16 – Pool Party at Mike & Tracey Povio's

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.

PATCHWORK WOMEN

Patchwork Women will meet at church on *Wednesday, May 21, 2008*. Your hostesses this month are Rose Marsden and Anna Bingham. Here is the schedule for the remainder of the year:



- June 18 Pam Simmons, Linda Nicodemus
- July/Aug Gay Sedor's cottage (date TBD)
- Sept 17 Jane Reeve, Peg Squire
- Oct 15 Hostess TBD
- Nov 19 June Monks, Rose Marsden
- Dec 17 Betty Quinn, June Harvey



FLOWER GUILD NEWS



The Flower Festival and Tea to culminate the Church of the Incarnation's 50th Anniversary, is fast approaching. To those who have supported our efforts either through purchasing a recipe book or chocolate bar or donated to "Remembrance", "Baptism" or "Wedding", we thank you very much. We sincerely hope that you will plan to come and enjoy the talents and hard work of the Guild members. Tickets for the Afternoon Tea will need to be purchased from Dorothy Wojnowski who has graciously agreed to serve as Registrar for this event. The deadline for donating to the "Remembrance", "Baptism" or "Wedding" is *Sunday, June 1*. Please complete the form found in this issue of the Messenger if you would like to donate.

Many parishioners have asked about the annual geranium sale. The Flower Guild agreed to host this again this year. Selling dates will be Sunday, April 27, May 4 and May 11. Plants will be available for pickup on Sunday, May 18. Cost will be \$2.50 per plant and colors available will be red, white, pink and salmon.

Terry Mitchell
Director, Flower Guild



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!!

Roberta Avery will be graduating Magna Cum Laude with a Sociology degree in May from St John Fisher.

Jeff Dobbin Jeff will graduate in May 2008 from SUNY Brockport with a BS in Physical Education and a minor in Sports Management. He will be doing an internship over the summer, location yet to be determined.

Mike Evans is graduating with a BS in Biology, minor in Environmental Studies. He plans to work and live at home for a year before going to grad school next fall, 2009. He is interested in animal research and genetics. Mike and his roommate spent a month in the Everglades capturing pythons for the National Geologic Survey and the National Parks Service.

Clara Weinert graduated from High School this past year and has matriculated into an Associates Degree program at MCC.

Congratulations to all of our Graduates!