

# The Messenger

## November 2007



Veterans' Day

### VETERAN'S DAY NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

Over the past few weeks, I have been watching the Ken Burns PBS documentary, War. This project seeks to depict WWII as experienced by soldiers in the field and the

effect that the war had on four particular communities in the United States.

Even with the nightly news, it is hard for most Americans to comprehend the realities of combat and the life long devastation of war. As we come to Veteran's Day this year, I ask you to remember in your prayers those who have fought bravely for our country throughout our history and to hold in your hearts, those who witness first-hand the brutal effects of war upon their homes and their families.

As Christians, let us dedicate ourselves to finding constructive ways of addressing international problems as we work for peace on our planet.

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*May the memory of past wars and the experience of present wars strengthen our efforts for peace.*

*May the memory of those who died inspire our service to the living.*

*May the memory of past destruction move us to build for the future.*

*O God of peace,  
O Father of souls,  
O Builder of the Kingdom of Love.*

(Prayer by George Appleton, from The Oxford Book of Prayer)

## Parish Ingathering

Sunday, November 18

*Bring your pledge card to church*

*Children, bring a friend to church*



Dear Friends,

People often wonder how much they should give to the Church. In the Episcopal Church we do not charge dues. Rather, we consider giving to the Church to be part of our spiritual journey. Sharing individual resources for the good of the local community and for Christian communities of other regions was a significant part of the faith commitment for the early Christians. St. Paul said to the church in Corinth "*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver*" (II Corinthians 9:7).

Nonetheless, most of us look for a gauge to determine how we are doing in this aspect of our spiritual journey. The Church asks us to consider "proportional giving." That means that we are to look at what proportion of our income we give to the Church and to other organizations. We are encouraged to work toward the tithe, which would be 10% of our income.

It is a useful financial and spiritual exercise to look at our budget and see what percentage of our income goes for various things. Are we inhibited from giving to others because we are too extravagant in other areas of our life? Or, perhaps we are frustrated that we cannot give more because of financial demands that we simply cannot avoid. Jesus talks again and again about money and wealth. He challenges us to consider "where is our treasure". Have we yet discovered the freedom and joy that comes from giving?

Spiritual life is never divorced from material and physical realities. It is cultivated and expressed through specific choices we make. I would like to encourage you as we take on the annual pledge campaign this year for you to consider seriously your willingness to give generously to the needs of the Church of the Incarnation. Your gifts allow us to sustain the ongoing operations of the parish through which we minister to and with one another while reaching out to the larger community.

Our ingathering will be on Sunday, November 18, at which time we will gather to offer thanks to God for the abundance of God's blessing. With grateful hearts we will offer back to God a portion of what we have been given.

Yours in Christ,  
Vicki



## News

November is a busy month!! On **November 18<sup>th</sup>**, we will have our annual Fall Ingathering. We are asking the Church School children to **invite a friend** to attend

church with them that day. We will also be sending a flier home with the children asking them to bring a food item to donate to the Penfield Food Pantry that Sunday. Watch for details!

### IMPORTANT PARISH DATES:

- Nov 2-3 Diocesan Convention
- Nov 4 *Daylight Savings Time ends*  
All Saints' Sunday  
Jennifer Zogg here to preach  
Chili Cook-Off, 5-7 p.m.
- Nov 11 Rev. Miriam Owens to preach
- Nov 17 Taize Retreat, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
- Nov 18 Ingathering / Bring a friend to church
- Nov 25 Family Service & Baptism, 10 a.m.



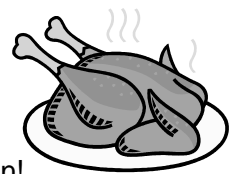
### SAVE THE DATE:

- Dec 2 Andy Johnson to preach
- Dec 15 Adult Game Night
- Dec 16 Christmas Pageant
- Dec 23 Advent IV – 8am & 10am services
- Dec. 24 4:00 p.m. Family Service  
10:30 p.m. Musical prelude  
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Holy Eucharist
- Dec 30 8am & 10am services

### Next Month



Incarnation's Annual Fall Cleanup Day is scheduled for **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. See Dorothy Wojnowski for more details and look for the sheet in the lobby and sign up to help!



### ESWA

Believe it or not, it's Turkey time again! Please help make the holidays special for those less fortunate by participating in this year's Thanksgiving drive. Suggested food lists are posted (and copies are available) in the Narthex. Please plan to bring your donation of holiday grocery supplies and/or a turkey to church by Sunday, November 18th.

Sorting of donated items will take place that same day (11/18) in the Great Room, immediately following the 10AM service.

A gentle reminder - many hands make light work - so PLEASE stop down and help us sort the donated items so we can all be done and on our merry way in no time!

On Monday (11/19) at 10am, volunteers will meet at Incarnation to pack the food in vans for transport to Christ The Good Shepherd Church.

On Tuesday (11/20) at 9am, volunteers will meet at Christ The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1000 North Winton Road, (on Winton between Merchants and Empire but closer to Merchants) to do a final sort and to pack the Thanksgiving baskets. ESWA will handle the final distribution to families.

If you are interested in helping with any aspect of this year's event and have any questions or concerns, please contact Chris Evans, Bob Lemmey or Judy Masten. Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the lobby. Thanks again for your support!

### IRON CHEF INCARNATION: CHILI COOK-OFF!



Fall is in the air, and Penfield's version of "Iron Chef" is on the calendar! The Annual Chili Cook-Off is being held on *Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>* from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Chefs from the church will compete, votes will be tallied, and trophies awarded to the top three!

Children will be given the option of eating either chili or pizza. Don't miss this feast, for the low cost of \$5 per adult, \$2 per child (age 12 or under) with a maximum of \$15 per family. Tickets will be available at the door. Please see the signup sheets on the easel in the foyer, and be part of making yet another successful fellowship and fundraising endeavor!

## TWO GREAT TEAMS JOIN TOGETHER

As many of you know, ***Mud About You***, the pottery, glass and mosaic studio in Penfield, is owned by our own *Chuck and Rachel Jones*. As a way to give back to the community, Chuck and Rachel have introduced a "Charity of the Month".

The November charity is the ***East Rochester Community Resource Center***, where *Pat Cragg* is the associate director. The Community Resource Center is primarily a food pantry but also offers used clothing, household items and crisis intervention for the needy in the area.

Previous recipients of Mud About You's generosity have been Golisano's Children's Hospital at Strong, Alternatives for Battered Women and Sensational In Survival.

If you haven't been to Mud About You, November is a good time to come see what they offer while supporting the East Rochester Community Resource Center at the same time.

Go to [www.mudaboutyou.com](http://www.mudaboutyou.com) for more details.



### A MEAL AND MORE

**100 razors** are needed for the Annual Christmas Dinner and Gift Day at A Meal and More. We will be collecting again this year to see how many razors we can come up with. A basket for donated razors has been set up in the Church Office – so check those sales flyers and pick up an extra package if you can.

## PARISH & COMMUNITY NOTES

- ✓ Congratulations to ***Kelsey Evans***, a freshman goalie on the Nazareth field hockey team, for recently being named Empire 8 Conference Goalie of the Week. Kelsey recovered from two knee surgeries last year, and after much rehab has gone on to share in three straight victories in her first three starts for the Nazareth Golden Flyers. Way to go, Kelsey!



## TAIZE SILENT RETREAT

**Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

### What is it?

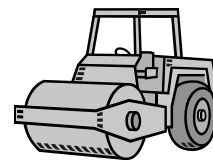
The day's format is one of quiet prayer, Taize music, Scripture readings, readings from Brother Roger's works, silent time and sharing. If you would like to learn more about the retreat, contact Ken Hendel at 381-9769. You can also visit the Taize website at [www.taize.fr](http://www.taize.fr)

### Cost

Free - no charge! Lunch will be provided. All that is asked for is your time.

### To sign up

Please see the brochures at the back of the Church, the sheet on bulletin board, or call the Church Office (586-7860).



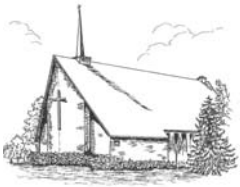
## UPDATE ON DRIVEWAY

You've probably noticed we have a few holes starting to form in our church driveway (OK, maybe they're more like craters!). Many of you have been asking, "Will the church ever get this fixed?" We have good news! We have applied for a loan from the Diocese to help with these and other repairs which need immediate attention. At the same time, the Financial Future Committee (FFC) is developing a plan to pay off these loans and address future capital needs.

If you have questions about the repaving of the parking lot, please contact the co-chairs of the Property Committee, Mike Povio and Scott Seabridge. If you have questions about funding for our capital needs, please contact the chair of the FFC Committee, Roger Quinn.

### *Gifts of Appreciated Stock*

If you would like to make a gift of appreciated stock to the Church of the Incarnation, please contact our Treasurer, Lyn Omphroy at 264-1436. She will be happy to assist you.



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee was appointed at the September 18<sup>th</sup> Vestry meeting. It is comprised of the Rector, the two Wardens

and the three Vestry members whose terms expire in January, 2008 (Greg Clevenger, John Marshall, and Mike Povio).

The Committee will be electing **two** new Wardens, **four** new Vestry members, and **one** Delegate to Convention this year.

Please give thought to people whom you would like the committee to consider. Be aware that these are not nominations, but people whom you would like the committee to consider. Suggestions may be given to any member of the Nominating Committee for their consideration.

Qualification for Vestry are as follows:

- *baptized member of the congregation for at least one year; at least 18 years old;*
- *regular participation in worship and parish activities;*
- *pledging member of the parish;*
- *commitment to the vision of the ministry of the parish;*
- *works well with people;*
- *listens to concerns of entire parish and works through Vestry process to achieve goals set by the Vestry.*

Below is a copy of Section 8 of Incarnation's Vestry By-Laws, pertaining to Nominations to the Vestry:

- Not less than sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting [11/28/07], the Rector, or in the Rector's absence, the Wardens, shall appoint a nominating committee composed of three persons, preference given to the Vestry persons whose full terms are nearest to expiration. The committee shall elect its own chairperson.
- Forty (40) days prior to the Annual Meeting [12/18/07], the nominating committee, upon Vestry approval, will make known to the parish the list of candidates it has chosen.
- For a period of fourteen (14) days following this notification to the parish [1/1/08], members of the congregation may make nominations through the church office, with the provision that they must have the consent of the person they are nominating, in order to present the nomination.
- Immediately following the expiration of the fourteen day period in paragraph "c" ballots will be printed.



ASK  
THE  
RECTOR

***I have heard that the lectionary readings will be different starting with Advent. What is this all about?***

Beginning in Advent of 2007, the Revised Common Lectionary will replace the current lectionary that is found on pages 889-921 of the Book of Common Prayer. Prayer books published after Advent of 2007 will have the new table of lessons.

The Episcopal Church first adopted the Revised Common Lectionary for trial use at the General Convention in 1994. Each subsequent convention reauthorized trial use. The Convention of 2006 made the Revised Common Lectionary the official lectionary, effective on the first Sunday of Advent in 2007.

The Revised Common Lectionary follows the same three year pattern as the current lectionary. Few changes have been made to the appointed Gospels. There is more variation in the selections from the Old Testament and the epistles. The major difference comes in the Old Testament readings during the seasons after Pentecost.

With the adoption of the Revised Common Lectionary, the Episcopal Church will be in step with lectionaries used by other branches of the Anglican Communion as well as with other Protestant groups in the United States.

*(Information taken from "Using the Revised Common Lectionary" by Ruth A. Myers, published by Forward Movement)*



## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Back by popular demand... this year's Christmas Pageant will be held on *Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>* during the 10am service. It will be basically the same as last year's, with a similar rehearsal schedule. As always, all children are encouraged to participate - we're looking forward to working with everyone again! If you'd like to help out, or have any questions, please contact Sherry McCarthy (242-9840 – [mccarthy95@hotmail.com](mailto:mccarthy95@hotmail.com)) or Sarah Cegelski (249-9538 – [scegelsk@rochester.rr.com](mailto:scegelsk@rochester.rr.com)).



Building for Growth  
Penfield Habitat 2005-2007



### PIES, PIES, and MORE PIES!

What goes better together than Thanksgiving and pies? Back by popular demand, the Penfield Churches Habitat Project will again be offering pies from Kelly's Farm Market for your holiday celebrations.

These extra deep 10" fruit pies to arrive just in time for your Thanksgiving festivities. Kelly's grows the fruit and makes each pie from scratch and without preservatives. Each pie weighs approx. 4.5 lbs. and will provide 8 to 10 generous servings. They freeze well, so consider ordering for both Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Pies are \$13.00 each, and come in four varieties: Dutch Apple, Apple-Cranberry, Apple-Raspberry, and Pumpkin.

All orders must be **pre-paid** — *deadline is Friday, November 16, 2007.* Mail your check, made payable to Church of the Incarnation, along with the quantity and type of pies you wish to purchase to the Church office.

Pick-up will be at First Baptist Church (Rt. 441) on **Tuesday, November 20 after 1:00 p.m. and up to 6:00 p.m.** Questions? Call Cork Dinan at 381-8740.



### DREAM COME TRUE FOR HABITAT OWNER

*"Thank you so much for helping my family and I celebrate this dedication for our new Home! Which we could not have accomplished with out the continuous prayers from our friends in faith, whose prayers guided us through this journey. To the volunteers; our dedication to my family and to the "Habitat for Humanity Foundation" deserves a special thanks for the extra effort put forth in making our dreams come true. Our gratitude can not be expressed enough to everyone's devotion leading us to this special day. May kindness return to you in the same beautiful way that it was given.*

*Thank you, Evelyn Rodriguez"*

## **INCARNATION LEGACY SOCIETY**

Please consider remembering the church in your will, through a trust, annuity or an insurance policy. All members of the Legacy Society will be invited to be a member of the Diocesan Circle Society. If you have already made a commitment to the church in your will, please contact the Rector.



### BISHOP'S CIRCLE SOCIETY

Have you made an end of life gift to the church? If so, Bishop McKelvey would like to invite you to become a member of the Diocesan Circle Society. Last year eight families from Incarnation became charter members of the Circle Society. You do not have to give us information as to what you have included in your estate planning for the church. We just need for you to tell us that you have done so. If you have remembered another organization such as the Episcopal Church Home or Hobart William Smith College, for example, you are also eligible. Please contact the Church Office so that we can forward your name to the Diocese.

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