



The Messenger

The Church of the Incarnation

600 Third Avenue North

Great Falls, MT 59401

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." - John 1:14

June, 2015

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

Dinner for Nepal

Wednesday, June 10th

6:00 p.m.

Parish Hall

The April 2015 Nepal earthquake (also known as the Gorkha earthquake) killed more than 8,000 people and injured more than 19,000. It occurred on April 25, with a magnitude of 7.8Mw or 8.1Ms and a maximum Mercalli Intensity of VIII (Severe). Its epicenter was the village of Barpak, Gorkha district, and its hypocenter was at a depth of approximately 15 km (9.3 mi). It was the worst natural disaster to strike Nepal since the 1934 Nepal–Bihar earthquake.

The earthquake triggered an avalanche on Mount Everest, killing at least 19, making it the deadliest day on the mountain in history. It triggered another huge avalanche in the Langtang valley, where 250 people were reported missing.

Hundreds of thousands of people were made homeless with entire villages flattened, across many districts of the country. Centuries-old buildings were destroyed at UNESCO World Heritage sites in the Kathmandu Valley, including some at the Kathmandu Durbar Square, the Patan Durbar Square, the Bhaktapur Durbar Square, the Changu Narayan Temple and the Swayambhunath Stupa.

A major aftershock occurred on May 12, 2015 with a moment magnitude (Mw) of 7.3. The epicenter was near the Chinese border between the capital of Kathmandu and Mt. Everest. More than 200 people were killed and more than 2,500 were injured by this aftershock.

Jennifer Thompson, who attended the Church of the Incarnation in 2007 before she moved to Helena, was in Nepal at the time of the initial earthquake and saw first-hand the devastation and destruction that occurred. Deeply touched by the experience, she will be hosting a Dinner for Nepal at our parish with the hope of educating people about the tragedy. Tickets are \$20 per person, with all funds going to continuing relief efforts in Nepal.

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING!



Holy Eucharist is celebrated each week:
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday at noon
Recovery Service each Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

Clothing Closet is open Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, June 6 - Daughters of the King Quiet Day, Noon-2:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 7 - Home Aloners at Vi Stahlecker's home, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, June 10 - Dinner for Nepal, Parish Hall, 6 p.m.
Saturday, June 13 - St. Andrew's Guild Breakfast, Perkins Restaurant, 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, June 16 - Altar Guild dinner meeting, Cheryl Quintero's home, 6 p.m.
Sunday, June 21 - Vestry Meeting, following 10 a.m. worship service

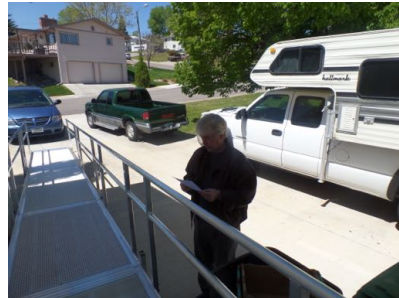
Twelve-Step organizations meet in Gilliam Hall each week:

GA - Monday and Friday, 7 p.m. and Saturday, 1 p.m.
GA and Gamanon - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
AA - Wednesday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Men's CODA - Tuesday, noon
CODA - Thursday, noon
Alanon - Friday, 12:15 p.m.



ALTAR GUILD DINNER MEETING

The Altar Guild will have a dinner meeting on Tuesday evening, June 16, 6 o'clock, at Cheryl Quintero's home. All Altar Guild members are urged to attend as well as anyone interested in becoming a member. Please let Cheryl know if you will be attending the meeting.



I have a new ramp. Fr. Tim came to bless it. It is so much easier getting in and out of the house now. I have to learn how to walk all over again which is no fun at my age. I'm trying to get stronger each day.

Thanks for all the support and the prayers you give me.
Jenny Otis



The deadline for the July *Messenger* is Monday, June 29. Please submit articles to Vi Stahlecker, Editor, by e-mail at vsstahlecker@bresnan.net, by phone at 452-4209, or by mail at 3304 Arbor Way, Great Falls, MT 59405.

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Saints for the Month of June

Saint Barnabas the Apostle, Saint John Baptist, and Saint Peter the Apostle

For the month of June we have three saints to celebrate. On June 11th we celebrate Saint Barnabas the Apostle. On June 24th we celebrate Saint John the Baptist. And on June 29th we celebrate Saint Peter the Apostle.

Saint Barnabas – St. Barnabas was a Levite from the country (island) of Cyprus whose name means “The son of consolation or son of encouragement”. He and St Paul successfully evangelized the “God-fearing” Gentiles who attended synagogues in various Hellenized (Greek) cities of Anatolia (modern day Turkey). St Barnabas is traditionally identified as the founder of the Cypriot Orthodox Church.

St. Barnabas’ Hellenic Jewish parents called him Joseph, but when he sold all his goods and gave the money to the apostles in Jerusalem, they gave him a new name: Barnabas. He was one of the first teachers of the church in Antioch. When St. Paul returned to Jerusalem (after his conversion), St. Barnabas took him and introduced him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord on the way there, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly in Damascus in the name of the Jesus (see Acts 9:27). St. Barnabas is the patron saint of Cyprus, Antioch, against hailstorms, and invoked as a peacemaker.

Saint John the Baptist – St. John the Baptist is sometimes referred to as the “Forerunner of Christ”, because he was born before Jesus Christ. He is also described in the Gospel of Luke as a relative of Jesus who led a movement of baptism at the Jordan River. Jesus was the one whose coming John foretold. And most notably, the one who recognized Jesus as the Messiah and baptized him. Additionally, John introduced Jesus to his disciples as the “Lamb of God” (see John 1:29-36).

St. John the Baptist’s parents were Zacharias and Elisabeth. Now, since Zacharias is described as a priest of the course of Abijah and his wife, Elizabeth, as one of the daughters of Aaron, this would make St. John the Baptist a descendant of Aaron on both his father’s and mother’s side. He was also a cousin of Jesus, a Nephew of Mary.

St. John the Baptist is the patron saint of Jordan, Puerto Rico, Knights Hospitaller of Jerusalem, French Canada, Newfoundland, Cesena, Florence, Malta, Genoa, and Monza, Italy; Porto, San Juan, Quiano

Church of the Black Nazarene, Turin, Xewkija-Gozo; Penzance, Cornwall; and the fraternal society of Free and Accepted Masons (better known as the Freemasons).

Saint Peter the Apostle – St. Peter also known as Simon Peter or Simon Cephas (the Syriac or Aramaic word for the “rock”) was a fisherman from the city of Bethsaida in the province of Galilee or Gaulanitis along with his brother Andrew who is also an apostle. He is venerated in several churches and is regarded as the Catholic Church’s first Pope. He is credited with establishing the church in Antioch and presiding for seven years as the leader of that city’s Christian community. He then went to Rome where in the second year of Claudius, it is claimed, he overthrew Simon Magus and held the Sacerdotal or Bishop’s Chair for 25 years.

The Gospel of Mark was traditionally thought to show the influence of St. Peter’s preaching and eyewitness memories. He was with Jesus during events witnessed by only a few apostles, such as the Transfiguration. St. Peter confessed Jesus as the Messiah, was part of Jesus’ inner circle, walked on water (but begin to sink when his faith wavered); denied Jesus three times, was restored by Jesus, and preached on the day of Pentecost.

Jesus called Peter and his brother Andrew to become “fishers of men”. St. Peter appears to be a spokesman for the apostles at several events; for example, he conducted the election of St. Matthias as a replacement apostle for Judas Iscariot, and his opinion in the debate over converting the Gentiles was crucial, etc.

St. Peter is quite often depicted as literally the keeper of the gates of heaven. He is the patron saint for various workers, prayers for aid or healing, institutions, churches and cathedrals, and numerous locations.

A disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Spero





The Church of the Incarnation began its celebration of Pentecost Sunday (Whitsunday) with a gala procession. Clergy, acolytes, choir, and lay members joined fellow Christians from the neighborhood in a walk around the block, stopping at the corner near each church for prayer and continuing along the way singing much-loved hymns. Taking part in addition to The Church of the Incarnation were The First United Methodist Church, The First Baptist Church, and The First English Evangelical Church.

Pictures courtesy The Rev. Marcia Lauzon and The Rev. Nancy Slabaugh Hart



Spring Quiet Day

All are invited to the Spring Quiet Day, sponsored by the Daughters of the King, on Saturday, June 6, from noon until 2:30. Quiet Day will begin with lunch provided by the Daughters. Following lunch, Fr. Tim will lead meditations in the sanctuary. The service will close with Holy Eucharist.

Come.....begin your summer activities with an afternoon of quiet and meditation.



WHO'S WHO

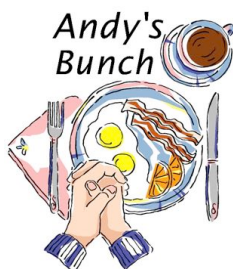
Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Dr. C. Franklin Brookhart
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Rector: The Rev. Timothy M. Ljunggren
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The Messenger Editor: Vi Stahlecker



Breakfast

Andy's Bunch, for the men and boys of The Church of the Incarnation, will meet for breakfast on the second Saturday for the month of June 2015. Our breakfast for June will be held on June 13th at Perkins Restaurant located at the corner of 2nd Avenue North and 6th Street. We will meet for breakfast in the lobby of the restaurant at 8:30 AM. Hope you can make it.



Home Aloners will meet for dessert and fellowship on Sunday, June 7, at 2 o'clock, at the home of Vi Stahlecker, 3304 Arbor Way.

Members are asked to bring underwear for school-age children for the Clothing Closet.



FISH Volunteers are Needed!!!

The task of a FISH volunteer is to help distribute emergency food to the needy people of our community. They work one (1) week every three (3) months or so. During the week that we support FISH, each volunteer is asked to work for about two hours on the day of their choosing. Note that the next time we are scheduled to support FISH is the week of 8 – 12 June 2015.

Working as a FISH volunteer is said to be a spiritual and rewarding experience, because you will be helping some of your brothers and sisters in Christ. Additionally, you will likely be openly rewarded by the Lord. It is also a stimulating and enjoyable experience. Just ask any of the current volunteers.

For more information on volunteering and the FISH program please don't hesitate to call Bob Shanks at 454-9063 anytime.

FISH Data for April 2015

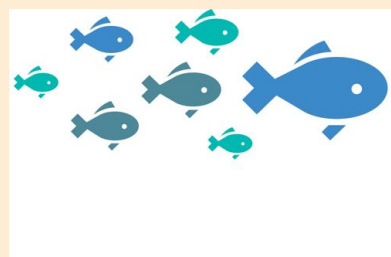
The chart below is a comparison of those serviced by FISH between April 2014 and April 2015. As you can see there was a significant decrease in demand in 2015 compared to 2014. There was a decrease in the number of families, adults, children, meals served, and pounds of food delivered; we were down 4.7%, 5.1%, 8.2%, 6.0%, and 0.6% respectively. There was an increase in the number of singles served (18.5%). And for the year-to-date (YTD) numbers there was a decrease in the number of families, adults, children, and meals served; we were down; 5.9%, 1.6%, 19.7%, and 7.8% respectively.

And there was an increase in the number of singles and pounds of food delivered; we were up 1.6% and 1.3% respectively. However, FISH still provided about 4.3 tons of emergency food to our community during the month of April 2015 and 17.1 tons for the months of January through April 2015 (that's 4.3 tons per month).

	April, 2014	2014 YTD`	April, 2015	2015 YTD
Families	85	323	81	304
Singles	54	251	64	255
Adults	218	812	207	799
Children	98	422	90	339
Meals	3,792	14,808	3,564	13,656
Pounds of Food	8,694	33,664	8,642	34,101

Clearly, there is still a demand (in our community) for the emergency food we distribute through FISH. Amen!

Bob Shanks
 Member of the FISH Board of Directors
 Representing the Church of the Incarnation





**SUMMER ON FLATHEAD LAKE
AT CAMP MARSHALL**

Do you want to go to Camp this summer? The Memorial Foundation is once again offering Camperships (your registration fee will be paid!) for any parishioner who wants to attend Camp Marshall. If interested, please contact Fr. Tim, or any member of the Memorial Foundation.

SUMMER 2015 CAMP MARSHALL SCHEDULE:

June 21-26	Jr. Middler #1 for grades 3-8.
June 28 - July 1	Mini-Camp for parents/adults & kids.
July 5-10	Jr. Middler #2 for grades 3-8.
July 12-17	Adventure Week for adults & young adults.
July 12-17	Wild Water Week for families.
July 19-25	Sr. High for grades 9-12.
August 14-16	Alumni Week for alumni of any age.
August 21-23	Young Adult Weekend.



HOTEL INCARNATION

Our church, in conjunction with Union Bethel and the Friends Quakers, will be hosting Family Promise June 14-21. We have learned a lot from our first time through and look forward to opening our facility to these individuals. For the families which are part of Family Promise we become their home, a safe and welcoming place as they move through transitions in their lives.

If you have time and are interested please participate on either of the Sundays, the 14th and the 21st as the beds are delivered and the rooms are set up for our guests and cleaned up after their week with us has ended. Many hands make light of the work. With our involvement in Family Promise, the downstairs rooms in our church, which have seen very little activity in recent years, transform into "Hotel Incarnation."

We still need a few sets of additional sheets so the overnight supervisors do not need to wash the bedding immediately for the next night's supervisors. We are also looking for an outdoor propane grill for the church so we can prepare a barbecue for guests in the front yard during the summer months. We will host again in August so there will be two opportunities to have a "picnic" with the guests.

On Behalf of Family Promise,
Geraldine

THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

The Episcopal Church Memorial Foundation serves as a thoughtful way to honor loved ones and friends by receiving memorials, thanksgivings, honors and bequests. For information about the Foundation, contact Wayne Linnell (788-9834), Ardelle Watkins (788-5676), or Gayle Archey (452-9632).

Memorial Gifts, Thanksgivings, Honor Gifts, and Bequests received by the Parish during the months of January, March, and May, 2015:

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