



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

May, 2015

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

In Celebration of May

Although the season of spring started in March, the month of May brings this wonderful time of the year to its full glory; in celebration of the wonders of new life (that mirror Christ's own resurrection), I offer a poem by John Burroughs:

*When grosbeaks show a damask rose
Amid the cherry blossoms white,
And early robins' nests disclose
To loving eyes a joyous sight;*

*When columbines like living coals
Are gleaming 'gainst the lichened rocks,
And at the foot of mossy boles
Are young anemones in flocks;*

*When ginger-root beneath twin leaves
Conceals its dusky floral bell,
And showy orchid shyly weaves
In humid nook its fragrant spell;*

*When dandelion's coin of gold
Anew is minted on the lawn,
And apple trees their buds unfold,
While warblers storm the groves at dawn;*

*When such delights greet eye and ear,
Then strike thy tasks and come away:
It is the joy-month of the year,
And onward sweeps the tide of May.*

*When farmhouse doors stand open wide
To welcome in the balmy air,
When truant boys plunge in the tide,
And school-girls knots of violets wear;*

*When grapevines crimson in the shoot,
Like fin of trout in meadow stream,
And morning brings the thrush's flute
Where dappled lilies nod and dream;*

*When varied tints outline the trees,
Like figures sketched upon a screen,
And all the forest shows degrees
Of tawny red and yellow-green;*

*When purple finches sing and soar,
Then drop to perch on open wing,
With vernal gladness running o'er--
The feathered lyrist of the spring:*

*When joys like these salute the sense,
And bloom and perfume fill the day,
Then waiting long hath recompense,
And all the world is glad with May.*

God bless!
Tim+



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.

Sunday, May 3 - Home Aloners at Laverne Knowles' home, 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 9 - St. Andrew's Guild Breakfast, Perkins Restaurant, 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 9 - Tom Liston's Retirement Party, Columbus Center Chapel Theater, 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13 - Episcopal Church Women's Luncheon, Parish Hall, 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 17 - Daughters of the King, Parish Library, following 10 o'clock service

Sunday, May 17 - 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.

A NOTE FROM JENNY OTIS

When I fell on the ice I had no idea what was going to happen to me. I just thought they would put a cast on my leg, but I didn't expect non-bearing for eleven weeks and lots of physical therapy. I finally came home after three months. I thought I could go up the steps, but my femur leg and my polio leg decided not to work together. So far, I can go up the steps with my walker, but only if someone is there helping me. I have decided to get an open ramp which will help a lot. It also has stairs on the side, just a couple of them, for people who don't want to use the ramp. I should have it made and installed in about two weeks. I can't wait for it to happen!

Thanks for all the love and support you have given me.

Jenny



FROM LAVERNE KNOWLES

Thank you to all who have been praying for me this last month or so. They have meant so much, and I am happy to report that all turned out well!

Laverne

**Saints for the Month of May
Saint Philip the Apostle and
Saint James the Just**

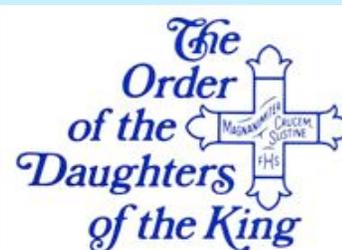
We celebrate St. Philip the Apostle and St. James the Just on May 1st. St. Philip the apostle was one of the twelve apostles who preached in Greece, Syria, and Phrygia. St. James is also referred to as St. James the Just or the brother of the Lord or sometimes St. James the Less; to distinguish him from St. James the Great who was the son of Zebedee.

St. Philip was one of the disciples tested by Jesus about how to feed the 5,000. At the Last Supper St. Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father which provided Jesus the opportunity to teach his disciples about the unity of the Father and of the Son. In the Gospel of St. John, St. Philip's calling as a disciple of Jesus is described as a disciple from the city of Bethsaida, and connects him to St. Andrew and St. Peter, who were from the same town. The Gospel of St. John further connects him to Nathanael (sometimes identified with St. Bartholomew) whom St. Philip first introduces to Jesus. St. Philip is always listed as the fifth among the Apostles.

St. Philip's martyrdom is believed to begin in the city of Hierapolis, where through his miraculous healing and preaching he converted the wife of the proconsul - the governor of the province where the city of Hierapolis was located. This enraged the proconsul who had him, his sister Mariamne, and St. Bartholomew tortured. St. Philip and St. Bartholomew were then crucified upside-down, with St. Philip preaching from his cross. As a result of his preaching the crowd released St. Bartholomew from his cross, but St. Philip insisted they not release him, he then died on the cross.

Some symbols assigned to St. Philip include: The cross with the two loaves of bread (because of his answer to the Lord found in John 6:7), a basket filled with bread, a spear with the patriarchal cross, and a cross with a carpenter's square. St. Philip is also the patron saint of the hatters, pastry chefs, San Felipe Pueblo, and Uruguay.

St. James the Just became the leader of the Christian movement in Jerusalem in the years following



The Daughters of the King, which gathers the second Sunday of each month, has re-scheduled the May meeting from Mother's Day to SUNDAY, MAY 17th, following the 10 a.m. service.

Pick up a cup of coffee from the Coffee Hour and come join with us in the Church library for song, prayer, and excellent study on Esther and joyous fellowship!

Come and see!

Jesus' death and resurrection. St. James's name always appears first in the lists of the Apostles, suggesting that he was the eldest among them. It was St. James whom Jesus appeared to after his resurrection.

St. James was selected by the Apostles to be the first Bishop of Jerusalem, ruling the church of Jerusalem for 30 years, that is, until the seventh year of Nero. He would go alone into the temple and pray on behalf of the people. As a result his knees were reputed to have the acquired the hardness of camels' knees. St. James was also considered to be one of the three pillars of the church; the other two are St. Peter and St. John.

The Epistle of St. James in the New Testament is attributed to St. James the Just and he is the principle author of the Apostolic Decree in Acts 15. He is also believed to be the brother of Jesus whose surname is Just. The people of old called him the Just because of his outstanding virtue.

A disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Spero



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THE RETIREMENT OF RADIOGRAPHY INSTRUCTOR
TOM LISTON
AS HE CELEBRATES 42 YEARS OF DEDICATED TEACHING*

*RETIREMENT 'COCKTAIL PARTY'
TO BE HELD AT
COLUMBUS CENTER CHAPEL THEATER
1601 SECOND AVENUE NORTH
GREAT FALLS
SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015
6-9 P.M.*

(WHICH FOLLOWS THE GRADUATION OF HIS FINAL CLASS AT 4 P.M.)

APPETIZERS AND BEVERAGES WILL BE SERVED

CALL 799-2932

or

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WITH QUESTIONS

PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD



The deadline for the June *Messenger* is Tuesday, May 26. Please submit articles to Vi Stahlecker, Editor, by e-mail at vstahlecker@bresnan.net, by phone at 452-4209, or by mail at 3304 Arbor Way, Great Falls, MT 59405.

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ECW Meeting & Luncheon

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) will meet at 1 o'clock on Wednesday, May 13, in the parish hall. Please bring a sack lunch. Future plans for ECW will be discussed.

Remember, all women of Incarnation are members of ECW. Please come and meet your fellow parishioners.



WHO'S WHO

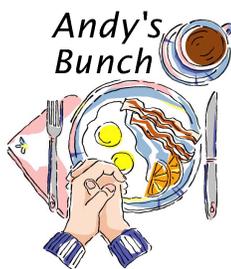
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Breakfast

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 May 2015. Our breakfast for May will be held on May 9th 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 at Laverne Knowles' home, 1501 16th Street South, at 2 o'clock on Sunday, May 3.

Please bring children's socks (not baby socks) for the Clothing Closet.



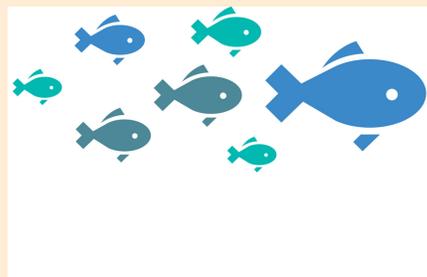
FISH Data for March 2015

The chart below is a comparison of those serviced by FISH between March 2014 and March 2015. As you can see there were some changes between the 2014 and 2015 figures. There was an increase in the number of families, singles, adults, meals served, and pounds of food delivered; we were up 20.6%, 10.6%, 30.8%, 16.7%, and 22.4% respectively. There was a decrease in the number of children served; we were down 13.0%. And for the YTD numbers they decreased for families, singles, adults, children, and meals served; we were up 4.6%, 0.5%, 0.3%, 23.2%, and 8.4% respectively. For the YTD numbers we also experienced an increase for pounds of food delivered; we were up 2.0%. However, FISH still provided about 3.7 tons of emergency food to our community during the month of March 2015 and 12.7 tons for the months of January through March 2015 (that's 4.2 tons per month).

	March, 2014	2014 YTD`	March, 2015	2015 YTD
Families	107	435	129	415
Singles	47	197	52	196
Adults	146	594	191	592
Children	69	324	60	249
Meals	2,580	11,016	3,012	10,092
Pounds of Food	5,987	24,970	7,330	25,459

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





Howard Bradley, a devoted and long-time member of The Church of the Incarnation, passed away on Sunday, April 19. Memorial services will be held Saturday, May 23 at 10 a.m. at the church. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Joan, his wife of 55 years, and their children Virginia, Denise, Wendy, Marti, Robin, and Robert.

We offer heartfelt sympathy also to Gretchen and Neil Swift. Gretchen's mother, Bonita "Bonnie" Jane Given passed away April 17. Private family services will be held at a later date.

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).

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