



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

October, 2015

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

A Prayer for Our Diocesan Convention

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the Diocese of Montana for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Diocese of Montana will take place Friday and Saturday, October 2-3, 2015. The Convention will be hosted by Holy Spirit parish in Missoula, Montana.

The Church of the Incarnation delegates, elected at our Annual Meeting, are Kevin Williams, Richard Pate, Nona Munroe, and Gretchen Swift. The Rev. Tim Ljunggren and The Rev. Marcia Lauzon will also represent our parish.

The Convention officially begins on Friday at 1 p.m. with learning opportunities and briefings. A worship service and Holy Eucharist will take place beginning at 7 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church. The first business session follows at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday's session begins with a Healing Eucharist at 8 a.m., and will continue throughout the day until 5:30 p.m. The Convention ends with a farewell gathering until 7:30 p.m.



Happening This Month!

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.

Friday-Saturday, October 2-3 - Diocesan Convention in Missoula

Sunday, October 4 - Home Aloners at Mickey Rossberg's home, 1809 14th Avenue South, 2 p.m.

Sunday, October 4 - Blessing of the Animals in the church courtyard, 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 10 - St. Andrew's Guild (Andy's Bunch) Breakfast, Perkins Restaurant, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 14 - Episcopal Church Women, Parish Hall, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14 - Movie Night in the Parish Hall - "Remember the Titans" - 6-8 p.m.

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.



**Episcopal
Relief & Development**

Healing a hurting world

I wanted to give you an update regarding the 75th anniversary donations for Episcopal Relief & Development. As of today Montana donors have given \$9,022.52 toward the 75th Anniversary fund.

If you have not yet donated and wish to do so, please go to:

<http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/donate-now/individual-donation/75th-fundraising-campaigns>

We have six people in Montana who are monthly donors to Episcopal Relief & Development. This is a simple way to make a big difference...a little at a time. If you are interested in becoming a monthly donor visit:

<http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/donate-now/individual-donation/monthly-giving>

Thank you for supporting the work of Episcopal Relief & Development. You help heal a hurting world.

Barb Hagen
Canon for Finance & Administration
Episcopal Diocese of Montana

*Prayers
Answered!*



THANKSGIVING FOR ANSWERED PRAYERS

We all know that God hears our prayers, even the ones whispered in the silence of our hearts. At the same time, there is something extra special about the prayers that are lifted up in the middle of our Sunday Holy Communion service, the people named and prayed for during "Prayers of the People" ... and then on, by many, through the following week.

Thank you. Thank you for your prayers. All prayers are heard, all answered ... in many and various ways. The prayers for SuLing were very dramatically answered. She was suffering from a severe depression ... so much so it seemed she was gone forever, only her outer body left, her mind and spirit gone. In days this past September it seems God gave an amazing gift ... the restoring of SuLing's mind and her spirit. SuLing is back among us! Thanks be to God! Thanks to good doctors AND your prayers. Truly, thanks be to God and then you. Amen.

Cheryl Quintero



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God is a Movie Director: Theology and Social Discourse in Filmmaking

Movies can be more than just entertainment; they can teach us something about ourselves and how we look at (and act in) our world.

“God is a Movie Director: Theology and Social Discourse in Filmmaking” is just a fancy title for trying to find a moral compass in the movies we watch. From race relations to politics, women’s issues to end-of-life issues (and everything in between), watching a movie and then discussing it allows us the opportunity to open our hearts and minds to a new way of thinking, doing, and being.

Come join us for a fascinating study of movies and meaning!

**Selected movie for Wednesday, October 14th:
*Remember the Titans***

**All movies will be shown in the Parish Hall from
6 p.m. until 8 p.m.**



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

WHO’S WHO

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Saints for the Month of October

Saints Luke, Simon, and Jude the Apostles

We celebrate St. Luke the Apostle and Evangelist (one of four) on the 18th of October. The other three evangelists are; St. Matthew, St. Mark, and St. John. St. Luke the Evangelist was one of the twelve apostles, a Gentile (not Jewish), and was also an historian. He was born in Antioch, Syria, which was part of the Roman Empire. St. Luke was a Greco-Syrian physician, who lived in the city of Antioch, Syria. He is also considered to be the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. St. Luke's writing skills and vast vocabulary indicates that he was a well educated man and therefore well suited to write his own gospel. His writings are well known for their accuracy and trustworthiness. He was also a contributor to the Epistle to the Hebrews, which was written by Timothy from Italy. St. Luke is the patron saint of artists, physicians, surgeons, students, and butchers. He is depicted in paintings, evangelist portraits, and church mosaics by an ox or bull with wings.

We celebrate St. Simon the Apostle (also called Simon the Zealot) on the 28th of October. He was one of the least known apostles of Jesus Christ with little recorded about him. St. Simon was born in Cana or Canaan. He is called Simon the Zealot to distinguish him from Simon Peter. It was St. Simon's wedding in Cana of Galilee where Jesus performed his first miracle. Jesus turned the six water pots of stone containing water into six water pots of stone containing wine. St. Simon is called the zealot because after seeing this miracle he left his home, his parents, and his bride to follow Jesus. It is also believed that after evangelizing in Egypt, St. Simon joined St. Jude in Persia and Armenia or Beirut, Lebanon, where both of them were martyred in the year 65 AD. He is the patron saint of curriers, sawyers and tanners.

We also celebrate St. Jude the Apostle on the 28th of October. St. Jude was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus. He is sometimes identified with Jude, "brother of Jesus". He preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Libya. Prior to becoming an Apostle he was a farmer by trade. St. Jude is depicted carrying an image of Jesus in his hand or close to his chest. He is often shown with a flame above his head, representing his presence at Pentecost. St. Jude was believed to have suffered martyrdom along with St. Simon in Beirut in about the year 65 AD. St. Jude is the patron saint of: Armenia; lost causes, desperate situations; hospitals; St. Petersburg, Florida; the Chicago Police Department; Clube de Regatas do Flamengo from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Lucena, Quezon, Sibalom, Antique, and Trece Martires, Cavite, and the Philippines.

A disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Spero



BLESSING of the Animals

Sunday, October 4th

5:00 p.m.

As autumn arrives, people in various places may notice something odd. A procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, is led to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of the Animals.

This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. Francis, whose feast day is October 4th, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. He and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey.

Francis wrote a Canticle of the Creatures, an ode to God's living things. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures."

The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye-to-eye, a man and his dog, or a woman and her cat, are two creatures of love.

No wonder people enjoy the opportunity to take their animal companions to church for a special blessing. Church is the place where the bond of creation is celebrated.

This year, the Church of the Incarnation will Bless the Animals on Sunday, October 4th, beginning at 5 p.m. in the church courtyard. Feel free to invite all of your furry (and non-furry) friends for a blessing!



Volunteers from The Church of the Incarnation helped FISH distribute emergency food to the 27 families of Great Falls, during the week of 8 - 11 September 2015. Those who helped with this heart felt effort were: Bob Shanks, Lance Patton (an independent person who was our previous Sexton), Jack Corcino, Fr. Tim Ljunggren, Lana and Bill Furdell, Chuck and Gerry Jennings, Ann Bartell, Gretchen Wilson, Lynne Mahan, Paul and Gail Bernard, and Cliff and Jeanette Baird. A big thank you from FISH for a job well done!

Spirit of Hope Award for FISH

During the Montana Lutheran Synod Assembly FISH was selected to receive the "SPIRIT OF HOPE" award. The Spirit of Hope award was established by the Montana Lutheran Synod Council to recognize individuals and ministries who have exemplified the "SPIRIT OF HOPE" in their lives. Past winners include individuals who have battled a life-threatening illness, a family who adopted a dozen special-needs children, and a congregation whose building burned down on Christmas Eve and was rebuilt by the following Easter. The theme for the assembly was "SERVE THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY THE POOR AND THOSE IN NEED". Several FISH Board members were at the banquet to receive the award.

Town Pump Fish Challenge for 2015

We are fortunate the Town Pump has selected FISH as one of the; "Be A Friend, Helping Those in Need" food bank program fundraising campaigns. The Town Pump will match up to \$15,000 in contributions made to the FISH program, between September 1st and November 30th. What a wonderful way to help FISH raise \$30,000! Note that last year FISH raised \$35,000 through the Town Pump's matching program.

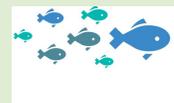
FISH Data for August 2015

The chart below is a comparison of those serviced by FISH between August 2014 and August 2015. As you can see there have been some changes between the 2014 and 2015 figures. There was an increase in the number of families, adults, children, meals served, and pounds of food delivered; we were up 39.7%, 20.8%, 11.2%, 46.6%, and 19.2% respectively. There was a decrease in the number of singles; we were down 9.0%. The YTD numbers experienced an increase in the number of singles, adults, and meals served; we were up 1.6%, 0.7%, and 16.4% respectively. There was a decrease in the number of families, children, and pounds of food delivered; we were down 9.8%, 20.0%, and 2.7% respectively. However, FISH still provided about 4.9 tons of emergency food to our community during the month of August 2015 and 33.5 tons (or 4.2 tons per month) YTD from January through August 2015.

	August, 2014	2014 YTD`	August, 2015	2015 YTD
Families	73	682	102	615
Singles	67	489	61	497
Adults	202	1,607	244	1,618
Children	116	932	129	746
Meals	3,816	30,468	5,595	35,460
Pounds of Food	8,135	68,711	9,696	66,893

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

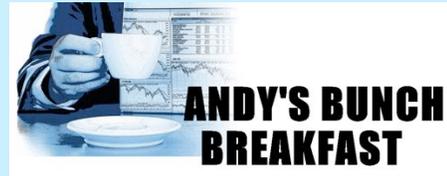
Bob Shanks
Member of the FISH Board of Directors
Representing the Church of the Incarnation





Our next week as hosts for Family Promise is November 1-8. Again, we will be asking for volunteers to help set up the rooms and provide dinner during that week.

Please ponder prayerfully how you might be able to give a little of your time to help needy families in our community. If you would like to help, please let Geraldine know by calling her at 360-907-6987 or 406-736-5860.



Andy's Bunch, for the men and boys of The Church of the Incarnation, will meet for breakfast on October 10th at Perkins Restaurant, located at the corner of Second 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.

A NOTE FROM JENNY OTIS

I need prayers again! I broke my femur hardware, broke my leg in a different spot, and one of my knees is shot.

I don't know how it happened. I was doing so good in the warm pool at the Peak, and was doing great with the physical therapy at the Foot and Ankle Clinic. I was walking with a cane, and now I have to start all over. I hope I don't have to stay in the hospital for three months again. I'm not happy about this at all.

I'll keep you informed.



Welcome!

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**WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY
MARY ANN and ANN!**



Episcopal Church Women's monthly meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, at 1 o'clock in the parish hall. Please bring a sack lunch. Yearly dues of \$10 are due now. All women of the church are members of ECW.

Funds accumulated by ECW are used for church needs such as the recent purchase and installation, of a new sound system for the church at a cost of \$3,530.22.

Holy Eucharist is celebrated at noon on each Wednesday. Members are urged to attend that worship service and then meet in the parish hall for lunch.



CROP Hunger Walk

**CROP Hunger Walk --
ending hunger one step at a time!**

The CROP Walk is, Sunday, October 4. We do not have an official church team, but we will take up a special collection for this event. Parishioners are also welcome to attend the walk, which begins at the band shell in Gibson Park at 1 p.m.

CROP Hunger Walks help Church World Service work with distressed communities throughout the world to determine the best solution to their challenges. It could be a sand dam to help provide water, micronutrient packets to feed children, or tools and seeds to help keep a family fed and healthy. For example -- \$12 can provide 200 micronutrient packets for malnourished children.

Checks should be made to CROP Walk.



JUST FAITH

In our faith, but also in society, a key word of which we must not be frightened is "solidarity," That is, the ability to make what we have, our humble capacities, available to God, for only in sharing, in giving, will our life be fruitful."

Pope Francis, Corpus Christi, Basilica of St John Lateran

Join the Just Faith Group beginning Tuesday, October 27, at 7:00 PM at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. Expand your faith in social justice issues.

Contact Ann Bartell (453-0888) for further information.



Home Aloners

Home Aloners will meet Sunday, October 4, at 2 o'clock, at Mickey Rossberg's home, 1809 14th Avenue South. Dessert and coffee/tea will be provided.

Please remember that contributions for the pizza and pop provided for Family Promise are due if you have not already paid.



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)



The Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Church Memorial Foundation held its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015. The Foundation received \$830 in memorials during the second quarter of 2015.

Although the Foundation offered scholarships to Camp Marshall this summer, no requests were received from Parishioners.

The Foundation is contemplating the purchase of a washer and dryer for the Church, for the specific use of The Clothing Closet, the Parish's outreach project which provides free clothing for those in need. Before a final decision can be made, estimates need to be obtained for: (1) purchase of the appliances, (2) installation costs, (3) increase to monthly utilities, (4) laundry soap, bleach, etc., and (5) service contract and warranty for appliances. Foundation Trustees will re-visit this issue once all information is obtained, hopefully at the next quarterly meeting to be held November 12, 2015.

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