



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

July, 2016

Sunday, July 3, 2016 Worship on the Lawn



INDEPENDENCE
Day



Come and celebrate with us!

One worship service at 10 A.M., immediately followed by a parish cookout (hamburgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks provided!)





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, July 9 - St. Andrew's Guild (Andy's Bunch) Breakfast, Perkins Restaurant, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 17 - Vestry Meeting following the 10 o'clock 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.

ECW INVITATION

I invite all Episcopal women to a retreat in Rapid City on August 19-20 and 21 for those who wish to stay over Saturday night. This will be a great experience for women from Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, and Wyoming.

We will start with a gathering meal at the primarily Native church in Rapid City, hopefully for Indian tacos and the first session of the retreat, and then move to another church in Rapid for our Saturday workshop and Province VI ECW meeting. For those who can stay over Saturday, we have workshops on altar guild, Church Periodical Club/United Thank Offering, and ECW Leadership on late Saturday afternoon.

This is a great way to find out about what women are doing throughout the Province of Mountains, Plains, and Lakes—the Upper Great Plains. We have a great workshop leader, The Rev. Michelle Danson, a beloved priest from Colorado. Please encourage all women to attend.

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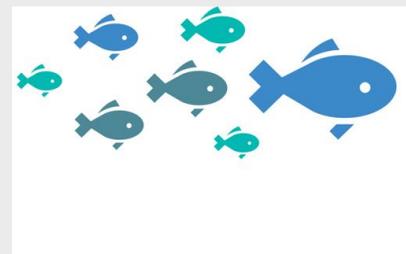
FISH Data for May 2016

The chart below is a comparison of those serviced by FISH between May 2015 and May 2016. As you can see, there was a significant increase in demand in 2016 compared to 2015. There was an increase in the number of families, singles, adults, children, meals served, and pounds of food delivered; we were up 115.9%, 34.4%, 73.1%, 61.2%, 111.7%, and 58.2% respectively. And for the year-to-date (YTD) numbers there was also an increase in the number of families, singles, adults, children, meals served, and pounds of food delivered; we were up 10.3%, 3.2%, 17.6%, 15.0%, 46.0%, and 4.7% respectively. And therefore, FISH provided about 5.3 tons of emergency food to our community during the month of May 2016 and 21.3 tons for the months of January through May 2016 (that's 4.3 tons per month).

	February, 2015	2015 YTD	February, 2016	2016 YTD
Families	44	348	95	384
Singles	61	316	82	326
Adults	145	944	251	1,110
Children	67	406	108	467
Meals	2,544	16,200	5,385	23,655
Pounds of Food	6,636	40,737	10,497	42,654

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



Saint for the Month of July
Saint James the Greater
Apostle

We celebrate St. James the Greater on July 25th. St. James was the son of Zebedee and Salome and the brother of St. John the Apostle. St. James is also the patron saint of Spain, Acoma Pueblo, Sahuayo, Santiago de Querétaro, Galicia, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Guayaquil and these professions: veterinarians, equestrians, furriers, tanners, and pharmacists. Due to the James's fiery tempers, St. James and his brother John earned the nickname of Boanerges which means, "The sons of thunder."

James and John were with their father in a ship mending their nets when Jesus called them to follow him. St. James was one of only three apostles whom Jesus selected to witness the transfiguration. The other two apostles were St. Peter and St. John.

Traditionally, St. James is believed to be the first of the 12 apostles martyred for his faith. King Herod Agrippa the 1st had St. James executed with a sword in 44 AD.

One of the Spanish traditions states that he miraculously appeared to fight for the Christian army during the battle of Clavijo and was henceforth called Matamoros (the Moor slayer).

St. James' emblem was the scallop shell (or "cocked shell") which the pilgrims wore on their hats or clothes while they marched on their way to his shrine.

*A disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Spero*



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Shelter for the Homeless

Family Promise was housed in our Church for the week of June 19 through 26th. Thank- you to all who participated in the set-up and throughout the week, for the dinners, the breakfast, hospitality and sleep-overs. Plenty goes on behind the scenes: cleaning and preparing the rooms including the bathrooms, laundering the bedding which has all been donated by members of our church, and donations of breakfast supplies and fresh items like milk and bread, both for our kitchen and for use at the HUB, where the families spend part of their day.

Episcopal Incarnation now has three partners in this project: Sunrise Presbyterian, Quaker, and Union Bethel AME Churches. Having these four Churches actively involved has made the work of this project significantly lighter. All four churches working together is giving us an opportunity to meet people from other churches and share responsibility for this project. Having more churches/people involved will hopefully give some folks a break and others an opportunity to become involved and a chance to meet and serve the people who come through the program as our guests. We are also sharing the responsibility of organizing the week-long schedule for dinners, over-nights, and hospitality needs. The week of June 19 through 26 was organized by Pastor Anna Jones of Union Bethel AME. Tana Harp from Sunrise Presbyterian will organize the next Family Promise week (September 4th through September 11th).

Lucretia Humphrey will organize the following Family Promise week (November 13th – 20th). Our team of four churches will serve our guests four times annually.

One of the unique offerings Incarnation makes is opening The Closet for our guests. That's a real highlight for them! An opportunity to shop where everything is FREE surprises most of them. Sometimes these families have escaped from situations that prevented them from taking much with them, perhaps only the clothes on their backs. The Family Promise program is a God-send. Being offered this level of help – a safe and secure place to be housed, a permanent school for their children, help in finding a job or training, help to find a home of their own – literally saves families. Family Promise's motto is "Every Family is Worth Saving".

We're fortunate to have this great facility that allows us to be a part of this program and we offer blessings to Family Promise's Director Sharon Odden and her committed staff for the guidance and support they give us. Thanks also to the Vestry and Fr. Tim for supporting this program and for their leadership in opening our doors and opening our hearts to Family Promise. Some individuals in our church family have been involved with each and every Family Promise stay. Bless you for your steadfast support! If you would like to become involved in this program, please talk with Richard Pate, Nona Munroe, or Mary Ann Cosgrove who are serving as Co-Coordinator from our parish.

ANDY'S BUNCH 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 July. Our breakfast will be held on July 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 a.m. Hope you can make it.

HOME ALONERS

Home Aloners will not meet in July. The next meeting will be at Vi Stahlecker's home, 3304 Arbor Way, on Sunday, August 7. The group will gather at 2 p.m. for fellowship and dessert.



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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