



# Glad Tidings

*"Publish Glad Tidings, Tidings of Peace"*

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**September  
2011**

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## *Back-to-new-beginnings*

Don't be fooled by the Back-to-school sales that have been on since July - *now* it's back-to-school time. Heather is preparing to go back to school chaplaincy and Kate is preparing for her new school as well. I have even caught a bit of the back-to-school bug myself, as I explore a Doctorate of Ministry (D. Min.) degree (this is a program designed specifically to be done in the context of active ministry, with resources for the parish as well as education for me) to be worked on over the next few years.

So here we are facing the beginning of another school year, when so many programs start up again, people return from their summer excursions, and we embrace another fresh start. It occurs to me that we often speak about fresh starts and new beginnings throughout the year. Here we are at the commencement of the school year, then with Advent we start the new liturgical year with a season of expectant waiting, we then celebrate the new calendar year with resolutions of a renewed self, and later we will welcome the cleansing new season of Spiritual and Environmental rebirth with Easter and Spring.

Far from being old news, consistent promises of "new-slattedness" - reassurances of God making all things new (Rev. 21:5, et al) are at the heart of who we are and what we believe. We of course don't have to wait until a certain time of year to live into the promise that we can have an entirely clean slate - we can take comfort from, be inspired by, and live this new life today.

Of course, being regularly reminded that New Life is ours for the accepting is a good thing, too.

Welcome to your clean slate. The future is wide open. What are you going to do next?

God bless you all,

# September

# CELEBRATIONS



09/02 Jason Buddenhagen  
 09/04 Mason Staley  
 09/05 Patricia Mullin  
 09/06 Nanci Mertin  
 09/06 William Lowis  
 09/11 Sean Conn  
 09/13 Nora Dale  
 09/14 Courtney Sachse

09/17 Nancy Gallagher  
 09/17 Obiozor Ilonze  
 09/20 Melissa Staley  
 09/23 Jean Thompson  
 09/23 Bob Tillberry  
 09/24 Sandy Graham  
 09/28 Sydney Paige Brooks

09/12 Karen & Steve Norris

09/12 Bernie & Sue Reilly

09/17 Bonnie & Tom McClelland  
 09/17 Chris & Sharann Null

*Please let the Church office know of any additions, deletions or corrections that need to be made in the above lists. This is our most recent information, and we depend on you to keep us current.*

## Fellowship Gathering Sign-Up



The sign-up for hosting Fellowship Gathering/Coffee Hour after church is posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Please take the opportunity to sign-up – if you are not able to host one, you may bring in a box of cookies or

crackers for the pantry, or a gallon of iced tea or lemonade. Fellowship Gathering is a “coming together” time, and many hands *do* make for lighter work!

<b>September 4th</b>	<i>Joyce Decker, Sheila Spence &amp; Ashley Thomas</i>
<b>September 11th</b>	<i>Joyce Bernasz &amp; Jeff Mingle</i>
<b>September 18th</b>	<i>Vestry</i>
<b>September 25th</b>	<i>Nancy Holder, Mil Brady &amp; Isabelle Murphy</i>

## Incarnation Holy Sacrament Prayer

**Cycle** - You may have noticed in the bulletin and the Prayers of the People certain ministries named in our *prayer cycle*. This is a seven-week cycle, and this month’s ministries are listed to the right. Please consider these ministries in your prayers, and allow us the privilege of connecting you with one or more of these ministries as the spirit moves you!

## Parish Life Committee

Would you like to help with church dinners, bazaars or other special events that energize our parish through fellowship? If you are interested in helping with events that affect the Life of the Parish, please contact the office.

<i>September 4<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Girls Friendly Society and Vestry</i>
<i>September 11<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers and Wednesday Wonders</i>
<i>September 18<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Acolytes and Lay Eucharistic Visitors</i>
<i>September 25<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Altar Guild and Lectors</i>

Beginning in Sept. 2011 and continuing through June 2012, we will be handling coffee hour a little differently. All of those people who indicated on their pledges that they'd be willing to host coffee hour will now be put on the monthly schedule the same way Eileen Resci schedules people to serve as ushers, readers, almoners, etc.

The Vestry will continue to host coffee hour every month on the Sunday that falls after their meeting.

Eight teams of coffee hour hosts have been formed, plus there are several additional volunteers who haven't yet formed teams.

If you are unsure of the responsibilities involved in hosting, from set-up through clean-up, please see the list posted in the kitchen.

This new system should help eliminate many Sundays where we were looking for volunteers. If you'd like to add your name to those willing to host coffee hour, please notify the office.

**Glad Tidings Newsletter** - Articles for the October, 2011 Glad Tidings should be in the church office by Tuesday September 20th. Thank you.

**Prayer Shawls** - The Sewing Group has Prayer Shawls available to anyone needing one. Contact Fr. Sandy, the church office at 610-259-5148; or any member of the Sewing Group.



will begin on September 11th! All children (3yrs to high school) are encouraged to join our classes. Sunday School is held each week and starts after the blessing at the start of the service. There are activities for all age levels. Please see Mr.

Steve; Ms. Jane or Ms. Betty-Lou if you are interested or have any questions.

## Stewardship

Last month I dialed into a phone conference call sponsored by the Episcopal Church Foundation -- "The Basics of Capital Campaigns." The focus of the call was to give the callers (almost a hundred!) an overview of how to run capital campaigns - very useful information for our building development team.

The call also discussed basic principles for annual stewardship campaigns, and I was reminded of a very important step in stewardship campaigns, an absolutely necessary step, which is --

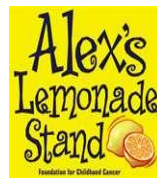
"Thank you."

Yes, "Thank you." If I haven't thanked you for your strong support, year in and year out, then I will say it again - "Thank you." Thank you for your continued nourishment of our programs here at Incarnation Holy Sacrament Episcopal Church. Whether you support our parish through your financial pledges, join the various service groups, share in our worship services or any combination of these, it is still your support which sustains us and allows us to grow. For this we say "Thank you!" over and over again.

In the next month we will put together our Stewardship Campaign. And I might get very busy going over numbers and budgets and expenses, but I will remember to wrap the campaign up with: "Thank You".

Thank you again for your faithful support to your parish.

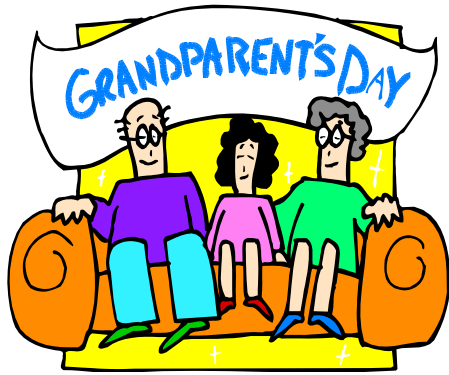
*Jeff Mingle*



With sincere apologies for taking so long to report: We would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to or participated in our annual Alex's Lemonade Stand, held on June 12th. We made \$340.00 in about three hours, which is pretty amazing. The money is

much-needed, and has been instrumental in the opening of new childhood cancer research clin-

ics, as well as providing treatment for suffering children. Thanks again!" – Steve Norris



**is Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> .....**

To all our Grandparents to be; Grandparents and Great-Grand parents may you have a very enjoyable day! Remember to hug or call your Grandparents today; make them smile!



### **Choir -**

The IHS choir will begin its new season on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in singing praises to God during the Sunday service, please come and join us.

Regular rehearsals will be Sunday morning after the worship service and an early practice at 9:30 each Sunday morning. Our first rehearsal will be on September 11<sup>h</sup> after the morning service; so grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us!

I am looking forward to working with our returning choir members and welcoming any new members.

*Joanne Sabatino,  
Organist & Choir Director*

### **Updates to our Directory**

Please add the following names to your church directory: If you are not listed in the directory and want to be, just contact me in the church office (610-259-5148 or [bev@ihschurch.org](mailto:bev@ihschurch.org)). You can also complete the

Church Directory forms found in the rack at the back of the church and give it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. Thank you – Bev B

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*Wesley, Sara*

*Patti Mullin – new phone #  
610-333-2309 or 610-623-1725*

### **"Fill the Bus" campaign**

I would like to thank everyone for their generosity in the "Fill the Bus" campaign to give underprivileged children new school supplies to start the year. IHS donated 10 filled school bags! This is a 100% increase over the past couple years. The coordinator at ECS was very pleased. We also had some extra supplies that I gave to a teacher at Hillcrest Elementary School in Drexel Hill. She has many poor children that can use the help. We have given many children a better start to their school year.



*Dane Tanner*

**Picture Directory – This is your last chance**





to have your family included in the church’s directory. We have arranged for Olan Mills to come to the church on October 18th from 2 PM to 9 PM to take pictures. If you wish to be included please contact Bev in the church office 610-259-5148 to schedule an appointment or see Dane any Sunday here in church.


Appointments are every 20 minutes. Remember you get a free 8 x 10 photo and directory with no obligation to purchase anything! Please sign up ASAP so we can determine if we an additional day is needed!



**Calling all Chair Persons or Contract person for the Church’s ministries** –Over

the last six months or so we started a brochure explaining the function of each Ministry. We desperately need a brief description of your ministry; which will enable us to mail or give it to a potential new members of the congregation. If you would write a brief paragraph and either e-mail it to [bev@ihchurch.org](mailto:bev@ihchurch.org) or leave it on her desk in the office that would be fantastic! As usual your cooperation is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

**We’re  for unused ’s to the church!**

Over the last year or so I’ve been working on organizing and straighten up the office. We’ve noticed that there are no extra keys for the church should someone need them on a short term basis. So that we don’t have to make additional copies would you check your  or anyplace else at home where you might keep your keys and see if you have keys to the church that you really don’t need. If you have them, please drop them off in



the office! We’d really appreciate this kind gesture! *If you have keys and need them, please make sure you sign the sheet in the office.*

*You’re Parish Administrator – Bev B*

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

As of 8/21/2011

**Year to Date Income**

Envelope	53,145.25
Plate	1,358.11
Special Event	604.00
Great Beginnings	13,200.00
Investment Interest	8,337.72
Christmas/Easter	1,939.99
Miscellaneous	93.25
Endowment principal	
Used in 2011	5,000.00
<b>Total Income to date</b>	<b>83,677.33</b>
<b>Income Needed to Date to avoid use of any additional Endowment Principal in 2011</b>	<b>82,240.67</b>
<b>Total Budget for 2011</b>	<b>165,918.00</b>

**Outreach Program to help the Seamen’s Church Institute**

The Seamen’s Church Institute is asking for our assistance. They would like to provide Ditty Bags filled with personal items seafarers use for their daily life on board their ships. They are asking us to provide the following items to go in the Ditty bags.



- Hat & Scarf
- Razor & Shaving Cream
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- (2.4 oz. or larger)
- Shampoo (8oz.) & Comb





Work Socks  
 Work Gloves  
 Deodorant (2.8 oz.)  
 Mini Sewing Kit  
 Pen & Stationary



Please bring your donations to Church by November 13th. A box will be provided in the back of the Church.

*Kris Haelle*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Recovery Walk – Diocese – Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>

The Addiction Recovery Resource Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania (ARRC) is marking Recovery Month by encouraging every parish in the diocese to participate in several opportunities designed to make people aware that recovery from addiction is possible and that The Episcopal Church is taking a leadership role in putting a public face on recovery. Join us by supporting these opportunities to the fullest. *(See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information)*

**If you would like to participate in the Recovery Walk or are interested in becoming a Recovery Advocate** please contact Ron Lockhart, Chair of ARRC, at 610-695-2373, or [ron-lockhartsr@mac.com](mailto:ron-lockhartsr@mac.com)

**Blessing of the Animals** will be on **Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>** @ 1:00 PM on the front lawn! Bring your animals and have Fr. Sandy bless them; just remember all pets should be in a pet carrier or on a leash and most importantly remember to **clean up after them!** ☺☺☺



*A blessing of pets  
 on the  
 Feast of St. Francis  
 October 4*

**Fall Festival - The Upper Darby Historical Society** is holding its Annual "Fall Festival" at Collen Brook Farm located behind the Aronimink School;



Marvine and Mansion Rds. The date is **Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Some activities will be pumpkin painting, apple biting, antique fire truck rides, attic treasure sale, games of the 1800's, civil war reenactments, tours and refreshments. A small donation is appreciated.



*See Bev Rorer for details or questions.*

**All Saints Sunday** - November 6<sup>th</sup> - where we will remember those who have passed. Start looking for pictures of your loved ones you'd like to have remembered in the service. Put their name and yours on the back of the picture and bring them into church during October. There will be a place in the back of the church where you may leave them. *All pictures will be returned the following week. See Fr. Sandy if you have any questions or concerns.*

### *101 Reasons to be Episcopalian... ..*

*Reason #47 - In the Episcopal Church doubt is so okay that we name some parishes "St. Thomas".*

*Louie Crew  
 Diocese of Newark*



"Those are 'high'-schoolers!"

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