

Glad Tidings

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I have the pleasure of reporting to all of you that, as of this Summer, I have had the privilege of being your rector for six years. The growth in Spirit, congregants, vibrancy, and even overall stability I've witnessed at IHS during that time has been astounding. We have much to make us proud. We have a lot to be thankful for.

At the Celebration of New Ministry (or my "installation" as rector), I was offered the traditional gifts - "take these keys, that the church may be open to all people", "take this bible, to preach the gospel faithfully," etc. After these traditional gifts and declarations had been made, my family and I gave a gift to the congregation. A small sapling was to symbolize our growth together.

That winter was a particularly rough one - lots of snow; lots of wind. At one point in the middle of the night, after realizing how much snow had fallen and was continuing to fall, I looked out of the rectory windows to check on our sapling. It had fallen over under the weight of all of that snow, barely visible, and I feared it would die - a symbol of our growth dying? That couldn't happen! Out into the falling snow, finding various tomato stakes and twine and anything else that could be pressed into service, trudging out to the corner, exhuming our little sapling, bracing it against the tough times - I was reminded that as individuals, and as a people, we sometimes require a lot of support. In dire times, that support may not be fancy. A month later those supports were replaced with something more becoming; a tree stake with a little flair. Our little tree still needed support, but now it was received from a more stable and stately source.

Have you seen our little tree recently? The supports have long since been removed.

It can stand on its own, tall and proud and strong against the prevailing winds cornering Garrett Road onto Riverview Ave. This little tree - *this little church* - is stronger than ever, and shows all of the signs of continued and sustained growth - both reaching out into new frontiers and firmly rooted.



SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

6/03 Joshua Haupt
 6/07 William Carlos Gutierrez
 6/08 Dot Wade
 6/11 Rachel Haupt
 6/12 Diane Tapley
 6/13 Heather Patton-Graham
 6/15 Isabel Murphy
 6/20 Scott Lewis
 6/21 Jake Lewis
 6/22 Emily Hawley
 6/24 Margaret Beliew
 6/26 Tom McClelland
 6/26 Marcie Tillberry
 6/27 Jennifer Lynn Tapley

7/01 Lois Wigmore
 7/02 Stephen Haupt
 7/10 Ed Buddenhagen
 7/10 Karen Staley
 7/10 A. Addis Ziegler, III
 7/13 Sue Reilly
 7/16 Nick DiRosato
 7/16 William Elder
 7/17 Chuck Avery
 7/18 Meg Hartnett
 7/24 Rob Robinson
 7/24 Lindsay Toriello
 7/25 BettyLou Hadley-Laird
 7/27 Dane Tanner

8/01 Edwin A. Williams
 8/03 Linda Okazaki
 8/03 Eileen Resci
 8/04 John Rorer
 8/06 Jeff Mingle
 8/10 Milissa Conn
 8/11 Lindsey Brooks
 8/12 Chiamaka Ilonze
 8/16 Bonnie McClelland
 8/16 Ashley Thomas
 8/16 Amy Williams
 8/18 Christopher Elder
 8/21 John Laird
 8/22 Tom Chadwick
 8/25 Joyce Wilson
 8/28 Jennifer Schwab

6/06 Bev & John Rorer
 6/06 Susan & Tom Scott
 6/17 Barbara & Barry
 VanRensler
 6/17 Bill & Lois Wigmore
 6/29 Joanne & Mark Gentry



8/02 Dane & Virginia Tanner
 8/06 Jennifer & Anthony Schwab
 8/13 Jane & Steven
 Buddenhagen
 8/19 Cindy & Matt Hartnett
 8/20 Cheryl & Chuck Avery
 8/27 Betty-Lou & John Laird

7/17 Anne & Joe
 Ackerman
 7/28 Joel & Karen Staley

Please let the Church office know of any additions, deletions or corrections that need to be made in the above three 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! *(Summer coffee hour is juice & cookies in back of the church)*

Month of June	5 th - Jen Vona; Delores Gledhill 12 th - Alex Lemonade Stand - Sunday School 19 th - Joyce Decker; Sheila Spence 26 th - Vestry	Month of July	24 th - Jeff Mingle 31 st - Volunteers Needed
Month of July	3 rd - Lee Schultz 10 th - Dane Tanner 17 th - Volunteers Needed	Month of August	7 th - Barb Thompson 14 th - Volunteers Needed 21 st - Volunteers Needed 28 th - Maria Buonviri

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.

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 the summer month's ministries are listed below. 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!

June 5 th	Eucharistic Ministers & Wednesday Wonders	July 24 th	Eucharistic Ministers and Wednesday Wonders
June 12 th	Acolytes & Lay Eucharistic Visitors	July 31 st	Acolytes & Lay Eucharistic Visitors
June 19 th	Altar Guild and Lectors	August 7 th	Altar Guild and Lectors
June 26 th	Development Committee and Sewing Group	August 14 th	Development Committee and Sewing Group
July 3 th	Choir and Sunday School	August 21 st	Choir and Sunday School
July 10 th	Finance Committee and Ushers	August 28 th	Finance Committee and Ushers
July 17 th	Girls Friendly Society and Vestry	September 4 th	Girls Friendly Society and Vestry

Glad Tidings Newsletter - Articles for the September, 2010 Glad Tidings should be in the church office by Monday August 23rd. Thank you.

THANKS CHOIR!!

"Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things"



Singing praises to God the Almighty is a very vital and important part of our Sunday worship. It is so wonderful and inspiring to hear our I H S choir members singing the anthems and all the members of the church raising their voices to honor Our Lord.

I would like to thank all the I H S choir members for all their precious time, devotion and for sharing their musical talent with the congregation in praising God.

I H S choir needs new members and anyone who enjoys singing is welcome.

I wish Father Sandy, the I H S choir and members of the I H S church a very healthy and happy summer.

*Joanne Sabatino,
Choir Director*

Attitude of Gratitude -

Many thanks to the Altar Guild for making Easter so glorious at IHS and kudos to Suzanne Depue and Donna Roman. The children certainly enjoyed finding the Easter bunny's surprises.



Your Help is Requested

We recently went on a trip and visited an area that is in dire need of help. If you have clothes that would fit a child in Kindergarten to 8th grade - age 5 to 13 - don't need them any longer and would like to donate them; please see me.

Charlie Gibson

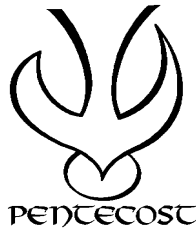
Easter Egg Hunt



We would like to thank everyone who donated items for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. It was a great event. All the children really enjoyed running around collecting eggs and candy. The weather once again cooperated which made for an even better time.

Sue Depue and Donna Roman

Pentecost Sunday is June 12th and we would encourage everyone to wear red, yellow or orange to church that day, to celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit in this place.



Hats Off To Our College Graduates ...



Christopher Elder graduated May 28th from the University of Delaware. Christopher has earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History with a Musical Studies Minor.

Kaitlyn Livoy graduated May 7th from Millersville University.

Steven H. Norris, Sr. graduated with honors on May 14th from Widener University. He earned a degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies with a Specialization in Elementary Education.

Amy Thompson (Barb Thompson's daughter) graduated from Millersville University on May 7th, cum laude with a degree in elementary education. She is presently seeking a employment as a teacher.

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to these graduates and all others on their future endeavors.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As of 5/22/2011

Year to Date Income

Envelope	34,683.94
Plate	1,090.61
Special Event	604.00
Great Beginnings	8,250.00
Investment Interest	4,368.50
Christmas/Easter	1,939.00
Miscellaneous	93.25
Endowment principal Used in 2011	-0-

Total Income to date **51,029.30**

**Income Needed to Date to avoid
use of any additional Endowment
Principal in 2011** **114,888.70**

Total Budget for 2011 **165,918.00**



The Sunday School is holding an Alex's Lemonade Stand on Sunday, June 12th from 10 am to 2 pm on the front lawn of the church. We need all children and parents who can help to see me - Steve Norris - ASAP; also, we are asking for the congregation's help in providing us with some baked goods (made or bought) to sell at the stand; these parishioners can see me as well.

Alex Scott was a brave little girl from Wynnewood, Pa. who was diagnosed at an early age with a childhood form of a very deadly cancer, and who, on her own, came up with the idea to sell lemonade to make money for cancer

research. She passed away in 2004, but her idea has spread worldwide and has raised millions of dollars to date.

Our stand is registered on the Alex's Lemonade Stand website, which is www.alexslimonade.org.

Submitted by Steve Norris

Building Development Committee Update

Since the Annual Meeting on March 27th, your Development Committee has been moving along with the various phases of the process.

On May 2nd, the Committee met again with the president of Cornerstone Architects firm to approve moving ahead to select a contractor. We gave him the okay to contact six contractors who had sent introductory information and letters of interest to us. On May 7th, Cornerstone Architects mailed a Request for Proposal (RFP), along with the proposal form, to the contractors asking for confirmation of their interest in our project by May 13th. Since that date, two contractors declined and four reaffirmed their intention to submit a budgetary proposal based on our approved concept design. Their deadline for response to Cornerstone is May 26th. Cornerstone will prepare a comparison of the contractors' proposals for our review, to guide us through the selection process. Following our review of the proposals, we have tentative dates of May 31st to June 2nd set aside for interviews with the contractors and architect on site at IHS. The work now being performed by the architect is part of their second phase with us, which was approved by our vestry on April 12th.

The budgetary proposals from the contractors will contain their highest budget numbers for the "vertical" construction based on our approved concept drawings. Upon receipt of the budgetary proposals, we will be in a position to have a conversation with our contact at Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) to discuss the Capital Campaign Feasibility phase which had been approved by Vestry on October 13th

of 2010. The purpose of this phase with ECF will be to talk about how much money we can realistically expect to raise.

Assuming the result of the Feasibility Phase indicates we can proceed, we will then be able to begin actual construction and materials discussions with the contractor(s) to meet our budget.

We will need to engage the services of a civil engineer for a site survey required for the necessary approvals from Upper Darby Township. We have been told that process could take up to six (6) months to complete.

In order to achieve success with our plans, it is imperative that we move ahead carefully with each step we take. Since our parish meeting on March 27th, the committee met on April 10th as a group after church and with the architect on May 2nd. We communicate frequently with each other and have another committee meeting planned for the middle of June. We have minutes for every meeting. We had one conference call with our ECF contact at the middle of April, and are preparing for our next call with her as soon as we have the budgetary numbers in place, which should be early in June. We will be working together as much as possible throughout the summer months and will have more to report in the first fall issue of Glad Tidings.

We hope to see you during the summer months, but if you are traveling, be safe and God bless you.

Submitted by Joyce Bernasz

Altar Memorial Flowers –Do you have a



loved one that you'd like to remember on their birthday, anniversary or another special day with flowers? There are still many dates available in the coming months – June 5, 19, 26; July 3, 17, 31;

August 7, 21, 22; September 11, 18, and 25—are all available and waiting for someone to request that date. The cost of flowers is just \$30.00!

If you are interested please talk to one of the ladies of the Altar Guild or contact the church office by phone – 610-259-5148; or via e-mail bev@ihschurch.org; or leave a slip of paper in the office with the date you want and how you would like the wording to read.



**Save The
Date - 2nd
Annual
Hunger
Walk: June
12, 2011**

What is the Delaware County Walk for Hunger?

The 2nd annual Delaware County Walk for Hunger is a community wide event raising funds to help combat local and international hunger and homelessness. Inter generationally friendly, the walk will include a fun run, walk and alternative forms of transportation for those wishing to participate but unable to handle the distance. While coordinated by St. Alban's Church, this is a secular event involving all people regardless of creed.

When and where will it be taking place?

Save the date...the walk is scheduled for **Sunday, June 12th 2011!** It will take place in the afternoon. Beginning at St. Alban's Circle, the walk will use the same route as last year, utilizing the back roads of the Newtown Square area, as well as along the sidewalk of West Chester Pike.

Who is it benefiting?

The walk will, once again, raise funds for 1 International charity and 2 local charities.

- 1) Heifer International** -Heifer's mission is "to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth." For over 65 years, Heifer has provided sustainable assistance in more than 128 countries. Learn more by visiting their web-site: heifer.org.

- 2) CAADC** -The Community Action Agency of Delaware County serves as Delaware County's designated anti-poverty agency. Check out all they do at www.CAADC.org.
- 3) St. Mark's Food Pantry** -Located in Broomall, this food pantry provides ems to local families in need. Interested in helping out? Call 610-356-1119

What is happening on the St. Albans campus during the event?

- Live music
- Children's activities
- A "Taste of Newtown Square"

How can I become involved?

Currently we are asking you to help us get the word out. We want to spread the message within our community in order to get people excited and thinking! As we move forward we have sponsorship possibilities (on multiple levels), as well as fund raising and volunteer opportunities. The website (delawarecountywalkforhunger.org) has been updated with the 2011 information.

Want to take a bigger role in the planning of this event? Join our planning committee!

Have more questions? Have a suggestion?

Please contact Kyle Evans, the Walk Coordinator. Her cell is 267-221-9239 and her email address is kyle.evans55@gmail.com.

Registration forms are available in the church office and on the bulletin board

Updates/Changes to the Church Directory

Please make the following additions and/or changes to your directory. Additional copies are available in the back of the church if you did not receive.



Additions:

*Alison Menta
20 N. Diamond Street
Clifton Heights, PA 19018*

*Jennifer and John Vona
2030 Ravenwood Drive
Folcroft, PA 19032
610-583-3425*

*Cameron
Cell # 484-571-1001*

Change:

*Bob and Marcia Verna (moved)
1835 Johnston Street - Apt. 214
Philadelphia, PA 19145
267-639-3045*

If you know someone has moved, changed phone numbers, etc. please notify the office - as this is the only way we can keep the records up to date. Thank you.

Did you Notice our New Deck????

We have a beautiful and safe new deck! Thanks to concerns and suggestions made at the General Membership Meeting.

Vestry realized there was a miscommunication and quickly moved forward to get estimates and complete the project. We would like to express our thanks to the members of the congregation, the Wednesday Wonders and to the Vestry members who worked to make this possible.

Submitted by Sue Bevilacqua



Fill the Bus Campaign

IHS will once again be participating in the ECS Fill the Bus Campaign to help underprivileged children have school supplies. This year they are concentrating on Elementary school age children. Please leave any book bags or school supplies in the back of the church before Aug 1 if you would like to help. I will post what ECS is suggesting for each filled school bag on the bulletin board at the rear of the church. Thanks for your continued support; we have had great success with this in past years!



Fill the Bus Supply List - Elementary School

- 1 Back Pack Filled with:
 - 5 Composition Notebooks
 - 1 Three-Ring Binder w/Wide-ruled paper
 - 1 three-hole punched pencil case
(sometimes they come with binder)
 - 2 pkgs. of Pencils
 - 1 pkg. of colored pencils
 - 1 box of markers,
 - 1 box of 24 crayons
 - 1 pair of Scissors (safety-no sharp ends!)
 - 1 pkg. of Erasers
 - 2 two pocket folders
 - 5 glue sticks or 1 bottle of glue
 - 1 Ruler
 - 1 Protractor
 - 1 Small calculator

Submitted by Dane Tanner



"Who scheduled recess during my sermon?"

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