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# WEEKLY MESSENGER

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Dear People of God,

La Nora and I have had a wonderful vacation!

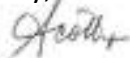
We left Sunday 6/21, (after church) and drove to Williamsburg, VA, where we spent some time with Douglas and Lianne Boller. We toured Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown Settlement and had a gracious visit with the Bollers.

On Tuesday 6/23, we drove to Edisto Island where we visited with old clergy friends from Detroit who were on vacation off the coast of SC.

On Thursday, 6/25, we arrived in Augusta and had a few days of reconnecting with our son, David, his wife, Dara, and our 1 year old grandson, Brock. David and Dara left Sunday 6/28 to fly to Las Vegas for some pre-wedding festivities. Dara's sister is getting married in September and the bachelor and bachelorette parties were in Vegas. They will return on Wednesday, July 1st. La Nora and I are full time babysitters right now, except for a few friends who came up to visit us from Lakeland, FL. On Thursday 7/2 we start heading home to NJ and will look forward to being with you on Sunday 7/5.

We have had a nice break from our regular schedules and look forward to returning rested and ready to resume our life in Short Hills! See y'all then!

Faithfully,



Fr. Scott+



The David P. Hegg II Lifetime Achievement Award recipient **Tom Swartz** with **Bishop Mark Beckwith** and **Rev. Lisa Green**.



# THE 76<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

General Convention will be held **July 8-17, 2009** in Anaheim, California. The convention will be comprised of clergy and lay delegates who will gather around the theme of "Ubuntu"- a word popularized at the Lambeth gathering of the Bishops of the Anglican Communion in 2008. "Ubuntu" is characterized by a collective gathering of listening and discerning people seeking guidance or consensus.

Every three years the Episcopal Church gathers as a legislative body to seek the will of the Holy Spirit and guidance in decision making. Please keep our delegates and the convention in your prayers in the coming weeks:

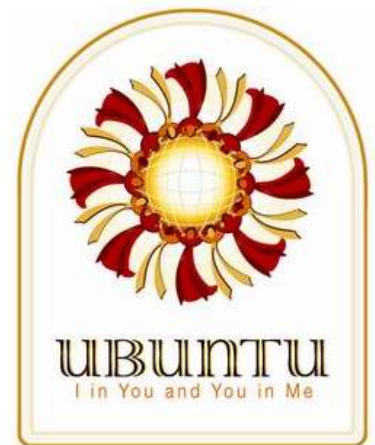
*Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in Anaheim at the 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach them in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide them to perceive what is right, and grant them both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Faithfully, STH

The Ubuntu logo of the 76th General Convention was adapted from a design submitted in a contest, sponsored by the Joint Standing Committee on Planning & Arrangements. The winning design was submitted by the Rev'd Paul Fromberg, Interim Rector of St. Gregory of Nyssa Church, San Francisco, California, a member of the Episcopal Church and the Visual Arts.

The Trinitarian design depicts God the Creator in the bright center, God the Son in the cross formed by the longitude and latitude lines and God the Holy Spirit, swirling around the Father and the Son. The swirl is comprised of dancing figures, male and female, with faces of many colors, who symbolize the interconnectedness of humanity.

The word Ubuntu is spelled out in a font especially created for General Convention by Mel Ahlborn, President of the Episcopal Church and the Visual Arts, together with a quotation from the Gospel of John, "I in You and You in Me."



Bishop Beckwith and our diocesan deputies to General Convention will report back about their Convention experiences in two sessions on Thursday, **July 23** at St. Agnes' Church, 65 Union Ave., Little Falls.

The morning session is 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and the evening session is 7:00-9:00 p.m.

All are invited.

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF HER: WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

*"Holy woman, costly treasure, with the jar of  
alabaster shows the hidden gift we are."*

*-Voices Found 1*

Our summer evening series continues this  
Wednesday, **July 8**, with The Woman who Anointed  
Jesus. As the sun sets, we'll share Bible study, poetry,  
music, and prayer (BYOB - bring your own Bible and  
beverage). Get to know these women and the pivotal  
roles they play in the Gospels. All are invited - women  
and men! Led by Assistant Rector, Lisa Green.

**Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m.**

in the Garth (weather permitting)

**July 8:** The Woman who Anointed Jesus

**July 15:** Mary the Mother of Jesus

**July 22:** Mary Magdalene (her feast day)

**July 29:** Mary and Martha of Bethany (their feast day)

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Coffee hour hosts are needed  
to sign up right away.  
The task is easy; do not delay!

Could it be your turn?  
Check your calendar  
and let us know now;  
we'll mail you tips and the "how."

Coffee we'll have, but no goodies at all,  
'less folks hurry to sign up  
to answer this call!!



Valerie Richards,  
Hope Lampe  
and Bobbi Engler  
*Volunteer Coffee Hour  
Coordinators*



## SONG LEADERS FOR SUMMER WORSHIP

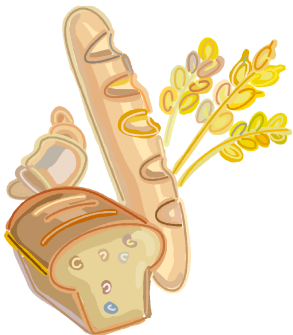
This summer, our congregational singing will be led by individual song leaders from the  
choir. Please continue to sing your praises 'lustily' and let your voices be heard.

Those who sing pray twice!

John Pivarnik, *Organist and Choirmaster*

## COME OUT AND SING IN THE SUMMER "PICK-UP" CHOIR

During the summer months, special music will be presented by a "Pick up" choir on most Sundays. Anyone is  
welcome to join us for rehearsals at 8:45 a.m. and to sing at 9:30 a.m - youth + adults, even if you just sing in  
the shower! If you are unable to make a yearly commitment this would be a great time to try singing in the  
choir! Feel free to come on a week-by-week basis. Our repertoire will be selected from the Hymnal 1982,  
Wonder, Love and Praise and Lift Every Voice and Sing among others. I hope you can join us! - *John Pivarnik*



## WANT TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE HOMEMADE BREAD?

On Tuesday, **July 7**, from 7:00-9:30 p.m., we will focus on the myths and shortcuts to  
making fabulous homemade bread and rolls. Gather in the Church kitchen (bring a bag  
of flour- as long as it is not self-rising) and come ready to knead. Tasting of bread will  
start at 9:00 for those who want to come late!

**ANNIVERSARIES**

07/06 Lisa + Bill Gadsden  
 07/09 Michele Edward Shapard  
 07/12 Ramona + George Larson  
 07/18 Debbie + Randy Barker  
 07/20 Debra + Michael Harwood  
 07/20 Ruth + John Clemence  
 07/23 Karen + Craig Larson  
 07/23 Wendy + David Berg  
 07/23 Mary + Brendon Macy  
 07/24 Sallie + Andrew Bunn  
 07/24 Terry + Heather Finan  
 07/27 Coleen + Rob Malin

**BIRTHDAYS**

07/02 Augie Grove  
 07/03 Ava Reilley  
 07/05 Jane Riedel  
 07/06 Laura Barney  
 07/06 Katherine Grove  
 07/06 Drew Smith  
 07/06 Sam Ephraimson  
 07/07 Gloria Eck  
 07/07 Freeman Bunn  
 07/07 Whit Harwood  
 07/08 Graydon Gorra  
 07/09 Thomas Gordon  
 07/09 Allison Busacca  
 07/09 Jack Smith  
 07/12 Marian Carter  
 07/15 William Omelia  
 07/16 Grace Larson  
 07/16 Alec Ephraimson  
 07/16 Virginia McGraw  
 07/18 Lise Davis  
 07/20 Bridget O'Brien  
 07/20 Jack Amarante  
 07/21 Alex Hunter  
 07/21 Mac Boyle

Registration has begun for  
**VACATION BIBLE  
 SCHOOL 2009**  
 at  
 Community Congregational  
 Church and you are  
 invited to participate!



Invite friends, neighbors and grandchildren to a week that will teach them about God and faith in language they can understand! Vacation Bible School activities, including crafts, games, music, science and drama classes, help children explore a classic Bible story each day, while learning a practical lesson that relates to their experience as Pre-K and elementary school children. Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> through Friday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm for children age 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost for the whole week or any part of it is \$100 per child. To register your children, please visit [www.CommunityChurch.org](http://www.CommunityChurch.org) and click on the "Vacation Bible School" button. Please contact Rev. Jennifer Hrynyk with any questions at (973) 379-5600, x13 or [Jennifer@CommunityChurch.org](mailto:Jennifer@CommunityChurch.org).

**MEMORIAL  
 FLOWERS**

**July 5**  
 Rosalind Lanier

**July 12**  
 H.R. and Mildred Coursen

**July 19**  
 JoAnne Graziano

**July 26**  
 Robert F. LeMoine

**LAST WEEK**

Attendance  
 8:00 a.m. - 15  
 9:30 a.m. - 46

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>5</b> 8:00am - Holy Eucharist 9:15am - Nursery Care 9:30am - Holy Eucharist + Baptisms 10:45am - Coffee Hour	<b>6</b> 6:00am - Men's Group 9:00am - Staff meeting 8:00pm - Feed Forward: Contemporary Music	<b>7</b> 7:00pm - Bread Baking Class	<b>8</b> 6:00pm - YPF Tailgate 7:00pm - Buildings + Grounds meeting 7:30pm - Women of the New Testament : The Woman who Anointed Jesus	<b>9</b> 9:30am - Altar Guild meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:00am - Holy Eucharist 9:15am - Nursery Care 9:30am - Holy Eucharist 10:45am - Coffee Hour	<b>13</b> 6:00am - Men's Group 9:00am - Staff meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:30pm - Women of the New Testament : Mary the Mother of Jesus 8:00pm - Stewardship Council	<b>16</b> 8:00pm - Feed Forward: parish Life	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:30am - Careers in Transition