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# The FISHLINE—

Good News from  
St. Luke's Church . . .



~ Summer style!! July/August 2009



## 76<sup>th</sup> GENERAL CONVENTION of the Episcopal Church

Where is Fr. Craig? Well, he is certainly not on vacation!! I know you all think he is basking in the sun with Adelene and the puppies up in Maine but he is not...

Fr. Craig is a Deputy to General Convention which is held every three years; this year in Anaheim, California. The convention spans from July 8<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. Here's a little background that was recently published in RISEN:

*"You can imagine what the Revolutionary War did to Anglican congregations in RI and throughout the colonies becoming states. What a time that must have been! Exciting, frightening, turning so much that was familiar upside down. Before George Washington was elected the 1st President of the United States, clerical and lay Deputies from several states assembled in Philadelphia to plan for the future of an independent, American Episcopal Church. In the spirit of the times, the General Convention was born and would very soon be composed of a House of Deputies and a House of Bishops, "giving clergy and laity an equal voice with bishops in determining policy, establishing our legal framework, and maintaining a living liturgical life."*

204 years later we're still at it! Attend the Annual Meeting of your congregation and you will elect delegates to Diocesan Convention. Every three years those delegates elect the General Convention Deputies; deputies commit themselves to prepare through study, conversation and prayer and to be open to the working of the Holy Spirit. While they do represent their particular diocese, they are not bound by that diocese to vote a certain way. In September 1995 delegates from your congregation gathered in a special Diocesan Convention and elected the Very Rev. GERALYN WOLF as the 12th Bishop of Rhode Island. She became a member of the House of Bishops which does have regular meetings, but it is only when the two houses meet together that we have a General Convention.

General Convention is a legislative body that approved the Book of Common Prayer you regularly hold in your hand as well as the Hymnal 1982. Ordination to the priesthood of women was approved in 1976 in an emotion-filled convention.

The theme for the 76th General Convention, July 8th to 17th, 2009, is a new word for most of us - "ubuntu"; it will take us a while to get comfortable with saying it, but "ubuntu" refers to the interconnectedness of all humanity, I in You and You in Me. Community - not just in RI or New England but across and through political and geographic and economic and any other kind of boundary you can think of. Ubuntu. This is a challenging theme for us as we approach controversial issues, a theme that will help us see things through many eyes before a decision is made. We have a special heritage in the Episcopal Church." (excerpt from RISEN Summer 2009 magazine, written by Carol Frink.)

Now we can all sleep soundly at night knowing our rector is representing us and our faith with the rest of the world. **UBUNTU**



## Cookouts & Concerts



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Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> is Zee's Country Band and Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> is Brass Attack (R&B and Swing). So mark your calendars and join us for hamburgers and hot dogs at 5:30, then stroll over to Academy Field with a blanket or chair to listen to the concerts.

In the event of rain, the cookout will be indoors as well as the concert.

**See you then! Bring your friends!!**

**HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY SUMMER !!**





***The Farmer's Market***  
at Academy Field is back.

Mondays from 3-7pm

Fresh produce, pies and breads  
available every Monday afternoon  
across the parking lot at  
Academy Field.

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St. Peter's-by-the-Sea Church  
Narragansett, RI  
is hosting

***FOOD PANTY BENEFIT CONCERT***

featuring

**QUEEN'S RIVER TRIO**

*with Joanne Arnold, soprano*

*Jennifer Collins, trumpet*

*Diana Norton-Jackson, organ, piano & harpsichord*

*Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm*

*Admission by monetary and non-perishable food donations.  
Reception to follow in the parish hall.*

## *Curate's Corner*

Over the last few years, I have heard many people talk about how we don't have a "real" spring any longer. Well, I think we got it this year and some additional make up rain for those years without a real spring. I feel your pain if you think it has been too cold and too wet so far this year. The bad weather has been near the top of the conversation list for quite a few weeks now, but we all know it is just a matter of time before summer weather enters Rhode Island.

Along with summer, we will also begin our Saturday evening Eucharist at 5:30 on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Over the last few months, people who attended last year on Saturday began to ask when it would return and still others who think they want to try it out. After a very successful first year, I expect even more people will attend this special summer service than last year. This type of offering typically takes a year or so to really attract people, so I believe last year's average attendance of 40 will increase this year.

Our other programming is slowing or has stopped for the summer months, so I will be able to focus more on other activities until September. I really hope to spend more time visiting with more of you over the summer. One of the true joys of my ministry is getting to know and forming friendships with you that I hope will last over our entire lifetimes. Since there are so many of you, please feel free to contact me at the office or at home (884-4116 / 397-6168) and schedule a time to get together. I will also try to contact as many of you as I can.

Hopefully we will discuss things like 'how warm the summer has been' or 'boy we could really use some rain!' See you around church and town.

***DMB***

# Deacon Ricky

## Soup Kitchens:

On June 28, we welcomed several people from St George's to our 10 am service and then returned with them to the regular fourth week – and – end of the season Soup Kitchen – there were nine or ten of us! It has been a great year of participation and we have enjoyed our new relationships. Next fall, we will combine Soup Kitchen activities with a master calendar set up to engage people at St Georges the forth Sunday of each month AND at Grace Church/Epiphany every other month on a Saturday afternoon. We are going to try to involve more people – and do this by asking various groups in the parish to volunteer together for one of the weeks. Of course, individuals currently helping with these programs can still participate. Watch for more news in late summer.

## Food and Clothing and ???

Most of you have probably cleaned out your clothes closets by now and it is a good time to take a break from clothing donations until the fall. Since schedules are irregular during the summer months, please **DO NOT bring in any clothing** or other donated items until September... BUT – please **DO continue to bring in donated non- perishable food items each Sunday** and it will be taken up to St George's in Central Falls as usual.

These contributions are very important to that community and they thank you. If you do not see the “Deacon's Car/Van:” – you can leave foods in the small coat rack area located between the two bathrooms opposite the church office.

## St. Luke's Anniversary Keepsake

The beautifully detailed wooden replicas of St. Luke's church, unveiled on Pentecost Sunday, have been very popular. The first 100 are sold and we are ordering another 50. Of those, 20 are not yet reserved and will be immediately available when the order is delivered in early July.

We will be taking new orders throughout the summer and into the fall. A sign-up sheet is in the atrium.

This Anniversary keepsake is 6" x 7.5" and cost only \$20. All proceeds will go to support the Church. Half of each purchase will be recorded as a charitable contribution. Help make our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary a big success!



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*Aging With Grace* will not meet in either July or August. The first meeting in the fall is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, at 12:30 in the Blackburn Room.

Look for details in the September **Anchor**.



### Summer Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
There will always be a contact number for pastoral emergencies, as there is now, on the voicemail message.



### ***Property Committee***

Property Breakfasts continue during the summer on July 16 and August 20. There's lots of food, fellowship and fun and we invite you to join us. Our thanks to Martin Denny-Brown for bracing the cabinets in the Blackburn Room. Sandy Rubel is gradually repairing and reinforcing the pew book racks in the Church.

Please continue to let us know about things needing our attention.

Sandy and Peggy Rubel, Co-Chairs (884-6594)



***Wanted:*** GARDENERS!! If you have a few extra moments during the beautiful New England summer, we would love your help in caring for our lovely gardens. Simple weeding and feeding is all that is needed. Please contact the office if you're interested.

***Wanted:*** FLOWERS!! Do you have a flower garden? Would you like to share your flowers with the congregation? Sign up for a week during the summer to showcase your flowers at the altar. Contact Barbara in the office if interested, [barbara.defusco@stlukese.org](mailto:barbara.defusco@stlukese.org).

### **Great Day of Service**

This will be held on October 12 at various locations throughout the state and will provide an opportunity for young and old to join with people from around the state to engage in a *Day of Service*. This program was started in the East Bay five years ago and last year involved more than 700 participants. Save the date and look for more information in August.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

This summer many of you have asked me for ways your children and teenagers can find community service opportunities. It's great that they want to do this! To be efficient, I suggest that you look at the Volunteer Center at Serve Rhode Island. They have an extensive listing of volunteer activities for all kinds of people, including families. Here's their website [www.vcri.org](http://www.vcri.org). Some opportunities are also listed in the *Providence Journal* on Sundays in the Lifebeat section.

***DLB***



## *Thank you!*

On behalf of Sergeant Christopher R. Johnson, USMC, we would like to thank the congregation, clergy and Pastoral Care Committee for continued prayers over the five years while he was on active duty. The support we received was so helpful to our souls, considering the unrest in the world.



Christopher completed his five year commitment to the Marine Corps on May 29<sup>th</sup>. He and his wife Carolyn, have moved to the Dallas, Texas area. Thank you all.

With much gratitude,  
Lisa Johnson, Mother  
Carl Hoyer, Grandfather  
Becky Bullinger, Aunt/Godmother

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## *SAVE THE DATE for DINNER & DANCING!!!!*

As part of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, we will be having a Dinner Dance on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at Potowomut Country Club. It promises to be a wonderful night filled with fun. Tickets will be \$40 per person. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to enjoy this evening of celebration and special guests! All are invited to attend!!



## *Music*

This has been a stellar year with festivals, workshops, concerts and social activities for all choirs. As usual I am running to keep up with it all. If the weather remains cool, come and sing in the choir gallery with me. I like to have company and it helps with the service. If you are thinking about joining a choir, it would be helpful to know that this summer. The adult choir will welcome singers warmly. Please let us know if you plan to enroll your child in one of the youth choirs. It helps us to plan for new choristers.

I will be in Los Angeles attending the Association of Anglican Musicians Conference and enjoying wonderful concerts, inspiring lectures and meeting for conversation with music colleagues. I will carry to the conference news of our RSCM Program with an outline of our Christian Education Program that we are hoping to publish in 2010. Thanks go to Karen Whelan-Berry for helping to organize this project and a large thank you to our RSCM teaching staff at St. Luke's, who have worked to develop this interesting curriculum.

Invitations are coming in to sing and ring in many places and we are delighted to have new challenges for next season. Come and join us and be an active part of our social and spiritual life in St. Luke's parish.

Priscilla A. Rigg  
Music Director

