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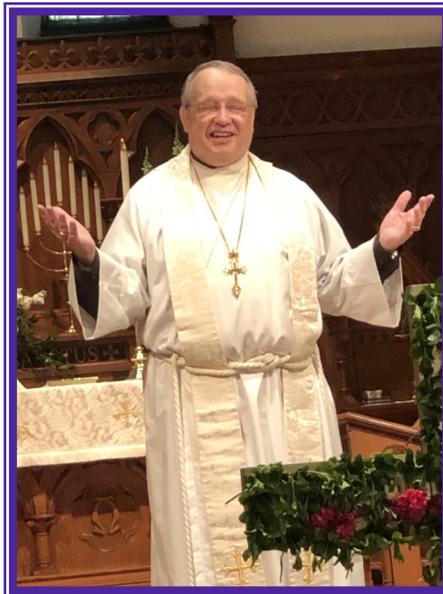
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## FROM THE RECTOR

*The Rev. Donald Lowery*



**The Paschal Feast**  
The Paschal Feast

The word "Paschal" occurs in our liturgy in several places. I did not realize until recently that not everyone knows what that word means. Paschal comes from the Hebrew word that means "Passover" in the sense of Israel's deliverance from slavery in Egypt. Jesus died at the time of the Passover and the word was taken up by Christians to mean the time of Jesus death and resurrection, for it is our deliverance or Passover from both sin and death.

Easter is our Passover, our paschal. It is interesting that the word Easter, which is the most common way that English speaking Christians refer to the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, actually comes from the name of a pagan goddess whose holiday was celebrated in

the Spring about the same time Christians kept the feast of our Lord's Resurrection. Being creatures of habit, our Anglo-Saxon linguistic ancestors changed to the feast to a celebration of the Lord

*From the Rector cont. pg.2*

## HOLY INNOCENTS HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

**Palm Sunday**

8:00 am Rite One

10:30 am Rite Two

12:30 pm Spanish

**Maundy Thursday**

7:00 pm

**Good Friday**

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Proper Liturgy for Good Friday  
*(W/Communion from Reserved Sacrament)*

**Easter Day**

6:00 am Communion -Old St. John's

8:00 am Rite One Communion

10:30 am Rite Two Communion

12:30 pm Holy Communion in Spanish

## COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Community Services will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church, April 11-15 at noon. The preaching will be as follows:

- Monday** – The Rev'd Joseph Ratliff, Shiloh Baptist Church
- Tuesday** – The Rev'd Matthew Copple, First Presbyterian Church
- Wednesday** - The Rev'd George Loveland, First United Methodist Church
- Thursday** – The Rev'd Delton Farmer, Cotton Memorial Presbyterian Church
- Friday** – The Rev'd Ronald Cava, First Baptist Church.

These community services are amongst my favorite observances in Holy Week and are well worth attending. †

# PARISH NEWS...



## Father Lowery Away

while keeping the old name to which they were accustomed. Under the heading of Lowery family trivia, my dad, who is very religious, was horrified when he found out the pagan origin of the word "Easter." I told him to stop calling it Easter and use The Feast of the Resurrection instead. The seemed to satisfy him.

Our Paschal Feast is the Christians most awesome celebration. Jesus conquered death. Sin and the sinners condemned him to death. His willingness to embrace death, even death on the cross, makes him our sacrifice for sin. This is not, as I have said before, the requirement of a vengeful God, but the outpouring of the Love of God to the fullest extent possible. Jesus embraced death because he loved us. Jesus conquers death by the same power of a Divine and Unending Love.

By this Love, sin is defeated because of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Sin put him on the cross. Sin killed him. By his resurrection Jesus defeated the power of sin once and for all. That does not mean that Christians no longer sin, but it means that sin is forgiven and that we are given power to grow and overcome the sins that beset us.

By this Love, death is defeated. As those of you who know me are aware I am very fond of using the stained-glass windows in our church as teaching tools and sermon illustrations. I am partial to the Resurrection Window in the congregation's right transept. I repeat often this fact, that what God does for Jesus he does not do for Jesus alone but for all who put their trust in his saving grace. Not only is sin forgiven, but we are promised eternal life. That does not mean our physical body does not die. It means physical death is not the end of our story. Our soul or spirit goes to God and lives in eternity. Even more, that soul will be reunited, at the end of time as we know it, by our body resurrection, recreated and perfected. We will live forever with the Lord and be reunited with those who have gone before us in faith. Heaven, eternal life, is not a place of static existence but of reunion and a life of meaning and joy.

So, we celebrate the Paschal Feast. It is our Passover from Sin. It is

I will attend the Vestry Meeting on Easter Monday night. Tuesday I will drive to Baltimore to visit family and finalize plans to move there when I retire come this summer.

I will be away the First Sunday After Easter. The Rev'd Canon Sally French will be our supply priest for the Sunday English services and the Rev'd Canon Daniel Robayo will be our supply priest for the Spanish service. †



Life Line screening conducts over 14,000 screenings every year in neighborhoods all over the United States. They screen in churches, community centers and other facilities, bringing state of the art equipment with them to neighborhoods near us.

Life Line Screening is scheduled to be held at our church on Tuesday, May 10th. To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount, please call 1-800-324-1851 or visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HS](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HS).

**5 Screenings for Only \$149**  
**Special Package Pricing**

## Altar Guild News

-Shirley Young



The Altar Guild will be busy Holy Week and need extra help from all Altar Guild members.. We'll be stripping the Altar on Maundy Thursday, April 14, at the 7:00 p.m. Service and on Saturday, April 16, we'll prepare the church for Easter. Our Easter Service on Sunday will include flowering of the Cross so please bring flowers!



Margaret Williamson has volunteered to make the palm crosses for our Palm Sunday Services. Thanks Margaret - †



# VESTRY NEWS ...



## A Message from the Senior Warden

Your Vestry held its annual Retreat March 19<sup>th</sup>. We use the Retreat each year to discuss in an intentional and focused way the business of the church – what is most important for the life and health of the congregation at this particular point in our history. The Retreat is a time to survey the past year for the congregation set against deeper trends in the congregation’s life, followed by exploration of our current conditions and future needs.

This year, we were faced with the announcement of Father Don’s retirement. The Vestry accepted his retirement announcement. However, we decided to wait until our meeting with Canon Catherine Massey, the Diocesan Canon for Transition and Pastoral Ministries before setting goals for this year. We will meet with Canon Massey in April. She will provide leadership, guidance and assistance to help us through the transition. Your Vestry will keep you updated as we work through the changes.

We were all in agreement that we want to celebrate Father Don’s ministry with Holy Innocents. To that end, Vestry, Altar Guild, the ECW and the congregation will work together to commemorate him. You will be notified as plans are made to celebrate Father Don.

During the Retreat, we elected officers and each Vestry member selected the Commissions on which they will serve. Your 2022 Vestry officers and Commission members are:

### Vestry Officers

Senior Warden .....Tracy Madigan  
 Junior Warden.....Richard Davis  
 Vestry Clerk.....Fagan Goodwin

### Commissions

Stewardship..... Tom Church  
 Outreach..... Caroline Burnette  
 Finance..... Bill Stark; Craig Clodfelter; Tom Church  
 Preschool..... Caroline Burnette; Tracy Madigan  
 Parish Life..... Lisa Miravalle; Tracy Madigan  
 Buildings & Grounds ..... Richard Davis; Craig Clodfelter; Tom Church  
 Worship & Christian Education... Roberta Scott  
 Youth Representative ..... Beau Burnette  
 Spanish Service Liaison..... TBD



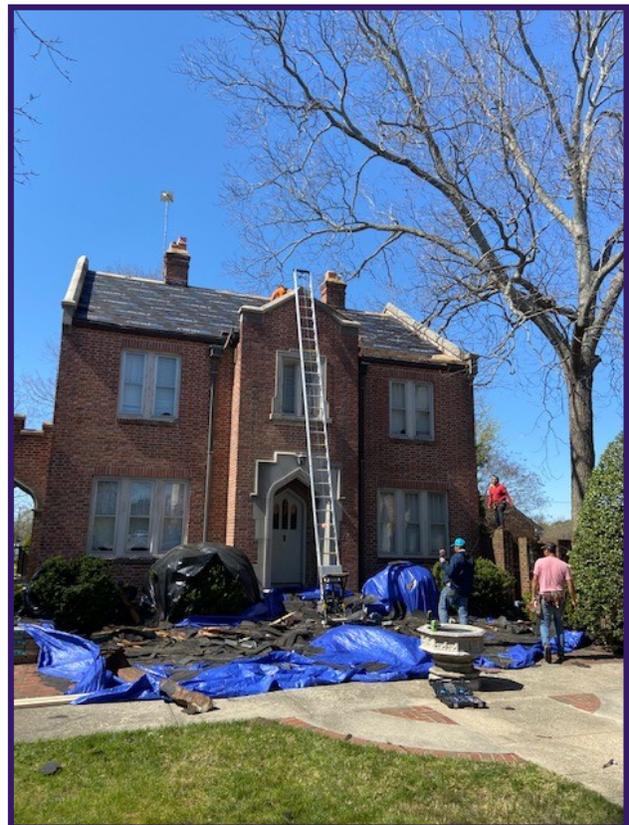
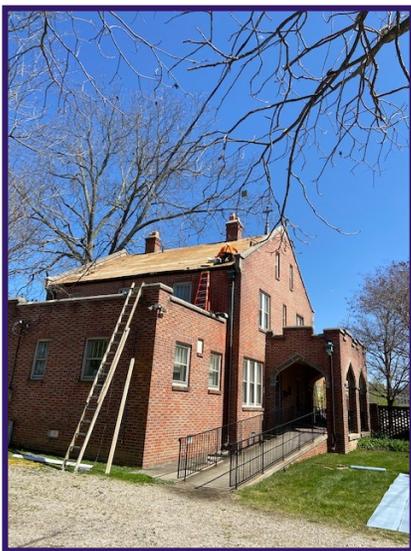
*From the Sr. Warden cont . from pg. 3*

As always, we spent time reviewing our financials and how best to allocate our funds for the running of our church. We are currently working with \$40,000 less in pledged income than 2021. We passed a 2022 budget knowing we will have to be extremely frugal with our expenses.

Tammy Manning's last day as Director of the Holy Innocents Preschool was March 31<sup>st</sup>. Though we planned to have a reception for her, her original moving plans changed and between preparing for the movers and continuing to travel to Wilson to assist her mother, she did not have the time. We did present her with a plaque of appreciation for 22 years of outstanding leadership to our preschool and a plaque stating the same that will hang in our preschool. The Vestry also decided to name the preschool playground in her honor. I know you join me in wishing Tammy and her family all the best – she will be missed! Let us also keep her and her family in our prayers. Tammy's brother has been ill and they called in Hospice for him earlier this week.

I am happy to announce that Crystal Higgins has been named the new preschool Director. Crystal is a licensed RN, mother of graduates of our preschool and has taught in the preschool for the last seven years. She has worked closely with Tammy and will make a smooth transition into the directorship. †

The Hughes House roof is now in the process of receiving much needed repairs as pictured below:



Stay safe & healthy,

Tracy



# Treasurer's Report

Bob Nelson, Treasurer

3/22/2022

## Church Of The Holy Innocents Revenue and Expense Summary Year-to-date, Through February 2022

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Pledged Income	\$5,930.00	\$6,000.00	\$55,383.69	\$52,000.00
Other Income	\$213.60	\$250.00	\$262.48	\$500.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>\$6,143.60</u>	<u>\$6,250.00</u>	<u>\$55,646.17</u>	<u>\$52,500.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Compensation</b>				
Salaries	\$2,911.68	\$2,920.00	\$5,823.36	\$5,840.00
<b>Employee Expenses</b>				
Rector's Expenses	\$1,106.60	\$900.00	\$1,990.31	\$1,800.00
Other Employee Expenses	\$3,656.67	\$4,225.00	\$7,313.34	\$8,450.00
<b>Total Employee Expenses</b>	<u>\$4,763.27</u>	<u>\$5,125.00</u>	<u>\$9,303.65</u>	<u>\$10,250.00</u>
<b>Total Compensation</b>	<u>\$7,674.95</u>	<u>\$8,045.00</u>	<u>\$15,127.01</u>	<u>\$16,090.00</u>
<b>Administrative</b>				
Supplies	\$239.32	\$150.00	\$330.58	\$300.00
Preschool Income/Expense	\$196.45	\$0.00	\$787.92	\$100.00
General Insurance	\$1,756.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,081.50	\$4,100.00
Other Administrative Expenses	\$181.00	(\$100.00)	\$372.00	(\$100.00)
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<u>\$2,372.77</u>	<u>\$1,850.00</u>	<u>\$5,572.00</u>	<u>\$4,400.00</u>
Utilities	\$2,302.09	\$1,800.00	\$4,344.81	\$3,400.00
Maintenance	\$12,191.71	\$1,300.00	\$15,153.94	\$2,600.00
Parish Life	\$80.00	\$200.00	\$162.52	\$300.00
Diocesan & Seminary Support	\$2,520.00	\$2,525.00	\$5,040.00	\$5,050.00
Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$27,141.52</u>	<u>\$15,720.00</u>	<u>\$45,400.28</u>	<u>\$31,840.00</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>(\$20,997.92)</b>	<b>(\$9,470.00)</b>	<b>\$10,245.89</b>	<b>\$20,660.00</b>



### Note from the Editor...

Marsha Nelson

# May

Newsletter items are due:

# April 27<sup>th</sup>

Please submit any newsletter items either to the church office or e-mail them to [MJNELSON@nc.rr.com](mailto:MJNELSON@nc.rr.com)

Thanks for your support!

### Amazon Charitable Donations



Amazon Smile is a branch of the regular Amazon.com site, except all of the purchases that are made through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) will automatically donate ½% of the purchase (most everything is eligible) to a charity of your choosing. We are asking parishioners to consider making Holy Innocents that charity. Below is a link that will take you to the Amazon Smile site, and it should ask you to confirm that you wish to support Holy Innocents as your Smile charity. It's an easy way to add to your contribution without additional expense. †

Direct charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-0554227>



## Birthdays

Juanita Brinkley ..... 4/03  
 Catherine Watkins.....4/05  
 Jean Palamar.....4/06  
 Henry Strause .....4/08  
 Meredith Ellis .....4/08  
 Yolanda Yoder .....4/12  
 Mariana Davis ..... 4/14  
 John Zollicoffer ..... 4/15  
 D. Boyd Kimball.....4/19  
 Fagan Goodwin..... 4/20  
 Al Catlett .....4/27  
 Thornton Gholson .....4/27  
 Bob Herford.....4/30

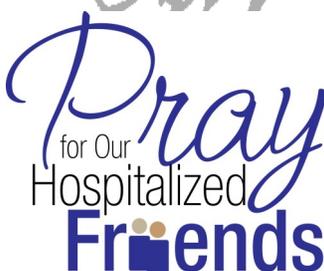
## Anniversaries

Fagan and James Goodwin..... 4/19

## Remember In Your Prayers

*Pray for Healing and Comfort:*

Cynthia Shaw  
 Mary Shearin  
 Veneal Williams  
 Bill Mast  
 Peggy Mast  
 Rose Flannagan  
 Kathy Hughes



## Special Dates

- Holy Week  
April 10-April 16, 2022
- Palm Sunday  
April 10, 2022
- Maundy Thursday  
April 14, 2022
- Good Friday  
April 15, 2022
- Easter Sunday  
April 17, 2022
- Administrative Professionals Day  
April 27, 2022



## APRIL UNIFIED SERVING SCHEDULE

APR	ACOLYTES	USHERS	LAY READER / CHALICE BEARER	ALTAR GUILD	Flowers
3	Jack & Kaitlyn Paynter	Richard Young TBD???	8:00am -Bob Nelson 10:30am -Linda Shaw	Shirley Young	
10	Beau Burnette	Richard Young TBD???	8:00am-Tracy Madigan 10:30am-Ruth Hartness		
17	EASTER SUNDAY 	Richard Young TBD???	8:00am-Greg Taylor 10:30am-Richard Davis	Mariana Davis	Kittrell Family
24	Jack & Kaitlyn Paynter	Richard Young TBD???	8:00am-Rix Edwards 10:30am-Caroline Burnette		

**NOTE: IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO SERVE AND HAVE A CONFLICT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT AND NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

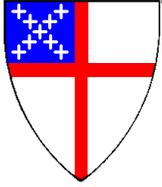
# Flashback



# Easter

~ Pre COVID-19 ~

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## **The Church of the Holy Innocents**



**All are welcome to join us as  
we joyfully greet each person present at our worship.  
May our love and respect for one another be  
steady and true as we strive to follow Christ our Lord.**

