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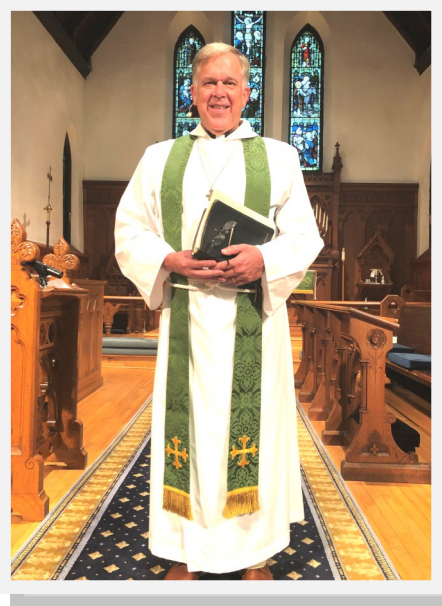
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FROM OUR RECTOR

The Rev. Robert Beauchamp



Dear People of the Church of the Holy Innocents;

During this season after the Epiphany, the Church commemorates the Holy Day Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus at the Temple. Another remembrance is that of St Matthias the apostle named by the casting of lots to replace Judas among the 12 original apostles called by Christ.



So, what does this season after the Epiphany have in store for us here at Holy Innocents? Remembering that the Epiphany is the celebration of the manifestation of Christ to the larger world, the season following it, is for us, a series of further manifestations of Christ in our own lives. Just as we began with the presentation of

our Lord in the temple, so too are we called to present ourselves to the Lord for life in God's service. Being presented in the temple meant to be set aside, to be made holy in the sight of God; dedicated as a child of God.

We have many opportunities to dedicate ourselves to the Lord, many ways that we too can offer ourselves to God's service. Last month at our annual parish meeting we elected three new members to the Vestry: Chip Hight, Craig Clodfelder and Greg Taylor. At our Vestry Retreat the Vestry elected its Wardens and Officers and after offering so much of their time and talent to their offices, Tracy Madigan, Sr. Warden, Bo Cheatham, Jr. Warden, and Fagan Goodwin, our clerk of the Vestry, have agreed to continue in their offices as well as Bob Nelson and Donald Seifert as our Treasurer and assistant Treasurer. Thank you to all of our Vestry members both outgoing (Caroline Burnette, Lisa Miravalle, and Bill Stark) and those just elected for their willingness to serve such an important ministry. Although a very important ministry, the Vestry is but one of the many ways to get involved in our church. There are numerous ministries involved in our worship here at Holy Innocents: acolytes, lay readers, ushers, and Altar guild just to mention a few. These are just a few ways that we can dedicate and offer ourselves to the work of God in this place.



LENT BEGINS

With Lent starting on February 14th, we will begin on Tuesday the 13th with the celebration of Mardi gras, Fat Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday, all names for the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday which has become a day of celebration



before the great fast of Lent. This celebration began as a time to clean out all the Fat, the foods and drink that would not be consumed during the season, a spring cleaning of sorts. As we enter this Lenten season, may we strive to as our Book of Common Prayer calls us “to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s Holy Word.”

SHROVE TUESDAY



FEBRUARY 13, 5:30 PM

As part of that tradition, many Christians “give up” something for the season. This has probably evolved from the practice of fasting (going without food) which is still practiced by many today. But if we are solely focused on the act of giving something up, we may be setting ourselves up for discouragement. Just as when we make New Year’s resolutions, we often find that we are unable to live up to our usually overzealous expectations; we then feel as if we have failed. But we need not set ourselves up for failure. When we strive for a Holy Lent, when we look at ourselves and repent, we often find that there are things that need changing or there are *things that we have left undone*. Taking on a new discipline during this season may be just the action that will make it holy, set apart for God. And cleaning out all those divisive things in our lives that keep us from fully embracing God and one another, will help us to fully know the very Love of God come Easter morning.


So, looking ahead to the season of Lent, we are planning a weekly Thursday Soup and Sandwich beginning at 5:30, accompanied by a look at “Keeping a Holy Lent – living into our Baptismal Covenant”. There will be sign-up sheets posted in the Bell tower so we can get an idea of how many to prepare for.

As we begin this season of reflection, repentance, and renewal, I invite you to consider what gifts and talents you may have to offer for the work and life of the Church. I am always open and available to speak with you personally; please call the Church office to make an appointment or to learn more of the opportunities for ministry.

“And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies...”

God’s Peace be with you,
Robert+

PARISH NEWS ...



Woodward - Gholson Scholarships

—Chip Hight

The Woodward-Gholson Scholarship Committee will be accepting applications for scholarships until March 26, 2024. Scholarships are for post-secondary education for students in need of financial support, with strong academics, and a commitment to community service. Applications can be obtained from the Church Office. Several Holy Innocents students and Holy Innocents legacy students are receiving scholarships together with students from Vance Senior High School, Henderson Collegiate, Kerr-Vance Academy and Vance Charter School.


Altar Flower Chart

Frank Madigan & Tracy Madigan





The 2024 Altar Flowers sign up chart is located in the Tower. If you have a date you would like to have reserved for you, you can sign on the chart or email your date to either

Frank Madigan (fhmadigan@mail.com)
or
Tracy Madigan (tracymadigan@yahoo.com)




Caroline Burnette Vestry Youth Program Director


Chap's Tiny Tutus


Chaps Tiny Tutus will be having its dance recital on May 20, 2024 at McGregor Hall. Chap is accepting donations to provide the 21 girls with tutus. Any donation will be very appreciated! Chap appreciates her church family's support with this wonderful outreach.



Everyone is invited to join the choir and make a joyful noise unto the Lord. We begin choir practice on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the church.





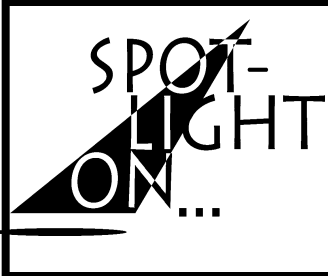
Choir Schedule
Allen Bean, Church Musician



Betsy W. Seifert, President, ECW

The ECW met in the Ladies' Parlor on January 23rd and had a very productive meeting. Among the things we discussed was the Holy Week luncheons. We are the host church and will serve the meal on Monday. We will discuss this further at our meeting on Tuesday, February 27th at 10:00 am in the Ladies Parlor. We look forward to having you join us! We had eight ladies present and one surprise visitor—our rector Robert! It was nice to have him drop by.



Congratulations !

Tracy Madigan, Sr. Warden

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Contributed photo
 Tracy Madigan, center, stands with community leaders after receiving the Sam Watkins Award on Wednesday. Shown from left are Lily Richardson, Kendrick Vann, Tracey Kimbrell, Joey Ferguson, Shantel Hargrove, Terrell Blackmon, Jamie Dittmeyer and Cindy Norwood.

Madigan receives Sam Watkins Visionary Award

BY DISPATCH STAFF
 HENDERSON — The recipient of United Way's Sam Watkins Visionary Award for 2023 moved to Vance County at a young age.

That was Tracy Madigan. In her time, she has proven herself a passionate, strong visionary and a leader, described Desiree Brooks at a presentation ceremony early Wednesday morning. Brooks sits on the committee that nominates Sam Watkins awardees.

Madigan attended UNC Chapel Hill, undertaking a double major and graduated with bachelor's degrees in industrial relations and political science. Later, she went to the Wharton School of Business where she became certified as an employee benefits specialist.

For some 30 years, Madigan worked as a senior executive in group insurance marketing outside of North Carolina. After retiring from that career, she decided to return to Vance County. She managed the Vance County Regional Farmers Market since its opening in 2014.

Madigan is responsible for managing Henderson's Main Street America program and working to bring in businesses and make improvements, such as structural or design improvements. Part of that is promoting McGregor Hall, a local staple, as

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Treasurer's Report

Bob Nelson, Treasurer

01/05/2024

Church Of The Holy Innocents Revenue and Expense Summary Year-to-date, Through December 2023

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)
Revenues				
Pledged Income	\$12,119.33	\$9,200.00	\$146,490.96	\$150,300.00
Other Income	\$2,108.91	\$450.00	\$12,479.23	\$5,400.00
Total Revenues	\$14,228.24	\$9,650.00	\$158,970.19	\$155,700.00
Expenses				
Compensation				
Salaries	(\$10,479.67)	\$3,425.00	\$27,673.94	\$41,100.00
Employee Expenses				
Rector's Expenses	\$168.66	\$500.00	\$2,188.58	\$6,000.00
Other Employee Expenses	\$5,872.31	\$1,250.00	\$33,018.79	\$15,900.00
Total Employee Expenses	\$6,040.97	\$1,750.00	\$35,207.37	\$21,900.00
Total Compensation	(\$4,438.70)	\$5,175.00	\$62,881.31	\$63,000.00
Administrative				
Supplies	\$326.76	\$450.00	\$5,361.34	\$3,900.00
Preschool Income/Expense	(\$1,728.64)	(\$1,972.00)	(\$4,900.78)	(\$148.00)
General Insurance	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$12,517.50	\$12,000.00
Other Administrative Expenses	\$630.29	(\$1,700.00)	\$1,878.18	(\$1,300.00)
Total Administrative	(\$771.59)	(\$2,222.00)	\$14,856.24	\$14,452.00
Utilities	\$2,167.03	\$1,850.00	\$22,198.35	\$22,200.00
Maintenance	\$808.42	\$2,000.00	\$25,321.28	\$24,000.00
Parish Life	\$79.29	\$100.00	\$1,994.02	\$2,200.00
Diocesan & Seminary Support	\$2,095.00	\$2,300.00	\$27,540.00	\$27,600.00
Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,375.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	(\$60.55)	\$9,203.00	\$156,166.20	\$153,452.00
Net Total	\$14,288.79	\$447.00	\$2,803.99	\$2,248.00



March Newsletter Deadline: February 26th

Please submit any news items either to the church office or e-mail them to:

MNELSON@nc.rr.com

There is a link on our church website to both current and past issues of our newsletter at:

www.churchoftheholyyinnocents.org

Thanks for your support !



Remember Your Pledge

Remember that the church has to pay its bills. Pledge checks and special donations are always appreciated and can be mailed in to the office at: The Church of the Holy Innocents / 210 S. Chestnut Street / Henderson, NC, 27536

Birthdays



Bo Cheatham.....2/03
 Tim Seitzer, Sr.....2/04
 Richard Davis, V.....2/04
 Wilhelmina Scott Ratliff.....2/04
 Beau Burnette.....2/04
 Berkeley Ellis.....2/08
 Barbara Foster.....2/12
 Lucy Gray.....2/15
 Garrett Powell.....2/19
 Uriah Ford.....2/21
 Christopher Catlett.....2/23
 Allen Bean.....2/27

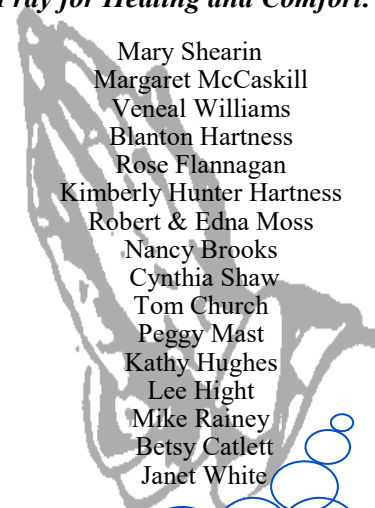
Anniversaries



Mariana & Richard Davis.....2/03

Remember In Your Prayers

Pray for Healing and Comfort:



Mary Shearin
 Margaret McCaskill
 Veneal Williams
 Blanton Hartness
 Rose Flannagan
 Kimberly Hunter Hartness
 Robert & Edna Moss
 Nancy Brooks
 Cynthia Shaw
 Tom Church
 Peggy Mast
 Kathy Hughes
 Lee Hight
 Mike Rainey
 Betsy Catlett
 Janet White



Special Dates

- African-American History Month
February, 2024



- Valentine's Day
February 14, 2024

- Presidents Day
February 19, 2024



- First Sunday, Lent
February 18, 2024



Altar Flowers

TBD 2/04
 TBD 2/11
 TBD..... 2/18
 TBD 2/25

FEBRUARY SERVING SCHEDULE

FEB	ACOLYTES	USHERS	LAYREADER/ CHALICE BEARER	ALTAR GUILD
4	Jack & Kaitlyn Paynter	Maurice Floyd Pat Olmert	8:00am—Bob Nelson 10:30am—Roberta Scott	Ellen Dickerson
11	Chapman Scott Burnette & Sam Goodwin	Maurice Floyd Pat Olmert	8:00am—Tracy Madigan 10:30am—Nick Long	Ellen Dickerson
18	Jack & Kaitlyn Paynter	Maurice Floyd Pat Olmert	8:00am—Greg Taylor 10:30am—Richard Davis	Mariana Davis
25	Chapman Scott Burnette & Sam Goodwin	Maurice Floyd Pat Olmert	8:00am—Rix Edwards 10:30am—Ruth Hartness	Mariana Davis

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

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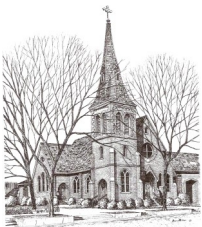
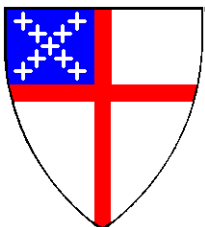
YOUTH SUNDAY SERVICE

JANUARY 29, 2023



THANKS TO OUR PARTICIPANTS!

JACK PAYNTER— KAITLYN PAYNTER— CHAP BURNETTE—BEAU BURNETTE



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**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.**