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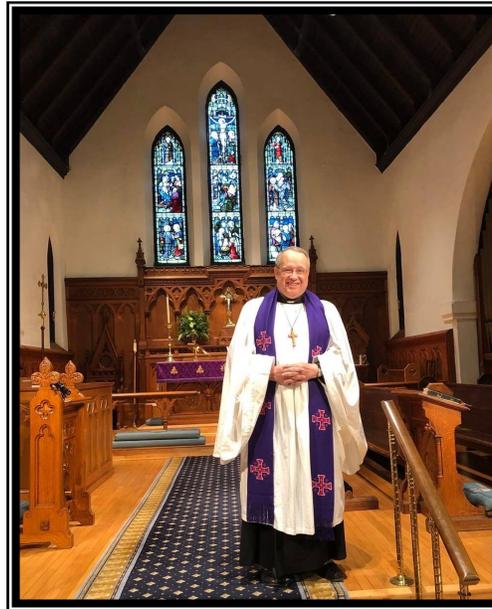
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OUR RECTOR

The Rev. Donald Lowery



—Marsha Nelson, Editor

Due to Father Don's health issues, he is unable to provide us with his news items for this March edition of our Bell Tower. I have added fill-in pages featuring photos I took during Bishop Sam Rodman's visitation and a flashback page featuring Shrove Tuesday.

He is currently in the hospital as I'm writing this note and, hopefully he will be going home some time before tomorrow. We all wish for him a successful and speedy return to good health!



Anyway

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you; Be honest anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, people may be jealous of you; Be happy anyway.

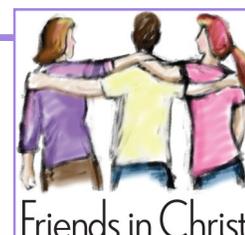
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway.

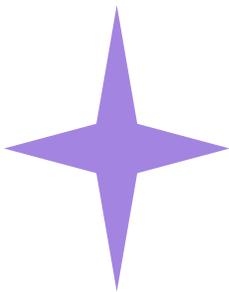
You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;

It was never between you and them anyway. —
"The Paradoxical Commandments,"

Kent M. Keith



FLASHBACK



Photos by MNelson

VESTRY NEWS ...



A Message from the Senior Warden

Due to the continued high number of area COVID cases and community spread February's Vestry meeting was held February 10th via Zoom. We had a full slate of topics to cover including review of the year end Treasure's Report and approval of the 2021 financial statements. We appreciate Treasurer Bob Nelson joining us to review the church's financial health (stable) and update us on the investment of the Phil & Olga Harris bequest with Edward Jones & Co. and the Harris Fund. Bob also stated the Vestry had to annually authorize the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer to buy or sell stock and/or securities in the name of the church and they may also disburse funds as necessary in conducting the business of the Parish. The Vestry agreed and the Executive Committee authorized a Vestry Resolution appointing Bob Nelson, Treasurer and Donald Seifert, Assistant Treasurer to do so. Basically, Bob & Donald work with Tony Adams (our Edward Jones Financial Advisor) and authorize Tony's management of our investment portfolio. We are blessed to have the church's investments in such capable hands!

I receive weekly updates from the Granville-Vance Health Department regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and our local numbers. I also receive updates from the Diocese with their COVID mandates and guidelines. Though the nation, state and Vance County are seeing the number of new cases and hospitalizations decline, our area is at 17% community spread – one of the highest in the state. Based on that information, Vestry thought it safest not to host our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. The good news is the Diocese has lifted many of the COVID restrictions however, encourages each parish to act according to local conditions. We may now return to singing during services and only unvaccinated parishioners are required to wear masks. I prefer to err on the side of caution and encourage continued mask use and social distancing if services are crowded.

You know I rarely attend the 10:30 service (I'm one of those eight-o'clockers), but I was so pleased with the wonderful turn out we had for Bishop Sam's and Canon French's visit. Thanks to Sextant Keith Aiken and our Altar Guild, our church looked especially beautiful. The Acolytes really shone in their new BLUE (to match our décor) vestments and made us proud!



We were all distressed by Father Don’s sudden collapse at the end of the service and his subsequent hospitalization. A heartfelt thank you to Porter Shaw for being with Father Don during his hospital stay and keeping us abreast of his condition and to each of you for your thoughts and prayers. Thankfully, he received the care he needed and is doing better.

The Vestry had a productive meeting with Bishop Sam and Canon French after the service. We received updates on the state of the Diocese and discussed issues facing Holy Innocents – mainly declining membership and when we may begin to host activities to bring us together in fellowship.

The Vestry will have their annual Retreat on March 19th. During the retreat Vestry members will accept committee commissions and plan the 2022 ministry of each. We will look at our challenges and opportunities. Your feedback is vital to helping us plan. Please reach out your vestry members with your ideas and concerns.

In closing, I have some sad news to impart. After 20 years, Tammy Manning will be resigning as the Director of the Holy Innocents Preschool effective March 31st. She and her husband have made the decision to move to Wilson to be close to her mother who has onset Alzheimer’s. Tammy is currently her mother’s primary caretaker and is traveling back and forth several times a week to aid her. Tammy has been our preschool Director since it was started and made it one of the most sought after preschools in Henderson. She set high standards and established a loving, caring, fun and enriching educational program for the many children who have attended. I will be working with Caroline Burnette, Vestry Preschool liaison, and Tom Church to find a new director. In the meantime, a “going away” reception for Tammy is being planned. We will notify you of the date and time and I encourage everyone to attend and let Tammy know how much we appreciate the great job she has done. †



Stay safe & healthy,

Tracy

Bob Nelson, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

2/02/2022

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

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)
Revenues				
Pledged Income	\$49,453.69	\$0.00	\$49,453.69	\$0.00
Other Income	\$48.88	\$0.00	\$48.88	\$0.00
Total Revenues	\$49,502.57	\$0.00	\$49,502.57	\$0.00
Expenses				
Compensation				
Salaries	\$2,911.68	\$0.00	\$2,911.68	\$0.00
Employee Expenses				
Rector's Expenses	\$883.71	\$0.00	\$883.71	\$0.00
Other Employee Expenses	\$3,656.67	\$0.00	\$3,656.67	\$0.00
Total Employee Expenses	\$4,540.38	\$0.00	\$4,540.38	\$0.00
Total Compensation	\$7,452.06	\$0.00	\$7,452.06	\$0.00
Administrative				
Supplies	\$91.26	\$0.00	\$91.26	\$0.00
Preschool Income/Expense	\$591.47	\$0.00	\$591.47	\$0.00
General Insurance	\$2,325.50	\$0.00	\$2,325.50	\$0.00
Other Administrative Expenses	\$191.00	\$0.00	\$191.00	\$0.00
Total Administrative	\$3,199.23	\$0.00	\$3,199.23	\$0.00
Utilities	\$2,042.72	\$0.00	\$2,042.72	\$0.00
Maintenance	\$2,962.23	\$0.00	\$2,962.23	\$0.00
Parish Life	\$82.52	\$0.00	\$82.52	\$0.00
Diocesan & Seminary Support	\$2,520.00	\$0.00	\$2,520.00	\$0.00
Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$18,258.76	\$0.00	\$18,258.76	\$0.00
Net Total	\$31,243.81	\$0.00	\$31,243.81	\$0.00



Note from the Editor...

Marsha Nelson

**APRIL
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

MARCH 25th

Please submit any newsletter items either to the church office or e-mail them to marleenel25@gmail.com



Amazon Smile is a branch of the regular Amazon.com site, except all of the purchases that are made through smile.amazon.com will automatically donate 1/2% 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



Annette Roberson..... 3/01
 Mary Beth Parish 3/04
 Sarah Rose Parish..... 3/04
 John Stevenson 3/04
 Scott Brinkley..... 3/04
 Caroline Burnette..... 3/06
 Robin Scott Williams..... 3/08
 Jordan Williamson 3/22
 Mildred Kimball..... 3/23
 Hunter Roberson 3/29
 Linda Shaw 3/31

Anniversaries

Mildred & D. Boyd Kimball 3/01
 Annette & Tommy Roberson 3/26

Remember In Your Prayers

Pray for Healing and Comfort:

Cynthia Shaw
Mary Shearin
Bill Mast
Peggy Mast
Veneal Williams
Rose Flannagan
Johanna Robinson
&
Father Don



Special Dates



- Ash Wednesday
March 2, 2022
- World Day of Prayer
March 4, 2022
- First Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022
- First Day of Spring
March 20, 2022

Altar Flowers

TBD..... 3/06
 Lisa Miravalle..... 3/13
 TBD..... 3/20
 Porter & Linda Shaw..... 3/27



MARCH SERVING SCHEDULE

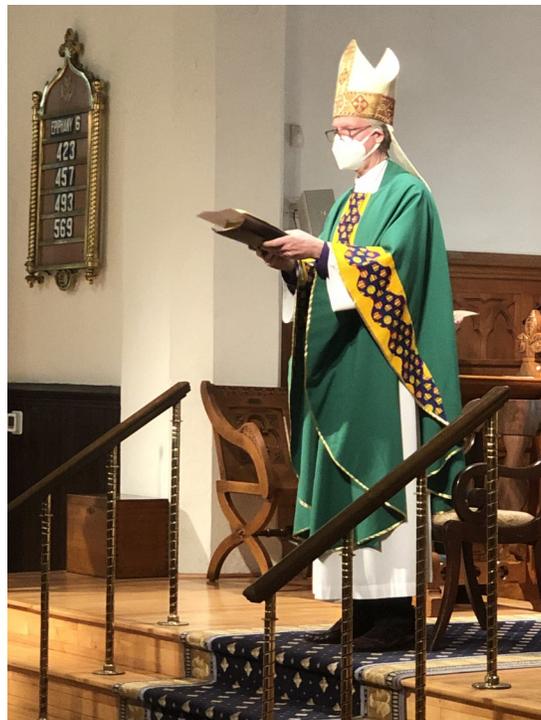
MAR	ACOLYTES	USHERS	LAY READER / CHALICE BEARER	ALTAR GUILD	
6	Jack & Kaitlyn Paynter	Richard Davis TBD???	8:00am—Tracy Madigan 10:30am—Roberta Scott	Shirley Young	
13	Beau & Chap Burnette	Richard Davis TBD???	8:00am—Bob Nelson 10:30am—Ruth Hartness	Mariana Davis	
20	Jack & Kaitlyn Paynter	Richard Davis TBD???	8:00am—Rix Edwards 10:30am—Nick Long	Mariana Davis	
27	Beau & Chap Burnette	Richard Davis TBD???	8:00am—Greg Taylor 10:30am—Porter Shaw	Anne Almand	

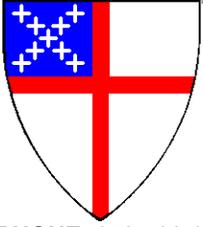
NOTE: IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO SERVE AND HAVE A CONFLICT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT AND NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Bishop Sam's Visitation

Bilingual Service

February 13, 2022





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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.**