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FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Donald Lowery



Pentecost is Coming!

I don't usually write about a June event in the May newsletter, but the Feast of Pentecost falls on June 4, 2017 and the Vestry and I wanted to make sure the whole congregation is aware that we have a special event planned for that day. Pentecost is considered the "Birthday of the Church" and we plan to have a multicultural, multilingual birthday celebration on that day.

On Pentecost we will unite our 10:30 a.m. English Service with our 12:30 p.m. Spanish Service for a bilingual celebration. This is right and proper because on the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Apostles to give them the power to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all nations. Indeed, the Gift of Tongues manifested today was not

"glossolalia" that is, the gift of an unknown spiritual tongue for personal edification but "xenolalia" the gift of a human language not learned by normal means but granted as a miraculous gift so that the Apostles could glorify God and proclaim Jesus to foreigners visiting Jerusalem in their own native languages. How fitting it is that as a congregation we are trying to live into the vision that the Gospel is for all people in all places. Our congregation is multiracial and multilingual. We proclaim Jesus to all and everyone we can that God is love, which God revealed his love in the death and resurrection of Jesus and that forgiveness of sins, strength for living and the hope of eternal life are offered to all who trust in his name.

The service will be held at 10:30 a.m. and immediately after the service, we will have a fiesta. If the day is nice and sunny, as we pray it will be, we will have a picnic on the lawn outside the church. If it is damp and rainy, as it could be, we will hold the celebration in the lower hall. The Vestry will provide BBQ Turkey (Richard Davis does this) drinks, rolls, Cole slaw and paper goods. We are asking our Latino and Latina members to bring a Tres Leches cake, Tamales and other homemade Mexican dishes. We are asking our English speaking members to bring potluck sides and desserts to share.



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We did this last year and it was a wonderful celebration of our unity in Christ Jesus. It promises to be another grand event rejoicing in the missionary vision of our parish. I love to brag about Holy Innocents as place and a congregation. I think we have the most beautiful stained glass windows in the entire diocese and the finest people any rector could ask to pastor. Come celebrate our unity in Christ Jesus on the Birthday of the Church. †



PARISH NEWS...



The Rev. Donald Lowery

The Senior/Junior group will meet on all the Sundays of May at 5:00 p.m.. except we will not meet on the 28th. We will gather at the Hughes House and after eating we'll move on along to the youth room. †

Wednesday Services



Donald Lowery

We will hold Holy Communion on all the Wednesdays in May. Remember the first Wednesday is the Healing Service with Holy Communion. †

Parish Work Day

The Rev. Donald Lowery

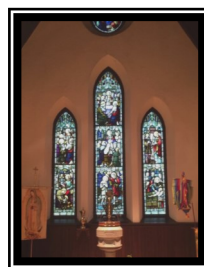
The Building and Grounds Committee, headed by our Junior Warden, Richard Davis will hold a parish work day May 20th, beginning at 8:00 am. Continental Breakfast will be provided. Bring work gloves and hand tools. All are welcome. †

Historical Discovery about the Church of the Holy Innocents

The Rev. Donald Lowery

While we know that most of the Stained Glass Windows in the nave of the church are by Myer of Munich, the origins of the windows around the altar and the font remained a mystery. Miss Claudia Hunter's history of the parish indicated that while they were believed to be of English origin the name of the designer was unknown. While I was at the Bicentennial Celebration for the Diocese of North Carolina, I bumped into a friend of mine, Ellen Weig. She is a church historian and one of her special interests is stained glass windows. We talked about the fact that the origins of some of our windows remained unknown.

I received an email from Ellen within about 24 hours of our conversation. In an online version of the "Henderson Gold Leaf," one of the predecessors of the Daily Dispatch, she found an article from December 19, 1889. That article identified the maker of the earliest windows in the parish as Messrs. Lavers & Westlake of London.



It appears they created the windows around the altar and the Seven Sacrament window over the font. Lavers & Westlake may have done the Resurrection Window in the transept opposite the font but that is not as certain as there are stylistic differences.

As a lover of church history in general and the history of the Church of the Holy Innocents in particular, I am thrilled to have this information. Special thanks to my friend, Ellen Weig. †



Baccalaureate Service

The Rev. Donald Lowery

Our church will host the Baccalaureate Service for Kerr-Vance Academy on Friday, May 26, 2017. †

Honoring Our Graduates

M. Nelson



Do you have a special person graduating from high school or college this year? If so, we'd love for you to share their accomplishment with us so that we can include them in an article in the June issue of our newsletter.

Please contact Susie in the church office at 252-492-0904 or email your information to hinnocents@centurylink.net by May 26th with the following information: graduate's name, school, relationship to you (child, niece, nephew), and photo (if you'd like one included). †



Betsy Seifert, President

Attention all ECW Members!

The ECW will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23rd in the Ladies' Parlor. We will not meet during the months of June, July and August.

Please join us ! †



Amazon Charitable Donations

Hunter Roberson

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 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>



For questions or help, visit <http://smile.amazon.com/about> or email Hunter Roberson at: hroberson@robcomfg.com



CHURCH USAGE SCHEDULE

~LOWER HALL~

MONDAY

AA 5:30 to 6:30
Cub Scout Pack 7:00 to 8:00
(w/ Tommy)

TUESDAY

NA 7:00 to 8:00

WEDNESDAY

NA 7:00 to 8:00

FRIDAY

AA 5:30 to 6:30

SATURDAY

NA Noon

NOTICE: Our church email address is hinnocents@centurylink.net. Whenever your email address changes, please be sure to send your new address to the church so that we can update our records.



Summer

(June/July/August)

Newsletter items are due:

May 26th

Thanks for your help!

Marsha Nelson

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Printed copies of the newsletter are located in the Bell Tower for you if you have problems with email access and are also available to view and print from the church website:

www.churchoftheholynnocents.org

Thanks for your support!

May Schedule of Events

Choir Weekly Practice Schedule

Hand Bell Choir — Wed. at 6:00 PM

Parish Choir — Sun. at 9:30 AM

Wednesday– May 3

5:30 PM, Communion & Healing Service

Sunday – May 7

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I

8:30 AM, ECY Youth Group

(Great Hall)

10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite II

12:30 PM, La Misa Servicio

Wednesday– May 10

3:00 PM, Nursing Home Ministry

5:30 PM, Communion

Sunday – May 14

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite II

12:30 PM, La Misa Servicio

Wednesday– May 17

5:30 PM, Communion

Sunday – May 21

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite II

12:30 PM, La Misa Servicio

Tuesday – May 23

10:00 AM, ECW (Ladies Parlor)

Tabitha Guild

Wednesday– May 24

3:00 PM, Nursing Home Ministry

5:30 PM, Communion

Sunday – May 28

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite II

12:30 PM, La Misa Servicio

All services are conducted in the Church, unless otherwise noted.



Blooming Button Flowers

For Mother's Day, add a special touch to any houseplant with this easy craft.

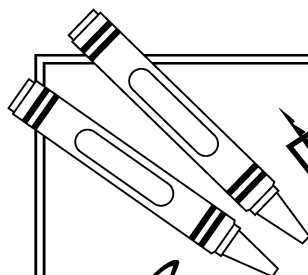


What you need:

- A small houseplant with leaves
- Colorful buttons of various sizes
- Green 26-gauge floral wire
- Wire cutters

What you do:

1. Stack three buttons from largest to smallest, with the smallest on top. Align the button holes.
2. Cut 8 inches of wire. Thread it up through one hole of the stacked buttons and back down through another hole.
3. Twist the wire just below the bottom side of the button stack to secure it.
4. Insert the "flower" in the plant's soil and repeat the process.
5. Present this to Mom and wish her a happy Mother's Day!



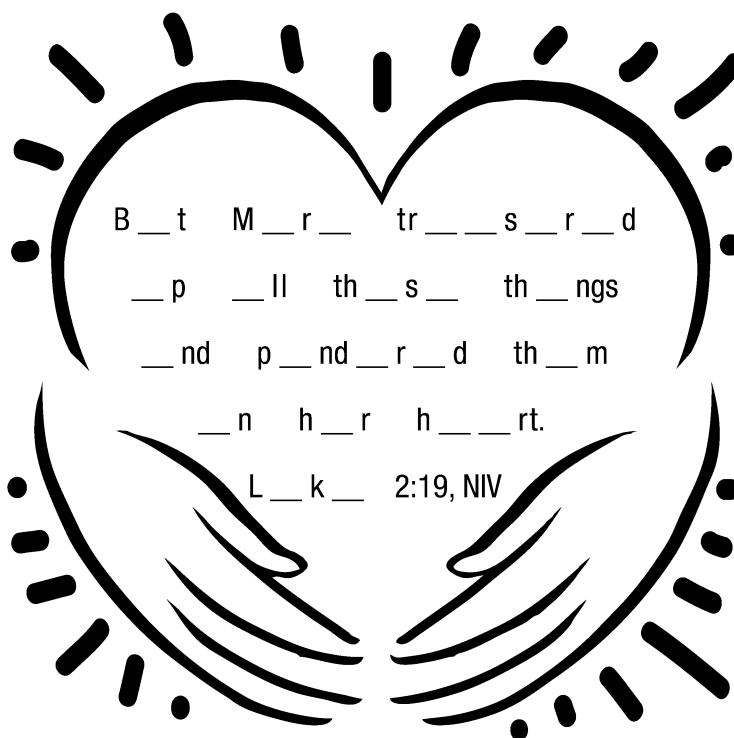
PUZZLE

A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.

A E I O U Y



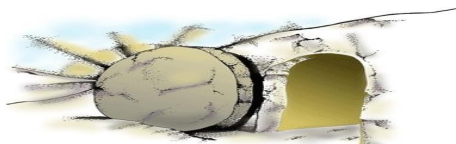
Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV



The Deacon's Bench

by the Rev. Harrel Johnson

Easter the day is past, but not the season of Easter, that lasts for days yet. We, however, don't seem to realize that Jesus is not done yet and those are the stories that we will hear right on up to the day of Pentecost. As we go forward we, along with the disciples, are shown the power of the Resurrection not only in the rising from the dead but also in the building of faith. Below are a few lines from the great author Frederic Buechner.

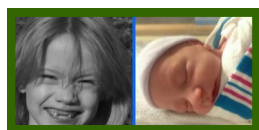


The Resurrection:

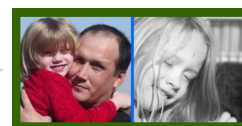
"WE CAN SAY THAT the story of the Resurrection means simply that the teachings of Jesus are immortal like the plays of Shakespeare or the music of Beethoven and that their wisdom and truth will live on forever. Or we can say that the Resurrection means that the spirit of Jesus is undying, that he himself lives on among us the way that Socrates does, for instance, in the good that he left behind him and in the lives of all who follow his great example. Or we can say that the language in which the Gospels describe the Resurrection of Jesus is the language of poetry and that, as such, it is not to be taken literally but as pointing to a truth more profound than the literal. Very often, I think, this is the way that the Bible is written, and I would point to some of the stories about the birth of Jesus, for instance, as examples; but in the case of the Resurrection, this simply does not apply because there really is no story about the Resurrection in the New Testament. Except in the most fragmentary way, it is not described at all. There is no poetry about it. Instead, it is simply proclaimed as a fact. Christ is risen! In fact, the very existence of the New Testament itself proclaims it. Unless something very real indeed took place on that strange, confused morning, there would be no New Testament, no Church, no Christianity.

Yet we try to reduce it to poetry anyway: the coming of spring with the return of life to the dead earth, the rebirth of hope in the despairing soul. We try to suggest that these are the miracles that the Resurrection is all about, but they are not. In their way they are all miracles, but they are not this miracle, this central one to which the whole Christian faith points.

Unlike the chief priests and the Pharisees, who tried with soldiers and a great stone to make themselves as secure as they could against the terrible possibility of Christ's really rising again from the dead, we are considerably more subtle. We tend in our age to say, 'Of course, it was bound to happen. Nothing could stop it.' But when we are pressed to say what it was that actually did happen, what we are apt to come out with is something pretty meager: this 'miracle' of truth that never dies, the 'miracle' of a life so beautiful that two thousand years have left the memory of it undimmed, the 'miracle' of doubt turning into faith, fear into hope. If I believed that this or something like this was all that the Resurrection meant, then I would turn in my certificate of ordination and take up some other profession. Or at least I hope that I would have the courage to."



The Brinkley Report



Thanks be to God! Scott's surgery went exceptionally well and proved to be much less invasive that was expected. The doctor mandated recovery time however is a bit more than Scott thought it would be. Two weeks is a long time for him to be unable to work especially with the added cost of post-op drugs to pay for. Many thanks for the continued prayers during this time and the little gifts of money to allow Scott to make sure that the kids at least had a few jelly eggs on Easter day. †



Birthdays

Kathleen Burwell.....5/03
 Nancy Whitt5/03
 Graham Ellis.....5/06
 Helen Flannagan.....5/07
 Dianne Floyd.....5/08
 Richard Young5/08
 Ann Ellis.....5/10
 Barbara Hight.....5/10
 Kirk Elliott5/12
 Betsy Catlett.....5/18
 Peggy Mason.....5/20



Anniversaries

Susann & Kirk Elliott 5/11
 Katherine & Scott Williamson5/15
 Betsy & Donald Seifert5/21
 Jean & Rick Palamar5/25
 Sofia & Harrison Ford.....5/29



Remember In Your Prayers

Pray for Healing and Comfort:

Cynthia Shaw, Trayce Wheless, Barbara Collins, Staci Barnett, Barbara Madigan, Melody Shearin, Carolyn Lowery, Mary Shearin, Meghan Bunn, Vivie Drake, Francis Saunders, Lisa Adcock, C.G. Williams, Bettie Cooper, Griselle Woodward, Graham Shearin, Tommy Greenway, Janet White, David Adcock, John Foster, Bill Mast, Pamela Ainstead, William Stancil, Thomas Stancil, Leigh Anne Bliss, Grace Sanders, Nancy Rogers, Sheila Roberts, Amelia Sholar, Berkeley Ellis, Scott Brinkley, Anne Bliss, Graham Cawthorne and Jackson Wesley.



Special Dates

- **National Day of Prayer**
May 4, 2017
- **Mothers Day**
May 14, 2017
- **Armed Forces Day**
May 20, 2017
- **Ascension of the Lord**
May 25, 2017
- **Memorial Day**
May 29, 2017





Altar Flowers

- Griselle Woodward 5/07
- TBD 5/14
- Joy & Hal Mahler 5/21
- TBD 5/28



MAY UNIFIED SERVING SCHEDULE

~ LEMONADE WILL BE SERVED ON THE LAWN AFTER THE 10:30 AM SERVICE ~

MAY	BEARERS	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	LAYREADER/ CHALICE BEARER	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	VESTRY GREETER
7		Kaitlyn Paynter Jack Paynter	AJ Holloway	8:00 am - Bob Nelson 10:30 am - Nick Long	Craig Clodfelter Mike Rainey Tracy Madigan	Mariana Davis	Caroline Burnette
14		Mary Beth Parish Sarah Rose Parish	Genie Parish	8:00 am - Rick Palamar 10:30 am - Ruth Hartness	Craig Clodfelter Mike Rainey Tracy Madigan	Mariana Davis	Richard Davis
21		Tucker Olmert Brennan Olmert	Lucy Catherine Olmert	8:00 am - Hut Wester 10:30 am - Tom Church	Craig Clodfelter Mike Rainey Tracy Madigan	Anora Rainey	John Foster
28		Chap Burnette Beau Burnette	Lehman Ford	8:00 am - Lucy Gray 10:30 am - Richard Davis	Craig Clodfelter Mike Rainey Tracy Madigan	Anora Rainey	Nick Long

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

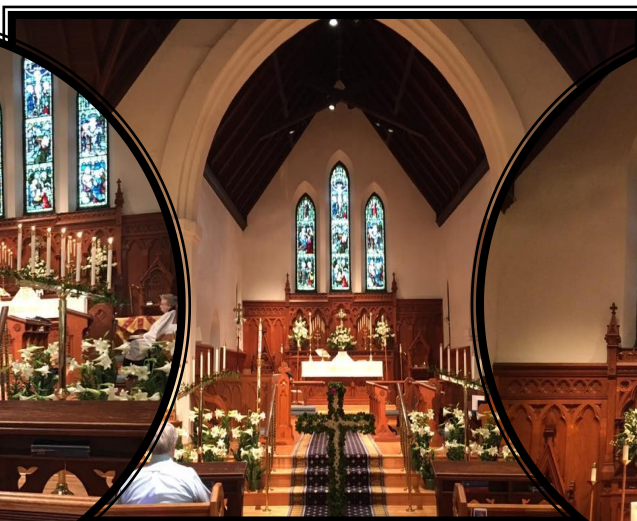
Palm Sunday



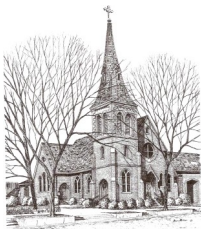
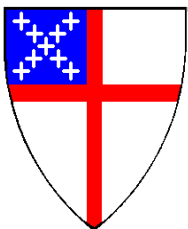
Maundy Thursday



Good Friday



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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.**