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FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Donald Lowery



(Reprint from 2005 Annual Report)

A Season of Transition

At the time I write this, I have been at Holy Innocents' almost ten months. The phrase which most describes this time in my life as a priest and our common life as rector and parish would be "a season of transition."

It is always hard to leave a place one has loved for many years and that was the case in my decision to leave Good Shepherd, York, South Carolina. I was blessed to serve my previous parish for thirteen years and it will always be a place for which I have fond memories. At the same time, it was a healthy departure. I did not leave Good Shepherd in anger or of necessity, but because I felt a definite calling to come to Holy

Innocents' in Henderson. It was not so much a "leaving from" as it was a "coming to" and that is always a call to joyful adventure.

Holy Innocents' is a wonderful place to serve as a priest. This congregation is made up of people who are loving and welcoming. It is a joy to get to know folks. This congregation has a remarkable commitment to outreach. Details of much of what we do will be outlined in other reports. Suffice it to say that I brag about this church and its work in the community to any and all who will listen. No successful ministry is an "I" project. Rather it is people working together. I can not say enough about those who work so hard for the good of this church. In particular, our Vestry in 2005 is one of the hardest working and creative I have ever known. The energy in our Vestry meetings is contagious.

We have much to do together in the years ahead. I am very serious when I speak in terms of years. I have remarked to several of you that coming to Henderson felt like coming home after a long time away. Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ has called us to do ministry together. We will share times of joy and sorrow, times of hard work and rest, times of worship and study. In all of this we will seek to grow into mature Christians committed to the work which God has given us to do at this time and in this place. †

*Thanks
be to
God*

PARISH NEWS...

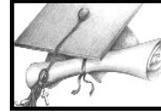
Happy Birthday



Ann Ellis is celebrating her 100th Birthday on this Saturday, May 7th in the Lower Hall from 3:00pm-5:00pm. All are welcome. Come and celebrate this milestone!

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 accomplishments with us so that we can include them in an article in the June issue of our newsletter.

Please include the following information: your graduate's name, school, relationship to you (child, niece, nephew), and photo (if you'd like to have one included). Contact Marsha Lougee in the church office at 252-492-0904 or email your information by May 24th to: hinnocents1783@gmail.com †





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.

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

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.



Betsy Seifert, President

Attention all ECW Members!



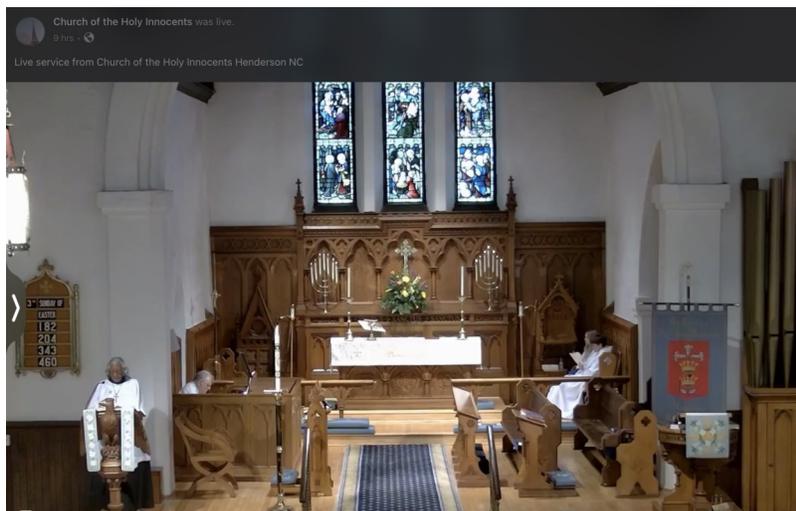
The ECW will not meet this summer. Please plan to join us in September for our next meeting. We look forward to seeing you then!!! †

VESTRY NEWS ...



A Message from the Senior Warden

Your Vestry had a very busy April! We met on the 18th to conduct our monthly business meeting. Repairs to the roofs of the Hughes House and Great Hall have been completed at a cost of approximately \$10,000. Windows in the Cooper House which were damaged from stray bullets were replaced at a cost of \$1,000. We are receiving proposals and quotes for much needed outdoor safety lighting necessary for basic security. Additionally, Keith and Richard are continuing to make repairs including fixing the icemaker in the Lower Hall kitchen and re-plumbing and replacing the rotting wood surrounding it. Several of our entrance doors need repair and we are obtaining estimates to have that work done. The video streaming system has been completed and we taped the first service May 1st! Thank you Tommy & Hunter Roberson for your work seeing this project to fruition!



~Thank you to our Lay Reader, Roberta Scott, for doing such an excellent job leading this May 1 service ~
(The live-stream services are available to view on our church FaceBook Page)
~ Click on above photo for active link to view this video ~

Vestry met April 19th with Canon Catherine Massey, Diocesan Minister for Transition Services. It was a very in-depth, informative and productive meeting. She covered a plethora of material to aid us in our search for a new minister. Though Vestry will be responsible for the transition process, transparency about the whole process is key and we will be sharing the details with the congregation. Please reach out to any of your Vestry members should you have any questions or concerns.

Canon Massey presented us with three Transitional Styles offered by the Diocese—

- (1) You are probably most familiar with the Traditional Transition which entails a Search Committee, Interim Rector and twelve to eighteen months to complete.
- (2) The Targeted Transition calls for a full-time Interim Rector for a period of 6-9 months. There is not a Search Committee involved. Based on criteria set forth by the Vestry & congregation, the Bishop presents a “short list” of pre-interviewed candidates for Rector. We would choose a new Rector from the candidates presented.

On April 25th Vestry met and voted to proceed with the third transition option – (3) the Rector Time Certain Transition, which is designed for congregations looking for stability and rapid transition. Based on criteria and qualifications determined from congregational feedback and Vestry specifications, the Bishop sends a candidate he feels will meet our needs. We would interview the candidate. We may make the candidate an offer or if we do not feel they are right for Holy Innocents, ask the Bishop for another candidate. Once we make an offer to a candidate, we enter into a three year contract with them. The Rector Time Certain is a Rector in all but tenure. Just before the start of the final year of the contract, the Vestry may ask the Bishop to grant tenure to the Rector if the church wishes to have them on a more permanent basis. If not, the Rector Time Certain serves their third year acting as the Interim Rector while we conduct a search for another Rector.

From the Sr. Warden cont . from pg. 3

As you know, Father Don's last Sunday conducting services is May 22nd. However, he will not officially retire until June 30th. During that time, Vestry has requested supply priests for Sunday services for every other week beginning June 5th. Sunday May 29th will be Morning Prayer led by the lay reader. The lay readers will lead the services the Sundays we do not have a supply priest. Once I have confirmation we have supply priests for the Sundays we have requested, I will send out a Sunday Services Schedule.

So, that is what I have to report for now about our plans and progress towards finding a new minister. Again, please do not hesitate to reach out to your vestry members with questions, concerns and suggestions!

Father Don has decided to have one combined service on May 22nd at 10:30 which will include the 8 AM early service and the 12:30 PM Spanish service. (There will NOT be an 8 o'clock or 12:30 service). Immediately following we will have a Retirement Reception in the Great Hall. The Reception Committee is planning the menu and activities and will email the details once finalized. I encourage everyone to attend and celebrate Father Don, his service to Holy Innocents and wish him well in his retirement! †



Stay safe & healthy!

Tracy



Bob Nelson, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

4/03/2022

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

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)
Revenues				
Pledged Income	\$15,448.00	\$8,000.00	\$70,831.69	\$60,000.00
Other Income	\$53.11	\$250.00	\$315.59	\$750.00
Total Revenues	<u>\$15,501.11</u>	<u>\$8,250.00</u>	<u>\$71,147.28</u>	<u>\$60,750.00</u>
Expenses				
Compensation				
Salaries	\$4,176.66	\$4,460.00	\$10,000.02	\$10,300.00
Employee Expenses				
Rector's Expenses	\$877.31	\$900.00	\$2,867.62	\$2,700.00
Other Employee Expenses	\$3,753.44	\$4,225.00	\$11,066.78	\$12,675.00
Total Employee Expenses	<u>\$4,630.75</u>	<u>\$5,125.00</u>	<u>\$13,934.40</u>	<u>\$15,375.00</u>
Total Compensation	<u>\$8,807.41</u>	<u>\$9,585.00</u>	<u>\$23,934.42</u>	<u>\$25,675.00</u>
Administrative				
Supplies	\$279.82	\$350.00	\$610.40	\$650.00
Preschool Income/Expense	(\$1,530.63)	\$100.00	(\$742.71)	\$200.00
General Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,081.50	\$4,100.00
Other Administrative Expenses	\$51.65	\$100.00	\$423.65	\$0.00
Total Administrative	<u>(\$1,199.16)</u>	<u>\$550.00</u>	<u>\$4,372.84</u>	<u>\$4,950.00</u>
Utilities	\$2,319.75	\$1,700.00	\$6,664.56	\$5,100.00
Maintenance	\$1,253.96	\$1,300.00	\$16,407.90	\$3,900.00
Parish Life	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$162.52	\$400.00
Diocesan & Seminary Support	\$2,520.00	\$2,525.00	\$7,560.00	\$7,575.00
Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$13,701.96</u>	<u>\$15,760.00</u>	<u>\$59,102.24</u>	<u>\$47,600.00</u>
Net Total	<u>\$1,799.15</u>	<u>(\$7,510.00)</u>	<u>\$12,045.04</u>	<u>\$13,150.00</u>



Note from the Editor...

Marsha Nelson

Summer

(June/July/August)

Newsletter items are due:

May 25th

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

For your convenience, copies of the newsletter are available on our church website.

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 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. †

Charity link address: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-0554227>

Birthdays

Nancy Whitt5/03
 Jason Elliott5/04
 Graham Monteith5/06
 Emmanuel Ellis.....5/06
 Dianne Floyd5/08
 Richard Young5/08
 Ann Ellis.....5/10
 Barbara Hight5/10
 Kirk Elliott5/12
 Betsy Catlett5/18
 Brenda Wester.....5/19



Anniversaries

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



Remember In Your Prayers

Pray for Healing and Comfort:

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



Special Dates

- **National Day of Prayer**
May 5, 2022
- **Mother's Day**
May 8, 2022
- **Ascension of the Lord**
May 29, 2022
- **Armed Forces Day**
May 21, 2022
- **Memorial Day**
May 30, 2022

Altar Flowers



- Lucy Gray 5/01
- Richard Young 5/08
- Lisa Miravalle 5/15
- Lucy Gray & AG ... 5/22
- TBD 5/29

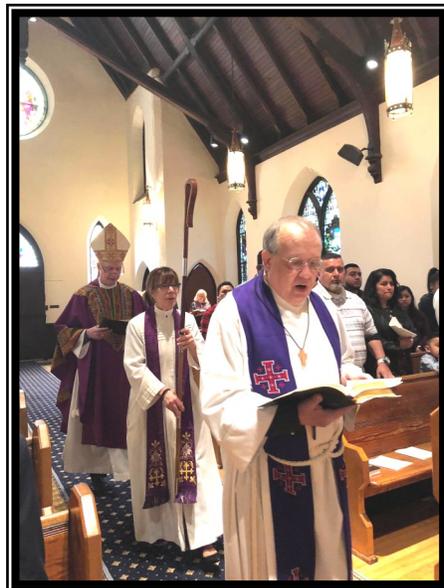
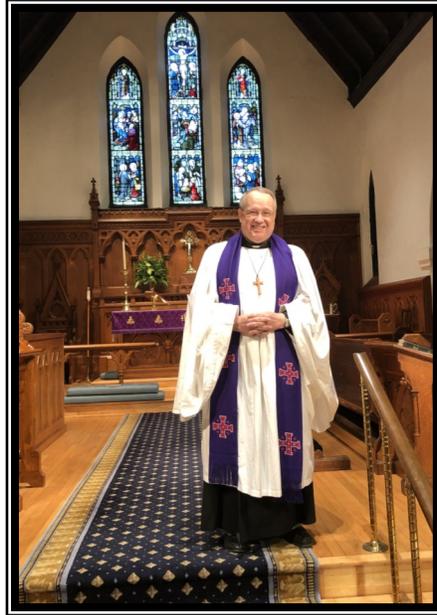
MAY UNIFIED SERVING SCHEDULE

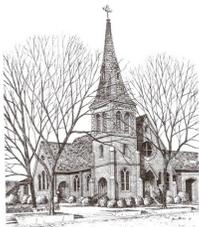
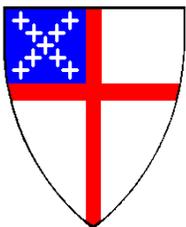
MAY	ACOLYTES	USHERS	LAYREADER/ CHALICE BEARER	ALTAR GUILD
1		Craig Clodfelter Mike Rainey Tracy Madigan	8:00 am - Bob Nelson 10:30 am - Roberta Scott	Mariana Davis's Committee
8	Chapman-Scott Burnette	Craig Clodfelter Mike Rainey Tracy Madigan	8:00 am - Tracy Madigan 10:30 am - Linda Shaw	Anne Almand's Committee
15	Jack & Kaitlyn Paynter	Craig Clodfelter Mike Rainey Tracy Madigan	8:00 am - Greg Taylor 10:30 am - Nick Long	Anne Almand's Committee
22	Jack & Kaitlyn Paynter Beau & Chap Burnette	ONE COMBINED SERVICE—10:30 AM		
		Craig Clodfelter Mike Rainey Tracy Madigan	8:00 am— No Service 10:30 am - Ruth Hartness 12:30 pm— No Service	Shirley Young's Committee
29		Craig Clodfelter Mike Rainey Tracy Madigan	8:00 am - Porter Shaw 10:30 am - Richard Davis	Shirley Young's Committee

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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**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.**