

# The Bell Tower

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Have you got your garden planted yet? This is a common salutation this time of the year. The responses that one hears to the question are varied. Some answer that they haven't had time, others blame the weather or evoke the almanac. Eventually all will get something planted even if it is just one or two tomato plants. You see, planting a garden is a sign that you love the land and if you love the land, then you love God. It is in some degree the fulfillment of one of God's commandments "to be fruitful", which is probably not what you necessarily thought that God meant.

God does want us to be fruitful for the kingdom of God. God wants us to till the soil of his kingdom, sow gospel seeds, and bring into his house the yield, to plant a garden that will grow his kingdom.

For God loves us, and desperately wants us to produce fruit for the kingdom. God craves a new Jerusalem, where all people live together in harmony, where peace and prosperity abound, where truth and justice reign. But God loves us nonetheless even though we have not yet achieved this state.

God loves us so much that God just keeps on telling us that – in stories, in sermons, in our everyday experiences. God loves us so much that he created us, and made this world for us to live in as his beloved friends. God loves us so much that he gave his only son to suffer death upon a cross. And God loves us so much that he made sure that this rejection, this defeat,

was not the end of the story. God loves us so much that the end of the story is yet to come, and it is more glorious and wonderful than we can imagine or understand. God's story and our stories are not over yet. There is still time for change, still time for new plot lines, still time to introduce new characters. There is still time to plant a new garden.

The story of salvation is not like a fairy tale; they always end with everyone living "happily ever after." But our lives are pretty rarely like that. Sometimes, then, knowing that the story is not yet over can be very good news indeed. Have you got your garden planted yet?

## Come Glorify God Together

Don't use summer as an excuse to skip church! By gathering in corporate worship, we obey God's command, become equipped for Christian living, and minister to our fellow pilgrims. Consider these tips for engaging in corporate worship. First, show up— in person if you can. Examine your heart and your motivation for attending church. Lift up your eyes from earthly matters to focus on God. Come prepared. Do you need to confess anything or remove any hindrance? As you worship, consider how each part of the service displays the gospel: greeting, singing, reading scripture, praying, giving and communing.

Be careful not to compartmentalize corporate worship as separate from the rest of life. Instead, consider how you'll carry the experience into the coming week. Come ready to receive; then let that overflow fuel you for the days ahead. Come prepared to participate, knowing that worshipping together is a rehearsal for heaven. But most importantly? Just Come.

—Monica L. Wilkinson

# PARISH NEWS...

## Altar Flower Chart

Frank Madigan & Tracy Madigan



The 2023 Altar Flowers sign - up chart is located in the Bell 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@gmail.com)  
or

Tracy Madigan (tracymadigan@yahoo.com)

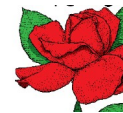
## Honoring Our Graduates

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 24<sup>th</sup> to: [hinnocents1783@gmail.com](mailto:hinnocents1783@gmail.com) †



Allen Bean, Church Musician

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



We hope that you can join us!



Betsy Seifert, President

## Attention Churchwomen!

The next meeting of the ECW will be on Tuesday, May 23rd at 10:00 am, in the Ladies' Parlor.

We look forward to seeing you!



Bob Nelson, Treasurer

# Treasurer's Report

4/05/2023

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

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Pledged Income	\$10,138.33	\$16,800.00	\$60,565.99	\$76,900.00
Other Income	\$732.96	\$450.00	\$2,501.93	\$1,350.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>\$10,871.29</u>	<u>\$17,250.00</u>	<u>\$63,067.92</u>	<u>\$78,250.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Compensation</b>				
Salaries	\$3,421.26	\$3,425.00	\$10,500.03	\$10,275.00
<b>Employee Expenses</b>				
Rector's Expenses	\$287.84	\$500.00	\$813.29	\$1,500.00
Other Employee Expenses	\$1,344.05	\$1,250.00	\$3,941.54	\$3,950.00
<b>Total Employee Expenses</b>	<u>\$1,631.89</u>	<u>\$1,750.00</u>	<u>\$4,754.83</u>	<u>\$5,450.00</u>
<b>Total Compensation</b>	<u>\$5,053.15</u>	<u>\$5,175.00</u>	<u>\$15,254.86</u>	<u>\$15,725.00</u>
<b>Administrative</b>				
Supplies	(\$113.45)	\$350.00	\$667.59	\$950.00
Preschool Income/Expense	(\$2,255.58)	\$312.00	(\$6,538.47)	(\$792.00)
General Insurance	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,242.00	\$3,000.00
Other Administrative Expenses	\$127.90	\$200.00	\$770.53	\$700.00
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<u>(\$2,241.13)</u>	<u>\$1,862.00</u>	<u>(\$858.35)</u>	<u>\$3,858.00</u>
<b>Utilities</b>				
Maintenance	\$2,118.49	\$1,850.00	\$7,224.83	\$5,550.00
Parish Life	\$271.89	\$200.00	\$351.89	\$600.00
Diocesan & Seminary Support	\$2,295.00	\$2,300.00	\$6,885.00	\$6,900.00
Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$9,075.79</u>	<u>\$13,387.00</u>	<u>\$32,934.03</u>	<u>\$38,633.00</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	<u>\$1,795.50</u>	<u>\$3,863.00</u>	<u>\$30,133.89</u>	<u>\$39,617.00</u>



### Note from the Editor...

Marsha Nelson

## Summer

(June/July/August)

**Newsletter items are due:**

# May 25<sup>th</sup>

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!**



## Fans for Summer!!

Yolanda Yoder,  
HI Outreach Program

During May, Holy Innocents will be collecting fans or donations) to help our neighbors out during the hot summer months.



Bring box or table fans to church on any Sunday in May(window air conditioners will be accepted as well). Or, donate by cash /check (indicate "fans") and a Vestry member will purchase fans to donate.

**Help others beat the summer heat!**

# PALM SUNDAY



# EASTER SUNDAY



~ Holy Week Community Services at First United Methodist Church led on Wednesday  
by Holy Innocents Episcopal Church of Henderson ~



Roberta Scott



George Loveland, Pastor



Robin Williams



Tracy Madigan

~ Holy Innocents Church group preparing the lunch to immediately follow the noon church service~



## Birthdays

Nancy Whitt .....5/03  
 Jason Elliott .....5/04  
 Graham Monteith .....5/06  
 Emmanuel Ellis.....5/06  
 Dianne Floyd .....5/08  
 Richard Young .....5/08  
 Barbara Hight .....5/10  
 Kirk Elliott .....5/12  
 Betsy Catlett .....5/18  
 Brenda Wester.....5/19

## Anniversaries

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



## Remember In Your Prayers

*Pray for Healing and Comfort:*

Mary Shearin, Veneal Williams  
 Blanton Hartness, Rose Flannagan  
 Kimberly H. Hartness, Nancy Brooks  
 Cynthia Shaw, Johanna Robinson  
 Tom Church, Peggy Mast  
 Bill Lowery, Lee Hight  
 Kathy Hughes  
 Margaret Williamson  
 Jeanette Stark Morris, Shirley Young  
 The Roberson Family



## Special Dates

- **National Day of Prayer**  
May 5, 2023
- **Mother's Day**  
May 14, 2023
- **Ascension of the Lord**  
May 18, 2023
- **Armed Forces Day**  
May 20, 2023
- **Memorial Day**  
May 29, 2023



## Altar Flowers

- Susann Elliott..... 5/07
- TBD ..... 5/14
- TBD ..... 5/21
- TBD ..... 5/28

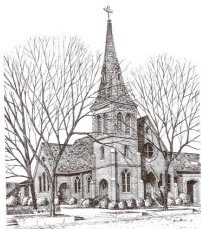
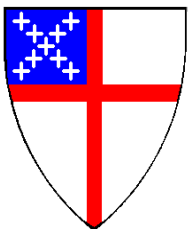
### MAY UNIFIED SERVING SCHEDULE

MAY	ACOLYTES	USHERS	LAYREADER/ CHALICE BEARER	ALTAR GUILD	
7	Jack & Kaitlyn Paynter	Mike Rainey Tracy Madigan	8:00 am - Greg Taylor 10:30 am - Roberta Scott	Mariana Davis Committee	
14	Beau & Chap Burnette	Mike Rainey Tracy Madigan	8:00 am - Rix Edwards 10:30 am - Nick Long	Mariana Davis Committee	
21	Jack & Kaitlyn Paynter & Sam Goodwin	Mike Rainey Tracy Madigan	8:00 am - Bob Nelson 10:30 am - Linda Shaw	Anne Almand's Committee	
28	Beau & Chap Burnette	Mike Rainey Tracy Madigan	8:00 am - Bob Nelson 10:30 am - Porter Shaw	Anne Almand's Committee	

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

# YOUTH SUNDAY ~ April 30, 2023





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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.**