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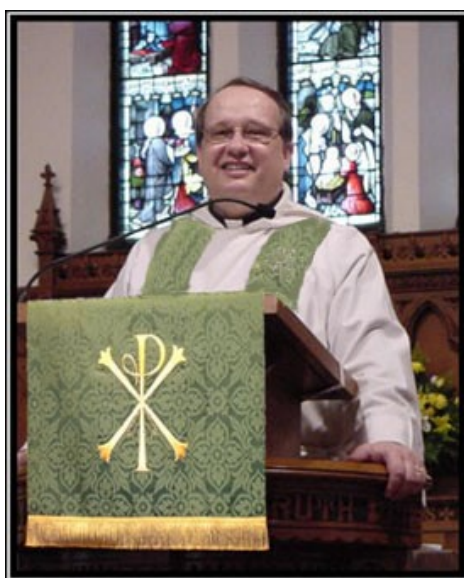
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## FROM THE RECTOR

*The Rev. Donald Lowery*



### So many things for which to Give Thanks

November is always a month in which we are called to give thanks. Americans have celebrated thanksgiving in November at least since the dark days of the American Civil War when Abraham Lincoln decreed a national day of Thanksgiving in the midst of the bloodiest conflict in the history of our nation. Prior to that Americans held, according to local custom, days of thanksgiving in the autumn, first in Virginia by members of the Church of England at Berkeley Hundred on December 4, 1619 and then later at Plymouth Plantation in Massachusetts in November of 1621. In both cases the settlers were continuing the European custom of offering thanks to God for the safe completion of the fall harvest. The

native peoples of the Americas also had a custom of giving thanks to God when the corn harvest was safely stored against future need. From the time of the Civil War to our own day, the president has designated a Thursday in November for the people of our nation of give thanks for God's continual mercy and provision for our necessities.

This year is also the hundredth anniversary of the Armistice that ended the fighting in World War One. Though negotiations leading to a peace treaty would continue for six months, the actual fighting stopped by an agreed armistice in November 11, 1918, the famed 11/11/18. World War One literally shaped the world in which we live. During that War, Russians, weary of the brutal conflict, held not one but two revolutions. One ended the Tsarist monarchy to be replaced by a short lived attempt at democracy while the second resulted in the Communists overthrowing the democratic Duma and replacing it with a Marxist-Socialist dictatorship. In the Middle East, the Ottoman Empire of the Turks was dismantled by the French and the English. Modern Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Saudi Arabia emerged from the defeat of the Turks and the Jewish People were promised a national homeland in Arab Palestine though this promise was not fulfilled until 1948. If those names sound familiar and bring to mind ongoing conflict, you are correct. The British and the French divided up the Middle East without regard for ethnic and religious divisions and promised Palestine to the Arabs who already lived there and the Jews who were seeking to renew their ancient nation. One author described what was done in the Middle East as the "Peace to end all Peace" and that seems to be true. The seeds were also laid for

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the emergence of a dictator like Hitler because of the harsh terms imposed in Germany which left the country economically crippled and polarized politically. Did I mention the Austro-Hungarian Empire was also dismantled? This led to the creation of Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and what would become Yugoslavia. Poland also regained its independence, reuniting the portions of the country that had been divided amongst the Prussians, the Austrians and the Russians in the 1790's. In many ways, the world as we know it emerged from World War One and conflicts in the middle east and the recent ones in the Balkans were in part a result of decisions made then.

After reading that paragraph, would you agree that history is messy? Yet, our good God has not abandoned his people. Europe is mostly at peace. The Middle East remains a fountain of conflict yet there are people of good will working to find a just solution that allows Israelis and Arabs, Jews, Christians and Moslems to live in peace. The harvests are still safely brought in for the provision of our necessity and the care of those in need. People give of themselves to help rebuild after catastrophes like the hurricanes that have ravaged our nation and the earthquake and tsunami as well as the typhoons that struck South East Asia. As long as there are people who sincerely seek to love those in need wherever need is found around the world and help people rebuild their lives, we have cause to give thanks to God. God gives us strength, courage and wisdom to respond to a world in crisis. †

## PARISH NEWS...



*The Rev. Donald Lowery*

### Wednesday Communion

Holy Communion will be held at 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday of the month with the first Wednesday including the Healing Service. All are welcome to join us. †



*The Rev. Donald Lowery*

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 18, 2018 immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service. Because the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese do not permit early or proxy voting one must be in attendance to vote for new vestry members. For this reason there will be no 8:00 a.m. service on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Nominations to Serve on Vestry

Members of the congregation may nominate folks to serve on the Vestry. To serve on the Vestry one must be a confirmed communicant in good standing. That means one must have been confirmed in the Episcopal Church, received from another denomination, or transferred into the parish from another Episcopal Church or a denomination with whom the Episcopal Church is full communion (Evangelical Lutherans or Moravians). One must also receive communion three times a year and be donor of record (donations made in a way that the treasurer knows one has donated) to the parish within the last year. It is also necessary to ascertain that the person so nominated is willing to serve. While it is best to turn in such nominations before the annual congregational meeting, nominations may be made from the floor as long as the above requirement are met. †

### Stewardship

*The Rev. Donald Lowery*

A thankful heart is a generous heart. In November the Stewardship Committee will distribute both a proposed budget for 2019 and pledge cards. Our buildings are old and require a considerable sum to keep in good repair and the utilities operating. Yet, we also share what we have in "A Ministry of Buildings" which blesses others in our community. We host Narcotics Anonymous, Boy Scouts with an emphasis on reaching at risk boys, a sexual abuse survivors group, a dance class for young girls who might not otherwise be able to take dance and special events for charitable organizations in Henderson and Vance County. Of course, we should not forget our thriving

Preschool. The generosity of this congregation not only pays the staff and the utilities but also enables us to use our buildings as tools for outreach. I brag about Holy Innocents at every opportunity as a loving congregation with a generous heart. Please be as generous as your circumstances permit as we build our budget for 2019. †

### Thanksgiving Service



*The Rev. Donald Lowery*

After consulting the folks who generally attend the Thanksgiving Day Service we have made the decision to celebrate Holy Communion for Thanksgiving on the Wednesday evening before at 5:30 p.m.. This enables people to be with family on Thanksgiving Day while attending to cooking and other duties required to keep the feast. †



*M Nelson*

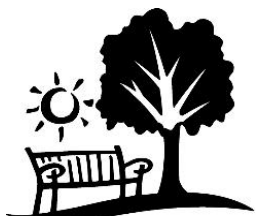
Our HI-Impact Youth Group, under the guidance of Charlie Vaughn, is having a carving good time!!



*(Photos provided by Charlie Vaughn)*

[Click here to view our HI-IMPACT FACEBOOK PAGE—](#)



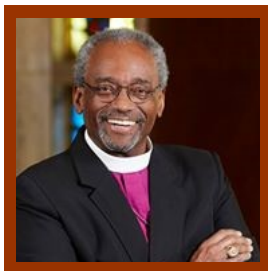


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# The Deacon's Bench

*By the Rev. Harrel Johnson*

I thought that since this issue of our newsletter would be out just before the upcoming elections that the following words of our Presiding Bishop were worth some reflection as we Christians go to the polls.

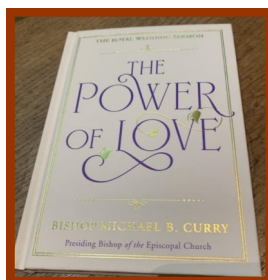


"I'm concerned when I don't hear other religious leaders standing up for immigrants in our country being treated with justice and decency. I'm concerned when I don't hear Christian leaders advocating vociferously for the reunification of parents and children at our borders."

"I'm concerned when I don't hear religious leaders advocating for children to be number one on the social agenda of this country. I'm concerned when I hear silence from religious leaders after the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazis marched through the streets of Charlottesville. I'm not hearing Jesus of Nazareth when I hear that silence."

"We as Christian leaders must speak up and bear witness to the values that we hold based on the teachings of Jesus. And when we fail to do so, we've failed to represent the Christian faith in the public sphere."

Read [Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry's full interview with The Guardian](#).



## THE BRINKLY REPORT

Scott was finally able to have the long needed surgery performed, having both his gall bladder and appendix removed. We are now hopeful that he will be able to go on and find steady work. We would like to thank each and everyone of you for your prayers and support. Please do however remember Scott and the children as we move forward into the season of Thanksgiving and Christmas.





# Treasurer's Report

Bob Nelson, Treasurer

10/07/2018

## Church Of The Holy Innocents Revenue and Expense Summary Year-to-date, Through September 2018

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Pledged Income	\$6,537.00	\$12,500.00	\$154,183.78	\$158,000.00
Other Income	\$176.00	\$650.00	\$3,633.00	\$5,850.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>\$6,713.00</u>	<u>\$13,150.00</u>	<u>\$157,816.78</u>	<u>\$163,850.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Compensation</b>				
Salaries	\$7,206.06	\$7,200.00	\$65,180.76	\$65,000.00
Employee Expenses				
Rector's Expenses	\$994.67	\$1,050.00	\$9,034.79	\$9,450.00
Other Employee Expenses	\$3,460.80	\$3,450.00	\$33,258.82	\$33,250.00
<b>Total Employee Expenses</b>	<u>\$4,455.47</u>	<u>\$4,500.00</u>	<u>\$42,293.61</u>	<u>\$42,700.00</u>
<b>Total Compensation</b>	<u>\$11,661.53</u>	<u>\$11,700.00</u>	<u>\$107,474.37</u>	<u>\$107,700.00</u>
<b>Administrative</b>				
Supplies	\$8.93	\$250.00	\$800.38	\$2,050.00
Preschool Income/Expense	(\$727.23)	\$0.00	(\$3,198.87)	(\$4,200.00)
General Insurance	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$8,587.50	\$9,000.00
Other Administrative Expenses	\$151.01	\$250.00	\$2,372.77	\$1,250.00
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<u>(\$567.29)</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$8,561.78</u>	<u>\$8,100.00</u>
Utilities	\$2,149.63	\$1,700.00	\$18,985.83	\$14,700.00
Maintenance	\$218.37	\$200.00	\$2,095.33	\$2,100.00
Parish Life	\$67.33	\$550.00	\$3,122.04	\$5,250.00
Diocesan & Seminary Support	\$2,263.00	\$2,200.00	\$20,371.56	\$20,400.00
Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$15,792.57</u>	<u>\$17,850.00</u>	<u>\$160,610.91</u>	<u>\$158,250.00</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>(\$9,079.57)</b>	<b>(\$4,700.00)</b>	<b>(\$2,794.13)</b>	<b>\$5,600.00</b>

OUR CHURCH'S  
FINANCIAL  
HEALTH

**Amazon Smile** is a branch of the regular Amazon.com site, except all of the purchases that are made through [smile.amazon.com](https://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>



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



*Betsy Seifert, President - Shirley Young, V. President - Ann Ellis, Secretary  
Marsha Nelson, Treasurer - Roberta Scott, Vestry Liaison*



## ECW Harvest Bazaar

A Big Thank You to those who contributed both time and \$\$ to help make this a fun and very successful event !!



Next Meeting  
November 27 - 10:00 a.m.  
Ladies' Parlor



## DIOCESE NEWS ...



203<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention  
November 16-17, 2018

### Diocesan Convention

The 203<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina will be held this year at the M.C. Benton, Jr. Convention and Civic Center, 301 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Winston-Salem from Friday, November 16 through Saturday, November 17.

Representatives from our church for this year's event are: our Rector -The Rev. Donald Lowery, our Deacon -The Rev. Harrel Johnson, Nick Long, Tom Church and Rix Edwards. †

## CHURCH USAGE SCHEDULE

~LOWER & GREAT HALL~

### MONDAY

NA (Behind the Walls) 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Cub Scouts 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Motion-Zumba 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

### TUESDAY

Counseling Group (Parlor) 6:30 to 8:00 pm  
NA (Bottoms Up) 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY

NA (Bottoms Up) 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

### THURSDAY

NA (Behind the Walls) 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Sansa (VirginMaryDance) 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

### FRIDAY

Motion-Zumba 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

### SATURDAY

NA (Bottoms Up) Noon

### December Newsletter Items Due November 23

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

[MJNELSON@nc.rr.com](mailto:MJNELSON@nc.rr.com)

Printed copies of the newsletter are located in the Bell Tower for you if you have problems with email access. There is also a link to both current and past issues of our newsletter at:

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*Thanks for your support !*

## Fall BAZAAR

Hosted by United Methodist Women

November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7 am - 12 noon

First United  
Methodist Church

114 Church Street  
Full Country BREAKFAST  
(7am - 10:30 am - \$7)

## November Schedule of Events

### Choir Weekly Practice Schedule

Hand Bell Choir — Wed. at 6:00 PM  
Parish Choir — Sunday at 9:30 AM

### Sunday – November 4

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I  
10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite II  
12:30 PM, La Misa Servicio

### Wednesday – November 7

3:00 PM, Nursing Home Ministry  
5:30 PM, Healing Service  
Holy Communion

### Sunday – November 11

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I  
10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite II  
12:30 PM, La Misa Servicio

### Wednesday – November 14

3:00 PM, Nursing Home Ministry  
5:30 PM, Holy Eucharist

### Sunday – November 18

\*\*ONE COMBINED SERVICE\*\*  
10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite II  
\*\*ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING\*\*

### Wednesday – November 21

5:30 PM, Holy Eucharist for Thanksgiving

### Thursday – November 22

-Thanksgiving Day-  
(No Service)

### Sunday – November 25

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I  
10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite II  
12:30 PM, La Misa Servicio

### Tuesday – November 27

10:00 AM, ECW (Ladies Parlor)

### Wednesday – November 28

3:00 PM, Nursing Home Ministry  
5:30 PM, Holy Eucharist

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



## Birthdays

Mary Shearin.....	11/01
Hal Mahler .....	11/02
Donald Lowery.....	11/03
Matilda Gholson.....	11/03
Kate Blackburn.....	11/07
Sam Goodwin.....	11/07
Rick Palamar .....	11/11
Susann Ellis.....	11/13
Valerie Gwynn .....	11/14
Tommy Pinion.....	11/15
Cole Whitt .....	11/16
Genie Parish .....	11/17
C. G. Williams.....	11/17
Betsy Herford .....	11/21
Katherine Kittrell.....	11/21
Ruth Hartness .....	11/22
Anne Almand .....	11/27
Jackson Blackburn, Jr.....	11/28

## Anniversaries

Dianne & Maurice Floyd.....	11/02
Ellen & Roger Dickerson.....	11/04
Jan & Bo Cheatham.....	11/05
Brenda & Hut Wester.....	11/26
Lucy & Butch Gray .....	11/29

## 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, Tommy Greenway, Bill Mast, William Stancil, Thomas Stancil, Sheila Roberts, Berkeley Ellis, Jackson Wesley, Theo, Graham Cawthorne, Bo Jones, Jane Carnes, Rose Flannagan, Michael Smith, Andrew Gray, Troy Peoples, John Wingo, Will Davis, Cooper Brake, Stephanie White, Will Mustian, Perry Ennis, Dorothy Maynard and C.H. Ball.



We're thankful for you!

## Special Dates





- All Saints' Day  
*November 1, 2018*
- Daylight-Saving Time Ends  
*November 4, 2018*
- Veterans Day  
*November 11, 2018*
- Thanksgiving Day  
*November 22, 2018*
- Christ the King Sunday  
*November 25, 2018*

## Altar Flowers

- Griselle Woodard 11/04
- Margaret Williamson 11/11
- Tony Griffin 11/18
- Fruit from Thanksgiving 11/25

## NOVEMBER UNIFIED SERVING SCHEDULE

—COFFEE WILL BE SERVED IN THE GREAT HALL AFTER THE 10:30 AM SERVICE —

NOV	BEARERS	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	LAY READER / CHALICE BEARER	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	VESTRY GREETER
4		Kaitlyn Paynter Jack Paynter	Mary Parish	8:00am—Rick Palamar 10:30am—Ruth Hartness	Bob Herford Bob Nelson	Anora Rainey	Roberta Scott
11		Beau Burnette Chap Burnette	Ethan Holloway	8:00am—Bob Nelson 10:30am—Nick Long	Bob Herford Bob Nelson	Anora Rainey	Caroline Burnette
18		Tucker Olmert Brennan Olmert	Ethan Holloway	-Annual Parish Meeting- Combined Service 10:30am—Porter Shaw	Bob Herford Bob Nelson	Mariana Davis	Richard Davis
25		Beau Burnette Chap Burnette	Sarah Parish	8:00am—Greg Taylor 10:30am—Tom Church	Bob Herford Bob Nelson	Mariana Davis	Rix Edwards

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





## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

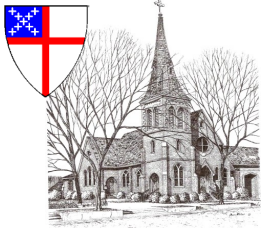


## OCTOBER CHURCH PHOTOS



## ECW HARVEST BAZAAR





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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.**