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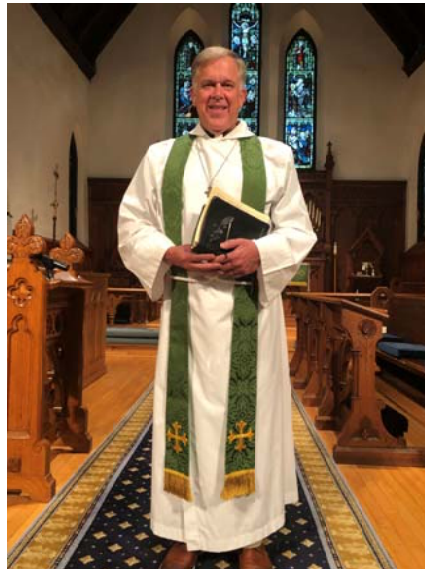
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FROM OUR RECTOR

The Rev. Robert Beauchamp



Dear people of the Church of the Holy Innocents,

All Hallow's Eve has passed, and we begin the month with the celebration of All Saints' Day. What an interesting celebration Halloween has become considering its origin. All Hallows eve or Halloween began as the Christian practice of ushering in Hallow's or Saints Day.

Early Christians adapted a harvest time practice and made it a time to celebrate the Great Saints and Martyrs. Those who had gone before and showed us how to live lives full of grace and faithfulness. It is a time set aside to remember and honor our loved ones who have gone on to the larger life and greater service.

"The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy

are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect." (Wisdom 3:1)



Let us be thankful for all those who have gone before and have given us such wonderful examples of how to live out our faith. With Thanksgiving Day right around the corner, we are invited to take some time to reflect and give thanks; to give thanks for the harvest and the bounty of the land and for the many blessings in our lives. The day is not just for stuffing ourselves with as much turkey and sides that we can manage to digest, but also, to digest all the goodness and bounty that surrounds us. It is a time to be thankful – thankful - means to have gratitude and it is not just for the one day a year that we set aside to remember the harvest.



Our United Thank Offering (UTO) is one way for us to keep our hearts focused on such thankfulness. Its mission is to invite people to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box, which is a cardboard piggy bank. I remember (and still use) those little blue boxes as a reminder of all the little ways God is so alive and fills my life with blessings each day. The money collected by UTO is given out in the form of grants to help those in our communities. It is a good reminder of the old saying "Count your blessings every day."

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PARISH NEWS ...

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There may be days that we need to look a little harder to see these blessings, even step back a little to be able to focus on the good in life, but every day is a gift from God. For that we may all be thankful.

So, in this season let us pray, “Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” Amen. (BCP246)



God’s peace,
Robert+

There will be a Healing service with Holy Communion on Wednesday, November 8th at 5:30 p.m.



Allen Bean, Church Musician

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



Hope you can join us!



There will not be ECW meetings in November and December. Please plan to come join us on Tuesday, January 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Ladies’ Parlor. See you then!

Betsy Seifert,, President

ECW Bazaar



FROZEN FOODS
GILLIE -TRACY- ANNE



RAFFLE WINNER
CONGRATS LINDA



RAFFLE TICKET SALES
ANNETTE - BARBARA

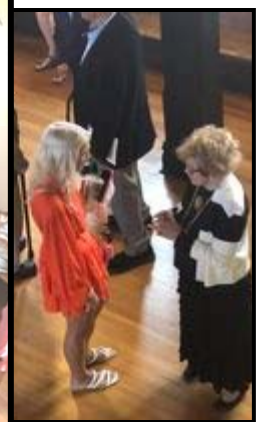


A "BIG THANK YOU " to The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Assistant Bishop and Rev. Canon, Dr. Cathy Deats for joining us and our rector, Rev. Robert Beauchamp, on Sunday (October 1) for our wonderful combined Bilingual Service at 10:30 a.m. The service included the Celebration of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. After the service, a reception was held in the Great Hall to honor the Confirmands and Bishop. "CONGRATULATIONS" to our very special young Acolytes and their elders for doing such a GREAT JOB!!



RECEPTION AFTER SERVICE

10/1/2023



Treasurer's Report

10/4/2023

Bob Nelson, Treasurer

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

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)
Revenues				
Pledged Income	\$6,149.33	\$6,600.00	\$102,897.97	\$115,500.00
Other Income	\$1,223.47	\$450.00	\$8,159.80	\$4,050.00
Total Revenues	<u>\$7,372.80</u>	<u>\$7,050.00</u>	<u>\$111,057.77</u>	<u>\$119,550.00</u>
Expenses				
Compensation				
Salaries	\$3,421.26	\$3,425.00	\$31,074.84	\$30,825.00
Employee Expenses				
Rector's Expenses	\$90.98	\$500.00	\$1,732.33	\$4,500.00
Other Employee Expenses	\$8,782.64	\$1,250.00	\$18,231.65	\$11,950.00
Total Employee Expenses	<u>\$8,873.62</u>	<u>\$1,750.00</u>	<u>\$19,963.98</u>	<u>\$16,450.00</u>
Total Compensation	<u>\$12,294.88</u>	<u>\$5,175.00</u>	<u>\$51,038.82</u>	<u>\$47,275.00</u>
Administrative				
Supplies	\$1,101.34	\$350.00	\$4,124.12	\$2,850.00
Preschool Income/Expense	(\$3,675.39)	\$296.00	(\$8,529.62)	\$2,312.00
General Insurance	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$9,666.25	\$9,000.00
Other Administrative Expenses	\$98.25	\$300.00	\$879.84	\$200.00
Total Administrative	<u>(\$2,475.80)</u>	<u>\$1,946.00</u>	<u>\$6,140.59</u>	<u>\$14,362.00</u>
Utilities	\$2,154.99	\$1,850.00	\$16,897.58	\$16,650.00
Maintenance	\$1,528.71	\$2,000.00	\$20,235.98	\$18,000.00
Parish Life	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$1,834.73	\$1,700.00
Diocesan & Seminary Support	\$2,095.00	\$2,300.00	\$20,655.00	\$20,700.00
Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,375.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$15,597.78</u>	<u>\$13,471.00</u>	<u>\$118,177.70</u>	<u>\$118,687.00</u>
Net Total	<u>(\$8,224.98)</u>	<u>(\$6,421.00)</u>	<u>(\$7,119.93)</u>	<u>\$863.00</u>



Note from the Editor...

Marsha Nelson

The next church newsletter will be issued in December. Please email news items by **November 24** to: marleenel25@gmail.com

Current and past issues of the newsletter are available on the church web site at:

www.churchoftheholynnocents.org

Thanks for your support!



Remember Your Pledge

Remember that the church has to pay its bills. Pledge checks and special donations are always appreciated and can be mailed in to the office at: The Church of the Holy Innocents / 210 S. Chestnut Street / Henderson, NC, 27536



Birthdays


Mary Shearin11/01
 Matilda Gholson..... 11/03
 Donald Lowery.....11/03
 Kate Blackburn11/07
 Sam Goodwin.....11/07
 Charlie Roberson.....11/08
 Rick Palamar11/11
 Susann Ellis11/13
 Genie Parish..... 11/17
 Betsy Herford 11/21
 Ruth Hartness11/22
 Anne Almand11/27

Anniversaries

Dianne & Maurice Floyd11/02
 Ellen & Roger Dickerson.....11/04
 Jan & Bo Cheatham 11/05

Remember In Your Prayers

Pray for Healing and Comfort:



Mary Shearin
 Veneal Williams
 Blanton Hartness
 Rose Flannagan
 Kimberly Hunter Hartness
 Nancy Brooks, Cynthia Shaw
 Tom Church, Peggy Mast
 Lee Hight, Kathy Hughes
 Margaret Williamson
 Al & Betsy Catlett
 Janet White
 Janet Stark Morris
 Benton Hight
 Fred Smith



We're thankful for you!

Special Dates

- All Saints Day
November 1, 2023
- Daylight-Saving Time Ends
November 5, 2023
- Veterans Day,
November 11, 2023
- Christ the King Sunday
November 26, 2023
- Thanksgiving Day
November 23, 2023

Altar Flowers

- Cat & Steve Watkins..... 11/05
- TBD 11/12
- Janet White. 11/19
- Altar Fruit 11/26

NOVEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

Nov	ACOLYTES	USHERS	LAY READER / CHALICE BEARER	ALTAR GUILD
5	Jack Paynter	Bob Nelson Bob Herford	8:00am—Tracy Madigan 10:30am —Roberta Scott	Anne Almand
12	Chapman -Scott Burnette	Bob Nelson Bob Herford	8:00am—Rix Edwards 10:30am —Nick Long	Anne Almand
19	Jack and Kaitlyn Paynter	Bob Nelson Bob Herford	8:00am—Tracy Madigan 10:30am—Richard Davis	Shirley Young
26	Beau and Chap Burnette	Bob Nelson Bob Herford	8:00am—Greg Taylor 10:30am—Porter Shaw	Shirley Young

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



PRESCHOOL FALL 2023



FIRE SAFETY DAY





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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.