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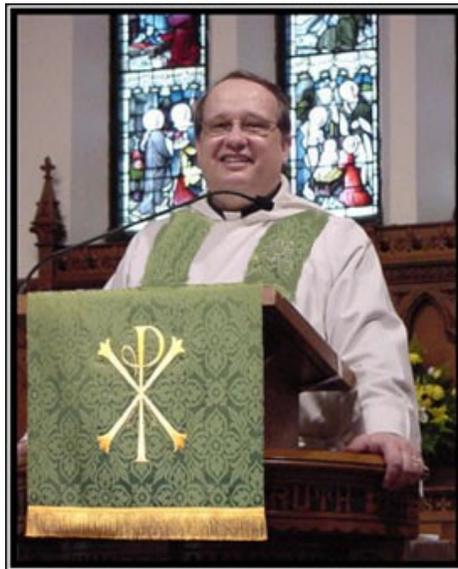
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FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Donald Lowery



October as a Month to Celebrate

October is a month to celebrate many good things. As Americans we tend to think of our fall Celebrations as coming in November, especially Thanksgiving. However, this October of 2017 brings many joyful events.

On October 3-5 the diocese will hold the fall Clergy Conference. I consider this a celebration because it will be the first major gathering of the clergy with our new Bishop, Sam Rodman. Bishop Sam is a genuinely good and sincere Christian. We rejoice that God has sent him to us as our new Bishop.

On October 8, we will have our St. John's Homecoming. Gathering at our historic Mother Church, we have a celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Episcopalians from St. Stephen's and

St. Cyprian's (Oxford) and St. John's (North Henderson), the other parishes that descend from the same mother church. We will also have Bill Barker doing his magnificent reenactment of Thomas Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson is a key figure in American History as we all know. He was baptized as a member of the Church of England in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Though he later espoused Unitarianism, he chose to raise his daughters as Episcopalians, helped fund the building of an Episcopal Church in Charlottesville, Virginia and perhaps most tellingly, kept a copy of the Book of Common Prayer on a table beside his bed from which he read a portion of the Psalms every day until he died. Thus, he remains an important figure in Episcopal History as well as national history.



I will leave the evening of October 8 to go to the Virginia Theological Seminary Alumni Convocation and Class Reunion for VTS1987. I will be attending the 30th reunion of my seminary class. Bishop Rodman was a classmate of mine, so he will be there to celebrate the same reunion. He will receive an honorary Doctorate in Divinity to honor his election as Bishop.

I will leave the seminary reunion to go visit my parents in Maryland. I am particularly anxious to see my mother. When I last saw her it was not really clear if she had any idea who I am. However, dad reports she seems to be doing a little bit better and I hope for a better visit. I plan to stay over for

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Sunday church at the Episcopal Church of which my parents and sister are members. The Rev. Juliana Lindenberg will be our supply priest in both English and Spanish services.

October 29th is Reformation Sunday. This is a particularly important celebration this year because it commemorates the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther was proposing a debate on certain points of doctrine in which he believed certain matters of faith were being misrepresented or abused by the Pope. He hoped for doctrinal clarification. Instead, he launched a reformation that gave rise not only to Lutheranism, but numerous other churches that chose to separate from Rome, including the Church of England, of which the Episcopal Church a part by virtue of being in the Anglican Communion. We will sing reformation hymns, like "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" and rejoice in the glorious liberty of salvation by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ. †

	<p><i>Betsy Seifert, President</i> <i>Shirley Young, V. President</i> <i>Ann Ellis, Secretary</i> <i>Marsha Nelson, Treasurer</i> <i>Margaret Williamson, Vestry Liaison</i></p>	
<p>The first ECW meeting this fall was Tuesday, September 12th at 10:00 a.m. at Janet White's house. This special meeting was held in addition to the regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 26th to plan the upcoming Harvest Bazaar which will be on Saturday, Oct. 21th. The Great Hall will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm. on Friday the 20th and 8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. on Saturday for receipt of all items before opening the doors for the public at 9:00 a.m. Saturday. This year's bazaar committee contacts are: Betsy Seifert, Shirley Young, Marsha Nelson, Margaret Williamson, Tracy Madigan, Lisa Miravalle, Barbara Foster, Anne Ellis, Betsy Catlett, Janet White and Cat Watkins. Any of these ladies will be happy to answer your questions concerning our bazaar. †</p>		
		
<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Next Meeting October 24 - 10:00 a.m. Ladies' Parlor</p> </div>		

PARISH NEWS...



The Rev. Donald Lowery

The youth group will not meet on October 8th or October 15th because of my travel schedule. We will meet as usual on October 1st, October 22nd and October 29th. †

Wednesday Services



The Rev. Donald Lowery

Because of the Clergy Conference and my 30th Class Reunion at Virginia Theological Seminary, I will be out of town the first two Wednesdays of October. There will be no Wednesday Services on October 4th or October 11th. We will resume our normal schedule on October 18th at 5:30 p.m. with a healing service to replace the one missed on October 4th. †

St. Francis' Day Pet Blessing

The Rev. Donald Lowery



We will bless our pets on Sunday, October 1 at 4:00 p.m. in the Memorial Garden. We celebrate the love we have for our pets by praying God's blessings upon them. †



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Warm Up with Prayer!!

We have prayer shawls to borrow if the thermostat is set too low for your comfort in church. The hand knitted wool shawls are provided by Tabitha Guild and are located in the basket as you enter the bell tower. The love and prayer that goes into each shawl alone is enough to warm both body and soul.

If you borrow one, please remember to return it to the basket as you exit at the end of the service. If you are inclined to do so, you may leave a donation for the use of the shawl in the basket. All funds collected will be used to further enhance our ministry to Acts. Typically the Guild distributes these shawls to those in our parish family and community who are sick. †

Betsy Catlett~ Janet White~ Margaret Williamson

Treasurer's Report

Bob Nelson, Treasurer

9/18/2017

Church Of The Holy Innocents Revenue and Expense Summary Year-to-date, Through August 2017

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)
Revenues				
Pledged Income	\$20,394.29	\$10,000.00	\$138,008.27	\$132,000.00
Other Income	\$758.00	\$300.00	\$4,996.93	\$2,400.00
Total Revenues	<u>\$21,152.29</u>	<u>\$10,300.00</u>	<u>\$143,005.20</u>	<u>\$134,400.00</u>
Expenses				
Compensation				
Salaries	\$6,847.56	\$6,950.00	\$55,072.99	\$55,500.00
Employee Expenses				
Rector's Expenses	\$1,025.36	\$1,050.00	\$8,977.04	\$8,500.00
Other Employee Expenses	\$3,068.09	\$3,300.00	\$25,418.14	\$26,800.00
Total Employee Expenses	<u>\$4,093.45</u>	<u>\$4,350.00</u>	<u>\$34,395.18</u>	<u>\$35,300.00</u>
Total Compensation	<u>\$10,941.01</u>	<u>\$11,300.00</u>	<u>\$89,468.17</u>	<u>\$90,800.00</u>
Administrative				
Supplies	\$546.04	\$250.00	\$2,011.67	\$2,000.00
Preschool Income/Expense	\$3,194.29	\$1,200.00	(\$8,586.76)	\$3,600.00
General Insurance	\$2,084.75	\$1,000.00	\$9,144.25	\$8,000.00
Other Administrative Expenses	\$62.97	\$150.00	\$119.43	\$1,700.00
Total Administrative	<u>\$5,888.05</u>	<u>\$2,600.00</u>	<u>\$2,688.59</u>	<u>\$15,300.00</u>
Utilities	\$844.63	\$1,800.00	\$13,668.14	\$14,400.00
Maintenance	\$2,000.55	\$200.00	\$17,587.03	\$1,800.00
Parish Life	(\$171.27)	\$350.00	\$3,392.38	\$2,700.00
Diocesan & Seminary Support	\$2,258.00	\$2,200.00	\$18,064.00	\$18,300.00
Outreach	\$195.72	\$0.00	\$195.72	\$0.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$21,956.69</u>	<u>\$18,450.00</u>	<u>\$145,064.03</u>	<u>\$143,300.00</u>
Net Total	(\$804.40)	(\$8,150.00)	(\$2,058.83)	(\$8,900.00)



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

DIOCESE NEWS...



The Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

PLEASE NOTE

Help with Hurricane & Natural Disasters

Work continues to rebuild following the recent earthquakes and hurricanes. Episcopal Relief and Development continues to respond on several fronts, so please do the same if you are able. Three great ways you can do it remain in place:

1. **Pray**
2. **Donate** - Financial donations are more helpful than donated goods. Relief agencies know exactly what's needed and can do more per dollar than individuals, so please support a trusted relief agency. Episcopal Relief & Development has started a [general hurricane relief fund](#) and also has an [international disaster relief fund](#) (hurricanes and earthquakes).
3. **Organize and plan** - If you know you will want to be on site at some point, start making plans and getting organized. *Please do not go to affected areas now.* Only trained relief workers and first responders should be there right now; untrained volunteers put undue strain on the situation and can actually use resources otherwise needed. Recovery will need you in the coming weeks and months, though, so please use ERD's "[Ready to Serve](#)" link to offer your gifts when they're needed.

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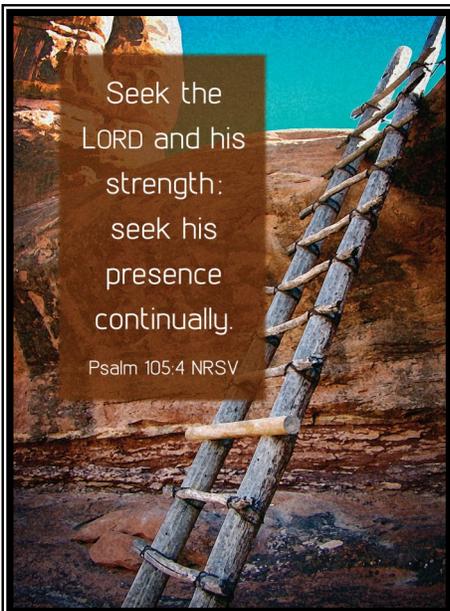
[Hurricane Relief](#)

[International Disaster Relief](#)
(hurricanes and earthquakes)

CHURCH USAGE SCHEDULE

~LOWER HALL~

MONDAY	
Cub Scout Pack	7:00 to 8:00
(w/ Tommy)	
TUESDAY	
NA	7:00 to 8:00
WEDNESDAY	
NA	7:00 to 8:00
SATURDAY	
NA	Noon



November Newsletter Items Due October 25

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

MNELSON@nc.rr.com

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Thanks for your support !

October 2017 Schedule of Events

Choir Weekly Practice Schedule

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

Sunday – October 1

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

Wednesday – October 4

5:30 PM, No Service on schedule

Sunday – October 8

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I
11:00 AM, Homecoming Service
—Service at St. John's—
in Williamsboro

Wednesday – October 11

5:30 PM, No Service on schedule

Sunday – October 15

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

Wednesday – October 18

5:30 PM, Healing Service
Holy Communion

Saturday – October 21

—ECW Harvest Bazaar—
9:00 AM - Noon , Great Hall

Sunday – October 22

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

Tuesday - October 24

10:00 AM, ECW (Ladies' Parlor)

Wednesday – October 25

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

Sunday – October 29

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

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





The Deacon's Bench

by the Rev. Harrel Johnson

We have all quoted and know by now that Sunday morning is the most segregated hour of the week. I know that and I've heard the phrase many, many times. But I'm going to be honest in saying I didn't know just how true that was until today. I mean, I've known that we were segregated in ethnicity. It seemed like the idea was to get the church to a point where we could worship together alongside one another. As a result, many churches have gone in the direction of modifying that divided climate. Now, many of these are churches with so-called ministries of reconciliation pride themselves on the idea that when you look out into their congregation you will witness a sea of multiethnic faces. I was once one of those people who prided his self on attending churches where the people in my pew were people who didn't look like me. How beautiful to worship with one another in Christ. There is no *this* church, or *that* church, we were One Church and One Body.



But I think somewhere we went wrong when we began to focus on the intent behind that being just about color, because that's what it has turned into. A great photo opportunity to throw onto websites or promo materials to show that one Black face or that one Asian face. We're learning now, the hard way that is just not enough. The reality of the deep theological, racial and philosophical differences are being unveiled. You might be holding my hand in prayer, and while I'm praying for justice for a black or Latino teenager, you're praying for the innocence of a police officer. You might be holding my hand in prayer, but while I'm praying God would provide a place for the poor and marginalized, you're praying "those people" would just go away. You might be holding my hand in prayer, but while I'm praying for the walls to come down, you're praying the walls would go up. You might be holding my hand in prayer, but we're praying two different prayers and possibly to two different versions of who we think Jesus is. How do we reconcile That. Well which one is it?

So this past Week, some of us were celebrating a victory in Jesus and others, devastated and turning towards Jesus to give them strength in the midst of evil. And I'm stuck, trying to figure out if I should go to church, because I just don't know whose hand I'm holding or which Jesus is being preached. I know and believe in the Jesus of the gospel. I believe in the Jesus who chose the most outcast of society to be in his inner circle. I believe in the Jesus who touched the most disgusting, sick, broken bodies that no one else would touch, and healed them. The Jesus who spoke and empowered women, broke bread with his enemies, and defended the weak. I believe in the Jesus who defeated death. That Jesus is my leader. That Jesus is my Savior & my Redeemer and I just want the real Jesus to stand up. Will the real Jesus, please just stand up?

Then there's Matthew 14:22-36, Mark 6:45-56, John 6:16-24. "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. Maybe that's it. Maybe, like Peter, Jesus wants for us to stand up and walk over these uncertain waters. Stand up and walk in hope and in faith that the real Jesus will be there to meet us on the other side. Amen



THE BRINKLEY REPORT

Thanks to some of you we were able to get all of the Brinkley children started in school this year. Some were very helpful with providing the means to get the plethora of items that each student is expected to have on the first day of school and others provided new shoes and wonderful items of clothing and still others gave money or gift cards specifically to the Brinkley fund that go toward keeping the refrigerator and pantry stocked. Scott, the Children and I thank you all. Please remember them when you tithe each Sunday and pray for them constantly. Amen



Birthdays

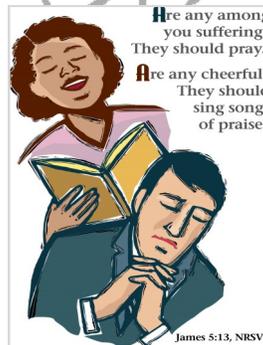
Nick Long.....	10/01
Janet White.....	10/01
Tracy Madigan.....	10/01
Bob Kittrell.....	10/02
Anne Bliss.....	10/03
Marcia Hartness.....	10/09
Lydia Rogers Byrd.....	10/09
Scott Burnette.....	10/12
Landon Elliott.....	10/12
Don West.....	10/14
Porter Shaw.....	10/14
Sofia Ford.....	10/16
Cady VanVenrooy.....	10/16
Mike Rainey.....	10/19
Scott Williamson.....	10/19
Kathleen Long.....	10/20
Michael Roberson.....	10/22
Mary Ann Johnson.....	10/22
Frances Saunders.....	10/25
Chick Young.....	10/27
Rose Flannagan.....	10/30



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, Frances Saunders, Vivie Drake, Lisa Adcock, C.G. Williams, Griselle Woodward, Graham Shearin, Nancy Rogers, Tommy Greenway, Bill Mast, William Stancil, Thomas Stancil, Grace Sanders, Bettie Cooper, Sheila Roberts, Berkeley Ellis, Graham Cawthorne, Jackson Wesley, Juan Sanchez Avila, Megan Jones and Bo Jones, Jr.



Special Dates

- World Communion Sunday
October 1, 2017
- Francis of Assisi—Friar,
October 4, 2017
- Saint Luke—The Evangelist,
October 18, 2017
- Saint James—of Jerusalem,
October 23, 2017
- Saint Simon & Saint Jude—
Apostles,
October 28, 2017
- Reformation Sunday
October 29, 2017

Altar Flowers

- Ellen Zollicoffer Jackson 10/01
- TBD 10/08
- Anora & Mike Rainey 10/15
- Nancy & Cole Whitt 10/22
- Cat & Steve Watkins 10/29

OCTOBER UNIFIED SERVING SCHEDULE

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

OCT	BEARERS	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	LAY READER / CHALICE BEARER	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	VESTRY GREETER
1		Tucker Olmert Brennan Olmert	Genie Parish	8:00am—Bob Nelson 10:30am—Nick Long	Tommy Roberson Michael Roberson	Anora Rainey	Tracy Madigan
8		11:00am Old St. John's	11:00am Old St. John's	8:00am—Greg Taylor 11:00am—Ruth Hartness	11:00am Old St. John's	Shirley Young	11:00am Old St. John's
15		Jack Paynter Kaitlyn Paynter	Lehman Ford	8:00am—Hut Wester 10:30am—Richard Davis	Tommy Roberson Michael Roberson	Shirley Young	Sarah Paynter
22		Beau Burnette Chap Burnette	Sarah Rose Parish	8:00am—Rix Edwards 10:30am—Tom Church	Tommy Roberson Michael Roberson	Mariana Davis	Hunter Roberson
29	Morning Prayer		Ethan Holloway	8:00am—Rick Palamar 10:30am—Nancy Whitt	Tommy Roberson Michael Roberson	Mariana Davis	Margaret Williamson

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



The Church of the Holy Innocents
 Episcopal Church Women
Harvest Bazaar

October 21, 2017
 9:00 A.M. - NOON

OTHER - CANNED

FROZEN - BAKED



RAFFLE - SNACKS

BAKED FOODS
 Brownies, Cookies, Cakes,
 Bread, Pies & more

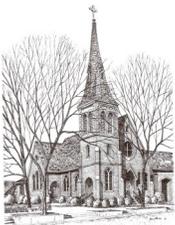
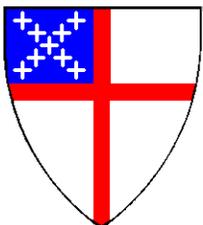
OTHER
 Homemade Preserves,
 BBQ Sauce & more

RAFFLE
 for
 Country Ham & Cake
 (Raffle tickets \$1 ea or 6 for \$5)

FROZEN FOODS
 Casseroles, ECW Chili,
 Biscuits & more

TEA ROOM
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The Church of the Holy Innocents



Harvest Bazaar

Saturday, October 21

9:00 a.m. - Noon

INVITE A FRIEND!