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FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Donald Lowery



. The Mysterious appearance of an old Photograph and some thoughts it inspired

Late spring I was going to the Great Hall and noticed that someone had dropped off a photograph from the around the turn of the last century, I would guess sometime a few years before or after 1900. It is beautifully framed in the style of that period. As most of you are aware, I love history very much and I have studied the history of every parish I have served. Because of that research I recognized the portrait. It is the image of the Reverend Julian Edward Ingle, who was rector of Holy Innocents from 1879 through 1908. The parlor in the Parish Hall that we usually refer to as the "Ladies' Parlor or the Women's Parlor" is actually the "Ingle Parlor" and is named in his memory. Over the fireplace in that lovely room

hangs a portrait of the Rev. Mr. Ingle. He was a remarkable priest and very much loved as one would expect of a priest and pastor who served this parish for 29 years. While he was here his wife, Annette Ingle, died and he gave the church bell in her memory. It is the custom to name church bells and ours is named "Annette" for her. The Annette Ingle fund, which helps fund some of our ministry to children, was established in her honor. Mr. Ingle remarried to Amanda Ingle and legend has it that when the church bell rang ten minutes before service, as it still does today, he would say, "Amanda, I have to go, Annette is calling me." But I stray into a tangent as I do sometimes.

Under Fr. Ingle, the present church in which we worship was built. Prior to this the congregation met in a wood frame building that stood somewhere close to where The First United Methodist Church is today. As the town grew so did the congregation and it was deemed necessary to build a new church. Mr. Ingle was very much a student of what was considered correct church architecture in the era and he worked closely with the architect in the design of the church. For this reason the building is rich in symbolism and has wonderful stained glass windows. This was all part of Fr. Ingle's vision for this house of worship. I am grateful for his diligence in overseeing the design of our church as I am able, as you all know, to use various aspects of the building in my preaching and teaching.

We have a wonderful and beautiful church. In fact, with no insult intended to any of the parishes I served prior to coming to Holy Innocents', it is the most beautiful church I have served in the course of my ordained life. After Mr. Ingle retired and Mr. Hughes came to be rector with an equally long tenure from 1909 to 1943 our parish house was

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built. We have these wonderful buildings because of the faithful leaders, both clergy and lay, who raised the money, had the buildings built and then passed them down to us. In our generation we have repaired, restored and renovated our buildings so that they remain useful and functional.

Useful and functional they are indeed. I believe in what I call “the ministry of buildings” that is, that the structures our ancestors were inspired to build and pass down to us should be used for the good of entire community. We do this faithfully. Our buildings are used every day of the week. Narcotics Anonymous saves lives by leading people away from addiction into recovery. The Boy Scouts meet here with a special emphasis on reaching at risk boys. The Latina women have several outreach projects as does our own youth group. Chapman Scott Burnette and her mom the Honorable Caroline Burnette have started a free dance class for girls from families who can’t afford dance lessons. Other non-profit groups use our facilities for “one off” events that benefit our community. Many ministries gather under our roof and do great good in Henderson and Vance County.

We are able to offer this space because of the generous giving of members of this parish. Those who use the buildings generally make a donation as well as a sign of their thanksgiving that this space is available to them. We are approaching stewardship season again. We will be asking folks to pledge towards the 2019 budget so that we can continue to use our buildings for ministry in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As that time draws near, I would ask you to be as generous as your circumstances permit, so that we can continue the legacy of the Rev. Julian Ingle and the congregation of one hundred years ago.

And a final PS, we don’t know who brought the wonderful hundred year old photograph of the Rev. Mr. Ingle to the church and left it in the hallway outside the Great Hall. If you are the kind benefactor who gave this artifact to the church, please let us know, so that we can properly acknowledge the gift. †



PARISH NEWS...



*The Rev. Donald Lowery
& Charlie Vaughn*

The HI-Impact Youth Group will meet on all of the Sunday afternoons of September at 5:00 p.m.

Our first service project as HI-Impact was successfully completed. We had over 1,000 items donated and raised \$500+ to buy more. We have delivered the items to ACTS, Hope House and Lifeline Ministries. We are so proud of our youth for all of their hard work for this project!

You have all made a tremendous IMPACT on our community! †



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



The Rev. Donald Lowery

The Holy Communion is offered every Wednesday in September at 5:30 p.m. The first Wednesday combines the Holy Communion with the Healing Service. All are welcome. †



*Allen Bean,
Church Musician*

Choir News

All are welcome to make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Choir rehearsals begin September 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the church. We shall be preparing for upcoming church festivals including Christmas. †



The Rev. Donald Lowery

A Little Class about what it means to be a Christian in the Episcopal Church—

We still don’t have a date for the Bishop’s Visitation in 2019. All we know is that we are due for one and I have asked that the Bishop not come while I am away in the Holy Land in January, about which trip I will tell more later in the fall.

I have decided to be pro-active and begin a class on Thursday, September 20th about the Episcopal Church. We will explore the origins of the Episcopal Church as part of the world wide Anglican Communion emanating from the Church of England. We will look at what we believe with special emphasis on Jesus as our most merciful Lord and Savior and the sacraments of the Church. I will also ask for questions participants have about the Church, especially, but not limited to, how we worship so that I can make an effort to answer them in the course of the class. We will meet in late September and early October, take a break while I go off on a fall vacation with my father and resume in early November when I return.

This class is intended to prepare persons who wish to join the Episcopal Church to do so when the bishop does come, and also as a review for anyone interested in learning more about Christian Faith and Practice as it is lived out in the Episcopal Church.

We will meet in the Ingle Parlor in the Parish Hall from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. †



*Betsy W. Seifert
President, ECW*

SAVE THE DATE! Sept. 25, 2018

That’s when the ECW meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Ladies’ Parlor.

Please come with all your opinions and creative ideas for our Bazaar on October - or November - or December? -

See you soon!! †

Treasurer's Report

Bob Nelson, Treasurer

08/17/2018

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

| Accounts | MTD Actual (This Year) | MTD Budget (This Year) | YTD Actual (This Year) | YTD Budget (This Year) |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Revenues | | | | |
| Pledged Income | \$14,975.00 | \$12,500.00 | \$131,163.78 | \$133,000.00 |
| Other Income | \$276.00 | \$650.00 | \$3,049.00 | \$4,550.00 |
| Total Revenues | <u>\$15,251.00</u> | <u>\$13,150.00</u> | <u>\$134,212.78</u> | <u>\$137,550.00</u> |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Compensation | | | | |
| Salaries | \$7,273.56 | \$7,200.00 | \$50,743.33 | \$50,600.00 |
| Employee Expenses | | | | |
| Rector's Expenses | \$753.19 | \$1,050.00 | \$6,703.90 | \$7,350.00 |
| Other Employee Expenses | \$3,410.96 | \$3,450.00 | \$26,620.30 | \$26,350.00 |
| Total Employee Expenses | <u>\$4,164.15</u> | <u>\$4,500.00</u> | <u>\$33,324.20</u> | <u>\$33,700.00</u> |
| Total Compensation | <u>\$11,437.71</u> | <u>\$11,700.00</u> | <u>\$84,067.53</u> | <u>\$84,300.00</u> |
| Administrative | | | | |
| Supplies | \$84.32 | \$250.00 | \$787.42 | \$1,600.00 |
| Preschool Income/Expense | \$1,981.02 | \$1,100.00 | (\$5,469.07) | (\$5,200.00) |
| General Insurance | \$2,230.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$8,587.50 | \$7,000.00 |
| Other Administrative Expenses | \$50.78 | \$150.00 | \$2,109.32 | \$850.00 |
| Total Administrative | <u>\$4,346.12</u> | <u>\$2,500.00</u> | <u>\$6,015.17</u> | <u>\$4,250.00</u> |
| Utilities | \$2,111.69 | \$1,600.00 | \$14,770.44 | \$11,400.00 |
| Maintenance | \$218.37 | \$300.00 | \$1,658.59 | \$1,700.00 |
| Parish Life | \$228.31 | \$700.00 | \$2,314.94 | \$4,150.00 |
| Diocesan & Seminary Support | \$2,263.00 | \$2,300.00 | \$15,845.56 | \$15,900.00 |
| Outreach | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$20,605.20</u> | <u>\$19,100.00</u> | <u>\$124,672.23</u> | <u>\$121,700.00</u> |
| Net Total | (\$5,354.20) | (\$5,950.00) | \$9,540.55 | \$15,850.00 |

OUR CHURCH'S
FINANCIAL
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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

Happy News from the Floyds

Maurice and I have a new grandson, Jake Marshall Floyd, who was born on August 17th. His mama and daddy are Jeff and Whitney Floyd and they now live in Walnut Creek, NC. He is healthy and mama and daddy are doing great. As you well know this is a beautiful blessing!

—Dianne Floyd

PRESCHOOL NEWS...



This fall marks the beginning of our nineteenth year at The Church of the Holy Innocents Preschool! Enrollment is up and we are looking forward to seeing many new faces as well as our returning preschoolers. We begin our preschool year on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Our hours each morning are 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon. There is a non-refundable \$40.00 enrollment fee and our 2018/2019 tentative tuition rates are as follows:

- 5 mornings/week \$300.00/month
- 4 mornings/week \$260.00/month
- 3 mornings/week \$210.00/month
- 2 mornings/week \$160.00/month

(Discount is available if you have more than one child enrolled)

Our main goal is to give each child a jumpstart on kindergarten and to make learning fun! Our preschoolers are in a nurturing Christian environment and are loved and cared for by a wonderful staff. If you would like to volunteer at preschool or know of a child between the ages of 18 months -5 years who would enjoy our program, please contact me at (252) 492-8083. Thank you all for your continued support! †

Tammy Manning, Director
HI Preschool



We're Thankful
For Our Preschool

DIOCESE NEWS...



Discipleship Matters Conference

The Discipleship Matters Conference is being hosted at Christ Church Charlotte this October 15-17. This national conference series explores Christian formation for discipleship, scripture engagement, habits of daily prayer, serving the poor, and sharing the Good News. The conference will offer keynote presentations, workshops, and networking time, and will be undergirded with Eucharist and the Daily Office. We especially believe this is an important conference for those in leadership, as we strive for congregational vitality across the church.

The Discipleship Matters Conference is brought to you by Forward Movement and Renewal Works. We are grateful to Christ Church Charlotte for hosting and to the Diocese of North Carolina for their support. We hope to see you there!

—Alyssa Finke

Learn more and register at <http://renewalworks.org/events/>



Note from the Editor...
October
Newsletter items are due:
-September 25-

Please submit any newsletter items either to the church office or e-mail them to MJNELSON@nc.rr.com

You may download the church newsletter from our church website at:

www.churchoftheholynnocents.org

Thanks for your support!

September 2018 Schedule of Events

Choir Weekly Practice Schedule

- Parish Choir - Sun. at 9:30 AM
- Hand Bell Choir - Wed. at 6:00 PM

Sunday – September 2

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

Wednesday – September 5

- 5:30 PM, Healing Service
Holy Communion

Sunday – September 9

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

Wednesday – September 12

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

Sunday – September 16

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

Wednesday – September 19

- 5:30 PM, Holy Communion

Thursday – September 20

- 7:00 PM, Class about Episcopal Church (Ingle Parlor)

Sunday – September 23

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

Tuesday – September 25

- 10:00 AM, ECW & Tabitha (Ladies Parlor)

Wednesday – September 26

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

Thursday – September 27

- 7:00 PM, Class about Episcopal Church (Ingle Parlor)

Sunday – September 30

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

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



September 2018

The Deacon's Bench

by the Rev. Harrel Johnson

I know that I have said this before but, I just can't resist saying it again. For some reason, maybe it is a racial memory, the time immediately following my birthday in mid August and the early days of September always makes me really nostalgic. I really miss my childhood and my family and the place I grew up. There is just something about the angle of the sunlight and the feel of the air especially in the early morning. I awake with the smell of the salt marsh in my nose and a sense that the tide is running even though I am landlocked and many miles away from my coastal Georgia home.

When my grandsons were born I went out and bought them each a very special book as a birth gift and in the front page of it I wrote "On this day you are born the son of a son of a fisherman and in your veins there runs the salt of the ocean and under your skin there is a tiny row of scales." I miss my Dad and my Grandfather and my Uncles!

~I want to pay a special tribute today to all the commercial fisherman, fisherman, seafarers, mariners sailing from our Georgia Coast. From the docks of Brunswick, Darien, Eulonia, Thunderbolt, and all points in between. All under the watchful care of "Stella Maris", The Star of The Seas. The White Boot Brotherhood, I honor you and all who went down to the sea and never returned. Rest well, O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreads out the heavens and rules the raging of the seas, receive into your protection all those who go down to the sea in ships and occupy their business on the great waters. Preserve them both in body and soul, prosper their labors with good success, in all times of danger, be their defense, and bring them to the haven where they would be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord is my Pilot, I shall not drift. He guides me across the dark waters. He steers me in deep channels. He keeps my log. He pilots me by the star of holiness for His name's sake. Yea, though I sail 'mid the fenders and tempests of life I shall dread no danger for He is near me. His love and care shelter me. He prepares a harbor before me in the homeland of eternity. He anoints the waves with oil, my ship rides calmly. Surely sunlight and starlight shall favor me on my voyages and I will rest in the Port of our Lord forever.

The Last Watch— It is told in the Bible that once the Lord was in the fishermen's boat and a great storm came upon them, and the fishermen feared they would drown. The Lord said to them, have faith in Me. And thus it was they had the faith to survive. This same situation was and is repeated each day at sea and at the end of their watch, they would toll the bell, the eternal mark of the passing of time at sea.



Brinkley Report

School starts very soon and Scott starts a new job with health benefits and a steady salary. But he needs our prayers because of some lingering health issues from the accident a few months ago. I will soon be publishing a list of items that the kids may need some help with as they start back to school.





HI-Impact Youth Group Pentecost Sunday



Birthdays

Gillie Church.....9/01
 Sean Hartness9/01
 Kermit Ellis9/02
 Katherine Williamson.....9/06
 Chapman-Scott Burnette.....9/06
 Greg Taylor.....9/08
 Mary Mac Long.....9/12
 Betsy Seifert9/14
 Chris St. Clair9/16
 Lucy Catherine Olmert9/17
 Nicholas Andrews9/20
 Cliff Rogers9/23
 Frank Madigan9/25
 Donald Seifert.....9/27
 Scott Hartness.....9/28

Anniversaries

Catherine & Pat Olmert9/19
 Nancy & Cole Whitt.....9/25
 Mary Beth & Tim Seitzer.....9/27

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, Nancy Rogers, Sheila Roberts, Berkeley Ellis, Jackson Wesley, Theo, Graham Cawthorne, Bo Jones, Jane Carnes, Rose Flannagan, Michael Smith, Andrew Gray, Troy Peoples, Carl Purri, Brandon Smith, John Wingo, Mae Hight, Will Davis, Cooper Brake and Perry Ennis.



Special Dates

- **Labor Day**
September 3, 2018
- **National Grandparents Day**
September 9, 2018
- **Patriot Day**
September 11, 2018
- **Nat'l Hispanic Heritage Month**
September 15-October 15, 2018
- **First Day of Autumn**
September 22, 2018

Calendar of the Church Year According to the Episcopal Church

- **Feast of the Holy Cross**
September 14, 2018
- **St. Michael & All Angels**
September 29, 2018

SEPTEMBER UNIFIED SERVING SCHEDULE

—LEMONADE WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE 10:30 AM SERVICE —

| SEPT | BEARERS | ACOLYTES | CRUCIFER | LAY READER / CHALICE BEARER | USHERS | ALTAR GUILD | GREENS/ FLOWERS |
|------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|--|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| 2 | | Kaitlyn Paynter Jack Paynter | Mary Parish | 8:00am—Greg Taylor 10:30am—Nick Long | Kermit Ellis Brian Paynter | Mariana Davis | Caroline & Scott Burnette |
| 9 | | Tucker Olmert Brennan Olmert | Ethan Holloway | 8:00am —Bob Nelson 10:30am —Porter Shaw | Kermit Ellis Brian Paynter | Shirley Young | Bettie Cooper |
| 16 | | Beau Burnette Chap Burnette | Sarah Parish | 8:00am—Hut Wester 10:30am—Richard Davis | Kermit Ellis Brian Paynter | Shirley Young | Barbara & Chip Hight |
| 23 | | Tucker Olmert Brennan Olmert | Ethan Holloway | 8:00am—Rick Palamar 10:30am—Ruth Hartness | Kermit Ellis Brian Paynter | Anora Rainey | Nick Long |
| 30 | Morning Prayer | | Sarah Parish | 8:00am—Rix Edwards 10:30am—Nancy Whitt | Kermit Ellis Brian Paynter | Anora Rainey | Nancy & Cole Whitt |

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

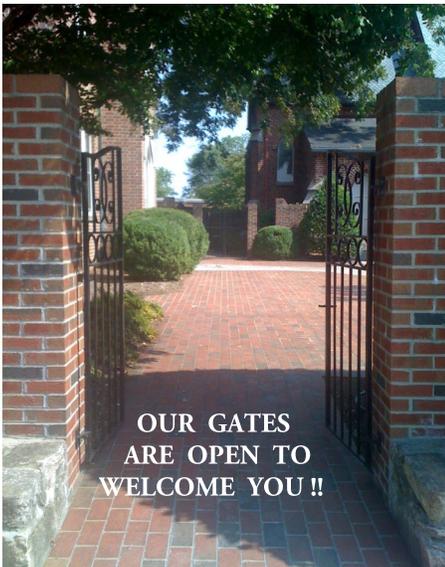


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**All are welcome to join us as
we joyfully greet each person present at our worship.
May our love and respect for one another be
steady and true as we strive to follow Christ our Lord.**