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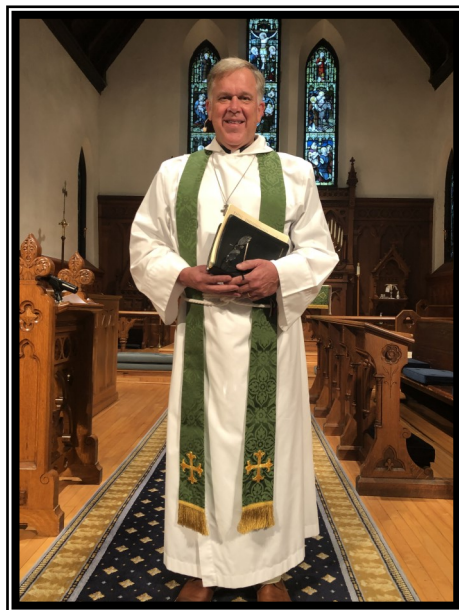
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FROM OUR RECTOR

The Rev. Robert Beauchamp



Merry Christmas!!!And a Happy New Year!!

As we begin this New Year let us not forget that we are still in the midst of Christmas! Traditionally the church celebrates the twelve days of Christmas. This celebration is somewhat overlooked since culturally (and commercially) we celebrate Christmas from Thanksgiving until December 25th. From our Christian tradition though, we celebrate Christmas from the remembrance of Jesus birth until the coming of the wise men, which we celebrate on the Epiphany, the 6th of January. "The name Epiphany is derived from a Greek word meaning manifestation or appearing." That is the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles—the wise men from the east. This is a time for each of us as followers of Jesus the Christ to remember and celebrate that the light of Christ has come into the world and has shed light in the darkness, the darkness of sin and death in the world, and yes, even the darkness of long winter nights. It is also a time to reflect on the profound truth that this Christ whom we follow does indeed not only forgive even us

gentiles but restores and renews us for His purposes in the world.

As we celebrate the ways that Christ has been manifested in the world this month; first The most Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Jan.1) and then with the Magi's visit, let us also take some time to reflect on the incredible ways that Christ has been made know to us here at the Church of the Holy Innocents and even how he has touched our lives individually. With the coming of this New Year, a new year with so many possibilities, may we strive to live into hope that we share as a community of faith; "to know Jesus and to make Him known".

While January brings with it the starkness, chill of winter, and shorter days, it is a wonderful time to reflect, to take personal time, with family, with our Lord and within ourselves." This winter season allows us (at times requires us) to spend more time indoors. What a perfect opportunity to turn to personal reflection; time to take a look at our interior life, time for prayer, time to share with those we love. This is a time of year to look ahead in hopeful expectation at all that lays before us.

So once again, Merry Christmas. God is with us; may we strive to live in Christ's light and share in His redeeming love throughout this coming year.

Looking forward to seeing you in Church! And bring a friend to share the joy!



God's Peace be with you and
Happy New Year! Fr. Robert+



PARISH NEWS...



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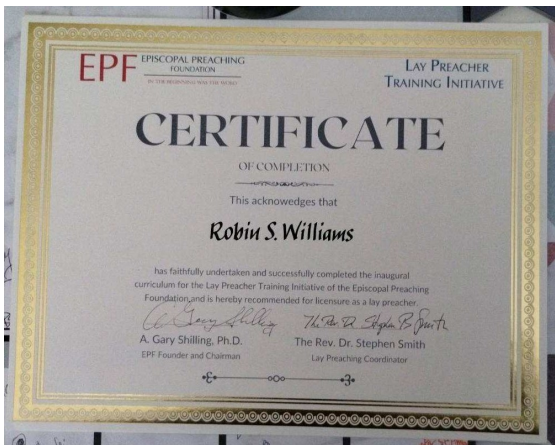
Lay Preacher Program

After a successful two-year pilot, the Diocese is offering a new one-year cohort of the Lay Preacher Training Initiative (LPTI) beginning January 2024. A course of reading, writing, preaching and attending classes, the LPTI prepares participants for certification (at the bishop's discretion) as a licensed lay preacher.

Funded by a grant from Trinity Church Wall Street, the goal of the LPTI is to develop a robust cadre of lay preachers drawn from within their local communities. By training and supporting lay preachers in The Episcopal Church, the program aims to establish lay preaching and lay leadership as a fourth dimension of diocesan leadership in the Episcopal Church alongside bishops, priests and deacons.

We are looking for people who are comfortable speaking in public, thoughtful about their spirituality, prayerful and active in an Episcopal congregation. Participants should be organized and motivated to direct their own learning and willing to participate in the course. We value the beautiful diversity within our church and welcome people who bring these parts of their lives and experiences into the preaching environment.

Learn more about the initiative at episdionc.org/lay-preaching-initiative/



Congrats Robin !!



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.



Altar Flower Chart

Frank Madigan & Tracy Madigan



The 2024 Altar Flowers sign up chart is located in the 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@ mail.com)

Tracy Madigan (tracymadigan@yahoo.com)



Betsy Seifert, President

The ECW will meet on Tuesday, January 23rd at 10:00 am in the Ladies Parlor.

Please come—We need your support. Thanks!



Bob Nelson, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

12/02/2023

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

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)
Revenues				
Pledged Income	\$17,744.33	\$19,500.00	\$134,371.63	\$141,100.00
Other Income	\$1,293.64	\$450.00	\$10,370.32	\$4,950.00
Total Revenues	<u>\$19,037.97</u>	<u>\$19,950.00</u>	<u>\$144,741.95</u>	<u>\$146,050.00</u>
Expenses				
Compensation				
Salaries	\$3,657.51	\$3,425.00	\$38,153.61	\$37,675.00
Employee Expenses				
Rector's Expenses	\$101.15	\$500.00	\$2,019.92	\$5,500.00
Other Employee Expenses	\$4,466.45	\$1,350.00	\$27,146.48	\$14,650.00
Total Employee Expenses	<u>\$4,567.60</u>	<u>\$1,850.00</u>	<u>\$29,166.40</u>	<u>\$20,150.00</u>
Total Compensation	<u>\$8,225.11</u>	<u>\$5,275.00</u>	<u>\$67,320.01</u>	<u>\$57,825.00</u>
Administrative				
Supplies	\$605.42	\$250.00	\$5,034.58	\$3,450.00
Preschool Income/Expense	\$6,056.84	(\$568.00)	(\$3,172.14)	\$1,824.00
General Insurance	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$12,517.50	\$11,000.00
Other Administrative Expenses	\$340.05	\$200.00	\$1,247.89	\$400.00
Total Administrative	<u>\$7,002.31</u>	<u>\$882.00</u>	<u>\$15,627.83</u>	<u>\$16,674.00</u>
Utilities	\$1,440.54	\$1,850.00	\$20,031.32	\$20,350.00
Maintenance	\$1,995.47	\$2,000.00	\$24,512.86	\$22,000.00
Parish Life	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$1,914.73	\$2,100.00
Diocesan & Seminary Support	\$2,695.00	\$2,300.00	\$25,445.00	\$25,300.00
Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,375.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$21,358.43</u>	<u>\$12,507.00</u>	<u>\$156,226.75</u>	<u>\$144,249.00</u>
Net Total	(\$2,320.46)	\$7,443.00	(\$11,484.80)	\$1,801.00



February Newsletter Deadline - Jan. 26

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

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There is a link on our church website
to both current and past issues of our
newsletter at:

www.churchoftheholynnoccents.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
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VESTRY NEWS ...

A Message From The Senior Warden



Greetings! As we enter into the New Year, I'd like to say what a wonderful year Holy Innocents had in 2023. Most especially because we were blessed with a wonderful Rector Time Certain – Reverend Beauchamp – and his wife Sherry. We were able to re-establish many of our traditional services and events thanks to the efforts of each of you.

Vestry members Caroline Burnette, Fagan Cheatham and Yolanda Yoder revitalized our Youth Programs including Sunday School. They are also working on providing Nursery services during our 10:30 service. The Youth group held several Youth Sundays in which they conducted the service. Special kudos to Beau Burnette, our Vestry Youth Representative for the past two years, for organizing the Youth Sundays. (As you know, Beau is now a freshman at the University of the South – Sewanee, Reverend Beauchamp's Alma Mater!). Caroline organized our first youth Christmas pageant in many years. What a wonderful and beautiful production!



We had numerous events throughout the year including a hugely successful ECW Bazaar. We have had some sad times too, including the heartbreaking death of our dear Nish Roberson. Her loss will always be with us as we continue to keep Michael, Abby Reynolds, Michael Thomas and the Roberson family in our prayers.

I recently had the opportunity to visit the Rectory and was totally amazed at the transformation Brian Paynter and his crew, Cathie Clodfelter and Rix Edwards have achieved. Hopefully within the next month it will be ready for the Beauchamps to inhabit and make it their home.

Vestry met in December and were honored to have The Reverend Canon Franklin Morales, Canon Missioner for Latino/Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese, join us. Canon Morales praised Holy Innocents for our years of outreach to the Latino Community and our Latino ministry. He discussed possibilities of how the Diocese could assist us and our Latino congregation. After the Vestry meeting, he and Reverend Beauchamp conducted a Posada Service for the Spanish

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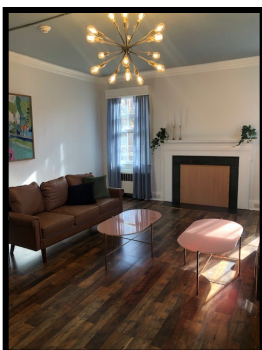
INSTALLATION OF NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Additionally, Vestry conducted the business of the church. Bob Nelson provided the financials which are presented in this Newsletter. Reverend Beauchamp let us know he and his family would be celebrating the holidays the last week of December and he would be out of town for services on December 31st. (No worries – our Lay Readers had the services covered) and we wish the Beauchamps a happy Holiday. He will return Tuesday, January 2nd. **We scheduled the installation of the new Vestry members for January 7th at the 10:30 service.** Hope you will all attend. The annual Vestry Retreat is scheduled for January 19 – 20, 2024. Vestry will focus on goals and our mission for 2024. Please contact your Vestry to let them know any ideas, suggestions or concerns prior to the Retreat so we may incorporate them into the agenda. Canon Catherine Massey, Canon to the Bishop, may be able to join us. If so, she will lead us through the six-month Rector Time Certain review.

COOPER HOUSE NEWS

The Cooper House has officially opened as a homeless shelter for families. Previously I let you know it would be opening this month. However, when the really cold weather hit the week before Christmas, Melissa Elliott, the Director of Gang Free (the tenants of the Cooper House) found two homeless families living on the street. She brought them to the Cooper House and provided them with food and shelter. There was a family with two boys, ages ten and twelve and a family with a girl age 13. They now have a safe haven and some security. They attended our Christmas Eve service and were very grateful to Holy Innocents. Thanks to you and our commitment to community outreach, they are currently warm, safe and no longer hungry.

Views of Newly Remodeled Interior



I want to remind you of your current Vestry representatives and introduce you to your newly elected Vestry members.

Bo Cheatham serves as the Junior Warden for Vestry and heads up the Stewardship Committee. As Jr. Warden, Bo looks after our Buildings and Grounds. He works closely with Richard Davis and our Sexton Keith Aiken in making sure repairs, maintenance and landscaping are maintained and keeps our old historic church looking beautiful. As Chairman of the Stewardship Committee, Bo is the one who will be calling you to continue pledging and support our church financially.

Fagan Goodwin serves as the Vestry Clerk and takes the minutes for the Vestry meetings. I could not begin to write these reports to you without her accurate recordings of our meetings! She is also very involved with youth services and coordinating church events.

Brian Paynter is Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and has been invaluable in the Rectory rehab. What he and his crew have been able to accomplish in a relatively short period of time (considering the current state of building supplies and available specialty contract workers) is amazing.

Roberta Scott is the Chairwoman of the Worship and Christian Education Committee as well as the ECW Liaison. With her vast experience as an educator, she initiates so much of our "extra-curricular" church activities and has involved us in community projects. She is currently working with Mark Hopper and McGregor Hall on a free to the public Henry Ross Concert Series slated for 2024.

Yolanda Yoder is Chairwoman of the Parish Life Committee and this past year she has totally revitalized it. Yolanda introduced the monthly giving projects ("Souper Bowl", Fans, Hurricane Relief, Canned Goods for ACTS, etc.) that you have all so generously supported.

Our three new Vestry members, Craig Clodfelter, Chip Hight and Greg Taylor begin their Vestry service this month. Each are veterans of Vestry and bring a plethora of expertise and experience which will be so valuable to us in the next few years.



CRAIG CLODFELTER



CHIP HIGHT



GREG TAYLOR



Craig has served our church for many years and in so many ways. He has represented us at the Diocesan Convention, represented us on Vestry, is our Head Usher and organizes our usher schedule, serves on our Financial Committee and heads up our Audit Committee (which has always had a perfect audit since he has been in charge). In addition to his business acumen and theological knowledge, Craig brings a level headed approach to the running of our church with a sincere care for its wellbeing.

Chip Hight (Judge Henry W. Hight, Jr.) is certainly not a novice to Vestry. Chip "grew up" in Holy Innocents and has supported our church through service in numerous capacities. He has served on the Vestry, Search Committees, Finance Committee, Diocesan Convention representative and much more! He currently serves as the Woodward-Gholson Scholarship Committee Chairman. Having Chip as member of our Vestry will ensure all church business matters will be thoughtfully and diligently considered with the best interests of the church in mind.

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Greg Taylor has also served on Vestry before and will again bring his enlightened thinking and knowledge to the service of governing Holy Innocents. Greg already contributes in so many ways to us. He is a lay reader, usher (and for many years served as head usher) and on the Old St. Johns Committee (and spends lots of time looking after Old St. Johns and our services there). Greg's insights and skills will be a great asset to our Vestry.

Chapman Scott Burnette is our Vestry Youth Representative. Chap has served Holy Innocents as an Acolyte and Crucifer. She has been active in church functions from an early age. Currently she is running a weekly "Little Tutus" dance class in the Great Hall for kids that otherwise would not be able to afford ballet classes. She is planning their recital and is seeking donations to purchase ballet slippers, leotards and leggings. Please let her know if you can help out.

Vestry also voted to have Caroline Burnette serve as the Vestry Youth Program Director. As such, Caroline will continue her work organizing youth group functions, Sunday School curriculum and classes, Nursery School during Sunday services, reading to the Preschool program (we are looking for volunteers!) and Liaison for the Holy Innocents Preschool.

Genaro and Ana Ortiz serve as the Spanish Congregation representatives to Vestry. They joined Holy Innocents when Reverend Dan Barker began the Spanish service 20 years ago and serve as leaders of their congregation. Ana is a lay reader. Their son, Manola, acolytes and has served as Crucifer in some of our combined services.

I thank all of you for contributing so much to our church. As we begin the 2024 church year, I ask each of you to consider volunteering to serve on our Altar Guild, as a lay reader or usher. We need help in all these areas. It would be so appreciated.



In closing, I'd like to say what a privileged it is to serve as your Senior Warden for another year. However, I get lots of help from all of you. I especially want to thank several people for their continued support and guidance: Tom Church is definitely my "go to" person. Tom is always available and willing to walk me through any situations/questions I encounter; Richard Davis is the most knowledgeable and helpful person regarding anything Holy Innocents – whether it's buildings and grounds, alarm systems, or even service protocols, Richard has the answers.

Keith Aiken is always available to assist with anything including coming in on Christmas Eve to help me change the Altar hangings and purple Advent bows to red Christmas bows;

Marsha Lougee – I don't know what I would do without her! I have called her on nights and weekends for help and she is always willing to assist.



Last but not least, I am especially grateful to Reverend Beauchamp and Sherry – we are truly blessed to have you at Holy Innocents.

I wish you all a safe, healthy and happy 2024!

—Tracy

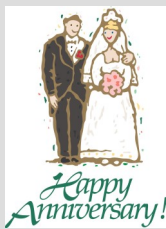
Birthdays



Cathie Clodfelter1/04
 Chip Hight1/04
 John Van Venrooy1/06
 Phyllis Maynard1/10
 Richard Davis IV 1/13
 Steve Watkins 1/16
 Joel Cheatham IV1/28
 Leigh Anne Loftin1/29

Anniversaries

Linda & Berkeley Ellis1/29



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
 Kathy Hughes
 Lee Hight
 Al & Betsy Catlett
 Janet White







Special Dates

- New Year's Day
January 1, 2024
- Epiphany
January 7, 2024
- Baptism of the Lord
January 8, 2024
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 15, 2024
- Week of Prayer— Christian Unity
January 18-25, 2024

Altar Flowers

TBD1/07
 TBD1/14
 TBD 1/21
 TBD1/28

JANUARY SERVING SCHEDULE

JAN	ACOLYTES	USHERS	LAY READER / CHALICE BEARER	ALTAR GUILD	
7	Chap Burnette	Caroline Burnette Scott Burnette	8:00am—Bob Nelson 10:30am—Caroline Burnette		
14	Jack Paynter Kaitlyn Paynter	Caroline Burnette Scott Burnette	8:00am—Tracy Madigan 10:30am—Richard Davis		
21	Sam Goodwin Chap Burnette	Caroline Burnette Scott Burnette	8:00am—Greg Taylor 10:30am—Porter Shaw		
28	Jack Paynter Kaitlyn Paynter	Caroline Burnette Scott Burnette	8:00am—Rix Edwards 10:30am—Linda Shaw		
~ Happy New Year ~					

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

A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
DECEMBER 2023



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**On the threshold of a new year,
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.**