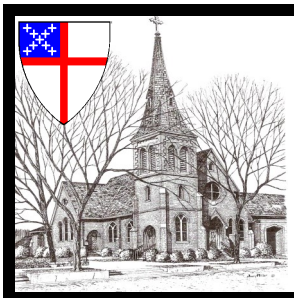

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FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Donald Lowery

Let the Church be the Church

"Let the church be the church" is an old phrase I would hear from time to time in the fiery Pentecostal preaching I heard as a child. What the preacher usually meant by this phrase was "the church" needed to act like what Jesus tells us really matters. The word "church" in these sermons did not refer to a building. It was a reference to what really makes a church, which is a gathered body of believers, who are committed to God as God reveals his love in the person of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. I think we need to hear that phrase ringing in our hearts and seek renewing power from Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

We are in Year C of the three year lectionary cycle of lessons. This year of the three year lectionary is called "The Year of Luke" by some scholars because in Year C our Gospel lessons mostly come from Luke. Yet during Eastertide, we leave Luke behind for almost month, beginning on the Sunday after Easter, sometimes called Low Sunday or Doubting Thomas Sunday. After assuring us of the reality of Jesus' complete victory over death and of his care for us as the Good Shepherd the lessons begin to repeat one theme over and over again. Love one another becomes the constant refrain. This is not just any love, but the kind called Agape in New Testament Greek. Just to note, the final "e" is pronounced in the Greek, so the word comes out as something like "Ah-Gah-Pay."

There are four words for love in Greek as it was used in the days of Jesus and his disciples. There is "Phileo" which is brotherly love or the love of friends for friends. It is from this word that the name of Philadelphia comes, as the early founders intended it to be a place where all people loved and were loved. The next is "storge" which is the love that family members should have for one another and binds them together with ties of affection and kinship. The third is "eros" which is often described as sexual love. Sexuality is a part of this kind of love, but it is far more than sex. It is that intense and attractive love that draws lovers together, even if, for some reason, that love cannot be consummated physically. And, yes, eros is holy when it is part of a committed relationship. It is only when eros degenerates into lust without affection and respect that it becomes pornographic and therefore sin. Finally, there is "agape" which is the divine love that God feels for his people. We as Christians are to live in agape love as far as is possible. None of us can emulate it perfectly, but we are to try.

When Church is THE CHURCH it is committed to God. God is absolute

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priority. Without God, we are nothing. With God, we are the beginning of the Kingdom of God on Earth, where God's will is done on Earth as it is in heaven. If God is the priority in our lives and in our community, then we strive for a living relationship with God. That relationship is nurtured by regular prayer and worship. If we desire to be alive in the power of the Holy Spirit then we seek God's face individually in daily prayer and corporately in public worship. Those are two sides of the same coin, for we need both to be a healthy Christian who is part of a healthy church. This is motivated by the divine Agape which touches our lives.

When the Church is the Church, it is also a missionary church extending an invitation, again motivated by Divine Love, to those who are far off and those who are near to join us in the journey of faith. The official name of the Episcopal Church is "The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. Our next newsletter will have more about a warm welcome being the key element of a missionary church, touched by God' s Divine Love and alive in the Power of the Spirit.

Inviting and welcoming
Unconditional. But has good boundaries.
Not our church. God's church. When the buildings and who uses them gets in the way of any of the above then we have a problem.
Can these dry bones live?

Not our church – but a place for all.
Seeks to serve others.
Prays and worships. †

PARISH NEWS...

The Rev. Donald Lowery

I will be taking the first two weeks of July for vacation. †

The Rev. Donald Lowery

The youth group will meet on all the Sundays of June except June 2, 2013. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. in the Hughes House unless otherwise notified by email. REMINDER—make sure Father Lowery has your correct email address. †

The Rev. Donald Lowery

The Healing Service will be held on June 5, 2013 in the Parlor of the Hughes House. There will be no Healing Service in July. †

Janet White & Betsy Catlett

Tabitha Guild will not meet the months of June, July, and August. We will look forward to getting together in the Fall on the 2nd Tuesday in September, and we would be thrilled to find that other knitters had decided to join us! †

Betsy Seifert, President

The ECW met on Tuesday May 28 in the church kitchen to remove items from the cabinets, drawers, and other areas that are on schedule for painting and remodeling this summer. We are all so excited about the kitchen renovations which include replacing the stoves and the dishwashers with new appliances as well as upgrading the countertops, cabinet doors and flooring.

We will not meet during the summer but will resume in the fall on Tuesday, September 24, at 10:00 a.m. in the Ladies' Parlor. †

MNelson

Nicholas Andrews, son of Susan and Jay Andrews is graduating from Northern Vance High School. He will be attending Lenoir- Rhyne University.

Samuel Long, son of Sharon S. Long and Nick Long is graduating from Northern Vance High School. He will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill.

Christopher Ryan Nelson, son of Richard and Patricia Nelson is graduating from Heritage High School, Wake Forest. He will be attending Appalachian State University.

Alberto Ortiz, son of Ana and Genaro Ortiz is graduating from the Early College High School program at Vance Granville Community College.

Garrett Powell, son of Kathy and Phil Walters is graduating from the School of Science & Mathematics. He will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill.

William (Luke) Stark, son of Sharon and William L. Stark, Jr., graduated from the College of Charleston with a major in Psychology and is planning to continue his education in graduate school next year. Luke was a HI Wolfe Scholar.

Elizabeth (Libby) Hartness, daughter of Marcia and Scott Hartness, graduated from North Carolina State University in December with a major in Program Management/Nonprofit Studies. Libby was a HI Wolfe Scholar. †

Treasurer's Report

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Church Of The Holy Innocents
Revenue and Expense Summary
Year-to-date, Through April 2013

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)
Revenues				
Pledged Income	$10,170.66	$11,000.00	$109,798.89	$103,000.00
Other Income	$791.42	$925.00	$2,157.47	$3,600.00
Total Revenues	$10,962.08	$11,925.00	$111,956.36	$106,600.00
Expenses				
Compensation				
Salaries	$7,744.24	$7,770.01	$30,971.25	$31,080.04
Employee Expenses				
Rector's Expenses	$968.49	$1,000.00	$3,905.72	$4,000.00
Other Employee Expenses	$1,986.17	$2,925.00	$10,885.03	$11,700.00
Total Employee Expenses	$2,954.66	$3,925.00	$14,790.75	$15,700.00
Total Compensation	$10,698.90	$11,695.01	$45,762.00	$46,780.04
Administrative				
Supplies	$325.01	$216.67	$1,051.82	$866.68
Preschool Income/Expense	($969.31)	($350.00)	($789.13)	($1,400.00)
General Insurance	$0.00	$1,000.00	$1,831.00	$4,000.00
Other Administrative Expenses	$613.08	$291.66	$2,239.82	$1,166.64
Total Administrative	($31.22)	$1,158.33	$4,333.51	$4,633.32
Utilities	$1,829.20	$1,558.33	$7,743.99	$6,233.32
Maintenance	$935.13	$950.00	$4,406.84	$3,800.00
Parish Life	$1,059.93	$291.67	$3,338.97	$1,366.68
Diocesan & Seminary Support	$2,463.00	$2,458.33	$9,852.00	$9,833.32
Outreach	$0.00	$250.00	$0.00	$1,000.00
Total Expenses	$16,954.94	$18,361.67	$75,437.31	$73,646.68
Net Total	($5,992.86)	($6,436.67)	$36,519.05	$32,953.32

Bob Nelson, Treasurer

Wolfe Scholarship Awards

Greg Taylor, Chair

The Wolfe Scholarship Committee met on May 15, 2013 to select scholarship recipients for the 2013-2014 school year. The Wolfe Committee members are Tom Church, Lisa Miravalle, Greg Taylor, Marsha Nelson, and Eve Harris.

Eight students were selected to receive Wolfe Scholarship Awards as follows:

Sean Hartness (College of Charleston)
Anderson Stark (UNC-Chapel Hill)
Anna VanVenrooy (UNC-Chapel Hill)
Kathryn Blackburn (ASU)
Richard (Ric) Davis (ECU)
Nicholas (Nick) Andrews (Lenoir-Rhyne University)
Alexis van Venrooy (Bryn Mawr College)
Samuel (Sam) Long (UNC-Chapel Hill)

Congratulations to our outstanding recipients!! †

We're So Proud of You !!!

Note ... **August Newsletter Deadline - July 25**

The next church newsletter will be issued in August. Please email newsletter items to:

mjnelson@nc.rr.com

If you are traveling this summer, you can download the church news letter from the church web site at:

www.churchoftheholyinnocents.org

Have a nice summer !!

June 2013 Schedule of Events

DAILY MORNING PRAYER
Monday - Thursday (weekly)
7:30am, Hughes House

No Adult Learning Group Classes in June. Classes will resume in mid September.

Sunday – June 2
8:00 am, Holy Eucharist – Rite I
10:30 am, Holy Eucharist – Rite II
12:30 pm, La Misa Servicio – Santa Eucharistia

Wednesday – June 5
7:00 pm, Healing Service
Hughes House

Sunday – June 9
8:00 am, Holy Eucharist – Rite I
10:30 am, Holy Eucharist – Rite II
12:30 pm, La Misa Servicio – Santa Eucharistia

Sunday – June 16
8:00 am, Holy Eucharist – Rite I
10:30 am, Holy Eucharist – Rite II
12:30 pm, La Misa Servicio – Santa Eucharistia

Sunday – June 23
8:00 am, Holy Eucharist – Rite I
10:30 am, Holy Eucharist – Rite II
12:30 pm, La Misa Servicio – Santa Eucharistia

Sunday – June 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.

July 2013 Schedule of Events

DAILY MORNING PRAYER
Monday - Thursday (weekly)
7:30am, Hughes House

.No Adult Learning Group Classes in July. Classes will resume in mid September.

Sunday – July 7
8:00 am, Holy Eucharist – Rite I
10:30 am, Holy Eucharist – Rite II
12:30 pm, La Misa Servicio – Santa Eucharistia

Sunday – July 14
8:00 am, Holy Eucharist – Rite I
10:30 am, Holy Eucharist – Rite II
12:30 pm, La Misa Servicio – Santa Eucharistia

Sunday – July 21
8:00 am, Holy Eucharist – Rite I
10:30 am, Holy Eucharist – Rite II
12:30 pm, La Misa Servicio – Santa Eucharistia

Sunday – July 28
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.

June/July

The Deacon's Bench

by the Rev. Harrel Johnson

Well spring has sprung and summer is almost here. It however is not the weather that tells me of this, but rather the dwindling numbers of worshipers in the pews each Sunday as so many of you head out to the beach or the mountains for weekend and summer retreat. The Lord God said and this is good! Through out this year during the Christian Formation hour and some during lent , we have been exploring different forms of expressing individual spirituality - Amy's sessions on contemplative prayer and the mystics and Don's study and use of iconography and the rosary in contemplative practices.

I have developed a fondness for Celtic Spirituality and it is always annually renewed as I head off to the deacon's retreat at St. Francis Springs prayer center. A retreat center that is run by a Franciscan priest near Mayodan NC. Each year at this time I have access through their well stocked book store to resources about Celtic spirituality. Here is an excerpt from one of those resources that I have previously acquired.

"Celtic prayers began as songs and poems that were shared orally over a long period of time. Because of this they have a repetitive, lyrical quality about them. One can imagine them being sung not once but repeatedly, as the cows were milked or the bread was baked. Since he is of Celtic heritage himself, it is easy to hear the author's poet spirit in these lovely, rhythmical, and free-spirited prayers. Among these creative patterns are litanies, encircling prayers, and breastplate (protective) prayers."

Celtic Christians held Christ and the cross in a central place in their spirituality. The Trinity is one of the many "threes" which formed a key structure for their prayers, along with great devotion to Mary and the Saints. All of these Celtic elements give unique to the prayers."

So as you head out to the beach or sit in a rocking chair on the porch of your mountain cabin put down those romance novels and best sellers and instead find some resources that will help you connect to your style of spirituality what ever it may be. In other words be spiritual and not just religious. †

June Birthdays

Tom Betts 6/02
Karen Rollinson.....6/04
Jennifer Polak.....6/05
Lehman Ford 6/05
Anora Rainey.....6/05
Zoey Rollinson.....6/06
Sharon Stark 6/10
Tim Seitzer, Jr. 6/11
Bettie Cooper.....6/11
Bill Stark 6/14
Alexis Van Venrooy.....6/21
Margaret Williamson.....6/22
Lisa Miravalle.....6/30

June Anniversaries

Mary & Graham Shearin 6/02
Martha & John Zollicoffer 6/04
Gillie & Tom Church 6/06
Betsy & Bob Herford 6/11
Karen & Tony Rollinson, Jr 6/11
Betsy & Al Catlett.....6/13
Marilyn & C.G. Williams.....6/14
Stephanie & Cliff Rogers 6/20
Jean & Don West.....6/24

June Special Dates

- Flag Day,
  June 14, 2013

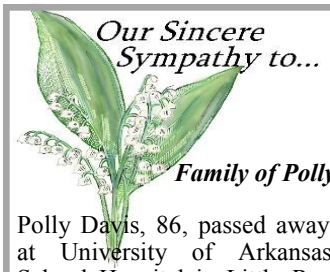
- Father's Day,
  June 16, 2013

- First day of Summer,
  June 21, 2013

Remember In Your Prayers

Pray for Healing and Comfort:

Cynthia Shaw, Helen Church Miles, Trayce Wheless, Gracia Bobbitt, Barbara Colins, Staci Barnett, Virginia Wester, Harry Collins, Jean Tilley, Mary Ann Hill, Barbara Madigan, Melody Shearin, Marie Young, Jan Strause, Frances Finney, Virginia Frank, Carol Theodorou, Lena Hogge, Bessie Edwards, Jane Fleming, Charlotte Sweeny, Mimi Adams, Carolyn Lowery, Belinda Catlett, Hazel Peck, Clarisse Schroeder,Megan Bunn, Randy Palamar, Marion Devoe, Rebecca Aiken, Dr. Beverly Tucker, Jan Campbell, Pat Goard & Vivie Drake.



Family of Polly D. Davis

Polly Davis, 86, passed away on 4/4/13 at University of Arkansas Medical School Hospital in Little Rock. She is predeceased by her husband, Alex S. Davis, who was born and raised in Henderson. She is survived by her two daughters, Munsie Davis of Chapel Hill, NC, and Maude Davis of Scott, AR. She will be remembered for her creative and independent spirit. Family can be reached by contacting Munsie Davis at munsie@mindspring.com.

As we travel this summer, please remember that the church still has to pay its bills. Pledge checks and special donations can always be mailed in to the office at :

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July Birthdays

Kathy Taylor.....7/08
Jan Cheatham.....7/10
Craig Clodfelter 7/11
Kathryn Blackburn.....7/17
Ida Cranz.....7/19
Bob Nelson 7/20
Phil Walters 7/21
Judy Finch.....7/23
Lou Almand 7/23
Jean West 7/26

July Anniversaries

Marsha & Bob Nelson 7/04
Katherine & Phil Walters 7/18
Valerie & Don Gwynn 7/24

July Special Dates

- Independence Day,
  July 4, 2013

We need to have a designated host each Sunday for our Lemonade on the Lawn after the 10:30 service. A sign-up sheet for your use will be provided in the Davis Courtyard. Please consider helping out with this enjoyable outside event!!

JUNE UNIFIED SERVING SCHEDULE

Jun	Acolyte(s)	Crucifer	Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Ushers	Altar Guild	Lemonade/ Coffee Hour
2	Mason Stewardson	Sam Long	8:00am—Alton Stainback 10:30am—Tommy Roberson	Al Catlett John Van Venrooy	Shirley Young	Lemonade on the Lawn
9	Genie Parrish Matthew Williamson	William Parish	8:00am—Bob Nelson 10:30am—Nancy Whitt	Al Catlett John Van Venrooy	Shirley Young	Lemonade on the Lawn
16	Lehman Ford	Uriah Ford	8:00am—Lucy Gray 10:30am—Ruth Hartness	Al Catlett John Van Venrooy	Mariana Davis	Lemonade on the Lawn
23	Mason Stewardson	Sam Long	8:00am—Nick Andrews 10:30 am—Nick Long	Al Catlett John Van Venrooy	Mariana Davis	Lemonade on the Lawn
30	Genie Parish William Parish	Matthew Williamson	8:00am—Hut Wester 10:30 am—Richard Davis	Al Catlett John Van Venrooy	Anora Rainey	Lemonade on the Lawn

Submitted by: Lucy Gray

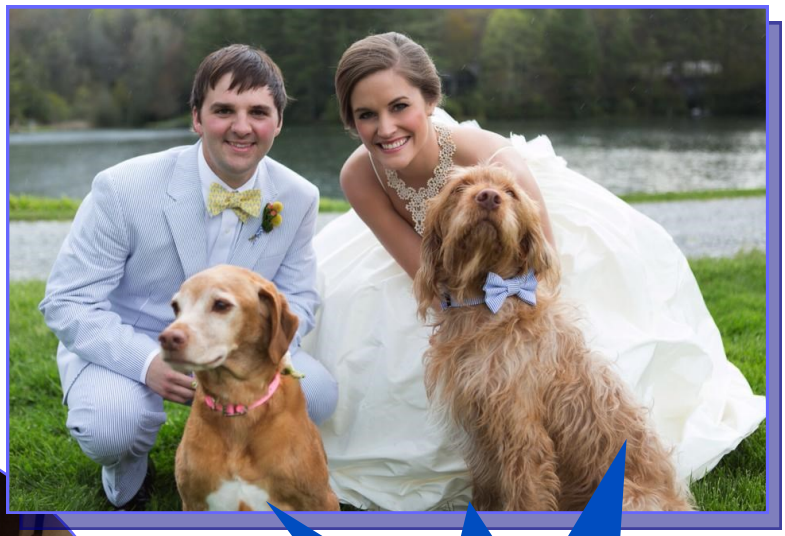
Special Note: If you are scheduled to serve and have a conflict, please contact your own replacement and notify the church office.

JULY UNIFIED SERVING SCHEDULE

Jul.	Acolyte(s)	Crucifer	Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Ushers	Altar Guild	Lemonade / Coffee Hour
7	Lehman Ford	Uriah Ford	8:00am—Steve Flannagan 10:30am—Ruth Hartness	Greg Taylor Nick Long	Anora Rainey	Lemonade on the Lawn
14	Mason Stewardson	Sam Long	8:00am—Bob Nelson 10:30am—Tommy Roberson	Greg Taylor Nick Long	Shirley Young	Lemonade on the Lawn
21	Genie Parish Matthew Williamson	William Parish	8:00am—Lucy Gray 10:30am—Alton Stainback	Greg Taylor Nick Long	Shirley Young	Lemonade on the Lawn
28	******	Parkins Davis	8:00am—Hut Wester 10:30am—Richard Davis	Greg Taylor Nick Long	Mariana Davis	Lemonade on the Lawn

Submitted by: Lucy Gray

SPOT-LIGHT ON...



CONGRATULATIONS
to
Martha Ann Ellis
and
Henry Wesley Hight III
Married 5/11/2013
Highlands, NC

CONGRATULATIONS
to
HI Preschool Graduation
Class of 2013
5/22/2013

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR
5/19/2013

CONGRATULATIONS
to
Our HI Eagle Scouts
Nick Andrews
and
Sam Long

"Sweet" CARD

Make this Father's Day card using some of your dad's favorite candy.

What you need:

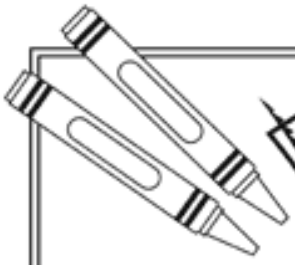
- Wrapped candy or candy bars
- Poster board or large piece of cardboard
- Markers
- Clear tape

What you do:

1. With an adult, purchase a variety of candy.
2. Using poster board and markers, create a poem or letter for your dad. Include the candy name(s) in your message. For a Snickers bar, you can write, "I love to snicker at your jokes!" For an Almond Joy, you can write, "Wishing you lots of joy this Father's Day!"
3. Tape the candy to your giant card and present it to your dad on Father's Day.

JUNE

July



PUZZLE

★ A FATHER'S ★ INSTRUCTION

★ Although babies don't come with instructions, God tells parents how to raise their children. ★

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, and the second one goes down.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	a	L	d	i	j	g	r
2	m	b	o	k	h	u	s
3	e	n	c	x	t	p	f

"... 2,2 7,1 4,1 2,3 6,1 5,3 5,2 1,3 1,2

6,2 6,3 4,1 2,3 5,3 5,2 1,3

5,3 7,1 1,1 4,1 2,3 4,1 2,3 6,1 1,1 2,3 3,1

4,1 2,3 7,2 5,3 7,1 6,2 3,3 5,3 4,1 3,2 2,3

3,2 7,3 5,3 5,2 1,3 2,1 3,2 7,1 3,1 ."

EPHESIANS 6:4, NIV

Answers: "... bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

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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.