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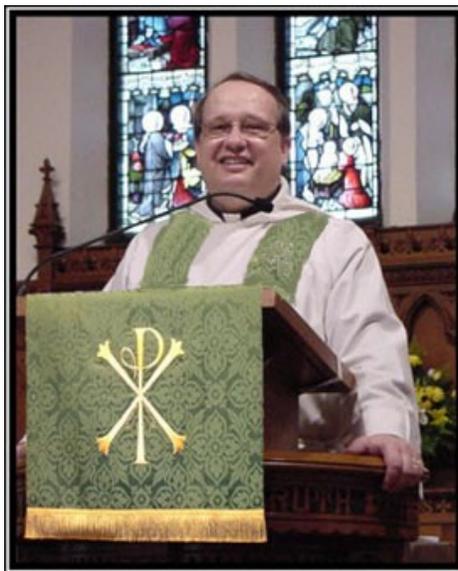
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FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Donald Lowery



Stewardship Season

Episcopal Clergy are notorious for not wanting to talk much about money. There is a certain irony in that fact since our own salaries are dependent upon the generosity of parishioners. I am thankful that serving as rector of Holy Innocents makes the task of "singing for one's supper" easier.

I must confess that every church I have served has been generous, but none can match the members of Holy Innocents for faithfulness in giving. I think this generosity reflects two interconnected facts. The first is that people in the parish love the Lord. We recognize that every good gift we possess is rooted in God's love for us. God has blessed us with "memory, reason and skill" as the prayer book

states. These abilities, which make us human, also enable us to earn our daily bread. From these good things we also find the capacity to rejoice in the good times and cope courageously with the tough ones. Most of all, we find ourselves in a relationship that is deep and personal with the God who created us. It is from God's love for us and our love for God in return that the second fact grows. We love our church. It is a place where the church as the People of God gathers in the church as a house of worship to offer our thanks and praise to God. Our Church building, our gathering place for the Church as God's people is by far the most elegant and beautiful I have served in my 27 years of ordained life. Keeping these buildings up is costly. Yet we make the sacrifices because here we have not only praised God, but we have baptized our children, celebrated the marriages of our loved ones and commended our beloved dead into the eternal life God has prepared for those who love him. The place is made holy by generations of prayer and sanctified by the memories it holds for us.

Our dollars support more than buildings as beautiful, historical and important as they are. Holy Innocents is committed to outreach, to looking beyond our four walls for ways to touch real human lives and assist with real human needs. We find ways to help feed the hungry, house the homeless, assist folks in crisis or facing disaster both here and abroad. It is a noble tradition of service that has shaped the life of this parish since it was founded in 1842.

We come, as rector and vestry, to ask the congregation to continue the generous support that has marked your giving in the past. The giving will support everything from staff salaries to

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building up-keep to working to meet human needs in the world around us.

This year we revive a custom practiced in this parish in years past, which is a Prayer Vigil for the Parish on the evening before the Sunday when we ask pledge cards to be turned in to the church. This will begin on the evening of November 15th at 6:00 p.m. Parishioners will be asked to sign up in pairs to pray and meditate for the good of the parish for one hour blocks of time continuing until 8:00 in the morning, the hour of our early service. Anne Almand and I will be hosting a lock-in with the youth group in the Parish House that same evening so that people are in the complex to offer assistance to anyone who may need it. We will also cover times of prayer for which no one signs up.



On November 16, we ask you to turn in your pledge cards to be blessed and offered to God in grateful thanksgiving for his bounteous gifts to us. Cards mailed in prior to that date will be brought to the church and blessed along with those turned on that Sunday Morning. †

PARISH NEWS...



The Rev. Donald Lowery

The youth group will meet on November 2nd at 5:00 p.m. On November 9th, the youth group gather for acolyte training at 4:00 (younger children will be included in this) followed by a pizza supper. After supper the youth group meeting will continue and the younger kids will head for home. We will not meet on November 16th on Sunday afternoon. Instead, will be gather on Saturday November 15th at 8:00 p.m. for a

lock-in that will conclude at 8:00 a.m. Sunday Morning. November 22nd and 29th we will meet at our usual time, 5:00 p.m. †



The Rev. Donald Lowery

We will have the Healing Service as part of our Wednesday Holy Communion Service on November 5th, 2014.

Holy Communion is offered each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the church, unless prevented by some diocesan event from which the rector cannot escape. †



For All the Saints

The Rev. Donald Lowery

We will observe the Feast of All Saints' on November 2nd 2014. The current prayer book allows the day to be kept on the Sunday closest to November 1st which is the actual date of All Saints' Day. We will sing chant some portions of the Eucharistic prayer that day. †

Children's Sunday School



Patti Nelson

Sunday School for children is being held downstairs on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month. In November, that's the 9th and 16th. For more information contact Patti Nelson via email at phn1031@gmail.com or phone at (434)252-0607. †

The Bishop is Coming

The Rev. Donald Lowery

On November 23, 2014, Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple, the Suffragan Bishop will be with us at 10:30 service for our annual visitation. She will preach, confirm and celebrate the Holy Communion with us.

If you wish to be confirmed into the Episcopal Church, it is not too late. Visitation has slipped up on us, so I will be running a short series of classes AFTER Bishop Hodges-Copple comes to welcome the newly confirmed into our parish and to fill in what they need to know as new Episcopalians. †

	199th Annual Convention November 21-22, 2014
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Diocesan Convention

The Rev. Donald Lowery



Thanksgiving

The Rev. Donald Lowery

The Feast of Thanksgiving will be observed with Holy Communion on November 27th at 10:30 a.m. in the church. †

The Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina will be held on November 21st and 22nd in Winston-Salem. I will be going to Winston-Salem on the Thursday evening before to assist with a pre-convention program being done by the Diocesan Committee on Archives and History of which I am a member. We are represented this year by William Stark, Tom Church, Anne Almand, Harrel Johnson and myself, Donald Lowery, as the rector and member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. †





November 2014

The Deacon's Bench

By the Rev. Harrel Johnson



Recently during one of the Rector's absences I felt compelled to explain to you the role of the Deacon in our Diocese. I have continued to reflect on my Deaconal vows and role in today's Church.

Deacons give us living witness to what we all should be about, namely heeding God's call for us to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead, clothe the naked, visit the sick, and shelter the homeless. What empowers deacons and energizes them is their ministry of the Word wherein they proclaim the Word of God in scripture to the faithful and instruct and exhort God's people.

All that deacons do they bring to God's altar to be joined into Christ. Thus deacons administer Baptism solemnly, distribute the Eucharist, assist and bless marriages in the name of the Church, take Viaticum to the dying, preside over the worship and the prayer services of the faithful, and officiate at funerals and burial services. All of their work they bring to the altar of God. Deacons are fully involved in the ministries of our Church.

Deacons are collaborators, "co-laborers" with their pastors and with the people of their parishes. They go out into the vineyards of their parishes and there discern what should be pruned and what needs to be planted. They bring into the light those places where there is need for newness and those places where the past is controlling but in ways of doing things that are no longer effective, places and methods that are now fruitless. Deacons can go to the peripheries, and bring the goodness of God's presence to those places where new life can be, by God's graces, allowed to grow and develop. This isn't simply a stylistic changes, it's a substantive change in living out what Jesus is giving us. Isn't that what St. Paul declares to be: "the glorious freedom of the sons and daughters of God"?

Often the final words you will hear and the conclusion of a celebration of the Eucharist will be: "Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord." You came to the Eucharist to receive in order that you might give. What we receive here we give in our daily lives. During this coming week do something. Pick out something that deacons do and then do it. How can the Lord be served if you do nothing? The worst thing you can do is do nothing.

Be like a deacon this week.





10/12/2014

**Church Of The Holy Innocents
Revenue and Expense Summary
Year-to-date, Through September 2014**

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)
Revenues				
Pledged Income	\$9,166.33	\$12,500.00	\$172,526.41	\$159,000.00
Other Income	\$294.93	\$600.00	\$5,636.76	\$5,400.00
Total Revenues	<u>\$9,461.26</u>	<u>\$13,100.00</u>	<u>\$178,163.17</u>	<u>\$164,400.00</u>
Expenses				
Compensation				
Salaries	\$7,855.86	\$7,770.01	\$70,787.99	\$69,930.09
Employee Expenses				
Rector's Expenses	\$809.74	\$1,000.00	\$8,919.92	\$9,000.00
Other Employee Expenses	\$2,156.17	\$3,208.33	\$27,948.48	\$28,474.97
Total Employee Expenses	<u>\$2,965.91</u>	<u>\$4,208.33</u>	<u>\$36,868.40</u>	<u>\$37,474.97</u>
Total Compensation	<u>\$10,821.77</u>	<u>\$11,978.34</u>	<u>\$107,656.39</u>	<u>\$107,405.06</u>
Administrative				
Supplies	\$252.21	\$266.67	\$1,708.79	\$2,350.03
Preschool Income/Expense	\$1,685.18	(\$400.00)	\$5,430.35	\$1,800.00
General Insurance	\$2,576.10	\$1,000.00	\$7,836.47	\$9,000.00
Other Administrative Expenses	\$53.00	\$183.33	\$392.96	\$2,299.97
Total Administrative	<u>\$4,566.49</u>	<u>\$1,050.00</u>	<u>\$15,368.57</u>	<u>\$15,450.00</u>
Utilities	\$1,502.89	\$1,550.00	\$15,650.97	\$13,950.00
Maintenance	\$1,655.67	\$957.42	\$12,807.92	\$8,616.78
Parish Life	\$269.35	\$291.67	\$2,021.69	\$3,025.03
Diocesan & Seminary Support	\$2,281.00	\$2,280.92	\$20,529.00	\$20,528.28
Outreach	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,250.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$21,097.17</u>	<u>\$18,358.35</u>	<u>\$175,034.54</u>	<u>\$171,225.15</u>
Net Total	(\$11,635.91)	(\$5,258.35)	\$3,128.63	(\$6,825.15)

Bob Nelson, Treasurer



VESTRY NEWS ...

Kathy Taylor, Parish Life Committee Chairman

Thanks to everyone for coming out October 13th thru the 15th to get their professional photographs taken and for purchasing them to make our 2014 Church Directory a great success. We had 71 total sittings and I'm working on the design now. If everything goes well, the LifeTouch people should have the directories printed and to us by the first of the year (give or take a few weeks). Again, Thanks to all who helped make this a great success!†

COMMUNITY NEWS ...

First Baptist Church
Henderson, North Carolina 27536



There will be a clean-up day at the Hope House on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed!

Please contact Kay Hale at (252)257-2748 if you would be willing to help out.

Thank you.

Tammy Manning
Communications Support Coordinator
First Baptist Church, Henderson, NC



Schedule of Events

Choir Weekly Practice Schedule

Hand Bell Choir — Wed. at 6:00 PM

Daily Morning Prayer

Monday —Thursday (weekly)

7:30 AM, Hughes House

Sunday – November 2

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite II

12:30 PM, La Misa Servicio

Wednesday – November 5

5:30 PM, Holy Eucharist

Healing Service

Sunday – November 9

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I

Sunday School for Children

10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite II

12:30 PM, La Misa Servicio

Tuesday - November 11

10:00 AM, ECW (Ladies Parlor)

Tabitha Guild

Wednesday – November 12

3:00 PM, Nursing Home Ministry

5:30 PM, Holy Eucharist

Sunday – November 16

****ONE COMBINED SERVICE****

Sunday School for Children

10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite II

****ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING****

Wednesday – November 19

5:30 PM, Holy Eucharist

Sunday – November 23

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite II

12:30 PM, La Misa Servicio

Wednesday – November 26

3:00 PM, Nursing Home Ministry

5:30 PM, Holy Eucharist

Thursday – November 27

10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist Service
-Thanksgiving Day-

Sunday – November 30

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite II

12:30 PM, La Misa Servicio

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

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

December Newsletter
Deadline
November 20th

Printed copies of the newsletter are located in the Bell Tower for you if you have problems with email access. There is also a link to both current and past issues of our newsletter at:
www.churchoftheholynnocs.org
Thanks for your support !

CHURCH USAGE SCHEDULE
~LOWER HALL~

MONDAY
AA 5:30 to 6:30
Cub Scout Pack 7:00 to 8:00
(w/ Tommy)

TUESDAY
NA 7:00 to 8:00

WEDNESDAY
NA 7:00 to 8:00

FRIDAY
AA 5:30 to 6:30

SATURDAY
NA Noon



Birthdays

Mary Shearin.....11/01
 Donald Lowery.....11/03
 Matilda Gholson.....11/03
 Kate Blackburn.....11/07
 Marilyn Williams.....11/10
 Rick Palamar.....11/11
 Susan Ellis.....11/13
 Valerie Gwynn.....11/14
 Cole Whitt.....11/16
 Genie Parish.....11/17
 C. G. Williams.....11/17
 Betsy Herford.....11/21
 Katherine Kittrell.....11/21
 Anne Almand.....11/27
 Jackson Blackburn, Jr.....11/28

Anniversaries

Dianne & Maurice Floyd.....11/02
 Ellen & Roger Dickerson.....11/04
 Jan & Bo Cheatham.....11/05
 Lucy & Butch Gray.....11/29

Remember In Your Prayers

Pray for Healing and Comfort:

Cynthia Shaw, Helen Church Miles, Trayce Wheless, Barbara Colins, Staci Barnett, Harry Collins, Hazel Peck, MaryAnn Hill, Barbara Madigan, Melody Shearin, Carolyn Lowery, Belinda Catlett, Mary Shearin, Meghan Bunn, Marion Devoe, Vivie Drake, Peggy Polak, Kimberly H. Hartness, Graham Shearin, Robin Platt, Bill Duff, Georgia Wilson, and Tommy Greenway.

RIP Henry A. Ross, Jr



Our Church Family will miss you and the beautiful sounds of music you have provided us for so many years!

Special Dates

- Daylight– Saving Time Ends
November 2, 2014
- Veterans Day
November 11, 2014
- Thanksgiving Day
November 27, 2014



Calendar of the Church Year

According to the Episcopal Church

- All Saints' Day
November 1, 2014
- Christ the King Sunday
November 23, 2014
- First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2014



NOVEMBER UNIFIED SERVING SCHEDULE

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

Nov.	Acolytes	Crucifer	Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Ushers	Altar Guild	Greens/Flowers
2	Mary Beth Parish Sarah Rose Parish	Genie Parish	8:00am—Hut Wester 10:30am—Marshall Cooper	Bob Herford Bob Nelson	Mariana Davis	Lucy & Butch Gray
9	Lucy C. Olmert Amber Presho	Chris Nelson	8:00am—Rick Palamar 10:30am—Nick Long	Bob Herford Bob Nelson	Anora Rainey	Griselle Woodward
16	Anne Presho Liz Presho	Matthew Williamson	-Annual Parish Meeting- Combined Service 10:30am—Ruth Hartness	Bob Herford Bob Nelson	Anora Rainey	Janet White
23	Tucker Olmert Brennan Olmert Lucy C. Olmert Amber Presho	Uriah Ford	-Bishop's Visit- 8:00am—Steve Flannagan 10:30am—Tom Church	Bob Herford Bob Nelson	Shirley Young	Betty & Marshall Cooper
27	Anne Presho (Book)- Chris Nelson (Banner)-LehmanFord (2 nd Cross)-Liz Presho (Tintinabulus)		Thanksgiving Day 10:30am—Nick Andrews	*****		*****
30	Mary Beth Parish Sarah Rose Parish Genie Parish (Book)	Matthew Williamson	8:00am—Richard Davis 10:30am—Nancy Whitt	Bob Herford Bob Nelson	Shirley Young	Altar Fruit from Thanksgiving





2014 ECW BAZAAR

FEATURING:

Arts & Crafts

Baked &
Canned Goods

Frozen Foods

Raffle Tickets
(Country Ham/
Other)

Tea Room (open 10 am)
Sandwiches, Sweets, Chips, Bev-
erages—Eat In or Take Out—

December 6, 2014

NEW ITEM:

ECW will be selling one pound packages of deluxe pecan halves at \$11 per package at the Bazaar. The pecans are perfect for your Christmas baking needs and/or gifts.



We are offering these for presale now. If you would like to place an advance order, please call Lisa Miravalle at 430-8063.



ECW OFFICERS

BETSY SEIFERT, PRESIDENT
SHIRLEY YOUNG, VPRESIDENT
ANN ELLIS, SECRETARY
MARSHA NELSON, TREASURER

BAZAAR CO-CHAIRMEN

MARGARET WILLIAMSON
MARSHA NELSON

THIS MONTH'S ECW MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 10:00 A.M. ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING AS WE PREPARE FOR OUR BAZAAR.

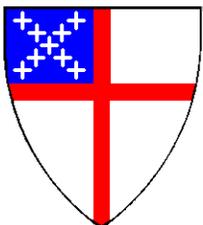


OPEN 9:00 a.m.



CLOSE 12:00 p.m.





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ECW BAZAAR
Saturday, December 6
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

INVITE A FRIEND!