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FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Donald Lowery



Blessings

“All things bright and beautiful,
and creatures great and small, all things
wise and wonderful, the Lord God made
them all.”

Some might think me silly for saying this, but I consider my little cat, Rocky, to be one of the blessings God has sent into my life. As cats go, he is unusually personable and companionable. He is a chatty little fellow and lots of company around the rectory. Rocky faithfully guards my planting beds from invasions by moles and voles. He is a mighty and valiant hunter of squirrels and mice and other varmints that can be destructive to the house. We have had to have a little talk about birds so that he will understand that they are God's friends who sing the divine praises everyday. My little cat is

not just a pet; he is a friend and a companion on the journey, a gift from the Lord.

I know that I am not the only person who is sentimental about a pet. In fact, as some of you are aware, I will do pet funerals when a beloved animal dies, because animal lovers do grieve the death of their pets. Because of the grief and the love the sorrow betokens, I have come to believe that the occasion ought to be marked with appropriate prayers as we say farewell to the creatures who keep us company and fill our hearts with love and joy.

I think that our pets serve a theological purpose as well. They are reminders that when God created the heavens and the earth, he filled the whole panoply of being with good things. Using the evolutionary process as his tool, God filled the world with an incredible array of life. As God's beloved people in the world, we are called upon to be faithful stewards of all creation. What we have been given is not just ours. The life which fills the earth is a gift from God to all generations of human beings. No one generation has the right to use up all the resources; no generation has the right to so pollute the world that the next generation will face grave difficulties cleaning up the messes we have made; no generation has the right to so misuse the earth's resources that future generations face the risk of not surviving. Life is precious and is to be used wisely, carefully and in accord with the purposes for which it was created.

On Sunday, October 4, at 3:30 in the afternoon, we will have our annual blessing of the Pets. This event is an

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opportunity to thank God for the gift of our pets. It is also an occasion to ask divine protection upon as them as they journey with us through life. Finally, we



are reminded in the love we have for our pets, of how wonderful all the myriad living creatures God has called into being are and how that we are to care for them and be stewards of them. †

PARISH NEWS...

Father Lowery Away

Father Donald Lowery

I will be making two short trips away from the parish in October. On October 1, 2, and 3, I will be in the Spartanburg area for two reasons. One is to visit on old and dear clergy friend of mine battling cancer. Then, on Friday evening and Saturday, I will be participating in a revolutionary war reenactment at Walnut Grove Plantation. I will be back for Sunday services and the blessings of the Pets.

October 12, 13, and 14, I will be attending the Fall Clergy Conference with the Bishop in Winston Salem at the Hawthorne Inn. This event is mandatory for active clergy unless prevented by serious emergency. †

Choir Notes

Anora W. Rainey



Both the Children's Choir and Handbells are settling into a new year. We heard from our Children's Choir last Sunday (9/20/09) and we are so proud of all of

you. You were Great! We look forward to some "joyful noises" from our Handbell Choir soon. A thank you to each of you and if there are others that would like to join either group, you are WELCOME! †

Altar Guild Dinner Kudos

*Anora W. Rainey, Chair
Altar Guild*

A special thanks to all the altar guild members who were available to attend the annual dinner. It was delight to see each and every one of you! You, your time, and the love and care you give to 'Holy Innocents and its members is a wonderful gift and we all thank you for it.

Peggy Williams, Mary Cottrell, Anne Almand, Dianne Floyd, Marcia Hartness, Beth Hubbard, Lucy Gray - dinner was divine! Thank you one and all.

Gail and Ken Marsh will be moving to Wake Forest and with that she will leave both our altar guild committee and handbells. We will miss you both and wish you God's blessing on your new home. †



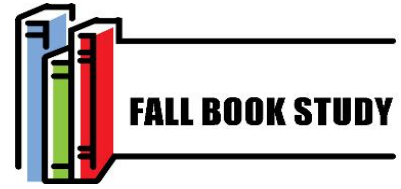
Youth Group

Father Donald Lowery

The Youth Group will meet on October 4 and October 11 at 4:45 p.m. with a special emphasis on putting the final touches on plans for our camping trip.

On October 16, we will go to the opening of the movie, "Where the Wild Things Are" followed by camping by the lake at Ric and Parkins Davis' house. Their kind parents will provide a breakfast the next morning.

We will meet on October 25 at 4:45 p.m. †



Church Office

We will begin our fall book study on Wednesday, October 21 at 7 p.m.. Ginger Stanley suggested Uncommon Graces By John Vawter as our book. It is a study of how Christians can respond gracefully to a world that often seems angry and destructive. The book is in print and can be ordered from Amazon.com or any local bookstore. †

Healing Service

Church Office

The monthly healing service will be held on October 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor of the Hughes House. †



Tabitha Guild

Betsy Catlett & Janet White

During October Betsy and Janet will be out of town; however, you can continue knitting at home as we knit at the beach. If there is a need for a shawl, please call Katherine Kittrell at 438-5683. See you in November! †



December 5th
Mark your calendar!!



*Rick Palamar, Chair
Campaign Steering Committee*

The excitement of the campaign process is building among the project leaders as these fall days signal transitions from planning work to sharing the journey with every one in the parish.

The Building on the Legacy Campaign has begun. You will notice that the word Capital does not appear in this title. That is because we have both 2010 annual ministry goals as well as capital project goals for our initiative.

In October you will hear campaign minute announcements on Sundays. You will receive a campaign brochure in the mail in late October and you are invited to an Information & Fellowship Gathering of your choice on October 25 (invitation on page 4 in this newsletter).

In November every parish family will be invited to consider making two pledge responses to our parish ministry goals – a 2010 annual pledge commitment and a multi-year capital pledge commitment. **Your annual pledge is primary** because we must fund growing ministry programs next year. The second capital campaign pledge is an over-and-above commitment that could extend five years into the future or any term that fits your circumstances. Steering Committee and Vestry families are starting their pledging process now. We aim to lead by example.

Our goal for 2010 annual pledges is a 5% increase in our annual budget for ministry which is just over \$252,000 this year. On the capital campaign side we have a base goal of \$587,000 and a stretch goal of \$750,000. Thus far, we already have received 15% of our capital campaign stretch goal.

We are in this effort together as a parish family. Every one's participation is vital to our shared efforts to build on the legacy of ministry across 167 years. †



*Craig Clodfelter
Committee Co-Chair*

A Special Lady

Ethel Newell White (better known as "Sis") was the wife of Henry B. White. She received a commercial degree from WC-UNC and worked as a secretary for the Vance County Extension Service for 26 years until retirement in 1973. Sis and Henry moved from Henderson to the Townsville area to enjoy retirement at their Kerr Lake cottage especially during the summer months. She was a member of the Town and Country Garden Club, a loyal supporter of the Vance County Historical Society, and enjoyed playing bridge.

Over the years, Sis attended Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and Nutbush Presbyterian Church in Townsville, as well as 'Holy Innocents in Henderson. While attending 'Holy Innocents, she was a strong supporter of the ECW and also helped the church in other ways such as donating the money to pave the rear gravel parking lot of the church in the 1980's. Some suggested to her in jest that the lot be called the "Sis" lot and apparently she found that to be quite amusing!!

After Henry died, Sis left our area of the state to be near her niece. She died in August of 2007 and designated a sizeable amount of money for 'Holy Innocents in her will. This money was distributed from her estate to our church in July, 2009. Sis' "planned gift" establishes her as a member of the newly created Eaton Legacy Circle. Recognition as an Eaton Legacy Circle member is the formal and outward expression of the parish's gratitude to everyone who has included 'Holy Innocents in their estate plans.

Ethel "Sis" White is remembered by friends at 'Holy Innocents as "Such a sweet and generous lady." She was truly **A Special Lady!!** †

October 2009 Schedule of Events

Choir Weekly Practice Schedule

Children's Choir — Wed. at 3:15 PM
Hand Bell Choir — Wed. at 6:00 PM
Parish Choir — Thursday at 7:30 PM

Daily Morning Prayer

Monday —Thursday (weekly)

7:30 AM, Hughes House

Sunday – October 4

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I
9:35 AM, Adult Learning Group
10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite II
12:30 PM, La Misa Servicio –
Santa Eucharistia
3:30 PM, Blessing of the Pets

Wednesday – October 7

7:00 PM, Healing Service
(Parlor of Hughes House)

Sunday – October 11

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I
NO Adult Learning Group
11:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite II
—**Service at St. John's**—
in Williamsboro

Wednesday – October 14

3:00 PM, Nursing Home Ministry

Sunday – October 18

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I
9:35 AM, Adult Learning Group
10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite II
12:30 PM, La Misa Servicio –
Santa Eucharistia

Sunday – October 25

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite I
9:35 AM, Adult Learning Group
10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Tuesday - October 27

10:00 AM, ECW (Ladies Parlor)

Wednesday– October 28

3:00 PM, Nursing Home Ministry

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

You are Invited!

Building on the Legacy Campaign – Informational Gatherings & Fellowship

Sunday, October 25, 2009

12 – 1:30 PM ... Lunch in the Lower Hall; Coordinated by Frank Madigan & Friends
(Parishioners born in 1954 or earlier plus others whose schedule fits here.)

-- OR --

6 – 7:30 PM ... Evening Repast; Hosted by Stephanie & Cliff Rogers, One Stonecrest
(Parishioners born since 1954 plus others whose schedule fits here.)

Brief program presentations & dialogue on revised Capital Projects Initiatives (accessibility beyond an elevator, etc) ... Campaign Progress to that date ... Next Steps ...

Led by Rick Palamar & the Campaign Team

Please plan to attend the event that fits your schedule.

COMMUNITY NEWS...

Bar-B-Que Chicken Sale for ACTS

Father Donald Lowery

On Friday, October 9, from 11:00 until 7:00 Bar-B-Que chicken plates will be sold at First Presbyterian Church for the benefit of ACTS, our local, cooperative Christian center for feeding the hungry in Vance County. Tickets are available at the Church office, from Father Lowery or at the ACTS House. Tickets will also be sold at the door. †



Homecoming at Old St. John's

Father Donald Lowery

October 11 is homecoming at Old St. John's Church in Williamsboro. This historic building is the oldest wood frame Church still standing in North

Carolina, as well as being the third oldest church building of any sort in this state. It is also the Mother Church of all the Episcopal Churches in Vance and Granville Counties. We will have worship at 11 a.m. followed by an old fashioned pot luck meal on the Grounds. Plan to come and bring food to share. There will be games for children.

We will have 8 a.m. service at Holy Innocents as well as Children's Sunday school, but no adult forum as I will need to be at St. John's early to help with set up. Jo Bailey Wells will be the guest preacher. She is a priest of the Church of England and head of the Anglican-Episcopal House of Studies at Duke Divinity School. Jo is a very fine preacher and a friend I value. †

DIOCESE NEWS...

Episcopal - United Methodist Ecumenical Dialogue Group

Father Donald Lowery

Father Lowery serves on the Episcopal - United Methodist Dialogue for North Carolina. This reflects his interest in Methodism as the church to which his Anglican Ancestors turned after our church fell apart following the Revolution. I have several family members who are active Methodists. It also reflects the belief that Jesus has called his people to come as close to full unity as is possible this side of the coming of the Kingdom of God. On October 19 I will be in Greensboro at Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church to attend the dialogue meeting, which will be followed by a special service conducted jointly by the Methodist and Episcopal bishops of North Carolina. †

November Newsletter DEADLINE October 20th

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

Thanks for your support!



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Cookies for Friends

Autumn is the perfect time of the year to sow kindness and reap a "harvest" full of friendships. Make this special treat to share with someone.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cooked or canned pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 1/2 cups diced, roasted almonds
- 1 cup chocolate pieces
- Raffia or fall-colored ribbon (optional)

What you do:

1. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.
2. Beat in egg, pumpkin and vanilla.
3. In separate bowl, mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, nutmeg and cinnamon.
4. Add dry mix to creamed mixture.
5. Add almonds and chocolate pieces; mix thoroughly.
6. Drop by teaspoons onto well-greased cookie sheets.
7. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.
8. Cool on racks. Makes about six dozen.
9. Stack two cookies on top of each other. Then tie them like a present with the raffia or ribbon. Give the cookies to friends and family to thank them for their friendship.



A harvest of...

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

"But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**."

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(View completed puzzle at www.churchoftheholynnocents.org/newsletter.)

Birthdays

Nick Long.....	10/01
Tracy Madigan	10/01
Janet White.....	10/01
Bob Kittrell.....	10/02
Anne Bliss	10/03
Marie VanHook Young.....	10/04
Courtney Penny	10/06
Kathy Burke	10/07
Marcia Hartness.....	10/09
Lydia Rogers	10/09
Marianne Collins	10/14
Don West.....	10/14
Boo Borden	10/16
Sofia Ford.....	10/16
Mike Rainey	10/19
Scott Williamson	10/19
Katie Long.....	10/20
Michael Roberson	10/22
Will Whitt.....	10/22
Mary Ann Johnson	10/22
Kathryn Alston	10/24
Frances Saunders.....	10/25
Chick Young	10/27
Rebecca Behar.....	10/29
Rose Flannagan	10/30
Taylor Clayton.....	10/31

Anniversaries

Helen & Steve Flannagan.....10/10

Remember In Your Prayers

Pray for Healing and Comfort:

Rusty Blaylock, Ric Davis, Jane Finch, Jewel Gore, Julia Horner, Alston Macon, Jennifer Polak, Marilyn Seifert, Jean Tilley, and Hut Wester.



Special Dates

- World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2009
- Columbus Day Observance
October 12, 2009
- Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2009
- Reformation Day
October 31, 2009

Calendar of the Church Year According to the Episcopal Church

- Francis of Assisi—Friar,
October 4, 2009
- Saint Luke—The Evangelist,
October 18, 2009
- Saint James—of Jerusalem,
Brother of Our Lord Jesus
Christ, and Martyr, c. 62,
October 23, 2009
- Saint Simon & Saint Jude—
Apostles,
October 28, 2009

OCTOBER UNIFIED SERVING SCHEDULE

Oct.	Acolytes	Crucifer	Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Ushers	Altar Guild	Lemonade/ Coffee Hour
4	Taylor Betts	Sean Hartness	8:00am—Lucy Gray 10:30am—Ruth Hartness	Hut Wester Tommy Roberson	Shirley Young	Coffee Hour in the Great Hall
11	11:00 am—St. John's Williamsboro	11:00 am—St. John's Williamsboro	8:00am—Steve Flannagan 11:00 am—St. John's Williamsboro	11:00 am— St. John's Williamsboro	11:00 am— St. John's Williamsboro	
18	William Parish Matthew Williamson	Sam Long	8:00am—Alton Stainback 10:30am—Nick Long	Hut Wester Tommy Roberson	Mariana Davis	Coffee Hour in the Great Hall
25	Alexis VanVenrooy Mason Stewardson	Anna VanVenrooy	8:00am—Chip Hight 10:30am—Marshall Cooper	Hut Wester Tommy Roberson	Mariana Davis	Coffee Hour in the Great Hall

Submitted by: Lucy Gray



From The Ashes ~Part V~

By: *Walter Brodie Burwell*

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part five of a multi-part series on the history of the Episcopal Church in North Carolina and 'Holy Innocents.' Parts I - IV may be viewed on our website newsletter link at www.churchoftheholynnoccents.org - May thru September issues.)

Next, he visited St. John's, Williamsboro and then Oxford, where he held a service in the Court House. Within seven months of his consecration, Ives had visited every Episcopal Church in the diocese with the exception of St. Andrew's in Burke county, which he intended to visit in May after the 1832 Diocesan Convention on his way to Tennessee and Kentucky, where he had been invited to visit by those dioceses. In October, he traveled to the General Convention in New York and returned to Oxford in November 1832 to lay the cornerstone of St. Stephen's Church.

While Bishop Ives was in Oxford, he was told about a small cluster of Episcopalians who were worshipping in their homes around Bank's Chapel, built during the 1760's, about 9 miles south of Oxford as a chapel-of-ease for St. John's Parish. Ives visited the area and found a "few warm friends and communicants" whose chapel had been confiscated by the overwhelming growth of the Methodists there. He stored this information in his memory and then continued his journey onward to finally settle in Raleigh by January 1833. Fortunately for the Bank's Chapel Episcopalians, at about this time, an Oxford native and respectable Methodist minister, Lewis Taylor, determined to leave Methodism and convert to the Episcopal Church. Bishop Ives ordained him deacon in April 1833 and promptly assigned him at once to reorganize the Episcopalians at Bank's Chapel. They formed a church, named it St. James' Church, Granville County and tried to share the chapel with the Methodists, but after a year or two, disagreements arose, and on the bishop's advice, the Episcopalians purchased an acre of land about a mile north of the chapel and built their own church there, near the present day village of Wilton.

Meanwhile, in the 1830's, a small community called "Chalk Level" was forming in the center of the area bordered by St. John's to the north, St. James to the south, Emmanuel to the east and St. Stephen's to the west. This was where the stage road from the north to Raleigh and the road from Halifax to Hillsborough crossed, and the coaches changed their horses there, about where the present day Northern Vance High School is now located. There were some blacksmith shops, livery stables, a tavern and inn, a few stores and residences. However, another community was also growing about a mile and a half southward, where there were two tobacco warehouses, a hotel, Reavis' Tavern, wheelwright and blacksmith shops, a shoemaker and a tailor-haberdasher,

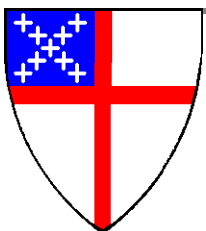
and some residences. By 1839, the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad had reached this point, having been offered a three mile right-of-way and a lot by Lewis B. Reavis as an inducement to place a station there and by-pass "Chalk Level." Reavisville was proposed as the name for this new community, but Reavis declined the honor and substituted the name of Henderson, in honor of his friend Leonard Henderson, Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. The following year, 1841, the legislature granted Henderson its charter as an incorporated township.

The handful of Episcopalians in the area had been planning to organize and build a church in the town, but they had lacked an adequate impetus until John Rust Eaton, the only child of Sarah Burwell and John Somerville Eaton, lost his life in a hunting accident on 11 September 1841. The boy's distraught parents turned to the Church for solace and support, and 10 days later, on 21 September, John Somerville Eaton and two others were confirmed in the Eaton home. This home was originally the dwelling house of William Eaton, the pioneer and great grandfather of John Somerville Eaton. It had served as the site of the first court to be held in Granville County when it was set apart from Edgecombe County in 1746, and it was located at what is now the present-day junction of Old County Home and Vance Academy Roads.

A missionary from Connecticut, the Rev. Robert M. Chapman, was preaching in the area, and Bishop Ives asked him to help establish a parish and serve as rector. Services were held in the Eaton home that autumn and the remainder of the year, and in a surprisingly short time, the parish was organized with ten communicants by Easter 1842 and a church had been constructed in Henderson. It was consecrated on Pentecost, 15 May, and named the Church of the Holy Innocents in reference to the thirteen year old boy whose untimely death stimulated the origin of the church in the home of his parents. The parish was admitted into union with the diocese in the same year (1842) in which it had been organized.

The single story wood frame church building in Henderson stood facing Garnett Street on a 100 x 100 foot lot at the present day corner of Garnett Street (100 ft.) and Church Street (100 ft.) where the Methodist Church now stands, with space for a small cemetery behind the church. The lot was given by Lewis B. Reavis, the lumber for the building was provided by John S. Eaton, and the labor for construction was furnished by the carpenters and work force of both men. It was at this time that a native of Guilford Court House, Sterling Yancey McMasters, was in Henderson on a Methodist preaching mission and came under Chapman's influence and instruction so that he decided to enter the ministry of the Episcopal Church. In September 1842, he and his wife were confirmed in the church, and the first baptisms in the building were those of their two infant children, Mary and Martha McMasters, and two others, Ann and Lucy Hawkins, adults. In the same year, there were three burials from the church and one interment in the cemetery. The first marriage in the church was in 1843 when Matilda Burwell and Lewis D. Burwell (cousins) were married, and in the same year, the first ordination to deacon was that of Dr. J.J. Ridley.

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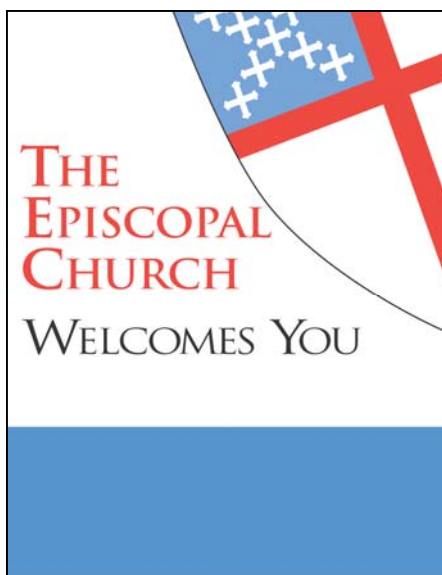
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Saturday, December 5

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