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FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Donald Lowery



October is a Busy Month

In many ways, October is for Holy Innocents what September is in other congregations. Many churches have their welcome back home Sunday in September. However, because many of our members are retired and have the blessing of owning a summer place they can extend their vacation time. Our attendance begins its post-summer vacation increase in late September and early October rather than late August and early September. For that reason, many of our program start-ups are in October.

Things begin to "fire up" on the first weekend. On Sunday, **October 6th**, Randolph Wilson from Rebuilding Hope will be our guest preacher. I rarely surrender the pulpit to someone outside our parish, but Randolph has one of the most exciting and dynamic ministries in Henderson and Vance County.



Recognizing the burden that poverty places on many older home owners, he works with local folks and mission trip groups to repair homes whose residents cannot afford to pay for the work. We have supported this ministry since its inception with outreach dollars from the parish and plan to have a workday with them later in the fall.

We care not only for the human part of creation but for the creatures God made and declared good. At **3:00 p.m.** we will bless pets in the Memorial Garden on **October 6th**. I am reminded of the wonderful words of the old hymn:

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



So indeed God did, and we celebrate the love we have for our pets by praying God's blessings upon them.



On **October 13th**, we will celebrate Homecoming at Old St. John's in Williamsboro. Built in 1772, this is believed by many to be the oldest wood frame church building in North Carolina. Old St. John's is also the Mother Church of our parish. We will gather for worship at 11:00 a.m., joining St. John's North Henderson, and St. Stephen's and St. Cyprian's Oxford to celebrate our common roots. A potluck lunch follows. Please bring a dish to share and an open heart to fellowship with friends from our sister parishes.

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On **October 20th** we launch the fall Christian Education season. There will be classes for adults and children. More details will follow via email on classes for children. Adults will gather at 9:35 a.m. with Kathy Taylor and Donald Lowery to explore a Christian approach to Reiki, a form of healing that originated in Japan. I am fascinated by the possibilities of using this as a form of Christian Healing Prayer and am excited that Kathy has agreed to teach this. She is a trained Reiki master and brings a wealth of experience as a Christian believer and practitioner of this form of sending healing energy.



On **October 20th** at 4:00 p.m. we will gather for Acolyte training. Younger children and youth will have pizza supper together at 5:00 p.m. Youth group meeting will follow.



October 27th will be observed as Reformation Sunday. This festival originated amongst our Lutheran sisters and brothers to remember the great events that led to the reformation of the church in a time of decline and decadence. As one who celebrates that fact that we are in full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Moravian Church and have an interim communion agreement with the United Methodist Church, I think it is important to remember the tumultuous events that led to the founding of the great churches of Reformation Heritage. Reformed and always reforming, we are reminded that each generation of Christians must be open to hearing God's voice as he calls us to new ways of telling and living the Old, Old Story of Jesus and his love in our time and place. †

PARISH NEWS...



The Rev. Donald Lowery

We will meet on October 2nd in the parlor of the Hughes House at 7 p.m. †



The Rev. Donald Lowery

We will meet at our usual time on October 6, 20, and 27th. On October 13th we will gather at 6:00 p.m. because I am baptizing Donald McElvy in Kerr Lake after St. John's Homecoming. (I need time to get him into the water and then get myself home and changed into dry clothes.)



You all are welcome to come to his baptism and watch an Episcopal priest do a full immersion baptism. †



The Rev. Donald Lowery

Deacon Harrel Johnson and I will be attending the Diocese of North Carolina fall clergy conference October 8-10th in Winston-Salem. †



The Rev. Donald Lowery

We will not meet October 9th because I will be at clergy conference. However, we will have 5:30 p.m. Holy Communion on October 16th, 23rd, and 30th in the church. †



Betsy Catlett (492-8223) & Janet White (430-0187)

The Tabitha Guild will not meet on the second Tuesday of October, but we will meet on Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Ladies' Parlor. We look forward to seeing you! †



Betsy Seifert, President

The first meeting of the ECW was held on Tuesday, September 24th at 10 a.m. in the Ladies' Parlor. Ten members were present for the meeting.

**Meeting Oct. 22 - 7:00 p.m.
Mark your calendar!!**

Our October 22nd meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. instead of 10:00 a.m. so that those of you who work will be able to join us in our discussions as we prepare for our upcoming events.



We decided to change our traditional December bazaar from an annual event to a biennial event and have a holiday food sale in December in its place every other year. The food sale featuring our popular bazaar food items will be held on Saturday, December 7th. We'll have more details in the November newsletter! †

**November Newsletter
Items Due October 21**

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

Printed copies of the newsletter are located in the Bell Tower for you if you have problems with email access.

Current and past newsletter issues are available on our website at: www.churchoftheholynocents.org

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**Treasurer's
Report**

09/12/2013

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

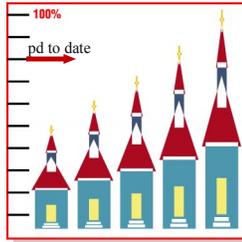
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Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)
Revenues				
Pledged Income	\$7,012.00	\$10,000.00	\$142,156.88	\$144,000.00
Other Income	\$327.12	\$925.00	\$5,231.28	\$7,300.00
Total Revenues	<u>\$7,339.12</u>	<u>\$10,925.00</u>	<u>\$147,388.16</u>	<u>\$151,300.00</u>
Expenses				
Compensation				
Salaries	\$7,986.61	\$7,770.01	\$62,443.19	\$62,160.08
Employee Expenses				
Rector's Expenses	\$1,228.14	\$1,000.00	\$7,895.60	\$8,000.00
Other Employee Expenses	\$1,719.08	\$3,025.00	\$24,622.92	\$23,800.00
Total Employee Expenses	<u>\$2,947.22</u>	<u>\$4,025.00</u>	<u>\$32,518.52</u>	<u>\$31,800.00</u>
Total Compensation	<u>\$10,933.83</u>	<u>\$11,795.01</u>	<u>\$94,961.71</u>	<u>\$93,960.08</u>
Administrative				
Supplies	\$312.24	\$216.67	\$1,796.89	\$1,733.36
Preschool Income/Expense	\$1,831.62	\$2,150.00	\$2,729.14	\$2,200.00
General Insurance	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,121.30	\$8,000.00
Other Administrative Expenses	\$20.00	\$291.66	\$2,598.44	\$1,958.28
Total Administrative	<u>\$2,163.86</u>	<u>\$3,658.33</u>	<u>\$12,245.77</u>	<u>\$13,891.64</u>
Utilities	\$1,602.82	\$1,558.33	\$14,089.47	\$12,466.64
Maintenance	\$1,646.89	\$950.00	\$11,339.83	\$7,600.00
Parish Life	\$0.00	\$291.67	\$4,155.11	\$2,733.36
Diocesan & Seminary Support	\$2,463.00	\$2,458.33	\$19,704.00	\$19,666.64
Outreach	\$3,300.00	\$250.00	(\$200.00)	\$2,000.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$22,110.40</u>	<u>\$20,961.67</u>	<u>\$156,295.89</u>	<u>\$152,318.36</u>
Net Total	(\$14,771.28)	(\$10,036.67)	(\$8,907.73)	(\$1,018.36)

Bob Nelson, Treasurer

OUR CHURCH'S
FINANCIAL
HEALTH





CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Having been away much of the summer, I have settled back in and am glad to be back in Henderson again and attending services at Holy Innocents. In reviewing the history of the Capital Campaign, now on the verge of being its 5th and final year, I realized that many of the challenges we faced as a community and as a Parish are still at the forefront.

- Challenging economic times for many of us individually and as a community
- Concerns about the viability of our Parish as we face the challenges of an aging congregation in a community that is not growing
- The challenges of maintaining and enhancing the treasure that our facilities truly represent; created through the sacrifices and dedication of the members of Holy Innocents that have come before us

Despite these challenges then and now, 72 individuals or families made a pledge in the fall of 2009 and to date (Thru July of 2013) a high percentage of those pledgees have persisted in meeting their commitment to the Church that they truly love.

Just shy of 80% of the total dollars pledged have been paid to date. Many improvements have been completed to enhance the viability of our facilities; most recently the completion of the 1st floor handicap bathrooms and the upgrading of our kitchen facilities which are close to being completed.

As we recognized back in 2009 when we began this journey of faith together, future church life at Holy Innocents is not likely to look like it did 50 years ago when many churches were full most Sundays and Churches in general played a much more central role in family's lives. Despite the uncertainty that stands before us, our members have demonstrated their commitment to this journey of support in order to provide the resources for Holy Innocents that will best enable us to continue to provide our congregation and our community with a ministry that supports each of our walks of faith, nurtured in the love of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

So for the many of you that have completed your Pledge, we give thanks for your faith and generosity and ask that those that are still working towards completion of their pledge to commit to finishing this all important task, to help assure the brightest future for Holy Innocents. Thanks be to God for the commitment and generosity of our wonderful congregation. †

Faithfully yours,

Rick Palamar
Campaign Steering Committee



October 2013 Schedule of Events

Choir Weekly Practice Schedule

Hand Bell Choir — Wed. at 6:00 PM
Parish Choir — Monday at 6:00 PM

Daily Morning Prayer

Monday — Thursday (weekly)
7:30 AM, Hughes House

Wednesday – October 2

7:00 PM, Healing Service
(Hughes House)

Sunday – October 6

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

Wednesday – October 9

3:00 PM, Nursing Home Ministry

Sunday – October 13

11:00 AM, Holy Eucharist
—Service at St. John's—
in Williamsboro

Wednesday – October 16

5:30 PM, Communion

Sunday – October 20

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

Tuesday - October 22

7:00 PM, Tabitha (Ladies' Parlor)
ECW (Ladies' Parlor)

Wednesday– October 23

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

Sunday – October 27

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

Wednesday – October 30

5:30 PM, Communion

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



October 2013

COMMUNITY NEWS...

The Deacon's Bench

by the Rev. Harrel Johnson

This past Sunday we observed the first day of Fall and what a glorious day it was. I think I have told you all before that I really enjoy this time of the year not just for the welcome change in weather but because of the effect that the change of season has on me. For some reason, I get very reflective in the fall. Reflective to a depth that I don't seem to go to or achieve at other times of the year. Maybe it is the change in the angle of the light as it effects the eye in what I see or the memory of holidays past with friends and family. For me reflection is often fueled by recollection.

This fall however I find my self in deep reflection not so much about the past but on the now times and the future. What is wrong with our society that people feel compelled to go into public places and shoot innocents for no apparent reason? What is wrong with a society that isn't compelled to feed the hungry or house the homeless and care for the sick? What about a society that doesn't welcome the stranger. What is wrong with a society who's government has become stalled to inaction by a goal of win at all cost rather than doing what is right and not doing what is wrong. Yet "in God We Trust"!



Each Sunday we gather together as Christians in community to worship and praise God. We hear stories and sing hymns about God's love for us and his gifts to us. We listen to the Gospel lessons that teach forgiveness and mercy and love for one another and yet we seem to be content to live in a society that seems to be counter to all that we profess to believe. It makes me wonder have we become American Christians or Christian Americans or maybe we have just become society. †





*A Morning of Christian Fellowship
and Luncheon for Women*

First United Methodist Church
Saturday, October 12, 2013

9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20

Karen Delasquez, speaker



*Karen's story of cancer survival has been featured on
The Oprah Winfrey Show, Dr. Phil, CNN,
Nightline, PBS and a documentary film was made on the
journey called The Test of Hope*

Special Music

Cindy Edwards and Melissa High, Co-Planners

Contact the church office at (252) 438-8791 for tickets



Birthdays

Nick Long.....	10/01
Janet White.....	10/01
Tracy Madigan.....	10/01
Bob Kittrell.....	10/02
Anne Bliss.....	10/03
Marcia Hartness.....	10/09
Lydia Rogers Byrd.....	10/09
Marianne Collins.....	10/14
Don West.....	10/14
Porter Shaw.....	10/14
Boo Borden.....	10/16
Sofia Ford.....	10/16
Cady VanVenrooy.....	10/16
Mike Rainey.....	10/19
Scott Williamson.....	10/19
Kathleen 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

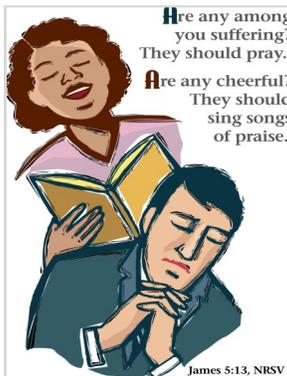
Anniversaries

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

Remember In Your Prayers

Pray for Healing and Comfort:

Cynthia Shaw, Helen Church Miles, Trayce Wheless, Barbara Colins, Staci Barnett, Virginia Wester, Harry Collins, Jean Tilley, MaryAnn Hill, Barbara Madigan, Melody Shearin, Virginia Frank, Carol Theodorou, Sam Parsons, Colt Moss, Lena Hogge, Bessie Edwards, Jane Fleming, Charlotte Sweeney, Mimi Adams, Carolyn Lowery, Belinda Catlett, Meghan Bunn, Randy Palamar, Rorin Platt, Mary Shearin, Marion Devoe, Rebecca Aiken, Dr. Bev Tucker, Vivie Drake, Tommy Greenway, Ken Catlett, Sue Mullinix, Mary Beth Young, Debbie Onken, Kimberly Hartness, B.A. Hartness, Rorin Platt, Denise Whitlow, Max Griffin, Joy Souter, & John Amos.



Special Dates

- World Communion Sunday
October 6, 2013
- Columbus Day Observance
October 14, 2013
- Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2013

Calendar of the Church Year According to the Episcopal Church

- Francis of Assisi—Friar,
October 4, 2013
- Saint Luke—The Evangelist,
October 18, 2013
- Saint James—of Jerusalem,
Brother of Our Lord Jesus
Christ, and Martyr, c. 62,
October 23, 2013
- Saint Simon & Saint Jude—
Apostles,
October 28, 2013

OCTOBER UNIFIED SERVING SCHEDULE

Oct.	Acolytes	Crucifer	Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Ushers	Altar Guild	Lemonade/ Coffee Hour
6	Genie Parish William Parish	Matthew Williamson	8:00am—Lucy Gray 10:30am—Ruth Hartness	Hut Wester Tommy Roberson	Shirley Young	Coffee Hour in the Great Hall
13	11:00 am—St. John's Lehman Ford	11:00am—St. John's Uriah Ford	11:00 am—Nick Long	11:00 am - St. John's	11:00 am - St. John's Shirley Young	Pot Luck Lunch
20	Genie Parish Matthew Williamson	William Parish	8:00am—Bob Nelson 10:30am—Tom Church	Hut Wester Tommy Roberson	Mariana Davis	Coffee Hour in the Great Hall
27	Lehman Ford	Uriah Ford	8:00am—Steve Flannagan 10:30am—Nancy Whitt	Hut Wester Tommy Roberson	Mariana Davis	Coffee Hour in the Great Hall

Submitted by: Lucy Gray

SPOT-
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The Church of The Holy Innocents

Special Premiere

Friday, November 8, 2013

Great Hall

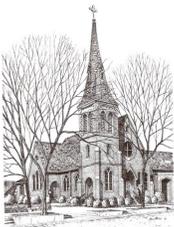
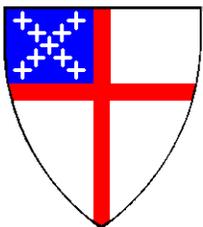
Hospitality 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Concert 7:15 p.m.

Contact the church office (252-492-0904) or a member of the Handbell Choir for tickets which will be available for sale beginning October 8th.

★ CD's w/favorite church seasonal selections will be available after concert for \$10 ea. ★



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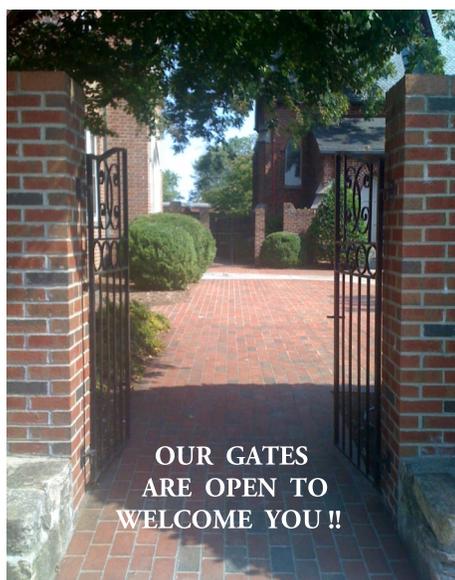
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**All are welcome to join us as
we joyfully greet each person present at our worship.
May our love and respect for one another be
steady and true as we strive to follow Christ our Lord.**