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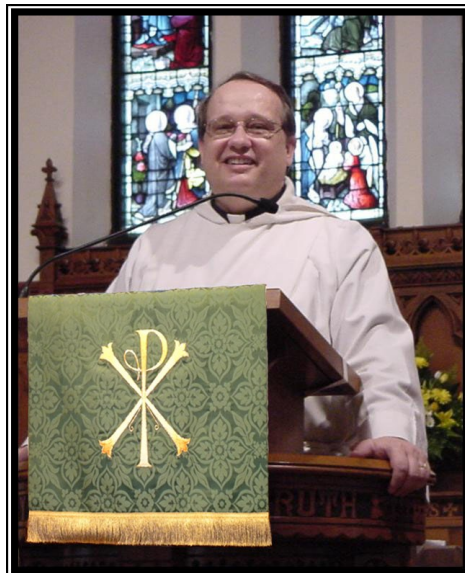
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FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Donald Lowery



September Will Be A Busy Month

I normally write on some topic related to our spiritual life for my lead article, but September is going to be such a busy month that I am going to use my space to highlight, in several paragraphs, some of the myriad things happening in September.

First, A Bishop is coming to make a visitation. On September 11, 2011, Bishop "Chip" Albert Marble, one of the assistant Bishops of North Carolina will come and make an Official Visitation to Holy Innocents. Bishop Marble has a particular love for Holy Innocents and especially for our work with the Hispanic Community. For that reason, the 10:30 service will be

combined with the 12:30 Spanish Language service to make one bilingual service. At this service the Bishop will confirm, preach and celebrate the Holy Communion with us. The service will be followed by a reception. The vestry will meet with the Bishop after the reception to talk about the state of Holy Innocents at this point in its history.



It appears at this time that we will have 19 children and youth to be confirmed at the service. Even at this late date it is still possible for adults to sign up to be received (any who have made an adult affirmation of faith in another church) or confirmed (any who were baptized in another church but have not made an adult affirmation of faith) and so become a full voting member of the parish.

This is going to be a splendid day. Forgive me for bragging about us, but it has been three years since Bishop Marble was last with us and he is still talking about how much he enjoyed the service and how wonderful Holy Innocents is as a parish. Let's make another positive impact.

Second, Adult Formation has already begun, and it continues in September. David Belcher, and his wife Judy (who is a doctoral candidate at Duke Divinity School) have written a



curriculum for Holy Innocents on certain psalms. It is intergenerational, that is, it

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is intended for adults, youth and children. It is brilliant and it is fun. Each session stands on its own feet, so please, please come join us. We are learning and having a good time while we do it. It is not too late to be part of the learning and the fun.

Third, you may have noticed that I have not used all my vacation time. That is because I am going off with my parents to Europe again. My sister Vanessa and I thought last year would be dad and mom's last big travel event but we were wrong. I am leaving Henderson on September 22 and will be back on October 12. In between, we are going to Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and the Czech Republic. Part of this trip will be a repetition of places we have already been. In particular we are returning to Holy Cross Monastery in the Vienna Woods.



The monks invited us to stay for their noonday prayers when we visited last year. It was a wonderful and holy time to join in prayer with them in a chapel that is over 700 years old. We will visit them again, and honestly, I can't wait. Places like Holy Cross make this more than a vacation for me, but a time of pilgrimage as well, as we seek the face of Jesus Christ in churches where he has been revered since the first Christians came to eastern Europe. Another interesting spot we will be visiting is Krakow, the ancient capital of Poland. Many of you may remember from high school science that Nicholas Copernicus, who discovered that the Earth revolves around the Sun, was not only an astronomer, but a priest as well. The hotel we will stay in was the medieval Canonry of the Cathedral in Krakow, and it is documented that Copernicus stayed there on visits to the Cathedral. I hope I get his room.

During the time I am gone, The Rev'd Deacon Harrel Johnson and the Rev'd Stuart Hoke will conduct the Sunday Services.

Fourth is a heads up. While I am gone, we will have Homecoming at Old St. John's in Williamsboro.



This will be on October 9 at 11:00 a.m. Stuart Hoke will preach at St. John's. The service will be followed by pot luck lunch on the grounds. There will be no 8:00 a.m. service at Holy Innocents that Sunday so as to encourage all to attend homecoming at St. John's. †

PARISH NEWS...

An Earthquake in Henderson?

Father Donald Lowery

I am ashamed to admit that when the earthquake first rolled through I thought it was some fool with exceptionally loud bass speakers driving past the church. You would think that a man who spent almost as much time in school as an adult as he did as a child (11 years if you include college, my Master of Arts in clinical psychology and my Master of Divinity) would recognize that no speakers could shake the Hughes House like it was made of Jello. The church may have acquired one minor crack between the round window of "Jesus Blessing the Children" and the Great Doors, but otherwise seems to have suffered no damage. The National Cathedral in Washington has suffered damage. Several pinnacles fell off and there are cracks in some flying buttresses. As we learn more, we will keep you posted. †



Adult Parish Choir

Henry Ross

Having been made aware that there are persons who would be willing to join the choir if rehearsals were held earlier in the evening, the current choir members and I have decided to move rehearsals to Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. We invite any interested persons to join us for rehearsal on Monday, September 12th. Rehearsals last approximately an hour and a half so we will be finished by 7:30 p.m. For additional information, contact Church Musician, Henry Ross at 438-3095. †



Children's Choir & Hand Bell Choir Members

Anora W. Rainey

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a restful and fun-filled summer. By the time you get this newsletter the Children's Choir and Jr. Hand Bells will already have begun getting songs ready.

The Children's Choir meets at 3:20 p.m. for snack and practice begins at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Several of the choir members will be moving up to Jr. Hand Bells so while one is getting smaller, the other is getting larger.

Jr. Hand Bells begin at 4:30 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. Please be prompt in picking up your students. We welcome others if you would like to join us.

Our Adult Hand Bells will begin practice after Labor Day at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Even though we enjoy the summer, it is good to see all the faces and return to a schedule playing together. Welcome Back! †

Wednesday Evening Healing Service

Father Donald Lowery

Our Monthly Healing Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor of the Hughes House on September 7th. †



Father Donald Lowery

Youth Group will meet in September on the 4th, 11th and 18th. It will not meet again until I return from Europe in October --That will be October 16th. †



Anora W. Rainey



The annual Altar Guild Dinner was held Wednesday night, August 31st with Mariana Davis' team in charge this year.



Let me take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all the love and time you give serving on the Altar Guild. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your chairman these last years. We have accomplished much, yet there is more to do. We have need of others on all committees, so if you know of someone who would like to use their gifts of service by being a member of our Altar Guild, please let me know.



We would like to welcome Mrs. Becky Harvin to the Altar Guild. She will be serving on Shirley Young's team. †



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

The Tabitha Guild, our Prayer Shawl Ministry, will meet at our regular times (2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.) and we look forward to our getting together. We would love to have anyone who is interested in joining with us in our "knitting" ministry to come to the Ladies' Parlor Tuesday, September 13th as we begin another year.

We have given over two hundred shawls since we began our ministry in 2005. Our shawls are blessed with a special prayer by our Rector before they are given. Our shawls are given to people who are ill, new mothers, brides, or people with special needs. If you know of anyone who needs a shawl, please let us know. †



Marsha Nelson

Attention all ladies at 'Holy Innocents— The first meeting of the 2011-2012 year will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ladies' Parlor. Officers for the year will be elected at this time. Please plan to come and enjoy our fellowship and special events this year. †

WHATEVER IS *true*

WHATEVER IS *honorable*

WHATEVER IS *just*

WHATEVER IS *pure...*

IF THERE IS ANYTHING

worthy of praise

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8, NRSV

September 2011 Schedule of Events

Choir Weekly Practice Schedule

Children's Choir — Wed. at 3:20 PM
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

Sunday – September 4

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

Sunday – September 11

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

Tuesday– September 13

10:00 AM, Tabitha Guild (Ladies Parlor)

Wednesday – September 14

3:00 PM, Nursing Home Ministry

Wednesday – September 14

7:00 PM, Healing Service

Sunday – September 18

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

Sunday – September 25

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

Tuesday - September 27

10:00 AM, ECW (Ladies Parlor)
Tabitha Guild

Wednesday– September 28

3:00 PM, Nursing Home Ministry

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

Confirmation Schedule

- 8/21 – 5:00 p.m.** - Information Night
Dinner, covered dish, Lower Hall
- 8/28 – 9:30 a.m.** class - until after church is over, in the Youth Rooms downstairs
- 9/10 – 2:00 p.m.** - Dress Rehearsal for Confirmation in the church
- 9/11 – 10:30 a.m.**, Confirmation, meet at church at 9:30 a.m., reception with the Bishop after church
- 9/18 – 9:30 a.m.** class - until after church is over
- 9/25 – 9:30 a.m.** class - until after church is over
- 10/2 – 9:30 a.m.** class - until after church is over
- 10/9 – Meet at St. John's Williamsboro at 9:30 a.m.** for classes, remain for church and picnic (covered dish) Bring a chair or blanket
- 10/16 – 9:30 a.m.** class - until after church is over
- 10/30 – 9:30 a.m.** class - until after church is over
- 11/6 – 9:30 a.m.** class - until after Combined service is over
- 11/13 – 9:30 a.m.** class - until after church is over
- 11/20 – 9:30 a.m.** class - until after Parish meeting is over (serve as pages at Parish meeting)

Classes conducted by:
Nick Long and Marcia Hartness

CHURCH USAGE SCHEDULE

~LOWER HALL~

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

AA 5:30 to 6:30
NA 7:00 to 8:00

WEDNESDAY

NA 7:00 to 8:00

FRIDAY

AA 5:30 to 6:30

SATURDAY

NA Noon



October Newsletter Deadline - Sept. 20

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

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Click on links are located on :

page 1 (Web address)
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Thanks for your support!



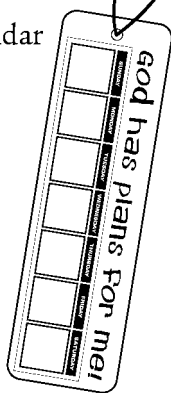
SEPTEMBER

A daily reminder

Make this bookmark to remind you that God is with you every day.

What you need:

- An old calendar
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Pencil or marker
- Stickers
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



What you do:

1. Cut out the first line of squares from an old calendar, including the days of the week along the top.
2. Cut the cardstock into a rectangle a little larger than the calendar section.
3. Glue the calendar section onto the cardstock.
4. Write "God has plans for me" (Jeremiah 29:11) on the bookmark.
5. Add stickers or other decorations on the back.
6. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark.
7. Loop some ribbon or yarn through the hole.



PUZZLE

GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.

plans
know
and
for
hope
I
not
declares
give

to
prosper
harm
have
the
LORD
you
future
a

"

Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

Birthdays

Gillie Church.....	9/01
Sean Hartness.....	9/01
Kermit Ellis.....	9/02
Blair & Josh Burke.....	9/04
Katherine Williamson.....	9/06
Dora Hunt.....	9/10
Jan Strause.....	9/12
Mary Mac Long.....	9/12
Marshall Cooper.....	9/13
Betsy Seifert.....	9/14
Chris St. Clair.....	9/16
Bobby Hubbard.....	9/17
Ivey Betts.....	9/19
Barbara Parks.....	9/21
Cliff Rogers.....	9/23
Frank Madigan.....	9/25
Donald Seifert.....	9/27
Scott Hartness.....	9/28

Anniversaries

Alston & Kiernan Shave.....	9/22
Nancy & Cole Whitt.....	9/25
Mary Beth & Tim Seitzer.....	9/27

Remember In Your Prayers

Pray for Healing and Comfort:

Frances Finney, Jane Zollicoffer, Joyce Stevenson, Edgar Hilliard, Bill Long, Kayden Whisler, Robert Duke, Virginia Frank, Carol Theodorou, Janice Colvin, Sam Parsons, Jason Elliott, Bobby Woodward, Betty Grant, and Barbara Foster.

In Remembrance of Sept.



Special Dates

- **Labor Day**
September 5, 2011
- **Patriot Day**
September 11, 2011
- **National Grandparents Day**
September 11, 2011
- **Nat'l Hispanic Heritage Month**
September 15-October 15, 2011
- **First Day of Autumn**
September 23, 2011

Calendar of the Church Year According to the Episcopal Church

- **Feast of the Holy Cross**
September 14, 2011
- **St. Matthew—
Apostle & Evangelist**
September 21, 2011
- **St. Michael & All Angels**
September 29, 2011

SEPTEMBER UNIFIED SERVING SCHEDULE

Sept.	Acolytes	Crucifer	Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Ushers	Altar Guild	Lemonade/ Coffee Hour
4	Mason Stewardson	Parkins Davis	8:00am—Marshall Cooper 10:30am—Ruth Hartness	Kermit Ellis Steve Flannagan	Mariana Davis	Lemonade on the Lawn
11	Uriah & Lehman Ford Matthew Williamson William & Genie Parish	Sam Long	8:00am—Bob Nelson Bishop's Visit - 10:30 & 12:30 Combined Service 10:30am—Nick Long	Kermit Ellis Steve Flannagan	Mariana Davis	Reception in Great Hall
18	Matthew Williamson Genie Parish	William Parish	8:00am—Alton Stainback 10:30am—Tommy Roberson	Kermit Ellis Steve Flannagan	Anora Rainey	Lemonade on the Lawn
25	Uriah Ford Lehman Ford	Alexis VanVenrooy	8:00am—Lucy Gray 10:30am—Tom Church	Kermit Ellis Steve Flannagan	Anora Rainey	Lemonade on the Lawn

Submitted by: Lucy Gray



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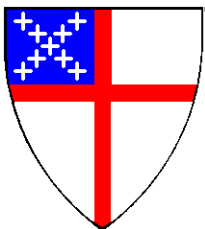
The Deacon's Bench

by the Rev. Harrel Johnson

August is almost gone and my Birthday was this week. The third anniversary of my ordination was also this past June and yet it seems like I have been a Deacon forever. I'm not tired, it just seems like the work that I do for the Lord has been perpetual. On a Saturday about a year ago, I also attended another ordination, the ordination of two very close friends that I went through spiritual formation with, to the transitional Deaconate. They, by the grace of God, have gone on to become priests. Also ordained to the vocational deaconate, like me, was another friend that had been with me during my last year of Deacon's school. It was this individual who honored me by requesting that I read the Gospel lesson for this service. You might not know that these days, when the Gospel is read at all diocesan events including a Bishops visit, it must be proclaimed in both English and Spanish. Reading the Gospel is probably the one liturgical Deacon's task that I am most comfortable with; after all it is God who is speaking not me. This was also my first time for reading the Gospel in Spanish and this made me nervous. I have heard some Deacons do a very poor job of this and I didn't want to be one! I had practiced and practiced often reading out loud in the presence of goats and donkeys and dogs. The time for the procession came and among a proverbial army of acolytes, was the verger, a rather severe looking woman, with her big stick. I supposed that the stick is there to discipline the unruly and underachievers.

God is good! With one eye on the verger and her stick and one on the text, I read the Gospel in both English and Spanish with impeccable pronunciation and tone. I received so many compliments and I know that many of the compliments came from individuals and colleagues who wouldn't do so if they didn't really think so. The trip back home to the farm that day caused me to reflect on my father and the friends of his that were Cuban refugees during the late fifties and early sixties, and veterans of the failed Bay of Pigs invasion. They were the beginning of my love for the Spanish language and culture. I also reflected on my heavenly Father and the gifts that he has given to me, my own fatherhood. On Wednesday of this week, traveling into Henderson, I passed by some Latinos working in a tobacco field-- the ones we call guest workers. Again I began to wonder about today's refugees. Do the farmworkers miss their fathers? I know that la familia is extremely important to them. How many of them are fathers? Where are their families? Do they miss the Father's love? By the way, the text that I read from Luke on that day was: who is more important the guest who sits at the table or the one who serves at the table? Christ came to serve. Christ has called me to serve. Which are you guest or servant?





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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.**