



Hickory Neck Nuggets

Hickory Neck Parish Episcopal Church

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Hickory Neck Hosts Diocesan Renewal of Vows and New Cross Installed

The Very Reverend Michael L. Delk

On the Wednesday of Holy Week, April 4, at 11:00 a.m., Hickory Neck will host one of two diocesan chrism Eucharist. This event occurs every year during Holy Week, and provides an opportunity for the oil of chrism to be blessed by the Bishop. This oil has been used since ancient times to anoint the newly baptized, and we use it still today, marking a cross on the forehead of the baptized person and declaring, "You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever."

The chrism Eucharist also includes the renewal of ordination vows, when clergy – both active and retired – from across the diocese gather to reaffirm the vows they took at their ordination. It is a moving event, and anyone who wishes to attend is welcome, so if you're able, I encourage you to come on Wednesday, April 4th at 11:00 a.m., as we host this event for the Diocese of Southern Virginia. It is a great honor to serve as host,

and I believe that you might enjoy this special time of worship.

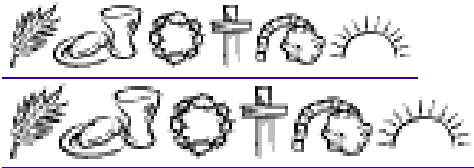
Enclosed within the pages of this month's edition, you will find complete information about all of our Holy Week and Easter worship. I hope you can participate fully. Easter is always a wonderful occasion, but that



day is always more meaningful, I think, when people have a felt awareness of what led up to the resurrection. Without a crucifixion, there could be no resurrection. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday help take us through Jesus' final night with his disciples. In these liturgies, we symbolically re-create the betrayal and arrest of Jesus; his trial and torture, and his death on the cross.

In case you've not been around for a few weeks, we happen to have a new cross in the new chapel nave. Made of English oak, the cross measures eight feet high with a crossbeam of six feet. We wanted something realistic, a cross of sufficient proportions and strength that you could actually crucify someone on it. The edges are rough hewn, and we've chosen to leave the wood unstained. (English oak darkens as it matures.) This cross was made by Tony Casanave, the same master cabinet-maker who constructed our altar, ambo, flower and credence tables, and *prie deus*. On Good Friday, as always, worship culminates not with Communion, but with an opportunity for people to venerate the cross. Our new cross will also help us focus on what's central to our faith every time we worship.





Holy Week and Easter Worship 2007

April 1 – Palm/Passion Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite I *in the Historic Chapel*

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Procession of Palms and Holy Eucharist

Our worship will start in front of the Historic Chapel, as we gather to bless the palms, followed by a reenactment of Jesus' triumphal procession into Jerusalem.

April 5 – Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. **Foot washing, Holy Eucharist, and Stripping of the Altar**

This powerful liturgy commemorates Jesus' final night with his disciples before his betrayal and arrest. Foot washing is an optional activity for those who wish to experience one of the key events of the Last Supper.

April 6 – Good Friday

12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

Liturgy of Good Friday

A solemn liturgy with no communion, this service recalls Jesus' death on a cross and culminates with the Veneration of the Cross. *The noon service will be held in the Historic Chapel.*

6:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Fourteen stations demarcate the journey of Jesus through his last day. A simple yet touching service that makes clear our Lord's suffering for our sins. *Instead of our usual outdoors circuit, we will attempt an indoors Stations this year in the New Chapel.*

April 7 – Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter

One of our most ancient liturgies, the Great Vigil begins outside with the kindling of the first fire of Easter, from which the Paschal Candle is lit anew. We then process into the chapel, illumined by our hand-held tapers, to hear again the key events of salvation history. Baptisms will be held at this year's Vigil, and *incense will likely be used.*

April 8 – The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite I *in the Historic Chapel*

9:00 a.m. and 11:15a.m.

Festival Holy Eucharist

Come sing your favorite Easter hymns. Bring your bells to ring, and get ready to scream "Alleluia," as we rejoice over Christ's conquest of death.

10:15 a.m.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Our traditional opportunity for the kids to sugar-up on delectable sweets, while we delight in their funny scurry around the grounds.

Meet Bob & Jeanne Williams

Doug Smith



When many of us arrive for the nine o'clock service at Hickory Neck Church on Sundays, we see a Patriots Colony bus waiting to take home some of the 16-18 persons who attend the eight o'clock service. Among them are Bob and Jeanne Williams, octogenarians who attend just about every Sunday.

The couple were high school sweethearts in New Jersey when Bob used to walk Jeanne home each day, a distance of three miles. Bob attended Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. From there he attended Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia where he was awarded a Doctorate of Medicine degree. While in medical school, he married Jeanne and enlisted in the United States Navy as a seaman. He spent his internship and residency in internal medicine at Naval Hospital in Philadelphia.

His Navy career lasted thirty-six

years and he retired with the rank of Vice Admiral. At the time of retirement, Bob was Deputy Surgeon General of the United States Navy. Bob's various assignments included being on the internal medicine staff at the United States Naval Hospital in Yokosuka, Japan; chief of medicine and executive officer at the Naval Hospital in Annapolis; a similar position at the Naval Hospital in Newport, Rhode Island and personnel director in the Department of Defense. Also, he was Commanding Officer of the Naval Hospital in Beaufort, South Carolina; of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland; and three command positions in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, before becoming Deputy Surgeon General. He retired in 1978 and was listed in Who's Who in America in 1978-79 and 1980-81.

After retirement, the Williams' lived in Richmond for twenty six years before moving to Williamsburg in 2001. While in Richmond, Bob was very active in the Church of the Redeemer in Chesterfield County. He served on the vestry as senior and junior warden. He was a teller, lay reader, chairman of every member canvass, member of a search committee, chalice and usher. Bob was also active in the Diocese of Southern Virginia serving on the executive board of the Diocese under Bishops Vache and Vest. At Hickory Neck, he is a lay

reader and chalice. They have both attended Cursillo weekends in the diocese.

Jeanne is an accomplished painter and has knitting and making silk flowers as her hobbies. Bob has been a very active member of the James River Kiwanis Club of Richmond for over 25 years. He has been a ham radio operator, holds its highest license and still is very active in that field. His other interests include photography, golf, fishing, sailing, reading, music and travel. Bob enjoys his computer which he says "is a new experience every day." Bob and Jeanne had three children, one of whom is deceased. A son is a physician in Roanoke and a daughter is a teacher, who once taught deaf children.

What Bob and Jeanne like about Hickory Neck is "the congeniality of the people and the degree to which people participate in church functions. They believe Father Michael Delk and Associate Rector Ann Dieterle are "outstanding and excellent in their jobs and very conscious of congregational needs." We're glad to have you on board, Bob and Jeanne. Your voyages through life have been an inspiration to us all.

Visit Hickory Neck on the web at www.hickoryneck.org

April Celebrations



Birthdays

- 1 - Jim Smack
- 1 - Lucas Barnes
- 3 - Corey Paul
- 4 - Joan Siegel
- 7 - Bill Small
- 7 - De Fehrenbach
- 9 - Babe Transue
- 11 - Marcia Kirkpatrick
- 11 - Jim Dickey
- 12 - Merri Kelly
- 13 - Ambler Loving
- 13 - Lauris Zeni
- 13 - Brian Hanlon
- 13 - Ashley Cicero
- 13 - Caroline Miller
- 16 - Jake Kelly
- 16 - Chuck Jundt
- 19 - Katherine Arcement
- 19 - Mary Brittain
- 20 - Mary Everson
- 20 - Carol Hearn
- 21 - Pat Kirk
- 22 - Daniel Zoellner
- 24 - Carol Smith
- 24 - Betty Somloi
- 26 - Carol Fraize
- 27 - Laura Burkett
- 27 - Melissa Burkett
- 28 - Carol Goff
- 28 - Amber Deal
- 29 - Char Molrine
- 29 - Brian Manning
- 30 - Shirley Henderson

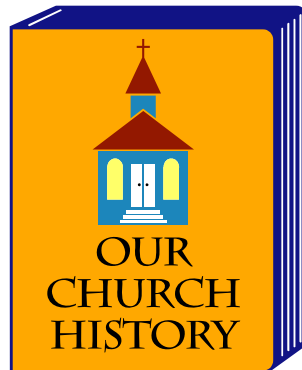
Anniversaries

- 5 - Christine Miller & Brian Hanlon
- 6 - Mary Jo & Doug Smith
- 21 - Brenda & Tony Cicero
- 24 - Nancy & Robert Fedorisko
- 30 - Karen & John Dutro

If your birthday or anniversary is this month and you are not listed above, please send the appropriate information to nansteve13@cox.net or call us at (804) 557-3175.

Hickory Neck As A Military Hospital

Martha McCartney



Throughout the spring and summer of 1781, there was sporadic military action throughout James City County. Pitched combat occurred at Spencer's Ordinary in Centerville in April and the Battle of Green Spring was fought in July. Sites in various parts of the county served as military encampments. During August 1781 the Continental Army used Hickory Neck, Blisland Parish's Lower Church, as a hospital. Dr. Thomas Tud Tucker, the physician in charge, dispatched a letter to Charles Lord Cornwallis, requesting the release of apothecary's mate Evan Lewis and three other men employed in the hospital at Hickory Neck so that they could "do their duty to the sick." He said that his

men had been on the way to Williamsburg to procure medical supplies when they were captured by a group of British soldiers, who sent them to Yorktown. Dr. Tucker informed Cornwallis that the men receiving medical care at Hickory Neck had been evacuated from Yorktown when the British took over and had served in Charleston, South Carolina. On August 17, 1781 Dr. John Lehman, junior surgeon of the Continental Hospital at Hickory Neck Church, compiled a list of the 35 patients then under his care, all of whom were "admitted here the 6th of August," and made note of their afflictions. The men, who came from North and South Carolina, the Maryland Line, the Virginia Line and the Navy, suffered from a variety of gastro-intestinal disorders and some had what politely could be termed social diseases. One man had a shoulder wound, probably the result of combat. Hickory Neck's welcoming shade trees and nearness to a spring would have provided sick and weary soldiers with much needed sanctuary.



Organ Appeal

Ed Godshall, Organist/Choirmaster



Youth Corner

Most parishioners of Hickory Neck are aware that we have a historically significant pipe organ in our New Chapel, originally built by Jesse Woodberry in 1901. It is listed on the Organ Database Historical website. If you want to look it up, the web address is: <http://organsociety.bsc.edu/SingleOrganDetails.php?OrganID=23779>.

The organ was given outright to Hickory Neck by Old Donation Church in Virginia Beach. We paid for its disassembly in Virginia Beach, storage for over a year and then the reassembling in our nave - an astonishingly small cost to pay to obtain an organ which today would cost over \$100,000 to purchase new.

Since Old Donation had determined to replace the instrument, some maintenance was deferred. Although the storage was climate controlled, this and the process of moving, taking apart, and reconstructing the organ has taken an additional toll. This organ, unlike many pipe organs which are built today, has a completely mechanical action. When a key is depressed, a series of levers moves to open the hole under the pipe which lets the air in. Over time this mechanical action has become stiff and unresponsive. It needs a complete overhaul including adjusting and lubrication in order to work expressively again.

Another concern is what is called "voicing" in technical organ jargon. When a pipe organ is built, each pipe is made to sound a particular way so that the organ sounds

"right" in the room in which it is to be played. Our organ was rebuilt in 1980 and voiced to sound right in the nave of Old Donation Church. The acoustical environment there is totally different from our nave and the organ doesn't sound its best here. Tonal regulation to make the organ fit the room would greatly enhance the quality of its sound. The wooden pipes which are inside the case of the organ have stoppers in them which enable them to produce the correct pitch and to aid in tuning. These stoppers are rimmed with leather so that the stopper can be moved up and down and will stay in place when the correct level is set. A number of the stoppers have leather which is disintegrating and need to be replaced.

We have a proposal from Central Pipe Organ Service to do these repairs for just under \$8,000. The Vestry has designated the special envelope offering at Easter to help pay for this overdue maintenance. There is a second proposal to consider and that involves adding a set of diapason pipes to the organ which will enhance its sound, versatility, and ability to accompany hymn singing. The cost of this proposal is just over \$12,000. If the amount of money the Easter offering produces is in excess of the amount needed for the overdue maintenance work, the additional funds will be put toward this goal. The repairs and the addition of the diapason pipes will assure that the organ will sound its best and that it will serve its purpose well for many years to come.

Relay For Life

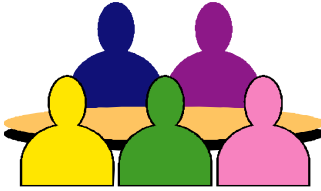
It's almost time to RELAY! This year's Relay for Life is June 8-9 at Jamestown High School. If you are interested in joining the Hickory Neck Heavenly Hikers, there are sign up sheets on the front desk at the Parish House. Kids and adults are welcome!

Spaghetti-to-Go

Save your appetite! Bert Geddy and the Heavenly Hikers are gearing up to sell their famous Spaghetti-to-Go dinners to raise money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. We will be taking orders on Sunday, April 15th and dinners will be available for purchase on Sunday, April 22nd. Dinners include a jar of Bert Geddy's delicious homemade sauce, a box of spaghetti, and a fresh loaf of bread. The dinner will serve a family of 4 - \$10.00 per dinner.

Thank you

Thanks to everyone who came out to support the youth group during the Lenten Suppers, and their effort to raise money for Mother Lauren's work in Sudan. It was another successful year and we hope to present Mother Lauren with a check when she visits Hickorey Neck Church again. Special thanks to our soup chefs, Nancy Geddes and Michael Wilson, and to all the parents who provided the delicious bread.



Vestry Highlights

Eve Butler-Gee Register

The Vestry of Hickory Neck Church was assembled in regular session on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, in the Parish House. The minutes of the February, 2007 Vestry meeting and the Treasurer's report were both approved. The Junior Warden reported that the new, streamlined Time and Talent survey form was completed and ready for use for new members and that the Stewardship Committee had met and considered several stewardship opportunities. The Senior Warden reported that the insurance inventory had been completed by all parties and that all Vestry members and committees were performing very well. The Rector reported that the Commission on Ministry of the Diocese of Southern Virginia had officially granted Bob Gay aspirancy to the vocational diaconate; the cross for the sanctuary was completed and would be positioned in the sanctuary on Saturday, March 17th; and the Parish Visioning Process is well subscribed with the first of the groups to meet on Thursday, March 15th. The Vestry received reports from the Pastoral Care and Worship Committees, and approved an expenditure to perform certain emergency repairs to the organ.

The Vestry also, with regret, released Katrina Luksovsky, who is moving to Florida with her family, from her Vestry duties effective on the receipt of her written resignation. The next regular meeting of the Vestry meeting will be on Tuesday, April 10, 2007.

Please note that the official minutes of the March Vestry Meeting will be approved at the April meeting and published on the church web page following that meeting.

Surely The Presence Of The Lord!

Ben Manning

As most of you know, on November 14, 2006, I had the misfortune of breaking two vertebrae and suffered severe trauma to my hips and legs. This was a very frightening time for my family and me. However, I was blessed and overwhelmed by the outpouring of concern and prayers for my recovery. The expressions of Christian faith, love and caring helped me through some very difficult days. I've come from being bedridden, to using a walker, then a cane and now walking a mile daily at the mall. Throughout this journey I have felt and continue to feel the power, comfort and healing of prayer.

On Tuesday, February 6, my doctor removed my back brace and gave me the green light to resume a normal life with some limitations and discomfort until my back muscles strengthen. Soon I'll be back to my daily two mile walk and a normal routine. Also on February 26, I went back to work and commute daily to Ft. Lee, near Petersburg, Virginia.

During this time of suffering, and

recovery, I have received so much strength from my family and from my Christian family. I must say it again, I'm truly blessed! Surely the presence of the Lord is in our lives and our being. Thank you for being with me by the strength of your prayers and through our faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Editors Note: This note was published in the March Nuggets; however, several lines were missing so it is being published again in the April Nuggets.

Nugget Notes

At Hickory Neck, we welcome everyone to participate in everything freely, member or non-member. However, if you would like to become an official member of Hickory Neck, we want to make that happen for you. Simply call our office, 566-0276, or speak to **Father Michael** or **Pastor Ann**. There are several ways to join. If you have not yet been baptized, we would be overjoyed to speak with you about receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. If you are already baptized, we can transfer you in as a baptized member, and if your letter of membership resides in another congregation, we can write them and affect the transfer. Official membership entitles a person to vote and stand as a candidate in parish elections, but making the commitment of membership is also a good way to affirm your commitment to the mission of Jesus Christ in this place.

Cursillo Men's Weekend #132 will be held April 13th through 15th at Camp Chanco. For applications to attend this fantastic weekend, contact team members: **Mayes Mathews** (566-0928), **Rick Garfield** (566-3538) or **Tom Martin** (564-1271).



Scenes from the cross raising during the first spring workday held on March 17th. Clockwise from the top left: helping hands bringing the cross into the nave, Don Seeterlin and Paul Casanave have their “ups” and “downs” as they search for the right height, and finally, a job well done!

Ultreya will meet on April 21st at Bruton Parish. On May 19th Hickory Neck will be the host at 6:30 p.m.

Shrine Mont 2007 convenes July 15-19 in Orkney Springs, Virginia. The theme is Mending the Sacred Hoop: The Significance, Failure and Promise of Jamestown. Cost for the 4-day conference is \$399.00. Registration brochures are available at the Parish House.

The Festival of Flowers Committee will be putting the Easter flowers together Saturday, April 7th. Please come join the fun and help deco-

rate the two chapels. We will meet in the New Chapel at 9:30 a.m. Food and drink will be provided. There will be work for all skill levels. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Laroche at

bmlaroche@aol.com.

The 2007 Flower Calendar is posted in the Parish House. Please sign up for the Sunday you would like to celebrate.



(as of 2/28/2007)

YTD Budget Income	\$ 56,876.16
YTD Actual Income	\$ 63,715.55
YTD Budget Expenses	\$ 56,876.16
YTD Actual Expenses	\$ 59,098.14
Loan Balances	\$636,911.00
(as of 3-1-07)	



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"Rooted in history and embracing the future, through Christ"

Sabbatical Update

The Very Reverend Michael L. Delk

By the time you read this, there will be just over a month left before the beginning of my three-month sabbatical, which starts May 7th. I'll be returning August 8th, and in between those dates, I plan to delve into a body of reading that will help make me a better educated person and priest. I will also attend a week-long CREDO conference in North Carolina, designed to aid clergy in articulating a clear vision for their ministry, while also helping clergy reflect deeply on their spiritual health. Another week will be devoted to the second in a series of four sessions of the Clergy Leadership Project in West Cornwall, Connecticut. The first session was extremely helpful in opening new horizons for me in terms of how to be a better leader, and I expect that the second session will be even more powerful. I also plan to visit Kentucky for a month to reconnect with family and take a solitary retreat for further reflection. I am confident that this time away will help refresh my perspective and lead me to new insights about where God wants Hickory Neck to go over the next several years.

While I am away, you will be led pastorally and spiritually by our Associate, the Reverend Ann Dieterle, while the Wardens and Vestry will see after the temporal matters of the parish. Life will continue as normal, and I hope that this sabbatical period will prove refreshing for the people of the parish as well. Upon my return in August, a series of casual small group gatherings will be scheduled, so that everyone has a chance to get caught up on what happened over the preceding three months. I look forward to that time together, and I offer my thanks for the opportunity to take this pause from full-time ministry during the tenth year of my priesthood.



Sunday, April 8th
10:15 a.m.



Many thanks to Tony Casanave for again contributing so much by crafting the beautiful new cross that now hangs in our Nave, and to Don Seeterlin and Paul Casanave for leading the effort to put it in place.



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