



Hickory Neck Nuggets

Hickory Neck Parish Episcopal Church

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Three Months Gone By The Reverend Ann Dieterle

It seems hard to believe, but it has been almost three months since we said farewell to Father Michael for a three month sabbatical. Those three months are almost over, and there are a number of ways that we've planned to welcome him back, and to learn about his experiences while he's been away.

largely free form question and answer. Although the parish picnic is an annual event and not specifically planned for this purpose, the picnic, scheduled for Sunday, August 12th at 5:00 p.m. will also be a great opportunity to welcome Father Michael back and

tion and getting re-connected. Sign-ups are posted on our new kiosk in the narthex. We have selected times that have worked for small group gatherings in the past. You will notice on the sign-ups that there is a desired maximum of 15 persons for each gathering - for the sole reason



Monday, August 13 th	7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 15 th	10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, August 15 th	7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 16 th	9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, August 18 th	9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Monday, August 20 th	7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 23 rd	9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, August 23 rd	7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



The first is two large group gatherings. On Sunday, August 12th, Father Michael's first Sunday back, we will have a "Welcome Home" reception at 10:15 a.m. The following Sunday, August 19th, there will be an Adult Forum in the narthex of the new chapel, also at 10:15 a.m. The format for this session will be

get caught up.

In addition to the large group activities, we also have scheduled a series of small group gatherings at Hickory Neck, the schedule for which is above. There will be no structure or agenda to these gatherings - they are simply opportunities for conversa-

that this will maximize the benefit of the format for these gatherings.

We hope that these opportunities, including the "Welcome Home Reception," the Adult Forum, and the Small Group Gatherings, will help us all get reunited.

Organ Update

Ed Godshall
Organist/ChoirMaster

I have been overjoyed at the response of the Hickory Neck Congregation to the request for donations to accomplish the work on our 1901 Woodberry pipe organ. You may remember that the vestry agreed to proceed with this work in two phases.

Phase one has been completed. This phase entailed literally taking the organ apart to completely clean and lubricate the entire mechanical action. Additionally, each of the over 650 pipes was "revoiced"; that is, each pipe was removed and reshaped to its original form as necessary in order for it to make its most ideal sound. As the work progressed many other parts of the mechanism were repaired. For example, two frozen screws which enable the action to "float" were loosened; the wind indicator was made to function again; the rotted leather linings of the stoppers of the wooden pipes were replaced. Phase one has been a great success. The individual stops of the organ now blend better than ever. Solo combinations on one keyboard are no longer overpowered by the accompaniment stops on the other keyboard. The mixture stop no longer shrieks. And there have been many other improvements too numerous to mention here. All the work done has made the Hickory Neck organ a much better and more useful musical instru-

ment than it previously was.

We are currently only about \$2,500 under our goal of raising \$12,000 to finish phase two of the improvements. This phase involves the addition of a complete rank of 61 pipes of an Open Diapason stop to the instrument. The Open Diapason was probably the most important of the original stops of the organ, but it was doubtless lost in one of the moves the organ made in the last century. The addition of this missing stop to the organ will increase its usefulness in several ways. It will add the sound which is known as the "backbone" or foundation of organ tone. This will increase the variety of sounds available and it will also multiply the possible combinations of stops. Perhaps most importantly it will be a boon to the instrument's usefulness as a vehicle to accompany congregational singing, which, after all, is the primary purpose of an organ in church.

The Open Diapason rank and its corresponding wind chest are on order from an organ pipe manufacturing company. We hope to be able to install it in late September or October.



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 Hick-

ory 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.

Eighteen members of Hickory Neck Church attended the banquet on July 12th in support of Vibrant Life Ministries. They are to be commended for supporting the cause of homeless people. Many opportunities exist to express ongoing concern by helping the clients of this ministry as it expands from single men to single women and families. Anyone who would like to find out more about this ministry, contact **John Greenman** at 564-3221 or johng1940@widomaker.com.

The little pink flags got your attention, didn't they! Speculation is rampant and imagination is flying high. Well, here is the answer. You will recall that when we had a site plan drawn up after we acquired the additional property we included an area for cemetery expansion. We recently had the outer bounds of the existing cemetery and the proposed expansion surveyed and marked. The next step will be to have the plots in the new area platted. After this is completed, we will let you
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Spotlight on Laurie Brown

Carol Goff



For many reasons, the word "Special" goes with the name, Laurie Brown, our "Spotlight" person for this month. Laurie is one of those rare persons who is a true "native" of Williamsburg. She was born and raised here, graduated from The College of William and Mary, and then permanently established her home and career here. It's not often that you meet someone who has lived and worked their entire lives in our city. Laurie remembers when there were exactly two stoplights in Williamsburg and has lost count of the number of times she has attended the annual "Occasion for the Arts" in Merchants Square.

Laurie has one of those comprehensive minds that embrace understanding and enthusiasm for both technology and artistic expression. After majoring in Fine Arts and American Studies at William and

Mary, Laurie joined the curatorial department at Colonial Williamsburg, but as the internet and all its possibilities grew during the mid-90's, Laurie began to teach herself about websites and in 1996 moved from curatorial tasks to setting up Colonial Williamsburg's very first website. In 1999, she joined a company called GuideStar which was founded and has its national headquarters here. GuideStar administers the national database for the 1.5 million nonprofit organizations registered with the IRS. Its mission is to promote transparency and accountability for all these groups at one reference point. If you have ever contributed to a nonprofit via the internet, you have encountered GuideStar or if you are seeking information about a nonprofit organization, you can access www.guidestar.org to educate yourself about a particular nonprofit program. Laurie has worked her way to being GuideStar's Creative Director and as its Webmaster, she works on graphics, designs, and layouts that are compatible with user need. As she playfully describes her job, "I get paid to color!"

Each week, Laurie takes a "busman's holiday" and applies her skills to the Hickory Neck website, posting new materials and making changes. She devotes two to six hours a week toward keeping our website up to date. This summer

she is working on a re-design of the site. Laurie wants to keep the Hickory Neck website as both a "family album" which reflects the warmth of our church, as well as an effective informational tool to reach out to others outside the Hickory Neck family circle. Thus, another reason for Laurie's "specialness" is her combining both her daily vocation and her avocation -- the Hickory Neck website.

Laurie pursues a wide variety of leisure time interests. She has her own studio in her home where she works with acrylics and produces abstract paintings. She is an avid reader of both mysteries and of current publications about technology. Also, she is an avid walker who tries to get ten miles in every week. She loves to travel and has been to both England and Italy and is hoping to make Ireland and Paris next. Her husband has lured her into sharing his interest in sports and much to her surprise, she has become an ice hockey fan, enjoying its fast pace and excitement.

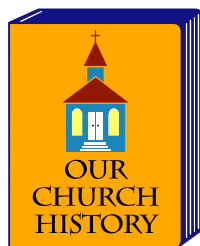
Finally, Laurie is a Hickory Neck contributor. In addition to being our webmaster, she serves as lector, chalice, choir member, and in 2006 was the

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director for the annual Cursillo Weekend at Camp Chanco, building the team that makes the three day weekend such a "special" experience for the participants. This month we salute Laurie Brown and honor all her special skills, interests, and gifts to Hickory Neck.

Chickahominy Church, Hickory Neck's Near Neighbor

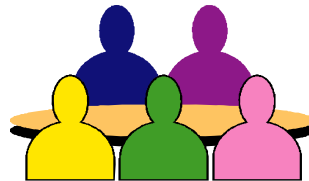
Martha McCartney



During the 1720s an Anglican house of worship known as the Chickahominy Church was erected a few miles southeast of what became known as Toano. It served the upper (or western-most) part of James City Parish, which was then more than 20 miles long and abutted ancient Blisland Parish, in which Hickory Neck was located. During the American Revolution the Marquis de Lafayette and his men encamped upon the grounds of the Chickahominy Church, then a well known local landmark. In early July 1781 Lafayette's advanced units were positioned at the church and at nearby Norvell's Mill. After the Battle of Green Spring, the church reportedly was used as a hospital.

After the disestablishment of Virginia's State Church, the Chickahominy Church prob-

ably was abandoned. However, local people continued to use its old graveyard. In 1845 Robert Morris, a licensed Baptist preacher, gave a sermon in the Chickahominy Church. According to local tradition, the building was used occasionally by Episcopalians until it burned during the 1860s. Around 1865 a structure known as the Chickahominy Baptist Church was built by an African-American congregation upon the land once occupied by colonial Chickahominy Church. Today, a historical marker on Route 60 points the way to the eighteenth century church site.



Vestry Highlights

Eve Butler-Gee Register

The Vestry of Hickory Neck Church was assembled in regular session on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, in the Parish House. The minutes of the June, 2007 Vestry meeting and the Treasurer's report were both approved.

The Junior Warden reported that: of the 231 families who need to have photographs taken for the new directory, only 97 photographs have been taken so far; only 52 Time and Talent Forms had been turned in and the new Parish data base cannot be completed until many more Time and Talent forms are turned in.

The Outreach Council heard from Jan Brown from Spirit Works at its

last meeting and 17 members of Hickory Neck Church will be attending the Vibrant Life dinner at the Ukrops meeting room on Mooretown Road. Four or five young people from our church may be participating in the mission trip to Mississippi sponsored by the Diocese of Southern Virginia (provided that per person attendance fees can be funded and a Hickory Neck Church adult can accompany them).

The Senior Warden reported that an article explaining the purpose of the little pink flags in the field in the front of the New Chapel will be published in the forthcoming Epistle; and he requested that Committee chairpersons advise Hope Brans of their regular meeting schedules so that they can be added to the calendar.

The Associate Rector reported that: Father Michael Delk has been elected by the Convocation to the Nominating and New Ministry Committee. The Christian Formation schedule is being prepared for the fall. The youth celebrated an end of the year party on Saturday, June 30th (regular youth activities will resume after Labor Day) and that a retreat for the youth is being planned for some time in August. Pamela Maddox-Jefferson has agreed to be a youth advisor.

The Vestry received informal reports on various topics including: the progress of the VAST committee; plans for the Parish Picnic; the Godly Play Diocesan Training; progress report on the creation of a display case for the Hickory Neck Church Book of Remembrance; and on various Buildings and Grounds repairs. The next regular meeting of the Vestry meeting will be on Tuesday, August 14, 2007.

August Celebrations



Birthdays

- 1 - Wade Wirt
- 1 - Emily Wirt
- 2 - Ervin Best
- 2 - Kris Arcement
- 2 - Gay Forloine
- 3 - Ann Dickey
- 7 - George Loving
- 7 - Jeffrey Seiler
- 8 - Bunky Garfield
- 8 - Peter Haines
- 10 - Martha Millhouse
- 11 - Norman Forde
- 12 - Susan Banks
- 13 - Brette Miller
- 13 - Lisa Small
- 13 - Andrew Small
- 15 - Laurie Brown
- 16 - Ben Lensenmeyer
- 16 - Sam Lensenmeyer
- 17 - Tanya White
- 20 - Ann Sloan
- 20 - Amanda Meszaros
- 22 - Greg Henderson
- 22 - Ray Kindley
- 24 - Karen Buckley
- 24 - Ann Burkett
- 24 - Kyle Luksovsky
- 25 - Steve Snyder
- 25 - Martha McCartney
- 26 - Kathy Balentine
- 28 - Alison Bailes
- 28 - Ann Bartholomay
- 28 - Wilson Simmons
- 30 - Janet Parsons

30 - Jodi Paul

Anniversaries

- 2 - Anne & Ralph Stone
- 4 - Carol & David Goff
- 5 - Denise & James Deal
- 6 - Carol & Rin Fraize
- 6 - Claudia & Rich Lawson
- 7 - Janet & Ken Parsons
- 8 - Paula & Dave Simmons
- 20 - Terri & Rich Keffert
- 23 - Pam & Kevin Maddox-Jefferson
- 25 - Shirley & Norman Forde
- 25 - Betty & Hoover Lide
- 25 - Jennie & John McCray

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.

Seventh Annual Hickory Neck Fall Festival

Lauris Zeni

Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, September 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. so you won't miss the fun at Hickory Neck's Seventh Annual Fall Festival. This year there will be a variety of activities and events for everyone to enjoy. You'll want to observe the joy on the faces of the children as they jump in the moon bounce, ride horses, pet alpacas, have their faces painted, and complete art projects.; have a delicious lunch choosing from menu items including home cooked Brunswick Stew, Barbeque, Navy Bean Soup, and desserts beyond your yummiest imagining; purchase arts and crafts by the talented artisans of our church and the surrounding community; browse through attic Treas-

ures offering unusual, one of a kind items for sale; bid on the unique Silent Auction items which you will purchase at just your price; check out the awesome cars at the Classic Car Show; take a tour of the historic Hickory Neck Chapel and doing all this while listening to a variety of music.

As you take advantage of all the happenings around our church campus on September 29th, keep in mind that 100% of the dollars you spend will be used to fill a need in our community. Hickory Neck is proud to support the Angels of Mercy Clinic, serving uninsured and underinsured patients needing medical care; Faith in Action, supporting elderly, chronically ill or disabled adults striving to live in their own homes; Vibrant Life Ministries, providing food, clothing, shelter, transportation, for the homeless in our area; as well as other local charitable organizations. Last year we raised close to \$12,000 for this effort and hope to top that amount this year.

In addition to attending the festival, also consider becoming one of the "faces" of the Fall Festival working to make it a huge success. Our success can contribute to putting a smile on someone's face that deserves an improved quality of life. If you can help, contact Lauris Zeni at 757-345-2293 or email her at lezeni@juno.com or contact Mark Kintner at 757-741-2051 or email him at mak1915@cox.net, to let them know where you would like to donate your time.

Spirituality and Growth

The Reverend Ann Dieterle

As you're reading this, we're about one month away from the official end of summer. The tourists will be gone, Duke of Gloucester (or familiarly known as D.O.G.) Street will start to empty, the kids will go back to school, and the rhythm of life will pick up where it left off. And the rhythm of life will pick up for us here at the church, too - in particular, the Christian Formation schedule. (How is that for a segue?)

Christian formation is an important part of our worship. The study that we do in the Parish House (and elsewhere) enhances the worship we do in the nave (and vice-versa). It gives us an opportunity to learn and ask questions with others who are seeking to follow Christ - an opportunity that doesn't present very often in other places. It helps us to follow Jesus more closely. It empowers us in our lives and in our ministries. And it enriches our days and our journeys.

Below you will find the fall schedule through the Sunday before Thanksgiving. In addition to what is listed, we plan to form at least two additional classes at a time other than Sunday morning.

Sunday Morning Schedule
(10:15 a.m.)

Sunday School Registration and Adult Formation Fall Preview

August 26th
Parish House
Sunday, August 26th will be a busy morning in the Parish House! Children ages three through grade five and their parents are invited to visit their classrooms and meet the teachers as they register for Sunday School, while older youth and adults are invited to a 'sneak preview' of fall classes and studies - including Sunday morning and mid-week opportunities.

Pastoral Care Ministries
September 9th

Parish House
Have you joined us in prayers for a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) at the conclusion of Sunday worship and wondered exactly what that was? Have you ever found yourself unable to get to church, wishing someone might bring you to church, or bring church to you, but didn't know who or how to ask? Do you feel called to serve Christ through pastoral ministries to others, but aren't sure how you can do that? Come and join us for this session for the answer to these and many questions concerning the breadth and depth of Pastoral Ministries here at Hickory Neck. This will be led by Pastor Ann and others.

Beyond the Lectionary
September 16th, 23rd, and 30th
Parish House

The lectionary is a strength and blessing of liturgical churches. It exposes us to a significant amount of Scripture over a three year period. We hear those stories often, and that repetition allows us to write them on our hearts. There is a

weakness, however, and that is that there are important stories and books of scripture that we miss altogether. During this class, we'll look at three separate stories that are not included in our current lectionary. In a format that combines presentation and small group discussion and question and answers, we'll explore the significance of these texts, and what it has to teach us today.

Evil

October 14th, 21st, 28th and November 4th, 11th and 18th

Parish House

Intrigued, aren't you? Come and find out what this class is all about. This will be led by The Reverend Michael Delk.

Weekday Activities

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Parish House

This is an on-going study and women's group. Please call the Parish office if interested for the current topic of study. Mary Brittain is the leader of this group.

Education For Ministry (EFM)

EFM is an extension program of the School of Theology at Sewanee. It is a four year program that covers the Old Testament, the New Testament, Church History and Theology. EFM is a great way to study the Bible and the traditions of the Church, but just as importantly, it is a way to connect with a community of Christians to learn how God is

calling you to ministry at this time and in this place. Daniel Wetta is the mentor. Although it is a four year program, students commit to one year at a time. There is a tuition fee as continuing education units (or CEUs) are available. If interested, please call Daniel or Pastor Ann. We are currently scheduling an informational meeting.

Also, be on the lookout for these one or two session workshops:

Unplugging the Christmas Machine (October)

The Children's Christmas Music Festival (December)

Nugget Notes

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know in the fall, with complete detail, how you may reserve a plot. As many of you know, there are no plots available in the existing cemetery. In the meantime, stay safe and well!

Our kiosk is up and ready in the Narthex. There will be some specific Parish items posted there, but if you want anything added, it must go through the office first.

The new black and white Hickory Neck Family Church Directory needs you! We have 100 of the 240 "families" we hope to include, so we're off to a great start. Regular visitors are part of our family too. We are not able to use the photos from the Olin Mills Directory, so please smile for willing photographers at the Sunday services. If you prefer to use a digital photo of your own, please email it to hbrans@hickoryneck.org.

We have a revised "Time and Tal-

ent" sheet to make better use of your talents and generous gifts of time. You may pick one up in the Narthex. Please place your completed sheet in the box provided in the Narthex or mail to the church office. Many thanks from all the team leaders for your help in this.

Summer solstice is here and the heat is on! Not only is the mercury rising outside, but it is also rising in the narthex of the new chapel. Not to panic; the air conditioning is working fine. It is the mercury on the Capital Campaign thermometer that is rising in the narthex. As you know, we are winding up on the third year of the campaign that began in November 2004 to raise funds to build the new chapel. We are close to reaching the total amount pledged: \$1,241,246.00. Please help the mercury to rise steadily over the next few months and exceed our goal!

Have you stopped to enjoy the coffee hour between the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services? Most of you have, of course. The volunteers who prepare this for you know that there's as much fellowship in the preparation as in the partaking. **Lynn Geddy** oversees this ministry and would love to have you join the preparation team. Join her August 19th or September 30th when she's on duty and she'll show you the very easy ropes, or give her



Sunday, August 12th

5:00 p.m.

Hickory Neck Grounds

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. There will be fun and games for all. Bring your lawn chairs or blanket.

a call at 566-0234.

Unfortunately, our church expenses do not take vacation. Please keep a smile on our Treasurer's face by keeping your pledge up to date over the summer months.

The Bishop is coming! Interim Bishop John Buchanan is scheduled to visit Hickory Neck on Sunday, November 4th. One of the things that Bishops can do that Priests cannot is confirm persons. Anyone who is considering confirmation should contact **Pastor Ann** at the church office to discuss the meaning



(as of 6/30/2007)

YTD Budget Income	\$170,628.48
YTD Actual Income	\$166,880.46
YTD Budget Expenses	\$170,628.48
YTD Actual Expenses	\$173,690.18
Loan Balances	\$612,473.00
(as of 7-1-07)	



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

of confirmation, and the upcoming confirmation preparation classes (to start in early September and run through October).

Holy Places

The Reverend Ann Dieterle

Every now and again I like to just walk the grounds here on the campus of Hickory Neck. I don't do it as often as I'd like, or maybe even as often as I should - but a few weeks ago, I found myself in the historic chapel, reading the visitor's book. I was astonished to see how many new entries there were - and most of them were not from Sunday services, but were instead from weekday visitors, people who stopped by because they found it of historic interest, and others who dropped by because it was, in their words, "a holy place."

I know from parishioners, visitors and from my own experience what a holy, spirit-filled place this is. I'm thankful that people are able to come here from all over and feel the presence of God. We all need holy places - places where we are overwhelmed with God's presence, God's grace, and God's peace.

I have several holy places and they

August Schedule of Fellowship and Formation

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| August 5 th | Reception Sponsored by the Liturgical Clowns, Parish House |
| August 12 th | Welcome Home Reception for Father Michael, Narthex |
| August 19 th | Forum on Sabbatical, Narthex |
| August 26 th | Sunday School Registration for children age 3 to Grade 5. Fall Preview for Adults, Parish House |
| September 2 nd | Labor Day Weekend, Fellowship Only |

are scattered around the country. One is the Diocesan Camp in Live Oak, Florida. It is called Camp Weed after Bishop Weed. I served as a camp counselor there for two summers and attended around a dozen renewal weekends from 1995 - 2002. I heard my first call to ministry there. I met a lot of my life-long friends there. I fell in love there. Every time I think of that place, it brings back those memories and experiences. It is a significant part of what

Frederick Buechner would call my "Sacred Journey."

I hope that you have a holy place. If it is not Hickory Neck, I hope that there is somewhere that you go where you are surrounded by the presence of God - where memories of blessed moments come flooding back to you and where the whispers of answered prayers remind you of God's love.

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