



Hickory Neck Nuggets

Hickory Neck Parish Episcopal Church

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What Next?

March 15

The Visioning Process Begins

We need the wisdom of each member to discern properly God's purpose for us in the future.

Sign up for a day and time on the sheets provided

Thursday 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., starting March 15

Sunday 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., starting March 18

Monday 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., starting March 19

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – noon, starting March 21

Father Michael will teach a special Adult Forum on Sunday, March 4 and 11 at 10:15 to provide a foundation of knowledge for what "visioning" is.

“Diocesan Council Returns to Williamsburg”

by The Reverend Michael L. Delk

On February 9 – 11, the Diocese of Southern Virginia convened for its 115th Annual Council in Williamsburg. Among many business items addressed, perhaps the one resolution with the greatest import was presented by the Standing Committee, which recommended that the diocese set a date of May 9, 2008 for the election of a new bishop. This proposal passed by a large majority, setting in motion a series of events that will lead to the formation of a final slate of candidates by spring 2008. More information will be forthcoming about the formation of a diocesan profile and the solicitation of prospective candidates.

Elections for a variety of offices were held at Council. The Rev. Mollie Douglas-Turner, an Associate at Bruton Parish, was elected to a three-year term on the Standing Committee, as was Mr. Tom Bell of St. Matthias, Midlothian. The Standing Committee consists of three clergy and three laity, each serving rotating three-year terms. The Standing Committee is the core leadership group of a diocese, acting in a collaborative yet balancing relationship with the bishop.

The Rev. John Boucher (St. Matthias, Midlothian) and Ms. Barbara Bean (St. John's, Hopewell) were elected to three-year terms on the Provincial Synod. Southern Virginia is part of Province III, which encompasses those dio-

ceses of the mid-Atlantic seaboard. A Province is the intermediary adjudicatory between a diocese and the national church. It should also be noted in connection with this election that our own Mr. Bob Gay was made Vice-President of Province III late last year.

Elected to three-year terms on the Ecclesiastical Court were: The Rev. Michael Delk, The Rev. Susan Grimm (St. John's, Chase City & St. Timothy's, Clarksville), and Ms. Nettie Bailey (St. Cyrpian's, Hampton). The Ecclesiastical Court comprises the judicial branch of a diocese and chiefly deals with serious breaches of canon law by clergy.

The Rev. Ann Dieterle was reappointed to the Commission on Ministry, and Mr. Bill Forloine was appointed as a Director of the Diocesan Mission and Ministry Foundation Board.

Several canonical resolutions were considered at Council. Canonical resolutions change the laws that govern our life as a diocese. Most of the canonical changes were technical and long overdue, dealing with classification of various types of congregations and their relative status. One major canonical change [C-2] involved reconstituting the Executive Board, which serves as a sort of Vestry for the diocese.

Up until now, the Executive Board was proportionally representative. This meant that the Jamestown Convocation, of which we are a part, received several representatives, because approximately one-

quarter of all communicants in the diocese affiliate with a congregation in our convocation.

Under the new rules, a more senatorial system has been adopted that will give equal representation to each convocation. While this diminishes the influence of the more populous convocations, the change was necessary in order to fashion an Executive Board of manageable size.

Under the old system, Executive Board had more than forty members, much too large a body to transact the vital business of the diocese. It is hoped that the newly configured Executive Board will be much more efficient and robust. The Jamestown Convocation will be represented on Executive Board by The Reverend Samuel Colley-Toothaker (St. Andrew's, Newport News) and by Mrs. Toni Hogg (St. Martin's, Williamsburg).

In addition to the canonical resolutions, several standard resolutions were debated. R-1 reaffirmed our commitment to the Millennium Development Goals, which encourage dioceses and congregations to devote 0.7% of their income toward fighting poverty and disease around the world. Through our support of Mother Lauren and the Church of the Sudan, Hickory Neck already exceeds that figure.

R-2 reaffirmed our support to anti-racism efforts in the Diocese. R-3 dealt with our diocese's response to the Windsor Report, the document produced by the Anglican Communion in response to the ongoing controversies over human

Diocesan Council (Cont'd) sexuality in the Church. R-3 asked for a series of actions to be taken as a sign of endorsement of the Windsor Report. However, the Council felt that the actions requested were too broad in scope, and that the diocese had already affirmed the Windsor Report at the 114th Council, hence making R-3 redundant. Subsequently, R-3 failed to pass as amended.

R-4 recommended several revisions to the parochial status canons and quickly passed. R-5, which would have changed the dates of Council from Friday through Sunday to Thursday through Saturday was referred to the Executive Board for further study. R-6 moved that the diocese be prohibited from initiating law suits for the reclamation of property seized by departing congregations. It failed overwhelmingly, preserving the diocese's right to protect the property held in trust by the diocese for the Episcopal Church.

Resolutions were also brought by the Committee on the Bishop's Address. Of particular interest, B-1 recommended that the diocese end voluntary giving from constituent congregations and pursue instead the implementation of mandatory apportionments. B-2 suggested that the diocese explore alternative models of ordained leadership, and charged the Commission on Ministry with presenting an action plan on this matter at the 116th Council in February 2008. Both B-1 and B-2 passed.

A number of other courtesy resolutions went before the Council and were passed. These are detailed on our diocesan website, www.diosova.org.

A budget of \$1,965,007 was passed, which provides funds for a variety of ministries and administrative costs, including two recently created and filled positions: Diocesan Christian Formation Director and Diocesan Youth Missioner. You can read more about the persons serving in those roles in the next edition of The Jamestown Cross, or at www.diosova.org. The funding and filling of these positions has been a long-time desire and serious need for the diocese, and it is hoped having these resources available will aid congregations in their ministries toward youth and with all age groups who seek deeper formation in the faith.

If I may take an editorial privilege, the spirit of Council this year was refreshingly peaceful and energetic. There was a sense of confidence and momentum, and very little of the rancor that marred Councils of previous years. I was especially honored to serve with our delegation of Randy Tanner, Nancy Ashiero, Gay Forloine, Rick Garfield, and the Rev. Ann Dieterle, along with our alternate delegates: Bunky Garfield, George Loving, and Bob Williams. Hickory Neck is privileged to be represented in the councils of the diocese by such attentive, conscientious people. If you have further questions about what went on at Council, feel free to ask any of our delegates or alternates, or speak with Ann or me.

BEATING THE BOUNDS By Martha McCartney

By the late 1600's, one of the secular duties that Virginia's parish vestries performed was "processioning." In accord with the law, every four years, vestries were obliged to summon local landowners. Then, two or more vestrymen, accompanied by the owners of neighboring tracts, would "procession" or walk those properties' boundaries. Old survey markers (such blaze or chop-marks on a line of trees) that had become indistinct could be renewed. Processioning undoubtedly helped to maintain peace within the community by preventing boundary line disputes. Moreover, the procedure confirmed time-honored boundaries. Blisland Parish's colonial vestry minutes identify by name those who served as processioners and note that their "returns" (the information the processioners compiled) had been duly recorded. In some colonial parishes, boundary line descriptions were entered directly into the vestry minutes. After the Civil War, some of the Tidewater Virginia counties whose antebellum court records had been lost or destroyed deployed groups of processioners who attempted to reestablish land boundaries and ownership traditions. James City County was one of the areas in which that technique was employed.



Visit our website at www.hickoryneck.org

High Holy Days at Hickory Neck

Unless otherwise noted, all worship will occur in the New Chapel

April 1 – Palm/Passion Sunday

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I **in the Historic Chapel**

Our traditional early-morning service. Blessed palm crosses will be available for pick-up on your way into worship.

9:00a.m. & 11:15 Procession of Palms and Holy Eucharist

Our worship will start in front of the Historic Chapel, as we gather to bless the palms. Then we'll process down the hill toward the New Chapel, reenacting the triumphant procession of Jesus into Jerusalem.

April 5 – Maundy Thursday

7:00p.m. Footwashing, Holy Eucharist, and Stripping of the Altar

Perhaps no liturgy is more powerful than the one we celebrate on Maundy Thursday, commemorating Jesus' final night with his disciples before his betrayal and arrest. Footwashing is an optional activity for those who wish to experience what Jesus did to his own disciples at their last supper together. By washing the feet of another, we share in the humility of Jesus. By having our own feet washed, we experience a different humbleness, that of the disciples being served by their Lord.

April 6 – Good Friday

12:00 & 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. Though sad, observance of this occasion is essential, because without a crucifixion there would have been no resurrection to celebrate. **The 12:00 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. Worship concludes with the first Eucharist of Easter, as we praise God for the resurrection of Christ.

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

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Historic Chapel

9:00 & 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.

“Just Call Me Michael”

by The Reverend Michael L. Delk

Occasionally, somebody will ask me, “What should I call you? Father? Reverend? Rector?” I usually respond, “Just call me Michael, or whatever seems right and most comfortable to you.” I mention this because life just got a little more complicated when it comes to the name game.

The week after annual Council, Bishop Buchanan asked me to serve as Dean of the Jamestown Convocation (a.k.a. the 5th Convocation). It was a tremendous honor to be asked, and I accepted. Convocational deans serve renewable one-year terms, at the pleasure of the Bishop. There are nine convocations in the diocese of Southern Virginia.

My responsibilities are somewhat vague at the moment, because the role of the dean is changing along with many other structural aspects of the Diocese. However, I will be convening the clergy of the convocation each month for a luncheon meeting to discuss diocesan matters and the health of our parishes. I will also be serving on an advisory board to the Bishop, though the full nature of that board has not yet been articulated.

Like any other diocesan role – and I have held a few already – this one will require time and energy, but should have a minimal disruption on my activities at Hickory Neck. Unlike most other diocesan roles, however, this one comes with a title attached, “The Very Reverend.”

Although I don’t feel that much more Reverend, I will respect the tradition of this diocese and use that title until another priest is selected as Dean of our Convocation. But please, just call me Michael.

March Celebrations



Birthdays

- 1 - Carolyn Gaylord
- 2 - Jessica Hughes
- 4 - Esther Gay
- 5 - Gary Harvey
- 5 - David Benham
- 6 - Margaret Schrober
- 7 - Jack Whitla
- 8 - Ellen Bombalski
- 10 - Pam Maddox-Jefferson
- 11 - Michael Smith
- 12 - Elizabeth Crouse
- 13 - Nancy Aschiero
- 14 - John McCray
- 16 - Ollie Kendrick
- 18 - Cleve Corlett
- 19 - Quinton Blanchard
- 19 - Clay Brittain
- 19 - Claudia Lawson
- 19 - Ryan Leggett
- 20 - Betty Harrison
- 20 - Ken Parsons
- 21 - Phyllis Faas
- 21 - Rin Fraize
- 24 - Bill Teale
- 27 - Jennie Seiler

Anniversaries

- 2 - Gay & Bill Forloine
- 3 - Donna & Kent Dodd
- 9 - Kathryn & George Bridewell
- 14 - Joy & Randy Tanner
- 24 - Ann & Coleman Ragsdale

Anniversaries (cont'd)

- 26 - Katrina & Kyle Luksovsky
- 28 - Shirley & David Henderson

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.

SOUP'S ON!!

It's that time of year again – time for delicious homemade soup! This year marks the 3rd Annual Lenten Supper program sponsored by Hickory Neck youth to raise money for Mother Lauren Stanley's work in Sudan. Delicious homemade soup and fresh hot bread will be served every Wednesday throughout March immediately following the Lenten Worship service. Previous money raised has helped to build a new school for the children in the Diocese of Renk, Sudan. We hope you will join us for a great cause and GREAT SOUP!!

RELAY FOR LIFE

It's almost time to RELAY!!! There are sign up sheets on the front desk at the Parish House. Kids and adults are welcome! Keep an eye out for more information coming soon, including our annual Car Wash and Spaghetti-to-Go Dinner. If you're interested in Relaying, contact **Karen or John Dutro at 566-8561**. ALL ARE WELCOME!!



This month we feature another of our "partners in service" couples who give so generously of their time and talent to both Hickory Neck's mission and other outreach programs in our area. We salute the energetic and wide ranging service endeavors of Bob and Esther Gay.

In November , 2004, Bob and Esther returned to Williamsburg for the third time. Their two prior residencies occurred when Bob was stationed in Hampton Roads with the Navy, but this time around they selected it for their retirement years. During Bob's 31 year career as a Naval Submarine Officer and a second career as Submarine Research Director at Johns Hopkins University, they had lived in a multitude of places, but Williamsburg felt like home and having a son, daughter-in-law, and 19 month old granddaughter, Ava, living in Richmond was another incentive to

settle here.

Esther grew up in Arlington, VA just 3 blocks from her family's Methodist Church and its available organ. By age 6 , she was taking piano, but later changed to the organ as her favored instrument. She majored in musical education and organ at Western Maryland Westminster College (now McDaniel College) and then launched her life-long love affair with organ playing, rather than teaching.

Much to her mother's consternation, Esther's independent spirit took her to New York City where she spent 7 years combining a fulltime secretarial position with playing the piano for children's theatrical productions. Wanderlust appeared again and she spent a summer in Iowa playing for a summer theater, then moved on to San Francisco and eventually Hawaii, holding down secretarial jobs and part-time musical assignments.

Bob, as a young naval officer stationed in Hawaii, knew immediately that he had met the right person to share his ever changing port-of-call submarine career, when he was introduced to this adventuresome young woman at an officers' party. Bob had grown up in Oak Park, IL near Chicago, attended Loyola University, and then joined the navy to "see the world" even though he spent many weeks and months "submerged" as a submarine officer. During those busy years, they raised two sons and a daughter and wherever they were stationed, Esther offered

her services as a substitute organist to area churches.

Their light filled, spacious home in Settler's Mill reflects their many interests. Esther's grand piano and prized antique organ sit in a music room across from a book filled library. Downstairs Esther has a practice room containing an impressive full size organ, a keyboard instrument, and her newest interest, a hammered dulcimer which she is teaching herself to play. Bob has a large office and a work room with a work bench built by his children. There is also a roomy media room where Esther can accommodate her love of movies.

As soon as they decided to make HN their church home, Esther volunteered her musical expertise and now accompanies the Praise Band twice a month on the piano and involves herself in our growing music program. She also has a full schedule of substitute organist dates in area churches, giving her an opportunity to play many different organ types and sizes. Esther also serves as the HN coordinator for Faith In Action, a program which assists both elderly and handicapped persons to retain their independence at home. Esther volunteers her own time and encourages other volunteers to share in that rewarding experience. In addition, Esther serves on the HN Outreach Committee. Somehow, she finds time to devour as many books and movies as possible and attends a monthly book discussion group. Another favorite endeavor is her presidency of The Williamsburg Music Club which meets the third Wednesday of each month to present a public concert as well as raise scholarship money to assist

aspiring young musicians in Grades 5 to 12.

Bob is currently pursuing the Episcopal Deacon Ordination Exploration process which is a 3 year program of self directed action and study and weekend schooling at Duke University. His goal is to become a Vocational Deacon. As well as teaching a variety of classes at HN, he serves as our Lay Pastoral Ministry coordinator who assists Father Michael and Pastor Ann and works with other pastoral care volunteers. He is also one of 8 directors of Vibrant Life, a group of 32 area churches that reaches out to the homeless and others in need who are trying to create a stable work and personal life. Bob sometimes spends 12 hour days transporting workers to and from their jobs and assisting them with job and social skills. One day a week, he conducts a computer class for inmates at the Hampton jail. He also serves as Vice President of Episcopal Province III where his primary duty is to work with the Diocese of Southwestern Pennsylvania (which includes the City of Pittsburgh) that is in conflict with the Episcopal Church to keep lines of communication open.

As if all this weren't enough for this busy couple, Bob and Esther participate in the EFM (Education for Ministry) program taught by our own Dan Wetta. This is a four year undertaking which requires 35 weeks of classes each year. Bob is in his 4th and Esther in her 3rd year of this pursuit. Bob and Esther are available for information and witness about the EFM program and, of course, Dan Wetta would be happy to talk with anyone about this program which he men-

.Like me, you may be a little breathless after hearing about all these activities and wonder if Bob and Esther are two of the most "stressed out" retirees imaginable.

Not at all!! They go about their pursuits with a grace and calm that bespeak two people living a joyful, giving life to its fullest. We honor their energy and unwavering dedication towards each of these endeavors and express our heartfelt admiration for all that they do in service to others.



Our Church Family

Please welcome new members

Jane O'Neal
John and Lucy Rothnic



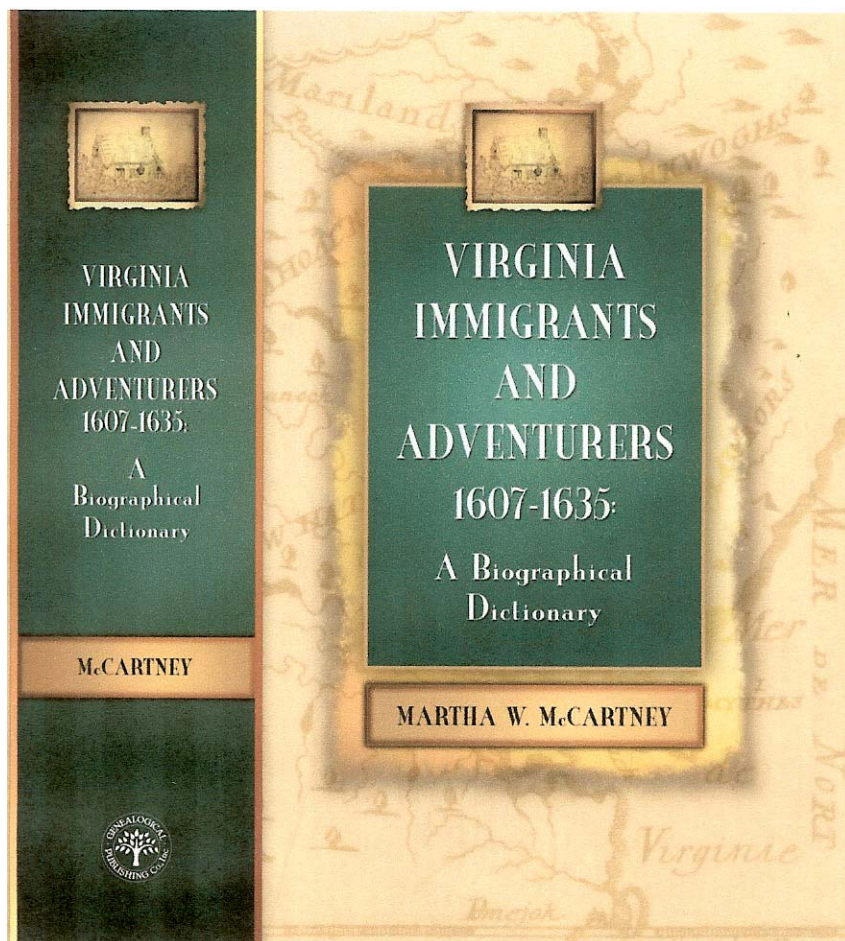
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Drop by the Parish House at noon the first and third Wednesday of each month and you'll hear the clicking of needles, lively conversation and laughter- the Hickory Neck Prayer Shawl Ministry at work!

At this time there are 26 members knitting with the group and at home to create these soft, lofty shawls. Knitters provide their own yarn and needles. It takes 3 skeins of Lion Brand Homespun yarn (about \$15.00) and many hours of work to complete one shawl with fringe. Knitters work at different paces but we have been able to give away ten shawls and still have a reserve supply at this time. The shawls are blessed during Sunday services to provide members of Hickory Neck the opportunity to participate in this ministry. Then the shawls are given as the need arises.

The shawls are knitted especially for members of Hickory Neck needing an embrace of comfort, love or celebration. If anyone has a request for a shawl to be given to nonmembers a donation of yarn would be appreciated but not required.

We welcome anyone to become a part of this vibrant ministry. If you don't knit- we can teach you. If you can't come on Wednesday- we can still use your support of prayers. Come join our mission of creating love and support in the spirit of Hickory Neck. Contact Lynn Kelley, Gay Forloine or Kathy Ramsaur for more information



The next time you see Martha McCartney, you should congratulate her. Mary's latest book, "*Virginia Immigrants and Adventurers, 1607 – 1635*" will be published next month. This is her fourth book. Her fifth book is almost finished, and she has signed a contract for a sixth book. It's hard to believe that she still finds time to write a monthly article for *Nuggets* and oversee the restoration of our Historic Chapel.

Her new book has already achieved high acclaim. According to Mr. Cary Carson, Vice President, Research Division (retired), Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, "*Virginia Immigrants and Adventurers, 1607-1635*" connects the dots among the multitude of record collections. Tens of thousands of separate data points fit together to make whole lives, real lives, many lives—all told more than 5000 men, women, and children; whites, blacks, and Indians; freeholders, slaveholders, and bondsmen. Here at last, conveniently mustered between the covers of one book, is the largest congregation of Virginia founders since the colony's "ancient planters" took leave of James Fort.

Doctor Kathleen Bragdon, Professor, Department of Anthropology, The College of William and Mary states: "Martha McCartney is the unrivaled authority on the primary sources relating to Virginia's first European explorers and settlers. This lucidly written volume will be of invaluable aid to scholars, and makes fascinating reading for all those interested in the period and setting."

Congratulations, Martha! We are honored to have such a scholar in our midst.

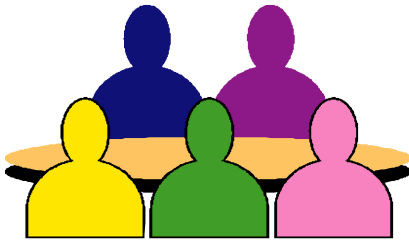
Today is Yesterday's
Tomorrow

Mayes D. Mathews
Capital Campaign Follow-up
Coordinator

Last month in these pages, Father Michael gave us an excellent overview of how we have evolved into our new chapel and how the congregation is evolving into our expanding ministries in Christ. That day when we gathered under the big tent to finish our wonderfully supported Capital Campaign was one of the most exciting moments ever for most of us. But the promise of a new church home and those goals and pledges seemed to represent something so far, far away. It wasn't real. But now it is real. Today is that tomorrow we dreamed about only yesterday.

A big part of that tomorrow was our Journey of Faith. Every person had an opportunity to share in that vision of tomorrow by giving a sacrificial pledge. For the first time we were not asked to give amounts but instead were asked to give equal sacrifice. At first we were excited to be on a path to raise \$400,000 but as the joy of giving sunk in, we stretched those gifts and found new gifts that put us over \$1.2 million dollars in pledges – far exceeding those initial high hopes.

So now we are now heading toward home plate. When we rounded third base at the end of December, it looked like we could make it. We had in hand \$1,120,527 of the \$1,241,246 pledged – or about 90% with only 10% to go. It was time to suck in those big gulps of air, pump our
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Vestry Highlights

Eve Butler-gee Register

The Vestry of Hickory Neck Church was assembled in regular session on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, in the Parish House. The minutes of the January, 2007 Vestry meeting and the Treasurer's report were both approved. The Junior Warden reported good progress on streamlining the Time and Talent surveys, and the Senior Warden presented the Hickory Neck Parish Parochial Report for Vestry approval prior to transmission to the Diocese of Southern Virginia. The Associate Rector reported that: the Lenten Soup and Supper series, hosted by Hickory Neck youth (with proceeds going to support the mission in the Sudan), will feature an Evening with homily, beginning at 6 pm, followed by small group discussions from 7:30pm to 8:15pm based on the book, *Mark My Word: 40 days with Jesus Through the Eyes of St. Mark* by Richard Giles; the youth leaders met on January 21 and approved a calendar of topics and activities; lay pastoral ministers will be going on a mini-retreat of sharing, support, and continuing education and worship (a similar future mini-retreat will be held with leaders in Christian Formation and Youth). The Rector reported good attendance of new members at last Sunday's New Member Wel

come Rite (with over 1/2 of new members attending); he also announced the launching of a Parish-wide Visioning Process, (information packets about which will be sent out this month) inviting all members of Hickory Neck to participate in a series of small group meetings at a number of convenient day/ evening times over a period of three months beginning in March; and it is hoped that the sanctuary cross in place by Good Friday/Easter. The Vestry received reports from the Parish Life Committee and Buildings and Grounds Committee; the Vestry approved the repair of the floor in the Historic Chapel; The Vestry also voted to approve the Outreach Council's guidelines for support to charities; and Katrina Luksovsky announced the forthcoming Newcomers' Social will be Sunday, March 18. The next regular meeting of the Vestry meeting will be on Tuesday, March 13.

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

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



Paul and Donna Casanave
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**NEWCOMERS SOCIAL
March 18**

A Newcomers Social will be held Sunday, March 18th from 3-4:30pm at the home of Frank & Betty Somloi. If you are new to Hickory Neck this is a great opportunity to meet members of the church and get to know us a little better. Please RSVP if you are interested in attending to Katrina Luksovsky at 741-2478 and she will also provide directions. If you need child-care please let her know so someone will be available at the house. We look forward to seeing you there.

**SURELY THE PRESENCE
OF THE LORD!**

My Brothers and sisters in Christ, 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 outpour of concern and prayers for my doctor removed my back brace and gave me the green

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(as of 1/31/2007)

YTD Budget Income	\$28,438.08
YTD Actual Income	\$39,836.40
YTD Budget Expenses	\$28,438.08
YTD Actual Expenses	\$30,579.58
Loan Balances	\$646,009.02
(as of 2-1-07)	



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

FALL FESTIVAL

Believe it or not, there are some Hickory Neck Parishioners already thinking about the Fall Festival, which will be held on Saturday, September 29, from 10 AM to 3 PM. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar so you won't miss out on all the fun.

If you are interested in joining the "sales" team for the Silent Auction, please contact Chuck Jundt (220-5529), Bill Teale (345-3745) or Lauris Zeni (345-2293). The committee plans to have an organizational meeting in March, so solicitation of businesses for items or gift certificates can begin in April.

Also, Mary Jo Smith and Jennie McCray have once again graciously and enthusiastically volunteered to Co-Chair the Attic Treasures Committee. They want to remind everyone it's not too early to begin collecting treasures" in the attic so you will be ready to deliver them to the Church on Monday before the Festival. At the moment, however, their pressing need is space to store a few items that have already been donated. If you have storage space to spare, please contact Mary Jo (564-1232), Jennie (564-0115) or Lauris.

Capital Campaign (Cont'd)

arms and sprint till our leg muscles feel like they are on fire. The finish: a slide on in to home plate. And how do we do that? We continue to meet our pledges. And if we cannot, we need to let Mayes or Hope know. After all, all of those remaining pledges were used to help us arrange for a construction loan and mortgage so we may need to adjust our plans accordingly - or we might want consider raising the amount of our original gift. Did it really turn out to feel as if it was a sacrificial amount that we pledged or has good fortune given pause to considering an increase of our pledges? Most certainly many had to sacrifice to meet their pledges but, for some, the goal was easy to attain. Or, if you are new to the congregation, it is not too late to help. You too may join in the Journey of Faith by adding your voice to the choirs. After all, the song isn't

over till the last note is sung. The Capital Campaign is drawing towards an end. The promise of tomorrow, made yesterday, is upon us today. Finish strong Hickory Neck!

Thank You (cont'd)

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'll be going back to work for five weeks and commute daily to Ft. Lee, near Petersburg, VA.

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.

Your brother in Christ,
Ben Manning

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