

# HICKORY NECK PARISH RETREAT



**May 19-20, 2023**

May 19 5:30-8 PM Dinner and opening activity

May 20 9AM-4:15PM Williamsburg  
Christian Retreat Center, 9275 Barnes Rd, Toano,  
VA 23168

Opening sessions 9-Noon  
(worship, discussion, art reflections,  
group activities)

Lunch

1-2:30 PM Free Session  
(retreat center activities-TBD)

3-4 PM Final Session  
(decorating kites & flying them!)

4-4:15 Closing worship

**COME TOGETHER!**

*For as in one body we have many  
members, and not all the members  
have the same function, so we, who  
are many, are one body in Christ,*

*and individually we are members  
one of another.*

Romans 12:4-5

This retreat will bring our congregation together to explore who we are, how we fit together, how we function, how we need each other, and what fears, hopes, and dreams we want to lift to God. While these are always important ideas, exploring them while our beloved rector is on sabbatical gives us a chance to renew and refresh ourselves while she does!

Our time together will include dinner and a brief time for reflection on Friday evening at the church, then a day retreat at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. This will be an intergenerational event; children are welcome to attend. We will have activities to involve their hands and their voices!

Retreat Leader: Chrissie Crosby is no stranger to Hickory Neck, having led retreats for both the HNEC vestry and women's group. She is looking forward to being with members of the entire parish.



Chrissie Crosby (she/her/hers) is a perpetual student of the Bible with an MA in Biblical Interpretation from Virginia Theological Seminary (with honors) in 2014, and a certificate in Theology and the Arts from Wesley Theological Seminary. An artist, poet, and creative collaborator, she especially enjoys the challenge and education of exploring scripture with others in a wide variety of ways. Chrissie currently works with the Old Testament professors at VTS as an assistant, supporting the students, and also leads retreats, Bible studies, and facilitates Sacred Ground circles. In prior lives, she spent a year as an interim associate for family ministries and evangelism, and a much longer time in the US Government as a senior policy advisor, providing information to help US leaders maintain world peace, order, and harmony. Chrissie is married to David Crosby, an Episcopal priest (VTS 2012). They live with their two lovable Labrador rescue dogs, Lazarus and Moses, in Alexandria, VA.

## Romans 12:3-10

12<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ***4For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.*** <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Retreat costs are as follows:

Friday Night Dinner/Fellowship ONLY  
\$10 per person (Children under 5 are free.)

Full Retreat: \$65 per person (Children under 5 are free.)