

Hickory Neck Nuggets

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The Search is O'er; Our Rector Comes

By Jim Izzo

The Reverend Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly's life of service began many years before she entered seminary and became a priest. It began when she was in high school and served as a congressional page during the summer before her senior year. That service proved to be a life-changing experience because she met Scott Weckerly. Even though she was from North Carolina and he was from California, they kept in touch during their last year of high school, actually writing letters to each other. They got together again the next summer, but both went to college in their home states.

Scott left California after his freshman year and enrolled in Elon College in North Carolina, about thirty minutes from Duke University and Jennifer. When Jennifer graduated from Duke in 1999, she volunteered for a year through AmeriCorps at a Food Bank in Durham, until Scott graduated from college. They became engaged before moving to Delaware, where Scott began graduate school. They were married in 2001.

"I looked for non-profit work in Delaware," Jennifer recalled, and she continued serving others with Habitat for Humanity. "We went

from building eight homes per year to twenty, six years later," she said. "It was during that time I began discerning a call to ministry," she remembered. "I felt I wasn't using all my gifts." Her father was a minister in the United Methodist Church.

She started attending the Cathedral in Delaware, where she began "falling in love with



the Episcopal Church. I remember when I first became an Episcopalian, I loved how no matter what differences we all have, we could still come and feast at the Eucharistic table, side-by-side."

(Jennifer's sermons can be read on the website of the Episcopal

Church of Saint Margaret in Plainview, New York and on her blog, <https://seekingandserving.wordpress.com/>. They provide unlimited food for thought.)

After a year of discernment, "reading, praying, and talking to many people," Jennifer met with the bishop and began the formal discernment process. She graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in 2009. She served as Curate at Christ Church Christiana Hundred, in Wilmington, Delaware, for nearly three years,

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Mother Jennifer, from page 1

before becoming Rector at St. Margaret, in December of 2011. Scott, a Licensed Master Social Worker has been working with HIV/AIDS patients in Queens, New York. He does individual and group counseling and assists his patients in obtaining stable housing.

The couple have two daughters, Simone age 6, in first grade, whom Jennifer described as “precocious, vibrant, engaging,” and Cana, age 2, whom her mother described as “easy-going, relaxed, and calm. Her nursery school classmates call her ‘the mayor,’” Jennifer added.

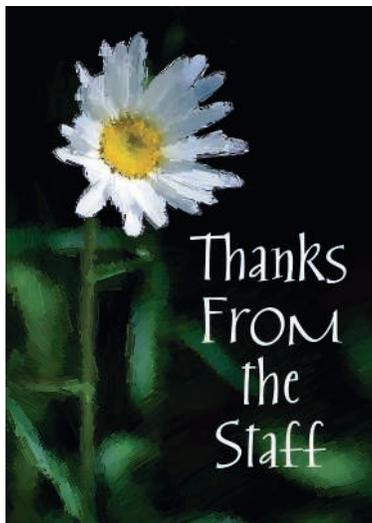
After serving the people at Saint Margaret for over four years, Jennifer realized God “was calling her to a new phase of ministry.” She began seeking a new community, with “a commitment to outreach and mission, variety and vibrancy of worship life, making space and programming welcoming to young children,” as she wrote in her letter to our congregation.

“I was very glad that Hickory Neck Church was on the Holy Spirit’s radar,” she wrote, and we are even happier, having waited a long time for a new Rector, whose search to continue a life of service has brought Jennifer and her family to our congregation. We cannot wait to meet and welcome them here. ❁



The Blessing of a Betrothal took place at the 9:00 service on March 13, as Bobby Sue Silvey and Bob Zogelman shared the joy of their engagement. They plan to marry in June.

Photo by Mary Teale



The Nuggets' staff would like to express our appreciation to Fr. Henry for his continuous support during his years of service to Hickory Neck. He wrote for each issue, including the cover article when needed, supplied us with necessary information about the parish each month, and provided encouraging feedback about our monthly newsletter. We shall miss Fr. Henry at our planning meetings and we wish him and his family well as he undertakes the next phase of his ministry, as rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Olney, Maryland.

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A "Labor" (not really) of Love at Eastern State Hospital

By Mary Teale

Bill Forloine opens the folder of recipes that he has used in his cooking class at Eastern State Hospital. It contains homey recipes that most of us grew up with – pot roast, lasagna, scalloped potatoes, macaroni and cheese, and chili - food that can be prepared on a budget, food that can stretch to feed a guest. Comfort food.

A cooking class? At Eastern State Hospital? Really? How did this come about? The Hickory Neck Men's Breakfast group hosts a Christmas party at the Hospital. Bill thought that they could do more. The chaplain asked what he liked to do. Bill said "Well, I like to play golf but I'm not very good at it, and I like to cook." The chaplain said that the hospital had a brand new kitchen that had never been used. Would he like to start a cooking class?

Bill said yes. It began in January 2014 and has developed into a monthly class that is regularly attended by 15-18 people. Bill makes up the menu a month in advance and spends 4-5 hours researching ideas for an appetizer, main course and dessert and purchasing ingredients. The foods are authentic. Italian night started out with bread and three different dipping oils and ended with spumoni. There have been French



Nights, Irish Nights, Southern Fried Chicken Nights, Summer Picnics, and Big Breakfasts.

The attendees have work assignments for the evening that include table-setting, heating the soup and bowls (yes, warm bowls are nice), making the salad, serving the different courses and drinks and cleaning up.

However, the class is not just about food. The guests do not leave the table when they are finished eating, for now comes the time of fellowship and fun. In the first class sessions, the chaplain conducted a game of Bible Trivia. What day did God create animals? What is the only book of the Bible in which God is not mentioned? The dinner guests got

100% of the answers right! Now Bill asks a simple leading question to start the conversation. "What is your favorite memory of a meal?" He hears about their families. Pretty soon they are asking him how long he has been married. They are now friends talking. He is greeted in the hallway "Hi, Chef."

The hospital calendar, displayed in the hallway, is blank except for the entry on the third Wednesday of the month – Cooking School, 5:30 p.m.

Bill closes his folder of recipes. The cover is full of slogans from advertisements for Swanson's soups saying "Why I Cook". They are demonstrated by the Eastern State Cooking class where one cooks because the kitchen is a sanctuary; it reminds one of home and it shows one's love. ❄️



Second Sunday Mission

April Recipient: *Proclaiming Grace Outreach*

Proclaiming Grace Outreach (PGO) is a faith-based, non-profit corporation, formed in 2008 by Tabernacle United Methodist Church

in Barhamsville. PGO's mission is "to provide a holistic approach to the needs of our community by providing food, clothing, and other services (such as small home repairs, scholarships, and support of county animals) to help the disadvantaged and those with economic hardships in lower New Kent and upper James City Counties."

The PGO website includes the story of its origin. In summary, "In March of 2008, the Tabernacle UMC faith community lost one of their cherished youth, Jenna Grace King, in a car accident. As her faith community and family mourned her loss, they found a new energy in their faith to begin to

dream big and pray large to the possibilities of creating outreach ministries. Jenna's accomplishments of graduating high school early and nearly completing her first year of college by age 17 showed her ability to dream big. From this tragic loss, Proclaiming Grace Outreach was born."

The 2016 Jenna Bash Festival will be held on Saturday, August 6, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Rockahock Campground. Admission is free with a non-perishable food or pet item.

The monthly Vestry Meeting took place on March 8, 2016. Father Henry said the opening prayer.

Fred Boelt, Treasurer, reported that income for Feb. was under budget by \$842.00, but was over budget by \$1,184 for the year. Expenses were over budget by \$1,164 for the month, but below budget by \$4,706 for the year. For the year we are operating in the black. The report was unanimously approved.

Junior Warden, Aaron Small, reminded us of Cleanup Day on March 12. He talked about improvements for the Parish Hall, including new floors for the upstairs, new programmable thermostats, and deck and parking lot improvements.

Senior Warden, Bill Teale, reported that our new Rector, Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly, will be joining us for April 17 services, with a reception

planned between the 9 and 11:15 services. She will be interviewing candidates for Curate or Assistant Rector at the end of the month.

Cheryl Matthews became the new Board Chair for the Endowment Board.

Vestry Highlights

Father Henry reported that Jill Ramsaur and Margene Hartsough will co-chair the Altar Guild.

Sue Reid will preach and celebrate on April 3rd. Canon Michael Spear-Jones will preach and Canon Charles Robinson will celebrate on April 10th.

After Easter and before Jennifer's arrival, Sue Reid will be in charge of pastoral care.

Jill Ramsaur is now producing the ePistle.

Update: Father Henry announced that Bishop Hollerith has given special permission for The Rev. Bob Gay to serve as Deacon of the Mass at the 9 a.m. Easter Service.

The Newcomers' Committee will have its first meeting on March 21. The members include: Janice Wagner, Chuck Jundt, Lauris Zeni, Betty Somloi, Beth Pruitt and Don Bartholomay. After electing a chair, the members will be planning activities.

Alyson Ross is planning a Foyer Day in the Narthex on April 10 or 24, to begin Foyer activities.

Suzanne Olsen, Register

Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain Don Seeterlin

Telling the Whole Story

“Never preach the crucifixion without preaching the resurrection.” Always include the whole, unbroken story of Jesus’ death and resurrection. The victory of Jesus over life’s biggest nemesis isn’t complete, it isn’t whole, if we leave Jesus hanging on the cross, or lying in the tomb. The victory of Jesus’ redemptive act of salvation for all mankind only becomes real through His resurrection and ascension to His heavenly home. God, the Father of Jesus, and our Father, didn’t leave His only begotten son lying in the dark, in the cold, in the antithesis of life. He brought Him out of the place of sadness and stillness, into an eternal life of love and light. He raised Jesus up, and, according to the Gospel writers, placed Him at His right hand, a position of the highest honor.

When we suffer the loss of someone we love, we don’t leave that person in the tomb. We offer them to our heavenly Father, with the assurance that He will welcome them happily, joyfully to their eternal home. When the darkness of winter descends on the earth, we don’t fear that light and warmth will never return. We trust in the Lord that spring will once again come, and bring light and warmth in its wake. Even many of our fellow animal creatures give credence to this basic law of “out of darkness comes new light and life” in their natural mating and birthing schedules.

The God we worship is a God of light, of love, and of goodness. The Psalmist even tells us, *“Darkness is not dark to you oh God,”* even as Jesus hung upon the cross and cried out in that painful agony, *“My God, My God why have you abandoned me?”* We know through faith that God never really abandoned Him. It was through His physical nature that Jesus experienced this sense of aloneness, of ultimate darkness. Yet nearly the next verse reveals Jesus’ ultimate faith in His God, our God, as He speaks those immortal words of faith; *“It is finished,”* and offers His soul to God. Even in this, the darkest hour of creation, behind the darkness was the light of God’s love. Yes, Jesus suffered unimaginable pain and degradation and was ultimately killed, but the story doesn’t end there. God didn’t leave Jesus in the tomb, and we shouldn’t be tempted to do so either. As we find our way through this time of Lent and the Holy week full of reminders of Christ’s suffering, let’s keep in mind that there is a happy ending to this story.

As we each face our individual times of pain, anguish, and sense of alienation from God, may we keep in mind the complete story of Jesus’ death and resurrection, and the sense of hope it holds for all of us. Just as God never abandoned His son in His hour of darkness, He will not abandon any of us either. No matter the darkness, we just need to turn to Him, and wait patiently on the Lord, assured that He will not leave us in the dark. That’s the Good News of God’s love! He loves us, beyond our ability to comprehend or imagine. That too is the reason we always need to tell the whole story. So that others who are hurting and in darkness may experience a sense of God’s love and light in their life, that they may trust that they will once again experience a sense of inner peace and healing.

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APRIL



CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

7 Bill Small	22 Brody Cash
7 De Fehrenbach	22 Daniel Zoellner
9 Luke Barnes	23 Dal Bailey
11 Mike Willoughby	24 Carol Smith
11 Collin Koob	24 Betty Somloi
11 Aubree Koob	24 Adam Otstot
13 Ambler Loving	28 Janet McConaughy
13 Lauris Zeni	29 Brian Manning
16 Chuck Jundt	

Anniversaries

6 Mary Jo & Doug Smith
24 Lucy & John Rothnie
28 Margene & Dave Hartsough
30 Karen & John Dutro

Did we miss your big day? If your birthday or anniversary is this month and you are not listed above, please send the information to Nuggets@hickoryneck.org



(02/29/16)

Budget Income	\$68,993.16
YTD Actual Income	\$70,177.61
Budget Expense	\$65,813.63
YTD Actual Expense	\$61,107.47

February income was under budget by \$842, but year-to-date, income is over budget by \$1,184. Non-pledge income was bolstered up in February while pledge income was almost \$2,500 short of the monthly targeted amount.

February expenses were over budget by \$1,164 but remain under budget by \$4,706 year-to-date. The final expenses for the clergy search and consultant fees fell in February in addition to the bill for snow removal in January. Other expenses are staying well within their limits. We continue to operate in the black at the end of February.

Spring is here and the northern hemisphere of the earth is awakening with new life representing the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Just as the chick hatches and the bulb sends forth its flower, may we feel a renewed burst of energy and spiritual growth at this joyous season of the year. Together, as we channel renewed energy into Time, Talent and Treasure, we will see the light on our Holy Hill grow brighter, becoming a beacon of hope for our parish and our community.

Fred Boelt





Our Prologue

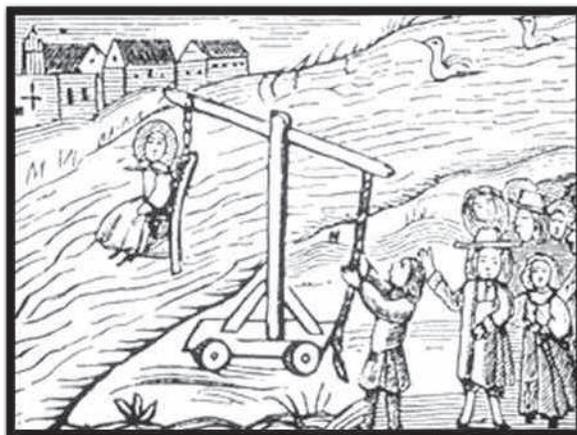
By Martha W. McCartney

A Page from the Past

In the summer of 1619, when the New World's first legislative assembly convened in the church at Jamestown, 12 of the 34 laws that were enacted had to do with religion, morality or some other form of personal discipline, and the clergy were authorized to choose two wardens who could report wrongdoers. If a "sinner" persisted in his or her "skandalous offences," the clergy could recommend to the governor that he or she be excommunicated. That brought certain arrest and confiscation of all personally-owned belongings, which almost always ended up in the hands of public officials.

Fragmentary records for the years 1622-1632 suggest that some churchwardens relished an opportunity to report those who drank excessively, spoke blasphemously, were adulterous, or performed other acts that were deemed immoral or inappropriate. Churchwarden Richard Kingsmill of Jamestown Island was quick to report his neighbors for drunkenness, rowdy behavior, or what he considered disorderly conduct, and one jilted clergyman informed the authorities that his fiancée had gotten engaged to two men at the same time. Governing officials did their part in maintaining public morality by dispensing what they deemed appropriate punishment. A woman who

had committed an infraction of moral law usually was subjected to public shaming. For instance, she might be required to stand at the front of her parish church during services, draped in a white sheet and holding a white wand. On the other hand, a man found guilty of a similar offense was likely to be whipped. Sometimes, people found guilty of slander were required to kneel and offer a public apology.



Woman on a ducking stool, a historical punishment for a common scold.

Women who gossiped or fought with their neighbors usually were given a ride aboard a ducking stool. On the other hand, women's punishments could be more severe. The fiery temper of one James City County woman, Margaret Jones, was cooled by the waters of the James River, for she was towed behind a ship as punishment for squabbling with her neighbor and beating him with a tobacco

stalk. On the other hand, a gossip on the Eastern Shore was obliged to stand at the church door, during services, with a gag in her mouth. In 1634, when the colony was divided into eight shires and county courts were established, most of the church's responsibilities in regulating public and private social behavior were transferred to the local judiciary and churchwardens no longer had to serve as the Enforcers.



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A New Season for Hickory Neck

April 17 will mark the beginning of The Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly's ministry as our rector. In addition to sharing in worship that day, please plan to join in welcoming Mother Jennifer, her husband Scott, and their daughters Simone and Cana, for coffee and cake between the 9:00 and 11:15 services.