

# Hickory Neck Nuggets

June/July 2016

## From the Rector

OVER THE PAST MONTH, I have become keenly aware that Hickory Neck is ready for action. The eagerness makes perfect sense, given the long period of transition and frequent absence of the previous rector. In fact, that same spirit and enthusiasm is what drew me to Hickory Neck in the first place. The parish is ready to go and so am I.

The challenge is that we have a couple of hurdles before we can start sprinting. The first, and most important hurdle, is building relationships with one another. I have all sorts of thoughts and ideas about where I can imagine Hickory Neck going, but if I simply start making decisions and pronouncements, I may find that I am a mile ahead with no one running with me. Though I am eager to get going, we need to get to know one another, develop trust, and build a foundation for our time together.

The second hurdle is that we need a clear path forward before we can begin our sprint. As many thoughts and ideas as I have, I know that you have many too. Though we talked quite a lot about those dreams during the discernment process, I need to spend more time with the community, engaging all of us in

a conversation that can be distilled and harnessed by the staff and Vestry.

Do not worry: change, improvements, and new areas of ministry are bound to come. In fact, I imagine a year or two from now, you may be wishing we had not dreamed of all the changes that will come our way, because change, even desired change, is hard. But if we have a solid foundation, if we have built relationships of trust where we can complain about change and we can tell each other to toughen up, and

if we have plotted a course forward, then we will know that we are in this together, and we will be able to better trust that God is in the midst of it all, making all things new.



I invite you to hold on to your enthusiasm. We are going to need that same energy in the months and years come. I invite you to trust that this time of relationship-building and organizing will lead to a strong community. And I invite you to trust that we are in this together. God has good things in store for us – greater than we can ask for or imagine. ✨

*The Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly*

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# Sarabande

By Sarah Ford Bland

## *In Retrospect...*

The Parish Choir finished its singing season as it has the last two years since I have been minister of music, by sharing a program of favorite anthems and hymns with residents in a care facility. In mid-May we went to Spring Arbor where Joy and Randy Tanner's mothers live. At our last regular rehearsal we ran through the choral selections, all sung in worship this past year and many in previous years as well. When we finished, everyone looked at each other in wonder with big smiles! It was very enlightening and affirming to realize not only how much music the choir has learned to sing, and to sing well, but also how much the group has grown musically over the last three years. Rehearsal ended on an uplifting, positive note, with everyone thankful for the joy that singing beautifully together brings to ourselves and to others. Our retrospective will be inspiration for when we reconvene rehearsals in the fall.

I have had my own period of reflection this spring. After teaching piano at William and Mary for fifteen years I decided it was time for a change. Looking back over the hundred or so students who passed through my studio I am reminded of how my approach to teaching was modified as I encountered different learning styles, personalities and varying levels of ability. I learned so much about teaching from my students! And the stories I can tell. . . I am looking forward to having a more flexible schedule, one that will allow more time for practicing, more time for creative endeavors and more time for my music ministry here.

It is very good to look back, review, and assess. As activity slows down this summer I am excited about moving forward and planning for the fall. In the meantime, worship continues through the summer months. Summer Choir will sing on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month for the 9:00 a.m. service starting on Sunday, June 19. We'll meet at 8:15 in the Wilkinson Center to learn one easy anthem and the psalm refrain. New summer singers are welcome! Moms, dads, teens, children, grandparents, entire families—this is the perfect opportunity for you to experience choir in a casual setting without any long term commitment. Just give me a call (810-7634) or send an e-mail (sbland12@cox.net) before the Sunday(s) you would like to sing so I'll have an idea of how many to expect. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the church narthex.



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## Curate to Join Clergy Team

By The Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly

This summer we will be adding a second clergy person to the Hickory Neck team. Charlie Bauer will be joining the staff as Curate. As we prepared for calling a new clergy person, one of the primary questions I was asked was, "What's a curate?" A curate is a term used in the Episcopal Church and Anglican tradition for a newly ordained clergy person serving in an assisting role in the parish for the first time. Because this is the clergy person's first position out of seminary, a curacy is a lot like a medical residency. The Curate spends the first year of his or her curacy observing and participating in a wide variety of ministry: from pastoral care, liturgical leadership, outreach ministries, youth and children's work, adult formation, stewardship, and evangelism. During that time, the Curate also meets with lay leaders and staff, and is mentored by the Rector. In the following years, the Curate selects a ministry that the Rector and Curate feel would best suit the parish's needs and the Curate's gifts, or areas in which the Curate hopes to grow.

The expectation is that the Curate would be with us for approximately three years, with the intention of being trained to take on a leadership position in his or her next cure. The long-term goal is that Hickory Neck can be a parish that raises up leadership for the Church through the use of curates.

We will welcome Charlie as our Curate on July 17. Charlie recently graduated from the General Theological Seminary in New York City. Originally from Wisconsin, he graduated from William and Mary in 2008 with a degree in medieval music theory. Prior to going to seminary, Charlie was a parishioner at Bruton Parish and served on the Young Adult Commission for the Diocese of Southern Virginia. He spent the last year of seminary serving as Pastoral Resident at St. Barnabas Church in Greenwich, CT. Charlie and his wife, Kelly, have been married for six years and are the happy parents of Hazel, who was born in September. Charlie enjoys photography, birdwatching, and baseball. **Charlie will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on Saturday, June 11, at 10:00 am at Bruton Parish. All are encouraged to attend and celebrate this special day with Charlie.**

## October 22, 2016 Save The Date!

The 2016 Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. David Hartsough and Juliana Morris will be our co-chairs this year. Many captain positions are filled, but Juliana and David are still looking for a few good men and women to fill open positions. Please answer the phone if they call you. This may be our 16th Annual Fall Festival, but it will be Mother Jennifer's first. Let's make this year's Fall Festival the best ever.



# Second Sunday Mission

By Jim Izzo

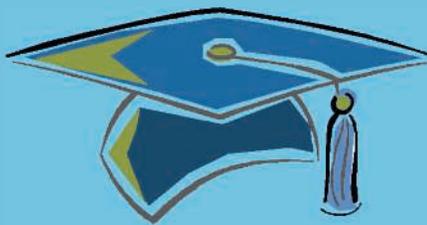
The Second Sunday Mission collection in **June** will be donated to **Hospice House and Support Care of Williamsburg**, whose mission is “to enhance the quality of living for individuals facing the last phases of life and to support the people they love.” Hospice House serves over 160 terminally ill individuals each year and over 800 family members who receive bereavement services each year. It also supports 25-30 home caregivers who receive respite services each month.

The preceding facts speak for themselves about the unique and crucial support (physical, emotional, social, and spiritual) provided by this organization, which “does not charge a fee for the services it

provides, nor does it receive reimbursement from insurances, Medicare, or Medicaid. We operate solely on the generosity of donations from individuals, businesses, civic and religious organizations, county funds, and United Way,” according to their website. For more information go to [williamsburghospice.org](http://williamsburghospice.org) or call (253-1220).

The Second Sunday Mission collection in **July** will be donated to the **Eastern State Hospital Cooking School**, a program initiated by Bill Forloine at the beginning of 2014. Once a month, Bill works with 17-25 full-time residents there, in the facility’s new kitchens, to prepare “their main meal for that day.” Their mission is threefold: “food, fun, and fellowship,” according to Bill. “I assign each person a specific task,” he added, and “everyone works to prepare a part of the meal. It develops self-confidence and pride in all the participants.” There is a different menu each month. (Italian night, for example)

How is the cooking school funded? “I look for angels,” Bill said, “individuals willing to donate \$110, the cost of each month’s meal.” Bill has found several angels to contribute over the last year and a half, during the course of conversations with them about the program. Besides contributing to the July Second Sunday Mission collection, anyone interested in joining Bill Forloine’s “labor of love” can contact him. “The psychic rewards are payment enough,” he promised.



## Congratulations, Graduates!

Best wishes to this year's Warhill HS grads:

P. J. Casanave (Thomas Nelson CC)

Lily Dutro (Radford U.)

Kelly Fisher (Lynchburg College)

Samantha Snyder (Virginia Tech)

# Vacation Bible School to Address the Issue of Bullying

By Paula Simmons

Mark your calendars and register for Vacation Bible School! St. Martin's is hosting Hickory Neck and Bruton Parish during the week of August 8-12. "The Great Protector" is the theme; the curriculum is about bullying.

God's word speaks loudly and clearly on the subject of bullying, and the stories are relevant to cyber-bullying, school yard bullying, and neighborhood bullying. Kids will feel a connection to the superheroes of God's word, watching how their situations apply to today. Biblically, we are looking at Joseph and his brothers; Jesus and Jairus; the Sinful Woman & the Crowd (for older children) and David & Goliath (for younger children); Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego and Nebuchadnezzar; and Moses and Pharaoh—all great examples of different kinds of bullying.

We are trying a few new things for VBS this year—evening program, dinner included, parent sessions, and reduced fees for early-bird registration.

Children will have a simple dinner from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.; parents may eat between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. (to accommodate work schedules). Parents will then have presentations related to bullying—specifically what parents can do to help prevent their children from being bullied or from being bullies. Programs, hopefully, will include the police to address cyber-bullying, parenting specialists to discuss sibling rivalry and jealousy, a



mental health specialist to talk about self-esteem and assertive energy, an education professional to describe what the schools are doing about bullying, and a suicide prevention educator to offer information about safety.

The children's program is open to children ages 3-years-old through those having completed 5th grade.

Registration by June 15 is \$15 for the first child, \$10 for each additional child, up to \$35 per immediate family. Registration after June 15 is \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each additional child, up to \$65 per immediate family. Early registration allows the VBS team to plan appropriately for those attending. Registration forms are available in the Narthex, the Wilkinson Center, and the HNC website.

Teens and adults are encouraged to volunteer at VBS. For a fully-staffed week, it takes more volunteers than we have participants. Review the back page of the registration form to see what way(s) you may help. Both prep work prior to VBS and help the week of VBS are needed.

Return registration forms for children and/or volunteers to the HNC office. For more information, please contact Paula Simmons at 564-7998 or at [vbs@hickoryneck.org](mailto:vbs@hickoryneck.org).



# Vestry *Highlights*

The monthly Vestry Meeting took place on May 10, 2016. Mother Jennifer led the group in prayer.

She told us that our candidate for curate has accepted our offer to serve and will be signing the Letter of Agreement from the Diocesan Office this week. He will be starting in mid-July.

Mother Jennifer will be beginning the "Meet and Greet" sessions with the congregation, in order to get to know parishioners in small groups and will also be meeting with all of the various ministries.

Jennifer thanked Hickory Neck for the warm welcome to Williamsburg and stated that the family is settling in nicely. Mondays will be her Sabbath Day and her office hours will be 9-4 Tuesday through Friday. She will be taking July 8 as her July 4 holiday and will be on vacation August 26-Sept. 5

Terri Lensenmayer gave the Worship Report, stating that Brian Manning has been very helpful in her taking over these duties. Terri will also be taking over as flower guild leader and reader scheduler until new volunteers are found.

There is a need for new acolytes and training.

John Rothnie reported that Outreach Ministries

have collected \$1199.56, with total collections YTD of \$2040.56. May's Ministry Offering of \$156 was presented to Meals on Wheels.

There will be a Winter Shelter at HNC, partnered by St. Martin's from Feb. 26 through March 5. St. Martin's will be hosting its shelter on from January 22 -29.

On the topic of Vestry Retreat, it was decided to wait until January, 2017, to schedule a retreat.

Lay Delegates and Alternates are needed to go to the Diocesan Council. Let someone on the Vestry know if you are interested in attending.

Fred Boelt discussed the financial standing of the parish. April income was under budget by \$1,238, which is better than last month. Non-pledge and loose plate offerings were good. Pledge income continues to lag behind. April expenses were under budget by \$260 and YTD under by \$1,853.

There will be a pot luck picnic to celebrate Recognition Sunday on June 10, after a combined service at 10:00 am. This picnic will be a great time to visit and to start the summer season.

Suzanne Olsen, Register



# Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain Don Seeterlin

## *Knowing God, and Knowing He Loves Us*

How do we know God? What do we know of or about Him? What are some of the core definitions that we as humans in our imperfect way can use to explain the utterly unexplainable, unimaginable, and unknowable nature of God? We can start at the beginning, as in the book of Genesis, and see that the God we know and worship is a creator God. He is a God who can take nothing, and make something wondrous and marvelous and beautiful. We know that the God we know and worship is good, totally and completely good. The creation He envisioned, and spoke into life, the Bible tells us, “and it was good” (Genesis 1:31). Not just parts of it. Not just the pieces that looked pretty, or smelled sweet, or tasted good, but the whole entire creation, and that includes that bipedal creature, mankind; Genesis 1:27 tells us that: “God created man in the image of Himself, in the image of God He created him, male and female He created them.” We know God loved mankind because Genesis tells us that until the “fall”, God walked in the garden where he had placed Adam as caretaker. God, who was able to create an entire world out of nothing, was surely able to surround Himself with the best of His creation. He chose to include Adam and Eve, mankind, in His special place, to be the beneficiary of His love and presence.

Later, in the person of Jesus, He became incarnate in this world, and came to remind us again of His undying, untiring love for all mankind. He did this on the cross and in His teaching. He came to mankind in its brokenness and hurt and anger, and still reflected

nothing but love and compassion. We learn in the First Letter of John that “God is Love” (1 John 4:8&16). Jesus Himself tells us, “I and the Father are One” (John 10:30). “When you see the Son, you have seen the Father” (John 14:9).

God is also patient. Just look at the length of time between Genesis and Jesus. We know also that we can trust God, because when all is said and done, He didn't have to create us in the first place, and more importantly, He didn't have to take on our human nature and suffer with us. He came to us, in our hurt, in our negativity, in our blindness, and showed us a better way, a way of love and forgiveness. Not a love or forgiveness with an eye on reciprocity, but a love and forgiveness freely and generously, even radically shared. One can deduce from these basic statements that we have a God who is above all else, LOVE. That is the nature that He has chosen to share with us. At the base level, mankind is not bad, mankind is good. Man may have chosen to do things that hurt ourselves and others, but at the very bottom, at the beginning of the story, we are good because we are created in God's image and nature. Even though we may have trouble seeing that goodness and love because of the myriad scratches and scars to our persons, God still and will always see in each one of us that beautiful God-like creature He created. He will love us even if we choose to ignore His love, because He knows us better than we could ever know ourselves.

Our job as Christians then is to live in that Love, and exhibit that Love, and share that Love with all we come in contact with.



JUNE/JULY



## June Birthdays

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 2 Ellie Pruitt    | 19 Ryan Byrd     |
| 4 Jim Allegretto  | 23 Sadie Cash    |
| 6 Georgia Irby    | 24 Paula Simmons |
| 7 Joe Orth        | 25 Stuart Hughes |
| 10 Mark Kintner   | 26 Chris Ellmers |
| 10 Bob Williams   | 26 Bill Forloine |
| 10 Linda Matthews | 26 Kelli Dugan   |
| 18 Shirley Forde  |                  |

## June Anniversaries

- 5 Lauris & Tom Zeni
- 13 Nancy & Steve Snyder
- 16 Rebecca & Alan Zoellner
- 17 Betty & Bill Harrison
- 18 Mary & Jim Allegretto
- 18 Jennie & Jeffrey Seiler
- 21 Ashley Baer & Waverly Ferguson
- 24 Donna & Paul Casanave
- 25 Tori & Adam Otstot
- 26 Louanne & Tom Martin
- 27 Bunky & Rick Garfield
- 29 Linda & Jim McGee
- 29 Linda Wever and Jim Ball

*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](mailto:Nuggets@hickoryneck.org)*

## July Birthdays

- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 3 Kay Cooper      | 22 David Henderson   |
| 4 Karen Buckley   | 24 Craig Hagan       |
| 5 Donna Casanave  | 25 Charlotte Ellmers |
| 6 Connie Kendrick | 26 Norm Cooper       |
| 9 Theresa Hunter  | 26 Chuck White       |
| 11 Allison Tanner | 27 Carrol Bailey     |
| 15 Bob Zoglman    | 29 Ann Ragsdale      |
| 17 Jill Ramsaur   | 29 Lyndsey Houser    |
| 20 Carl Aschman   |                      |

## July Anniversaries

- 10 Debbie & Cleve Corlett
- 12 Lynn & Larry Kelley
- 16 Linda & Buddy Matthews
- 17 Robin & Don Seeterlin
- 19 Jean & Chuck Jundt
- 19 Mary & Bob Pringle
- 20 Martha McCartney & Carl Aschman
- 20 Jill & Ted Ramsaur
- 25 Betty & Frank Somloi
- 29 Linda Becker & Peter Haines
- 31 Juliana & Daniel Morris





# Our Prologue

By Martha W. McCartney

## The Revolutionary War Comes to Hickory Neck

Throughout the spring and summer of 1781 there was sporadic military action throughout James City County. In late April, when Colonel James Ennis of the Allied Army learned that the British had landed at Burwell's Landing (in Kingsmill), he moved his men several miles west of Williamsburg, to Allen's



Ordinary (now Lightfoot). Upon learning that the British were advancing up the Chickahominy River toward the Virginia Navy's shipyard, Ennis shifted his men's encampment to the grounds of Hickory Neck Church.

On April 22nd at four o'clock in the afternoon, a British detachment set the Chickahominy shipyard ablaze. The destructive fire, which illuminated the night sky, was visible to Colonel Ennis from the churchyard at historic Hickory Neck. The next day he informed Governor Patrick Henry that the Chickahominy shipyard's buildings lay in ruins and that the British had burned a 20-gun ship then under construction. The British attack brought to an end the little shipyard built in 1777 to supply vessels to the only state that had its own navy. Today, the Chickahominy Shipyard, an archaeological site, is on the National Register of Historic Places.



(04/30/16)

Budget Income	\$140,486.32
YTD Actual Income	\$136,345.15
Budget Expense	\$127,141.58
YTD Actual Expense	\$125,288.51

April income was under budget by \$1,238, a major improvement over the March income shortfall. Non-pledge and loose plate income categories continue to thrive. Pledge income continues to lag behind. With summer coming, we need to catch pledges up to at least be current with the monthly budgeted amount. April expenses were under budget by \$260, and year-to-date, they were under budget by \$1,853. Our ministry chairs practice frugal spending for which we are appreciative. Consequently, we continue to operate in the black!

Summer approaches. For many, it is a time for vacations or family gatherings at beaches, mountains and amusement parks. The change of pace is refreshing, restorative to the soul. But Hickory Neck continues to restore souls even when you are not present. Expenses, though carefully watched, continue all summer. So as you are enjoying a respite from the daily grind, please remember that the light on our Holy Hill will still be shining brightly, with your help, when you return. Please consider keeping your contributions up to date by mail while you are away. And do enjoy the summer!

Fred Boelt



**Baptism:** Elaina Grace  
Mickae Savage, 24 April



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# MASS on

*When:* June 12, 2016, 10 a.m.

*What:* Mass on the Grass and Potluck Church Picnic

*Who:* Hickory Neck Church

*Where:* HNC Campus (Rain: New Chapel)

*Why:* Recognition Sunday and the celebration of the completion of the school year.

Bring your lawn/beach chairs, picnic blankets, and sunglasses for a combined worship service, during which we will honor all our students and teachers in the Christian Formation program. Following Mass on the Grass will be a parish picnic on the lawn.

Watch the E-pistle for coming details.

# the GRASS