



# Hickory Neck Nuggets

Hickory Neck Episcopal Church

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## Life Planning

The Reverend Henry P. McQueen

On a dreary day in September last year, my sister was walking across the street in Boston on her way to a meeting. On that same morning a driver in an SUV was lost and did not notice a pedestrian in the crosswalk. My sister would spend the next two months in the hospital, much of that time in a medically induced coma and my brother would become a caregiver.

Fortunately, this story has a happy ending. My sister is healthy and walking. There was also a very subtle victory in this story. After the initial shock of seeing our sister in the ICU, my brother went to her condo in Boston and retrieved her medical file. Many years ago my sister had completed advanced medical directives; she had given my brother medical and financial power of attorney over her affairs. She did this all with the hope that it would never be used.

Because these documents had been prepared, my brother could make medical decisions in line with her wishes, he could pay her bills, and the doctors could talk openly to him about our sister's condition. Being a caregiver is not easy and none of this could have happened without proper planning, without her planning for the twists and turns of life.

Over the course of the first three weeks in November we will host three adult education

sessions around life planning. On November 4th Bell-Jo Rodgers and Terri Christin of Hospice House will talk about transitioning to assisted living and hospice care. They will also touch on the topic of dying well through Five Wishes, a document that combines a living will with health care power of attorney and comfort care and spiritual wishes. It has been described as a "living will with a heart and soul."



On November 11th, Chaplain Milt Hines from Sentara Hospital will talk about advanced medical directives. He will also facilitate our being able to complete these important forms and register them, at no cost, with the U.S. Living Will Registry so that your wishes will be known regardless of where you travel.

Our final session on November 18th will be led by Alyson Ross of Ameriprise Financial. She will discuss Ethical Wills as a spiritual gift for preserving your legacy of values, as well as the importance of Long Term Care Insurance, and the needs of estate planning. All of these topics are important for life planning.

We never know when crossing the street will be life changing. This type of life planning needs to be done before the unexpected occurs; this is life planning for everyone. ❖

## Annual Parish Meeting, December 9

The Reverend Michael L. Delk

On Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m., in our New Chapel, we will convene once again for our annual parish meeting. As usual, we will hold elections for Vestry and Council delegates.

Our candidates for Vestry are De Fehrenbach, Gay Forloine, Brian Manning, Cheryl Mathews, and Bunkie Righter. Our candidates for Diocesan Council delegate are Carrol Bailey, Fred Boelt, Ann Cooper, Dave Hartsough, and Dave Simmons.

We thank these parishioners who have offered themselves to God's service through their willingness to serve in leadership ministries. You can find information on the candidates in this newsletter.

Congratulations to our Nominating Committee for recruiting such highly qualified, faithful people to stand for election. Led by our Senior Warden, Lucy Rothnie, this group includes Carrol Bailey, Margene Hartsough, Lynn Kelley, Pam Stromberg, and Mary Teale.

At the meeting, we will also present an operating budget for 2013 for your ratification. A presentation will be made by our Treasurer, Fred Boelt, explaining our fiscal situation. Please remember that the Vestry's ability to set a realistic budget for the upcoming year depends on receiving pledge cards in a timely fashion, so that we can know your intentions about the offering you plan to make to God.

During the Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday school for children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger will meet. Ballots for the election will be distributed to and collected from teachers. People who worship at 8:00 a.m. will receive their ballots prior to worship. Absentee ballots are available only for those who cannot attend the meeting due to physical disability. If you are eligible and wish to receive a ballot, please notify the parish office by December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We encourage youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older to attend the meeting, to gain a greater understanding

of how we make decisions as a Church.

The 9:00 Eucharist will be slightly abbreviated so that we can start our meeting promptly at 10:00a.m., to insure that we can start our 11:15 Eucharist on time, but please be aware that we occasionally do run a few minutes late.

I hope you will devote an hour of your time on December 9<sup>th</sup> to this worthy purpose. As Episcopalians, we enjoy an unsurpassed level of democracy. We elect our lay leadership, who in turn elect our Rectors, and the Vestry and Rector make major decisions for the parish on your behalf. We elect Council delegates who make important decisions about the life of the diocese of which we are a part, and when needed, those delegates elect our Bishops. Take part and exercise your franchise. It is an excellent opportunity to allow the Holy Spirit to work through you as we answer God's call for us together.

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### Coffee Hour— Why have one?

Shirley Forde



The coffee hour is an important ministry at Hickory Neck Church. It's not the coffee – we all could stop into any number of establishments on our way to and from church to grab a cup of coffee and a Danish. Our coffee hour is a time of fellowship; it's a chance to meet and welcome new people into

our midst, sharing concerns about each other, inquiring about our families, renewing and continuing friendships in our church family, conducting some of the business of the parish. Having a little coffee helps ease the flow of conversation and the feeling of family, just like welcoming people into our homes. We are the church family, and we care for each other.

We invite you to join our Coffee Hour team in this important – and enjoyable – part of our life together. Each of us on the team does the coffee hour about twice every three months, two people at a time – keeping it simple – just something to munch on, and a little bit added for Celebration Sunday once a month. Call me at any time (229-1448) or Sue Dugan (221-7091) – or talk to me at our next coffee hour.

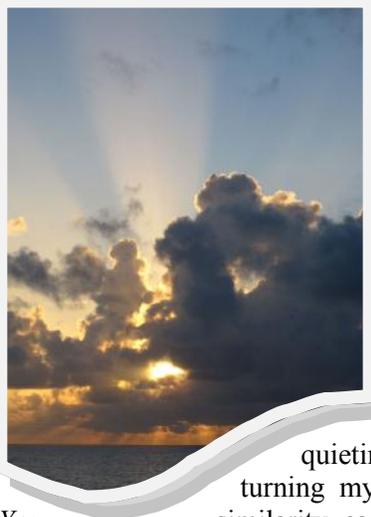
## “Be still, and know that I am God” A Reflection

Don Seeterlin

**P**SALM 46:10 STATES; “*BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.*” This is a short verse full of wisdom and direction. I have found it to be a familiar mantra I return to again and again as I go through my daily routines. It is a mantra I have used, and continue to use, as a prelude and guide to Centering Prayer. I find that I am able to focus my concentration and quiet many of the disparate voices and dialogues going on in my mind just through mentally repeating it. I find myself meditating on its wisdom, and how the lessons it offers seem to vary depending on how I modify the cadence.

In its first and full repeating, “*Be still, and know that I am God,*” I feel called to silence and stillness, much as I imagine a youngster hears when admonished by his parents to be still and listen. I feel as though I am called to be still, and forget, at least momentarily, all of the worldly concerns I am carrying around with me. I hear, “*Be still, I am God*” “*I am responsible for all of this. You are not God. You are responsible for the life and opportunities I have given you. I am here to help you. You do not need to carry the weight of the world on your shoulders; that is my job. Be at rest, and give me your burdens.*”

When I repeat the refrain, with the reduction of one word to “*Be still, and know that I am,*” I hear a different form of teaching and comfort. I hear God telling me that He is indeed real and active. I find comfort in this as though I hear God answering the question I admittedly wrestle with, even though I haven’t put words to the query. I hear a reinforcement of my faith in a loving and caring and immanent God. I feel as though He is touching me, and saying, “*Yes, I am here. I always have been and I always will be. Rest assured of my continuous presence and love.*”



By reducing the mantra by three more words, I find the admonition, “*Be still, and know.*” Be still, and know that what I need to know will be revealed to me at God’s perfect time. Be still and know that God is with me, walking with me, and that I don’t need to know everything at every moment. I can allow myself to rest and know that God is with me. He has everything in His hands, and for the present I need to be still. I feel that God is telling me, “*Quiet your mind, and open yourself to me*”.

Reduced to just two words, “*Be still*”, I feel myself beginning to come to a quieter place. I find myself focusing less on the hum and squawk of everyday life. I find myself trying to tune out the white noise of everyday concerns so that I might hear more clearly God’s voice. This is a time for putting aside all of the worries and concerns, quieting my breathing and actions, and just turning my attention more completely to God. A similarity can be found here between sleeping and praying, I believe. Just as one wrestles to find that perfect spot, that comfortable position which aids in drifting off to sleep, I find this short verse helps me to find that comfortable spiritual place in which to more fully experience God’s presence.

The shortest rendition, just one word, “*Be*”, sets the final stage for the time of deeper prayer and communication with God. It is a time when I feel called to forgo all of my voluntary actions and pleadings, and just open myself totally to God’s love, presence and peace. It is the time when I strive to listen with mind and soul. It is a time when I am called to actively participate in the constant dialogue of God with His creation, by allowing Him to speak to my heart and soul, unimpeded by my personal thoughts and desires. It is a time I believe when I am allowed to experience in a very

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minute way the timelessness of eternity in which God is. Whatever thoughts and ideas enter into my consciousness during this time, as I become aware of them, I am urged to give them to God, and not waste precious time on them at that moment. I believe I can entrust them to the Holy Spirit, and that if they are of value, He will share them with me again at the proper time. I believe this is time to share in the oneness of God, and to experience a deeper sense of God's glory. I believe God is always interested in being in communication and open relationship with not only me, but all of His creation. He allows me to choose the times when I am ready to listen and respond to Him. ❖

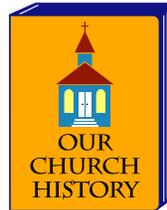


## Nugget Notes

- ◆ 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 Hickory Neck, we want to make that happen for you. Simply call our office, 566-0276, or speak to **Father Michael** or **Father Henry**. 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 effect 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.
- ◆ Please remember the children at **El Hogar**, site of our 2010 Honduran mission, during this season of thanksgiving and joy. For information on how to support El Hogar, consult the brochures on the narthex kiosk or contact Norm Cooper at (757) 345-2629 or norm\_cooper@hotmail.com.

## One of Colonial Blisland Parish's Finest

Martha W. McCartney



In June 1763 Blisland Parish's vestry hired the Rev. Price Davies, an Oxford-trained Welshman, to replace the parish's late rector, the Rev. Chicheley Thacker. At the end of the month, when Davies sent a letter to a friend in England, he said that his new parish was "pleasantly situated near the seat of government" in countryside that was forested, fertile, and replete with game, wild fowl, and fish. He described Blisland's parishioners as "kind and hospitable" and said that "the ladies are neat in their dress, fair, genteel and comely." He surmised that "the people in general live in luxury" and that "their equipages [vehicles] here are many and grand, commonly drawn by six fine horses." He noted that although "country Parsons roll either in chariots or [riding] chairs," he was "not so ambitious yet." Instead, he claimed that he was "content to bestride a beast of a mean shape upon the back of which I can with as much ease draw up a hole in my breeches as an argument in my sermon." In other words, his horse was old and slow.

Within months of Davies' arrival in Blisland Parish, his financial circumstances improved dramatically, for in November 1763 he married "an amiable woman with a comfortable fortune," the widow of Blisland Parish's late rector, Elizabeth Booth Perry Thacker. In July 1765 Davies informed a friend that he spent part of his time improving the parish glebe's soil, which he described as "200 acres of pretty good land." He described his glebe's dwelling as "a modern brick building with a spacious garden." Nearby were several outbuildings: a dairy house, a smokehouse, a henhouse, a threshing floor, and slave quarters. In accord with the law, the Rev. Price Davies received an annual salary of 16,000 pounds of tobacco, which he could sell in Virginia or ship back to England. He seems to have been quite content at Blisland Parish, for he served as rector from 1763 to 1792, the year of his death. By that time, the Revolutionary War had come and gone, Virginia's State Church had been disestablished, and structural fabric of Hickory Neck Church had begun to deteriorate. ❖

## Vestry Highlights

Jean Jundt, Register



The vestry met on August 21, 2012, in the Wilkinson Center.

Fred Boelt gave the treasurer's report, and announced that we paid \$3,000 toward debt reduction. This leaves a balance of \$341,778.71 on the principal of the loan. Fred also reported the progress of the renovation of the Historic Chapel. All work is complete, with the exception of painting the East soffit, and wainscoting.

The minutes of the July 10<sup>th</sup> Vestry meeting were approved as amended.

Bill Teale gave an overview of the upcoming Stewardship Campaign.

It was announced that we have received an anonymous donation of \$5000, which will allow us to keep the Choral Scholars.

Under New Business, there was a discussion about paving the paths between the Historic Chapel and the New Chapel. Margene Hartsough and Chris Casheros are going to investigate the feasibility of using pervious material rather than aggregate.

Our next Vestry meeting is scheduled for Sept. 12, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wilkinson Center.



### Baptism

Harper Kay Barczewski,  
granddaughter of Roland and  
Laurie Todd  
September 23, 2012

## November Celebrations



### Birthdays

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Dorothy Kirk     | 18 Terri Lensenmayer |
| 4 Aaron Small      | 19 Nancy Geddes      |
| 6 Bonnie Manning   | 20 Don Faas          |
| 7 Mayes Mathews    | 19 Dominique Palermo |
| 7 Penny Schumaker  | 22 Margene Hartsough |
| 9 Barbara Johnson  | 23 Robin Eno         |
| 9 Betty Lide       | 23 Ray Kindley       |
| 11 Brooke Byrd     | 24 Debbie Coles      |
| 12 Henry McQueen   | 24 Karly Casanave    |
| 13 Caroline Turner | 28 Stephanie Delk    |
| 15 Tom Kelly       | 29 Nancye Morris     |
| 16 Frank Somloi    | 29 Toni Small        |
| 17 Sydney Smith    |                      |

### Anniversaries

- 4 Mary & Bill Teale
- 9 Lynn & Bert Geddy

If your birthday or anniversary is this month and you are not listed above, please send the appropriate information to [nuggets@hickoryneck.org](mailto:nuggets@hickoryneck.org).



## Vestry Candidates

These members of the congregation are candidates for election to the Vestry at the Annual Congregational Meeting, to be held on December 9, 2012. Three new Vestry members will be elected to serve a three year term.



### De Fehrenbach

I have attended Hickory Neck for 13 years and it has been a transformative experience. A cradle Episcopalian, I was raised in a church that my parents helped start in St. Charles, Illinois. Every Sunday morning I attended rite I (1928 Prayer Book!) with the Sanctus bell ringing; on special occasions incense filled the church. Since that time I have attended many

other Episcopal churches, but it was not until I came to Hickory Neck that I truly appreciated the importance and the ability of a church community to convey the love of God. Before Hickory Neck, church for me was a personal, private experience, but from the first day that I entered the doors of the historic chapel, I have known the warm embrace of God's love. Hickory Neck has helped me realize that the journey does not have to be traveled alone, and it has become an integral part of my life.

My ministry contributions at Hickory Neck have included the altar guild, the heavenly bread bakers, the personnel committee and the Sunday school staff; I also served on Vestry a number of years ago. At that time we were building the new chapel and it was a time of incredible change and growth. I have enjoyed watching Hickory Neck develop and change over the last few years, and I would like to again serve the parish in a leadership role. I have almost 40 years experience in education and therefore Christian Formation is an area of great interest. Watching the children leave following the banner for Children's Chapel makes me smile. Whether it is in Christian Formation or another ministry, I would love to give back to the parish that has given so much to me.



### Gay Forloine

"Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place." That is what I felt the very first time Bill and I came to Hickory Neck Church. We have been the recipients of prayers, love, comfort and healing during times of crisis in our family. Returning those gifts by serving others in our parish and community has become a passion for me. It is so important to preserve

the Holy Spirit's presence as we expand our outreach into the surrounding community by passing on God's love as we identify and share the gifts we have all been given.

Being a part of the search committee for a new rector at Hickory Neck eleven years ago gave me an appreciation for the search process. So I took the training offered by our Diocese and joined the Transition Pastors and Consultants group as a Transition Consult-

ant, and have served five parishes in the Diocese as they searched for a new Rector. My other activities include leader of the New-comers Committee, Vestry Member, Jr. Warden, Diocesan Council Representative, Teller, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, Chalice Bearer, Lector, Pastoral Care leader, Prayer Shawl/Lap Robe knitter, Outreach Council member and currently serving as a member of the Diocesan Standing Committee.



### Brian Manning

I have been a member of Hickory Neck Church for twenty four years. When my family began attending in 1988, Hickory Neck was transitioning from a mission church to a full blown parish in the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Little did I know back then how important a part of my life Hickory Neck would become. My family and I had moved to Wil-

liamsburg the year before, and we ourselves were transitioning and getting familiar with a new church after having attended church at St Paul's in downtown Newport News for several years. We slowly integrated ourselves into the Hickory Neck community as anyone would do, after being totally immersed at our previous church. The first big event that I recall happening for my family was when my father was elected to his first of two terms on the vestry in the 1990's. During this first term in which Dad eventually became senior warden, the initial parish house building was renovated and enlarged to the size it is now.

My father served on the vestry again at a critical time for Hickory Neck. Jim Kellett was retiring as Rector of Hickory Neck and we were searching for his replacement which eventually came in the form of Michael Delk. My father served two years as senior warden during both his terms on the vestry.

My first term on vestry came when I was elected to serve in 2004. Michael had been with us for two years and already we were growing by leaps and bounds, so much that we outgrew our little church up on the hill and began planning and building our new chapel which was completed in the summer of 2006. That was a great time for our church as we all came together as one and worked on the various committees. I was the liaison for building and grounds and also served on the exterior design committee for the new building. Serving in these areas changed my life when I needed something new and fresh, and gave me a new appreciation of how things work on the business side of the church in conjunction with the everyday happenings in the parish. Being on the vestry back then allowed me to learn more about myself, how to interact in the role of leadership as a member of the governing body of our

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church, and how to interact with the other members of the vestry as we made decisions beneficial to the people of our church.

Currently, I serve as a chalice and a lector at the 9:00 service and have served as an usher in the past. My brother and I have been acolyte chairpersons for eleven years which involves training and interacting with the youth of our church, which we have been doing for the past eleven years. I have enjoyed working with our youth, watching them grow and learn and be an integral part of our worship. That's one of the great things about Hickory Neck. The people of all ages do their part to help in many different ways. I have been blessed to be a part of such a good community of faith at Hickory Neck. If elected to serve on vestry, I will use my past experiences on the vestry to do my best to provide stable leadership by working closely with other vestry members and the parishioners of Hickory Neck.



**Cheryl M. Mathews**

I am one of the many retired members of our congregation as I am a Professor Emerita of Christopher Newport University where I served as department chair and taught undergraduate social work for over 30 years. Since leaving CNU in May 2010 I have taken some time to work at our family business (Stonehouse Stables, Inc.) and get back to the basics of life – enjoying family, adopting and riding a horse named CB, and rediscovering reading for pleasure. In addition, I stay connected with CNU through service as the Chairman of the Board for the United Campus Ministries, an inter-denominational Christian ministry to students, faculty and staff as well as serving on the Advisory Board for the Social Work Program.

My husband Mayes and I came to Hickory Neck well before the New Chapel was built and did so in conjunction with building our family business and subsequently moving to Toano. I felt that we were led to HNC at a time that we were not only welcomed, but needed. I tend to be a quiet member of HNC, except of course when I am singing. For many years I have played quiet roles, usually in support of the ministry of others. It has been a real privilege, for instance, to serve on several discernment committees for those considering a call to ministry in the Episcopal Church. I enjoy being a lector when called upon, and in the past I have served as a lay eucharistic visitor. While I have also played in the Praise Band, my most recent service at HNC has been as a member of the choir. HNC is my spiritual home, made special by the people with whom I share this spiritual journey.

As to what I can contribute to the leadership of Hickory Neck, I will share my administrative expertise, my experience in community service, and my energy freely as God would lead and as the opportunities arise. It is important though that I am clear that I believe what we enjoy at Hickory Neck is to be shared, not kept for ourselves. That is, I take quite seriously the charge that Hickory Neck Church should be a light on the hill clearly representing the love of Christ in

our community. I believe strongly in social justice and that the Church has a central role in promoting such justice. I am willing to push boundaries if needed and see a greater vision for Hickory Neck than we currently fill. I do not know what form that vision will take, but I am a willing partner in seeking it, sharing it, and working to fulfill it. And that is again where God will have to take the lead. I am available to be used as an instrument of His service, if that is His will and yours.



**Elenor Josephine Bunkie Righter**

Born in Sturgeon Bay WI, I have lived in Williamsburg VA on and off all my life. I am the very proud mother of two boys, Benjamin, 22 and Elijah, 18. I am new to the Episcopal faith tradition having spent my life studying both Judeo-Christian and Eastern faith traditions. Prior to joining HNC I was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church here in Williamsburg. While a member of WUU I taught religious education for middle school age children, I served on the religious education committee and the board. I have worked for the last twenty years in the nonprofit sector both as an employee, a volunteer and as a fundraiser. I have worked for the last twelve years at GuideStar USA, Inc. My work as a Business Development Director includes travel, presenting and acquiring sustainable revenue for GuideStar which is a 501c3 public charity.

I joined HNC and have been both baptized and confirmed here because since the very first day I attended I have felt at home. I stay here at HNC as my need for a spiritual family with whom I can worship is lovingly met and I am nurtured and fed spiritually by my deepening relationships with my brothers and sisters here at HNC as well as my worship opportunities.

For me, worship is not simply a weekly activity of Eucharist but is also fulfilled by my service and activities at HNC. My opportunities to sing with our choir, our praise band and serve on the stewardship committee have been an honor and a joy. My life of faith is strengthened and deepened as a result of these ministries. To then be asked to be a candidate for vestry is a blessed opportunity to again be able to be of service to my brothers and sisters who offer me so much care. As a member of your vestry I look to offer HNC my background in nonprofits, marketing, fundraising, and revenue and in serving on multiple boards through the years. I also have experience in working with volunteers and events as well as with children and children's programming. My passion at HNC currently is definitely in stewardship as that is such a vital and demonstrative part of our journey together! I believe that HNC offers so much to the community and to each other. I believe that HNC continues to benefit from strong, faithful leadership and I would be honored to have the opportunity to support that. Thank you for asking me and allowing me to serve. Agape.

## Candidates for Diocesan Council Delegate

These members of the congregation are candidates for election as Delegates to the Diocesan Council at the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on December 9, 2012. The three delegates elected will represent Hickory Neck at Diocesan Council meetings during the calendar year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.



**Carrol Bailey**

I am Carrol Bailey and I live in Colonial Heritage with my husband Dal. We have 5 children and 12 grandchildren. I have been an Episcopalian for 23 years, but have been very active in church since I was a child. Our previous church was St Paul's in Salem VA for 14 years before we moved here in 2008. Our first visit to

Hickory Neck was a reception for Lauren. We knew then that we had found our new church home. We had not even heard the first sermon, but felt the friendship and a great parish family.

I am involved with the Power Squadron, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Lions Club and various groups within Colonial Heritage. I serve on several committees at Hickory Neck and enjoy being a greeter and vestry member of the day.

My best skills are cooking, organizing, and financial management and I believe I can help the Vestry in those areas. I enjoy being a member at Hickory Neck because it is an active group and willing to work and help each other. This fosters development and more spiritual growth for me. After taking the confirmation class several years ago, I have felt a need to serve God by being more involved at Hickory Neck.

My vision for Hickory Neck is to expand my religious development and promote growth as a church with the spiritual harmony that we now have. To be on a balanced fiscal basis will allow the expansion of church programs.



**Fred Boelt**

I have been a member of Hickory Neck since 1982. At that time, we were a small mission church, and I have seen the transition from that point into the thriving parish that we are today. I have always felt the warmth of the friendship and the caring concern that we have for each other,

and enjoy all of the aspects of our faith-centered community. Over the years, I have been on Vestry several times, have been both Junior and Senior Warden, and have served on most of our committees. Additionally, I have been Treasurer on three different occasions; most recently for the last

ten years. I feel that all of this has given me a great deal of insight into the functioning of our parish.

Having been a delegate to Council several times in recent years, I have gained a better understanding of the relationship between a parish and the Diocese. I have witnessed Bishop Hollerith's leadership move the Diocese forward over the past four years. The changes in policy and staff that he has implemented are now bearing fruit. Given time, this will improve the wellbeing of the Diocese. I would like to witness and help with this process by representing Hickory Neck at Council.

In the not too distant future, we will see the Diocese formulate plans for a centrally located, cost effective office complex. We will see the staff continue to provide enhanced programs to assist and enrich our parishes. As the financial challenge improves, we will see a suffragan bishop added to the staff to better serve our parishes' needs. More work is needed on the apportionment process to bring all parish pledges to the Diocese within an equal standard. I believe that we at Hickory Neck are beginning to have a better understanding of why we are asked to support the Diocese financially as well as serving on various support groups. Just as at Hickory Neck, increased gifts of time, talent and treasure to the Diocese will allow it to spread the Gospel and invest in the growth of charitable works. We will continue to focus on getting the word of Christ out to all, and at the same time, work toward improving the understanding of the Episcopal Church and our liturgical services. I look forward to being a part of this, and will be pleased to serve as your delegate to Council.



**Ann Cooper**

The first words that come to mind relative to being a member of Hickory Neck is a feeling of joy in worshiping and sharing a Christian life with my fellow parishioners. Not only have I found joy in the fun we have together, I have been able to identify areas in my own life needing growth. There is always someone to help in those serious times. I have learned much about prayer and the importance of centering prayer

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in which I am quiet and wait for God to have a chance to communicate with me. Here, church is not just an aside; it is my life.

Last year, when I went to Council, I received information that broadened my knowledge and understanding of the way the church works at an administrative level and the effects of administrative planning on the local church. It is particularly meaningful to consider other churches' planning processes as we deal with serious social issues. The knowledge gained may help us as we make decisions for our church. If elected, I will be honored to participate in the 2014 Council events and share them with the Parish.

The staff members at the diocesan level are very valuable to the local churches as consultants. My vision focuses upon encouraging continued attention by the staff on local church needs. In addition, I would like to see continued planning for special programs on topics that will be helpful to parishes as we deal with local challenges.



**David Hartsough**

I was born in Salem, Ohio in 1947. After graduating from North Carolina State University with a BA in Economics, I went to naval flight training and received my wings in 1971. After a career in the Navy, I started new careers as both a manufacturer's representative and a college professor.

My wife Margene and I enjoy travel, golf and music. She also likes gardening, but I consider that work.

Starting to attend Hickory Neck in 2007 was like finding a home. My religious background has taken several twists and turns over my life time, but I now feel as though I am where I belong. Attending Hickory Neck made it easy for me to decide to join the Episcopal Church in 2009. I like everything about Hickory Neck: the people, the service and the whole environment.

I continue to learn more about the Episcopal Church. While I have always had a strong grounding in my faith, I am hopeful that getting more involved in the church will aid me in my learning process. And of course, it is another way of serving.

Visions are always difficult. It would be good to see Hickory Neck grow and strengthen over the coming years. I would

also like to see us as leaders in the local faith community. I am a big believer in ecumenical projects. Churches often stay in their own safe areas and are reluctant to work with others. We are all one faith and the more we work together the better. Finally, I hope that in the near future Hickory Neck will be a major player in ending homelessness in the Williamsburg area.



**David Simmons**

Hello, I am David Simmons, and I am offering my services to Hickory Neck as a candidate for delegate to the 2013/2014 Diocesan Council. My family and I have been members of the Hickory Neck Family for a little over seven years. I seek to continue to serve Hickory Neck as a delegate to Council because

I believe that in order for the Church to fulfill the work that Christ left for us, each member must find their calling and get involved. I believe being involved in my church means participating in activities within the life of my church beyond weekly worship. I believe that being a member of Hickory Neck means that we are part of one big family. At Hickory Neck, we join together in our worship of God and in love of our neighbor because we like what we see, hear, and feel when we are together. In addition to my desire to be involved with the life of my church, I believe that by offering my service as a delegate to Council, I can gain a better understanding of my church and my diocese, and, hopefully, through this knowledge, I can work with Bishop Hollerith and the other members of Council to continue to guide our diocese as we strive to be a light unto the world through our ministries in the community. I feel that through the relationships I have made throughout the diocese, I can make a positive contribution on behalf of this Parish through my participation at Council. I will work to listen and understand issues at Council, and as one of the Parish's representatives, I will vote on matters in the manner that I feel the Parish and God want me to vote. Therefore, with the goal of helping, in whatever way possible, to guide the future of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, I offer my continued service to this Diocese and to the Hickory Neck family.

## Hickory Neck is Thankful for...

### Mark Kintner

Mary Teale

SEVERAL HURRICANES HAVE PASSED OVER HICKORY NECK IN THE PAST 10 YEARS. One of them has stayed. It is often dressed in a yellow rugby shirt and black and yellow track shoes. It goes by the name of Mark Kintner.

In his wake there is not destruction but order and cleanliness. Chairs and tables move about miraculously in different configurations for various meetings. Decks, steps, benches and picnic tables are power-washed. Fallen trees are cut up; 100 yards of marigolds along the sidewalk are dead-headed bi-weekly to keep them looking their best; the new Associate Rector is welcomed by a freshly painted office.

Then there are the technical skills. Mark operates the sound system for the New Chapel, video-tapes the sermons and posts them on YouTube, the HNC website, and Facebook. He helps maintain the church website to keep it current.

The attention to detail throughout all these tasks is exemplary. Hymnals and prayer books are straightened in the same order after all services. While planing the door of the Historic Chapel he notices smudges on the paint. That leads to the washing of the doors and all ledges, sills, and pews inside the building.

Mark has expanded a book of instructions started by Ollie Kendrick, describing the tasks that are done on a regular basis. He has developed Power Point to-scale floor plans for the Narthex and New Chapel for weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual setups for the various activities that take place in the church facilities. When he goes out

of town, he makes certain that there is a substitute to take his place, should the need arise for special set-ups.

Training for these responsibilities began early in his life. When he was in grade school, his family was one of six families that started a mission church in southeast Topeka, KS. His dad was the church treasurer, lector, usher, head of the men's group, and Senior Warden. His mother was the organist and head of the altar guild. Mark was an acolyte, youth group president, and he mopped floors.



Through the years Mark has served in Episcopal churches in Delaware, England, and California. He said that all of his churches have been congregations smaller than Hickory Neck.

Not sufficiently time-challenged with his duties as informal sexton, Mark has filled in as Bible study leader, usher and, hugely important, Fall Festival Chairman and/or Co-Chairman for the last six years.

So the next time you are at Hickory Neck and you look about the clean, orderly space, with chairs and tables where they are needed, no smudges to be seen, equipment in place and working, think of the hurricane that came and stayed. Think of Mark.

Thank you, Mark, for caring for Hickory Neck. ❖

## Snyders retire as Nuggets Editor and Publisher

Marta Zoellner

This issue of The Nuggets marks the end of an era, as Steve and Nancy Snyder hand over the reins as publisher and editor. The Snyders have been putting out the Nuggets for the last ten years. They even came up with the name “Nuggets.”

“I don’t know why we did [it],” Nancy says, “but we just kind of got into it.”

The Snyders have worked as a team to produce the monthly newsletter. As articles came in every month, Nancy would look over each one, make minor corrections, and pass them along to Steve, who did the layout. Once he had all the articles in place, he would print out proofs for Nancy to look over.

“One time she got really upset because I had an article that continued on three pages!” he says, referring to the practice of continuing, or “jumping” a long story to a subsequent page in a publication.



Neither of the Snyders had any previous journalistic or publication design experience when they took on the Nuggets.

“There are some challenges sometimes,” Nancy says and laughs.

Steve says that one of his biggest challenges at times was finding artwork to illustrate stories.

Despite the challenges, the Snyders seem to have enjoyed their time at the helm of the Nuggets, and parishioners have come to rely on it for information about the life of Hickory Neck.

Nancy understands how important this ministry is. “I felt like I was being of service to our church family,” she says. After ten years as editor and publisher, the Snyders certainly have been of service to Hickory Neck, and we would like to send them a heartfelt thank you.



(As of 09/30/12)

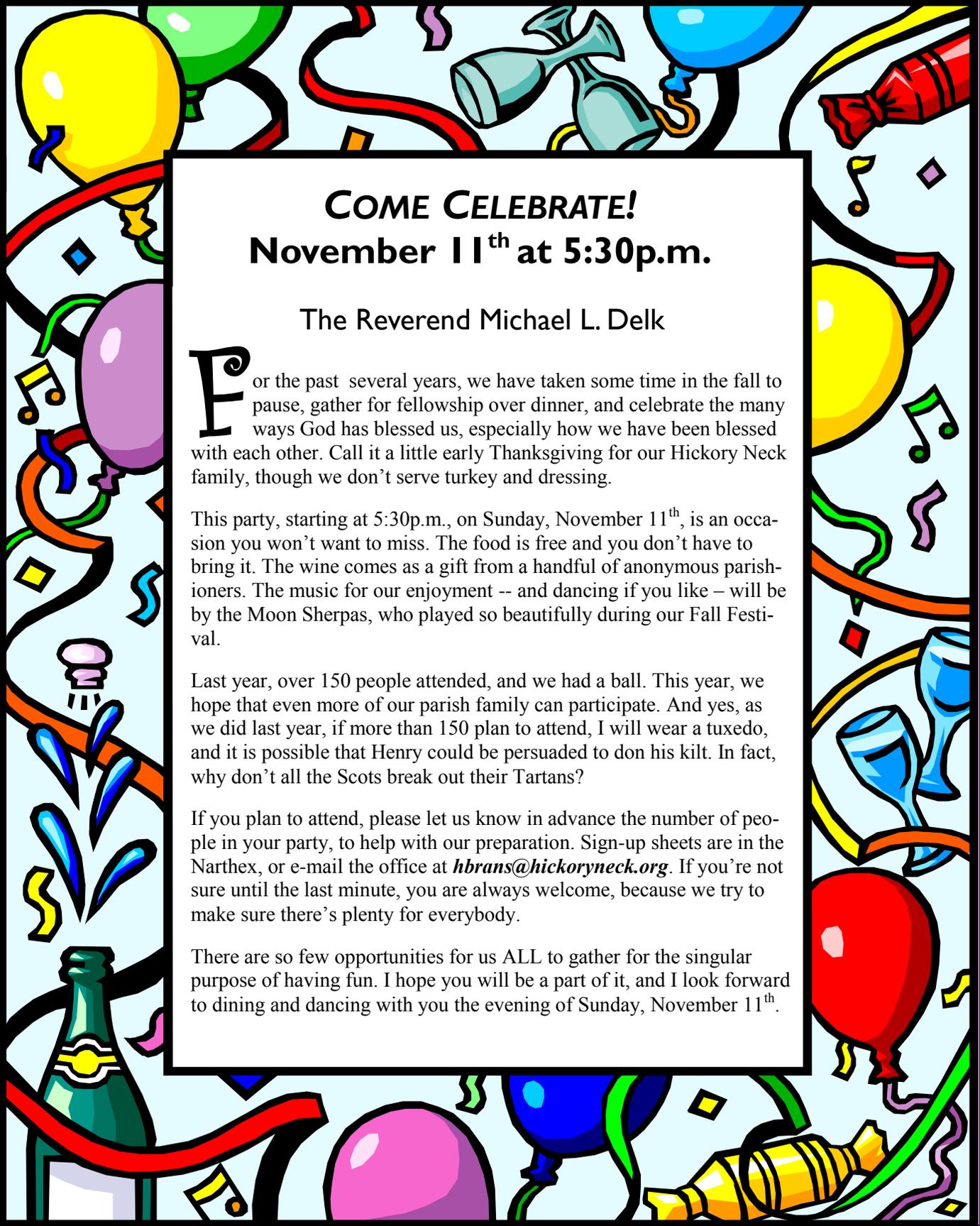
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YTD Actual Expense	\$284,049.19

Five Sundays to the rescue! August income, which was below budget, has been offset by September income which was \$3,649 above budget. Year-to-date income is a healthy \$5,839 above budget. Both September and year-to-date expenses were under budget by \$853 and \$12,489 respectively. The month ended in the black by \$1,115, and year-to-date, we are \$25,975 in the black.

We were able to make an additional principal payment of \$5,000 to our loan in September, bringing the balance to \$330,745.42 as of October 1<sup>st</sup>. Additionally, we saw another nice rise in our Davenport Fund for the month. With an increase of \$1,316, the fund settled at \$60,449 on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

As you read this article, we are in the middle of our stewardship campaign for 2013. Hickory Neck parishioners have a long history of meeting challenges. The focus for next year has to be on our operating expenses. Please prayerfully consider this when you fill out forms for Time, Talent and Treasure, remembering that “Generosity Knows No Bounds!”

On a personal note, I really *enjoy* being your treasurer. The only thing that ever frustrates me is having to prepare a budget speculating on late pledges. Please return your T, T & T forms as soon as possible. We need to keep refilling the oil in the beacon on our Holy Hill! **Fred Boelt**



**COME CELEBRATE!**  
**November 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p.m.**

The Reverend Michael L. Delk

**F**or the past several years, we have taken some time in the fall to pause, gather for fellowship over dinner, and celebrate the many ways God has blessed us, especially how we have been blessed with each other. Call it a little early Thanksgiving for our Hickory Neck family, though we don't serve turkey and dressing.

This party, starting at 5:30p.m., on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, is an occasion you won't want to miss. The food is free and you don't have to bring it. The wine comes as a gift from a handful of anonymous parishioners. The music for our enjoyment -- and dancing if you like -- will be by the Moon Sherpas, who played so beautifully during our Fall Festival.

Last year, over 150 people attended, and we had a ball. This year, we hope that even more of our parish family can participate. And yes, as we did last year, if more than 150 plan to attend, I will wear a tuxedo, and it is possible that Henry could be persuaded to don his kilt. In fact, why don't all the Scots break out their Tartans?

If you plan to attend, please let us know in advance the number of people in your party, to help with our preparation. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex, or e-mail the office at [hbrans@hickoryneck.org](mailto:hbrans@hickoryneck.org). If you're not sure until the last minute, you are always welcome, because we try to make sure there's plenty for everybody.

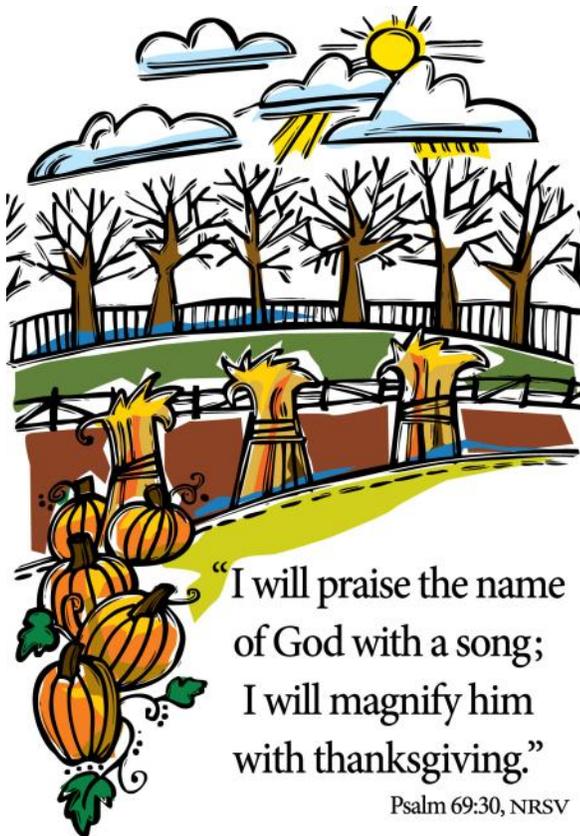
There are so few opportunities for us ALL to gather for the singular purpose of having fun. I hope you will be a part of it, and I look forward to dining and dancing with you the evening of Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Bishop Hollerith's Visitation on December 2<sup>nd</sup>

About every three years, we receive a visit from our Diocesan Bishop, The Right Reverend Holly Hollerith IV. He comes to confirm and receive people into the Church, offering them an opportunity to make a public profession of their faith. A Bishop's visit also helps remind us that we are connected to a much broader Church. Unlike some many congregations, we are not alone. We are a single yet vital part of a much larger whole. However, from the Bishop's perspective, I think he simply enjoys the chance to be with us, to hear and see how we're doing and bring us good tidings from our sister parishes.



On Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the first Sunday of Advent, Bishop Hollerith will be present for a combined Eucharist at 10am, with a reception to follow. I hope our Bishop might be able to be present at 9am for a special Adult Forum, though at the time this writing, we are still working out the details. Look and listen for more information on this possibility through our E-pistle and Sunday morning announcements. Our 8:00am Eucharist on December 2<sup>nd</sup> will be unchanged, except for its location. We will hold it in the Historic Chapel, since the New Chapel will be stacked for a large crowd.



“I will praise the name  
of God with a song;  
I will magnify him  
with thanksgiving.”

Psalm 69:30, NRSV

## Thanks Giving Through Song and Prayer

When we celebrate Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, include worship as part of your day as we gather in the Historic Chapel for Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. What better way could we offer our gratitude to God for the blessings we have received than to render praise to the Giver of all good gifts through hymns, prayers, and listening to the word of God? I promise that it will be more inspiring than a parade, a wonderful way to spend time together with your family, and you'll be home with plenty of time to spare for feasting and football-watching.

**The Reverend Michael L. Delk**



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## Fall Festival 2012

More than 840 people came out on a perfect October day for this year's Fall Festival. This parish-wide event raised more than \$16,000. After covering expenses, there will be over \$12,000 to benefit local charities.

See more pictures online at [hickoryneck.org/photos](http://hickoryneck.org/photos)



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