

Good Shepherd News

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You Are Invited to the Consecration of

The Reverend Herman 'Holly' Hollerith IV As the Tenth Bishop of the diocese of Southern Virginia

13th of February 2009 at 7:00PM at William and Mary Hall in Williamsburg

A Brief History of The Church in Virginia

From simple beginnings at Jamestown until the coming of the Revolution, the Anglican Church in Virginia served as an arm of the colony's government and the source of spiritual nurture for most Virginians.

At the end of the seventeenth century, the Bishop of London appointed a resident clergyman, the Commissary, to provide local ecclesiastical supervision of the Virginia Church, a system that remained in effect until the Revolution. Yet the Commissary had only limited authority, so the Church in fact remained an ever-growing collection of semi-independent parishes subject to lay control.

While responsible for the moral life of the colony, as an arm of government, the Church managed all social services in Virginia, caring for the poor, handicapped, widows and orphans.

The Reverend Dr. David Griffith, who led the reorganization of the Church in the 1780s, was elected first Bishop of Virginia, but did not receive the financial support for consecration in England. After Griffith's resignation and death, James Madison, president of William and Mary and cousin of the fourth President of the United States, was elected Bishop and did travel to England for consecration.

After Madison's death in 1812, the Church leaders representing a few parishes went

through a period of uncertainty before a group from northern Virginia persuaded the Reverend Richard Channing Moore from New York to provide new diocesan leadership. A moderate evangelical, Moore accepted the Virginia episcopacy while also serving as rector of the new Monumental Church in Richmond.

Bishop William Meade, Moore's successor continued to expand the missions and other programs dedicated to building congregations.

Meade also sought to rebuild the image of the Church through historical research and writing. Bishop John Johns, Meade's successor, brought the Virginia Church back to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America in 1866, facing new challenges in rebuilding a Church whose congregations and facilities had suffered in war. In 1865, Bishop Johns and the Episcopal Church in Virginia faced the task of rebuilding a Church devastated by war. Buildings damaged, churches used by armies as hospitals, stables and camp grounds, many congregants lost in the fighting, resources curtailed in defeat, the Church sought to revive itself.

As the Episcopal Church in Virginia grew, it divided into four parts. The first of these, the Diocese of West Virginia, came into being in 1877, recognizing the political division of the War. Within Virginia, the Church divided itself into three dioceses, beginning in 1892 with the Diocese of Southern Virginia that in turn divided in 1919 with the creation of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. The Consecration of the Reverend Herman Hollerith IV as the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia is a continuum of leadership in the church dating back to its beginning at Jamestown.

*To Know Christ and Make Him Known
With Joy, Faith and Service*

Directions for Bishop's Event

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

Bus transportation will be provided between the Williamsburg Visitor's Center, the Williamsburg Lodge and Conference Center and William and Mary Hall (W&M). We are expecting many dignitaries and guests; therefore we suggest that you plan your travel time to include parking and bus travel to W&M

Hall.

DIRECTIONS: Williamsburg is midway between Richmond and Norfolk on Interstate 64. From I-64, take Exit 238 onto Route 143 East. After exiting, look for America's Historic Triangle directional signs (blue with red-and-white 'ribbon'), where you will notice the Colonial Williamsburg logo.

Follow Route 143 to the second traffic light and bear right onto Route 132. Continue on Route 132 following the signs to the Visitor Center. At second left, turn onto concrete aggregate road, Route 132Y (Address: 101A Visitor Center Drive). There you will see the complimentary coach buses.

Lenten Series—Save the Dates

Holy Living and Living Holistically in Anxious Times

This year for Lent, we will join with other Episcopal Churches in the city to reflect on various facets of our individual lives and how they fit together. These facets—our

physical bodies, our Spirits, our attitude about our possessions, and our life's callings all connect with each other as we pursue wholeness and holiness. Confirmed speakers include the Rt. Reverend Heath Light and soon to be

Rt. Reverend Holly Hollerith IV.

Our sessions will include a gathering time, dinner served by the hosting congregation, presentations, discussions and closing prayers.

Adult Forum and Synthesis

We will be looking into our lectionary Epistles in the month of February. They come from I Corinthians 7-9 and 2 Corinthians. What a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the early church and notice the commonalities with our own lives that are so cross cultural in our every day world! At 9:15 in the Memorial Hall, February 1, 8, and the 15th. The 22nd will have a special speaker from the National Association of Episcopal Schools. Leaders of Synthesis will work hand in hand with Tricia McKee. As we move into Lent, Adult Forum will follow on the Baptismal Covenant and what that means authentically to our adult faith and call of life in the body of Christ. Synthesis will go back to the library each week in Lent. Children's Special Processional Contribution in worship—Out of Children's Chapel service—10:00 service on February 22nd. The children will lead us in a regular Mardi Gras celebration during the Offertory for that day. Come early, and be prepared to take part. Everyone will have a place in this time of worship and celebration!

What is your favorite recipe for lent?

John D. Rockefeller was asked at the height of his career by a reporter, "Mr. Rockefeller, how much is enough?"

He responded, "Just a little more than I have."

I am very pleased to report that our stewardship for 2009 has gotten off to a good start! Under the leadership of John Meek, members of the congregation, particularly the Vestry, have been asked to visit every member of the Church in order to keep informed of our ministries, to build bonds of affection within the parish, and to ask for

pledges that will ensure that we have enough.

To date, 65% of our total pledges have been received, which accounts for 70% of our total budgeted needs. We are ahead of last year in that regard. Many people have given a little more than they have in the past. Others are not able to. In these extremely difficult economic times, the Church recognizes that few of you have enough to do everything you wish. However, we also recognize that everyone can do a little something. As we ask parish programs and staff to reduce their budgets while

still meeting their long range ministry objectives; we also ask you, if you have not done so, to please stay informed and make your prayerful pledge. The Grace of God is ours. We have more than enough of what we really need to go around. Your participation enables that to happen.

Robert Davenport

This Little Light of Mine, I'm Gonna Let it Shine!

The first week of the year in Ruach and the pre-school class at Loch Meadow, the children heard an old Jewish tale of the man who had a coat that wore out. Then, he made a scarf, then made a pocket, and finally a button-all the while his friends told him, "Lookin' good! Lookin' good, looking' good!"

Each person's creativity shares life back to the world. Fill your mite box so it can share some life back this month.

I was hungry and you gave me food.
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.
I was a stranger, and you welcomed me.
I was naked, and you clothed me.
I was ill, and you comforted me.
I was in jail, and you came to see me.

In this time of economic crisis, our children will take time in chapel worship throughout February and Lent to bring home a 'mite box'. Everything we share with others in the world today becomes more like the 'Widow's Mite'. Sacrificial giving involves giving something we would have for ourselves.

As we put change in the mite box, we could use it for a drink ourselves. But wouldn't it be more exciting to build it into something bigger for someone in need?

Talk about this with your children when mite boxes come home. Intentionally, prayerfully, maybe in surprising ways, collect together. And, return your gifts to the church beginning on Palm Sunday, April 5th. Our faith can be more authentic, when it is seated in actions in our lives and not simply words.

New Pictorial Directory

We are excited that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family! The directory will help to connect names with faces in our growing church. Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the Olan Mills professional photographer and view your proofs afterward. We will be making appointments before and after services the next few Sundays. Appointments can also be made on-line right now!

1. Use the church phone number (7574233230) for the entry password and fill in your family information.
2. The data is for informational purposes only. None of your information will be used for marketing.
3. Click Save to bring up the appointment calendar.
4. Advance the calendar to February. Our dates will be in red. Other dates may be available for appointment sign up at the church. Gray dates are full or unavailable online and appointments vanish as they are filled.

The more families that have their pictures taken, the more directories the church will receive at no cost! Please help us meet our goal of 100% participation! Every participating family that selects a pose will receive a FREE pictorial directory and a free 8x10 portrait! You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits if you wish. Dress casual or in your very best, whichever you prefer. Thanks to digital photography, you will come to the church only once for photography and for portrait viewing! This program is available at no cost to the church budget and will bring our parish family closer together by putting names with faces! The scheduled dates and times for photography are:

Thursday February 19th—3:00PM to 9:30PM

Friday February 20th—3:00PM to 9:30PM

Saturday February 21st—10:00AM to 5:00PM

Please contact Kathy Nolen-Martin (423-4930 or mknole@wm.edu) for more information or to volunteer to help our church with this project. We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory. Our new Pictorial Directory won't be complete without you!!

Make your appointment at <http://www.signup.olanmills.com>

Save the Date and Contact the Church for More Information

Parish Retreat

March 20th—22nd at the
Hilton Garden in Nags Head

Senior Luncheon

February 22nd after the
10AM Service

Newcomer's Welcome

February 22nd at the 10AM
Service

Jambalaya and Jazz Filled Mannamakers

Mannamakers will be meeting on Friday February 20th at 6:30PM at the home of Rachel and Ben Cottrell 7939 North Shore Road, Norfolk VA 23505. Bring your favorite New Orleans side dish and beverage to share!!

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? —Isaiah 43:19

“Sit down with a group of knitters anywhere and ask them to tell you stories about how they learned to knit. Many of the stories are humorous; some are tender; some are gently self-deprecating. Nearly all are colored with a love or fascination for knitting; nearly all reveal relationships with at least one other person, the person who taught them how.” Susan Jorgensen author of *Knitting into the Mystery* has hit it on the head with that comment. There is a group of ladies that meet to knit together and share stories. What is a Prayer Shawl? A lovely piece that is either knitted or crocheted by our hands with prayerful intent in hopes that the recipient will find balance back into their lives. If you know someone that is out of balance with their lives with either sickness or other life changing events, and want them to receive a shawl, contact us. If you are interested in learning to knit or crocheted, or find out more about the Prayer Shawl Ministry, come meet with us at the church the second and fourth Tuesday at 6:30PM or the first and third Tuesday at 10:00AM. Contact Lesa Nelson at 648-8291 or embarkguru@cox.net.

Parish Parade

Sunday, February 22nd at 10:00AM

Parades, King Cakes and Balls are a major part of the Mardi Gras tradition. Join the children of Good Shepherd and the boom boom boom or the trombone in a Grand Parish parade at the 10:00 service followed by King cake!! Find the baby in the cake and be crowned King or Queen on Tuesday at Beads and Beignets!

Beads and Beignets

Tuesday February 24th at 5:30-7:00PM

...and a pancake or two! Come celebrate getting the ‘fat’ out for Mardi Gras in Memorial Hall. \$6 per person.

Serving Around The World

Recently, with the presidential election, the inauguration, Advent and Christmas, we are reminded of the many ways we are fortunate to live in the land of the free. Being able to shop for clothing and shoes would be a luxury for many people around the world. Residents in many of the rural communities of Afghanistan struggle in the long harsh winters. (NO Wal-mart available). Anne and Kathleen Redfern have a sailing friend, David Ostwind, who is in the reserves working for Homeland Security and was called up suddenly last summer. He went to Afghanistan on October 18th for a year. When Anne emailed David what he needed, his immediate response was to ask for any SIZE OF USED WARM CLOTHING and SHOES (any size from children on up) so he could distribute them to the Afghan military to deliver to the locals. (Thus, they don't know they are from Americans.) David did not ask for food, DVD's, or anything for himself. What a role model and ambassador for our country!!! Through our contacts and neighborhood, about nine packages have been mailed. Let's all try and spread the warmth in Afghanistan this winter. Here is his address:

LT DAVID OSTWIND
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Thank you.
The Redferns

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