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Retirement from My Vocation

By Ellen Johnston, Music Director

“I’m so glad we had this time together,
Just to sing hymn and chant a psalm.
Seems we just got started and before you know it,
Comes the time we have to say Amen!”
With apologies to Carol Burnett



As you may have read in the *Messenger*, I have decided that the time has come to retire from my vocation as a musician in the Episcopal Church. I have had a long career in the Church and have enjoyed every minute of it.

My first “job” in the Church was in the seventh grade. My best friend Victoria and I would leave our Sunday school classroom and go to the lower grades (where there was a piano in every classroom) and play “I would be true”, “This is my Father’s world”, and “Dare to be brave.” Mind you, our reasons for taking this on was to escape seventh grade Sunday school!

Throughout the thirty-six years of my ministry I have served seven different churches. Only in the first and the last have I played the organ. Usually I directed choirs in addition to planning liturgies. For twenty-five years I served as Director of the Mississippi Conference on Church Music, an annual conference held in the Diocese

of Mississippi which brought in faculty made up of renowned composers, organists, and conductors from all over the country for a week of liturgies, music making, and fun.

I have loved being at Holy Comforter these past six and a half years. I appreciate your passion for social justice – not just talking about it but also acting on it. I have enjoyed a wonderful working relationship with Hilary, something I don’t take for granted. You are a great singing congregation and always open to learning new hymns. Most of all I have enjoyed working with the HoCo choir. This is a small but mighty choir with a devotion to God, to singing, and to their ministry as leaders in the liturgy. They have a wonderful sense of fun and making music with them has been a true joy.

I know that you will find just the right person to lead Holy Comforter into this new post-pandemic world. I will look forward to hearing great things about your journey. Thanks to you all for your love and support.

Hoco Birthdays **For the month of July:**

***Evan Herr, 2nd; Darlene Klenzmann, 2nd;
Allen Hurdle, 4th; Mary Davis, 5th;
Rob Hanayik, 5th; Judith O'Brien, 6th;
Kathleen Rose, 7th; Joani Hayman, 10th;
Marie McGranahan-Turner, 13th;
Julie Edwards, 18th; Roberta Cline, 19th;
Joan Vaughan, 19th; Richard Rose, 23rd;
Garnett Christoph, 25th; Henry Dyer, 26th;
Dorcas Douthit, 27th; Joan Prest, 27th;
Benjamin Raymond, 27th;
Casey Falterman, 28th; Angie Palmer, 30th;
Jimmy Ogle, Jr., 31st***

Hoco Birthdays **For the month of August:**

***Cameron Hunt, 6th; Anne Snyder, 6th;
Nancy Deane, 8th; Gayle Turner, 11th;
Kyan Doran, 12th; Mary Thorpe, 12th;
Jamey Hooks, 24th; Briana Vineyard, 25th;
Wesley Nichols, 26th; Helen Reese, 26th***



A Message from Hilary +

Dear Friends and Companions in Ministry,

Taking time for refreshment, sabbath, is a spiritual practice, which strengthens us and prepares us for all that we do. I hope that you have had or will have time to rest and play this summer. I will be taking time off and going to



New Mexico to be with my family from August 22 to September 5. I'm looking forward to reconnecting with my Dad and step-Mom who both had Covid in June. Thank you for your prayers for them, my sister Miranda, and me. Every day is a gift; now is the time

to appreciate and care for each other, see family and friends when we can, and celebrate all our relationships.

Thank you for your help with our covid protocols. In our diocese, currently, there is no guidance coming from the leadership to our churches, which means each church has to determine its own approach to the continuing covid situation. Whether we call it a pandemic or endemic, the fact is many of us and many people who we know have been infected in the last few months. We at HoCo are taking measures to keep each other as safe as possible. I hope that you feel good knowing that we will continue to wear masks until the infection rate is low. We are having Connection Time again outside, which is so much fun! Balancing safety and fun, safety and community, is my goal and the focus of our vestry.

Being here with you this summer, not on sabbatical as I was last summer, enables me to work with you now to plan for the Fall. My spirit is joyful as I think about beginning programs in September, some of which have not happened since Covid. With vaccines for young children being available, I'm hoping that more of our families with children will return to church. I'm anticipating that they will. No matter how many

children are with us in the Fall, I have a strong sense of call to begin offering Children's Chapel (Sunday school for children) again during the 10:00 am service. Please let me know if you would like to be a teacher or a teacher's helper. We are also going to start Youth Group again, and I'm hoping to partner with churches in our region to do Youth Group together. On Sunday, August 7, after the 10:00 am service I invite you to join me in the parish hall to talk about Sunday School and Youth Group. This is a meeting for parents and grandparents, kids, youth, and those who want to help lead these important programs.

Because I was away last summer participating in the Middlebury College Summer Language School, for Spanish, my confidence and ability to speak Spanish are much improved. As well, we are blessed to have several members and friends of HoCo who speak Spanish better than I do. Frank Castellon and his wife Patti are now regulars at HoCo. Frank is a native-Spanish speaker having been born in Cuba and a Deacon in the Episcopal Church. With Frank's help and the help of others, we are going to start offering a Spanish-language service, Misa en español, on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11:00 am, starting in September. I'm so excited. I invite all of you to come, whether, you speak Spanish or not. If you would like to help with the service, please let me know. To contact me for this or other matters, you can email me at hbshococlergy@gmail.com or call the church or call my cell number, which is in the parish directory.

Blessings for the rest of your summer!

Hilary+



At the Episcopal Church General Convention the Diocese of Virginia Deputation with bishops and bishop-elect Mark Stevenson July 10th



Association of Anglican Musicians Holds Closing Service at The Church of the Holy Comforter

By Ellen Johnston

The Association of Anglican Musicians (AAM) met in Richmond June 20-23. The group was scheduled to hold its annual conference in 2020, but had to postpone due to Covid. The local



conference committee co-chaired by Kevin Kwan (from Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Norfolk) and I had started planning this conference in the fall of 2018.

Following a delay because of the pandemic, the committee got to work and chose Holy Comforter for the closing Eucharist. The Rev. Dr. Victoria Sirota, Chaplain for the Association, presided and the Rev. Dr. Kathy Grieb, Director of Anglican Communion Studies, served as conference preacher. Hilary served as deacon, and the 230 conference participants served as the choir, directed by Dr. Marques Garrett, Professor of Music at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dr. Garrett grew up in Richmond and in addition to conducting the choir, delivered a presentation on Non-Idiomatic Music by Black Composers. All of the organ voluntaries and choral anthems were composed by Black composers. Dr. Michael Boney, Director of Music at St. John's Cathedral in Denver, served as organist.

It is said that when the AAMish sing, there are

three dynamic levels: Loud, Stun, and Kill! At the closing service this was no less true.

It was a wonderful week of worship, music making, learning, and networking with colleagues.



A Full Church for Ordinations

By Bruce MacAlister

Full churches are rare just about everywhere outside of Christmas, Easter, and weddings. Not so on Saturday, June 25th. Four future Episcopal priests were ordained to the transitional diaconate. They will serve as deacons in churches for about six months and then will be ordained priests.

Maria Maguire, an intern at HoCo about 5 years ago, was one of those ordained. She had just received her Masters in Divinity (MDiv) from Yale. (See her article in the June *Messenger*.)



Bishop Susan Goff presided and preached. The Nave was so full we had a few in the balcony. The pageantry was all that would be expected of an Episcopal celebration. The acoustics at HoCo, a fine organ, and plenty of clergy



to give voice to the hymns made for a service of celebration and joy.



A Creative Pentecost 2022

By Bruce MacAlister, Editor

With cautions from a high Covid-19 infections rate, Pentecost had to be handled creatively. Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Church. The Church was born in wind and fire, as people spoke in languages they did not know and also understood people who spoke in unfamiliar ways. Unity in the Spirit overcame division. Pentecost being the visit of the Holy



Comforter (aka, Holy Spirit) to the apostles and the basis of the name of our parish, it is always a special occasion. This year it was also a visit from a bishop to confirm two parishioners, Julie Edwards and Lian-Marie Munro. Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson joined us as preacher and presider.

Pentecost is always a celebration at HoCo and especially so with a visit from a bishop. But how to have a Connection Time party while being careful of infection? Anne Snyder and her minions worked their magic with fine treats wrapped in plastic bags. Parishioners then moved to the churchyard to enjoy the food and each other.



National Night Out - Same fun, different location

By Joe Green

On Tuesday, August 2, at 6pm, the Monumental-Wythe Neighborhood Watch will host the annual National Night Out Neighborhood Party, featuring food, music, people, and chances to talk to representatives of the Richmond Police Department and Henrico Police Department, and area elected officials. Folks really like our door prizes, and this year, we've got some hot ones! This event is for people of all ages. We have special treats for the kids.

This year, the event will be held at the back yard of Ryan Nelligan and Erin Thorn, 4807 Monumental Street, with food provided by Moe's Southwest Grill. This is only a half block from Holy Comforter Church. Just go around to the back of the church and you're almost there.



Let us emphasize, again, that **each and every** member and associate of Holy Comforter is considered to be an upstanding member of our Neighborhood Watch. The neighbors value the church and vice versa. Meet us and greet us! Have a problem? This is a chance to bring up any issues that concern our neighborhood.

The party is BYOB, and donations are accepted – but quite optional – for the food. It's always hot, so please drink lots of water.

You don't have to RSVP, but if you have questions, just call Bonnie Atwood at 804-314-7265.

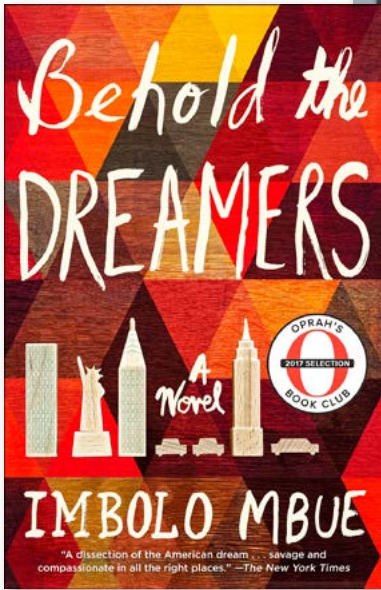
We will see you there!



July Book Club - Behold the Dreamers

By Stephanie Turner

Our selection for July is *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue. Following is some information about the book and a synopsis of the story. We'll be meeting at 7:00



pm on Tuesday, July 19. I think this one is going to be excellent!

“New York Times Bestseller • Winner of the PEN/Faulkner Award • Longlisted for the PEN/Open Book

Award • An ALA Notable Book

“NPR • The New York Times Book Review • San Francisco Chronicle • The Guardian • St. Louis Post-Dispatch”

“Jende Jonga, a Cameroonian immigrant living in Harlem, has come to the United States to provide a better life for himself, his wife, Neni, and their six-year-old son. In the fall of 2007, Jende can hardly believe his luck when he lands a job as a chauffeur for Clark Edwards, a senior executive at Lehman Brothers. Clark demands punctuality, discretion, and loyalty—and Jende is eager to please. Clark’s wife, Cindy, even offers Neni temporary work at the Edwardses’ summer home in the Hamptons. With these opportunities, Jende and Neni can at last gain a foothold in America and imagine a brighter future.

“However, the world of great power and privilege conceals troubling secrets, and soon Jende and Neni notice cracks in their employers’ façades.

“When the financial world is rocked by the collapse of Lehman Brothers, the Jongas are desperate to keep Jende’s job—even as their marriage threatens to fall apart. As all four lives are dramatically upended, Jende and Neni are forced to make an impossible choice.”

- Courtesy Amazon.com



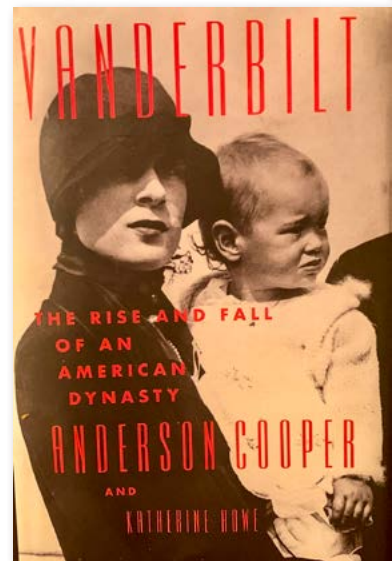
August Book Club - Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty

By Stephanie Turner

Our August selection (meeting August 16 at 7:00 PM) is *Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty* by Anderson Cooper and Katherine Howe. The story of the Vanderbilt family should be absolutely fascinating. Plenty of interesting characters in that family!

“One of the Washington Post’s Notable Works of Nonfiction of 2021”

“When eleven-year-old Cornelius Vanderbilt began to work on his father’s small boat ferrying supplies in New York Harbor at the beginning of the nineteenth century, no one could have imagined that one day he would, through ruthlessness, cunning, and a pathological desire for money, build two empires - one in shipping and another in railroads - that would make him the richest man in America. His staggering fortune was fought over by his heirs after his death in 1877, sowing familial discord that would never fully heal. Though his son Billy doubled the money left by “the Commodore,” subsequent generations competed to find new and ever more extraordinary





ways of spending it. By 2018, when the last Vanderbilt was forced out of The Breakers - the seventy-room summer estate in Newport, Rhode Island, that Cornelius's grandson and namesake had built - the family would have been unrecognizable to the tycoon who started it all.

Now, the Commodore's great-great-great-grandson Anderson Cooper, joins with historian Katherine Howe to explore the story of his legendary family and their outsized influence. Cooper and Howe breathe life into the ancestors who built the family's empire, basked in the Commodore's wealth, hosted lavish galas, and became synonymous with unfettered American capitalism and high

society. Moving from the hardscrabble wharves of old Manhattan to the lavish drawing rooms of Gilded Age Fifth Avenue, from the ornate summer palaces of Newport to the courts of Europe, and all the way to modern-day New York, Cooper and Howe wryly recount the triumphs and tragedies of an American dynasty unlike any other.

Written with a unique insider's viewpoint, this is a rollicking, quintessentially American history as remarkable as the family it so vividly captures."
- *Courtesy Amazon.com*



October Parish Retreat Program

By Lisa Lettau, Member of the Shrine Mont Board of Directors

Our Parish Retreat is scheduled for October 21-23, 2022, and procedures have changed. Shrine Mont now makes us commit in mid-July as to our numbers, and HoCo will be required to pay for that number of attendees. We've had several folks sign up in the required time frame, and I'm hopeful we can squeeze in anyone else who wants to come. Please continue to add your name at http://bit.ly/hoco_retreat if you are interested,

and I'll do my best to get you a room.

Hilary will be leading a program entitled, "Social Justice and the Bible." For a lot of us, the two go together, so this is an opportunity to take a deeper dive into exactly how. What is the role of the Church in politics and social policy? What is our own history of social justice ministry here at HoCo? A resource we'll be using is the book, *The Social Justice Bible Challenge*, edited by Marek P. Zabriskie, available from Amazon in both paperback and Kindle. It contains reflections on Bible passages from a number of authors, questions for reflection and discussion, and prayers.



This will be my last year of organizing our time at Shrine Mont, so hopefully there is someone out there who is willing to take over this particular ministry. It's not too late for someone to work with me this year and learn what's needed. If you have questions or need more information, please contact me at lglettau@gmail.com or 703-395-5307.

Shrine Mont is open and welcomes you up to the Mountain. There are numerous opportunities to stay over the summer, so check out the Upcoming Events section at <http://shrinemont.com/> for information on all these and more.

With online reservation capabilities now, you can book a weekend away whenever it works best for you. There are also packages available with Bryce Resort featuring golf and zip-lining. While Shrine Mont is one of our Diocesan Retreat Centers, it does not receive funding from the Diocesan Budget and relies on both parish retreats and individual bookings for a good portion of its revenue. Through great diligence and planning, Shrine Mont got through COVID-19 and has embraced the new normal - if you are unable to visit this year, please consider a tax-deductible donation.



Virginia's Newly Elected Bishop

Excerpted from Diocese of Virginia press release

More than 450 lay and clerical delegates gathered June 4 at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Va. for a special convention

to elect the 14th Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Virginia. The delegates elected the Rev. Canon Mark Stevenson on the second ballot.



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Rev. Canon E. Mark Stevenson is the Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Ministry Within The Episcopal Church. He is the principal liaison between Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and the House of Bishops, the various dioceses, and many of the governing bodies of The Episcopal Church.

Before being called to this role in September 2018, Canon Stevenson was the Director of Episcopal Migration Ministries, leading a dedicated team in executing a national program of refugee resettlement. Previously, he served as Domestic Poverty Missioner for The Episcopal Church.

Canon Stevenson served as Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Louisiana from August 2005 until September 2013. Following hurricane Katrina, Canon Stevenson worked closely with local, regional, national, and international leaders and groups to put into place the processes for effective relief and other ministry. He was the Rector in two parishes: the Church of the Annunciation in New Orleans, and the Church of the Good Shepherd in Maitland, Florida. His time at both churches focused on developing

ministries with youth and revitalizing ministries of stewardship, Christian education, and community outreach.

Canon Stevenson and his wife of twenty-seven years, Joy, reside in Louisville, Kentucky, with their Border Collie, Franklin.

According to the Canons of The Episcopal Church, the majority of Bishops and Standing Committees of the 109 Episcopal dioceses must consent to this election. Pending the consent of the bishops and dioceses, Canon Stevenson will be ordained and consecrated a bishop in the Episcopal Church on Saturday, December 3, 2022, 11:00 a.m. at The Saint Paul's Baptist Church, located at 4247 Creighton Road, Henrico, VA 23223.

Canon Stevenson will become the fourteenth Bishop Diocesan [aka, bishop-in-charge] of the Diocese of Virginia. He succeeds the Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, who retired in 2018. The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, Bishop Suffragan, has served as the Ecclesiastical Authority since Johnston's retirement. Bishop Goff will retire at the end of this year.



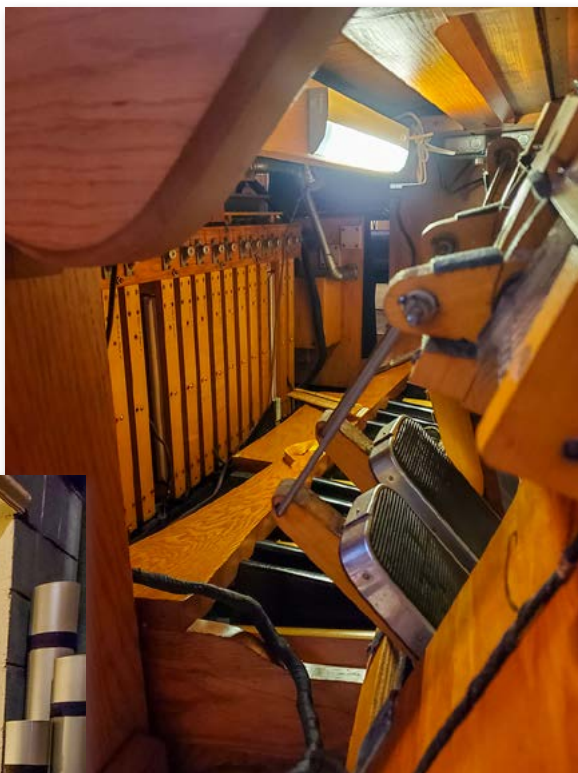
Spring Organ Work

By Will Jackson

Our HoCwwo organ was due for a tune up and not only in preparation for the big Association of Anglican Musicians music conference and hosting the ordination of deacons. Master organ builder Scott Hayes (also All Saints Episcopal Church music director) and I came in shortly before our big services to tune the organ, give her a checkup, and fix a few little things. Scott began by doing a quick playing check and then we opened up the console. The "console" really is just the "control panel" and organists try not to fuss with that. The heart of the organ is really the pipes and mechanics in the chamber up above. That's where the magic happens. Scott showed me around, and we actually "re-leathered", or repaired, a broken switch. It is cool noting that our organ is a mix of both old and new. Although we all heard about our big upgrades, only the "organist interface" part has been computerized. The rest is the original air powered

relays from 1965. So when we “re-leathered this coupler,” we literally had to fix it so it inflated with air correctly.

Once we did the console work, we began tuning. Scott went up into the pipe chamber, and we went through, one pipe at a time to make sure each one was in tune. With an organ’s many voices you also have to go one stop or “rank” at a time. It’s also interesting because Scott was comparing pipe frequencies, so the whole process sounds nasty and bizarre. What he



is listening for doesn’t sound artistic. Tuning is a lot of work. I would pull a stop, and we would go key by key, pipe by pipe, as Scott

worked his expert hand. What we discovered is that because of our temperature fluctuations in the summer, our organ can get wildly out of tune. We tried two full days of tuning (we returned the next week, the day of our big service) and still didn’t get it in great shape. We didn’t even get to everything.

So you can see how much work goes in behind the scenes. But it’s so worth to hear those pipes

vitalize. Actually, the official term is that an organ “speaks.” Seriously! What is really special is how excited you parishioners are about the organ. I am quite simply touched how enthusiastic you are when you see me play.

Most importantly, this is your organ; this is our organ, this is God’s organ. Pipe organs in general are dying. People don’t see the value in the money and upkeep for these marvelous instruments because they don’t connect with them. It is so wonderful that we all do at HoCo. Kipley Herr wanted me to play one day and then asked to take a crack at the bench. I set her up and she freaked out with joy when she played something. Truly, I’m so humbled and excited you guys are excited. If you ever catch me playing, it would be my honor to show you how the console works, what the

different sounds do, and set her up for you to play. If you want to hear real music, you need to speak with the master, Ellen Johnston.

There is a real spirit that flows through these instruments, and it’s all the more powerful that it’s mostly behind the scenes. Through our energy and joy, the pipes speak on. I’ve shared some videos for you at <https://HoCostreaming.org/organ>.

Stay tuned. In the next *Messenger* some wonderful guest organists we’ve had visit. In future issues, I may even take you on a tour through our organ chamber.





RIP: Former Virginia Bishop Peter James Lee dies at 84

Excerpted from Episcopal News Service

The Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee, 12th bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, died in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on July 2. He was 84. Lee served as bishop from 1984 to 2009.

One of the hallmarks of Lee's episcopate was his vote in 2003 to confirm the Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson, the first openly gay bishop elected in The Episcopal Church. That decision prompted 11 churches to break away from the diocese, which led to a legal battle over property ownership. The diocese ultimately won the legal dispute in 2012 when the courts ruled that the seceding churches' buildings and land were the property of the diocese.



Lee said that some of the highlights of his career were meeting Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu and being presented to Queen Elizabeth II.

While Lee eventually found his way to seminary, ordained ministry was not his first career. Prior to his call to ministry, he served as an Army intelligence officer, then as a journalist for several newspapers, including the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

He enrolled in Duke University Law School in 1963, but it was during his first year that he felt his call to ordained ministry. It was also the year he met his wife, Kristy Margaret Knapp.

Condolences to the family may be mailed to: The Lee Family, Mayo Memorial Church House,

110 W. Franklin St., Richmond, VA 23220 or emailed to bishopoffice@thediocese.net for forwarding to the Lee family.

The complete article is at www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2022/07/05/rip-former-virginia-bishop-peter-james-lee-dies-at-84/.



In Memoriam - David Burford

By Maria Scott and George Collier

Many of you will remember Martha Burford, who served as Director of Church Music at Holy Comforter for nearly thirty years. We are greatly saddened by the death of her husband, David, on Sunday, 3 July. For those of us who knew him



(he kept a rather low profile at HoCo), he was a smart, charming, funny, and gentle man who loved Martha completely and utterly. Prior to meeting her, he had lived and worked in Europe for several years, but for health

reasons he retired early. He and Martha met in the summer of 2008, were married that fall by Dwight McCall (another former choir member), and Bill Wells celebrated a blessing of their marriage the following spring.

While he preferred to let Martha take the spotlight at HoCo, David would every now and then showcase his considerable musical talents for us. He had a versatile fluency with the guitar, and could follow and contribute a natural secondary lead (and vocal harmony) to anyone else playing with him. His quiet hanging back from the center of attention was consistent with the natural and gentle man he was.

For the last several years, Martha and David have lived on a (literally) Windy Slope in

Lexington, VA, surrounded by the mountains both of them loved. David's health, which had been fragile for some time, confined him mostly to the house, but visitors could always be assured of his enthusiastic welcome and lively conversation, punctuated by the cacophony of the dachshunds with which they surrounded themselves. (Jack! Willy! Be quiet!). Dear "Man Burf" (as he was dubbed by A Tenor) - we miss you already.

If you would like to send your condolences to Martha, we suggest you send them c/o Grace Episcopal Church, 123 W Washington St., Lexington, VA 24450-2122



The Truck - Serving the Hungry Behind the Scenes By Bruce MacAlister

We all know that a lot goes on at a church that's not noticed on Sunday morning; it's invisible to most of us. "...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..." is what our food pantry, community meal, and veterans shelter dinner ministries do. (The quote is from Matthew 25:35, *New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*, Copyright

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The food supply for those ministries is very visible on "good Samaritan Sunday," the first Sunday of the month, when we bring shopping bags full of food to the altar table.

However, most of the food pantry supply arrives monthly in a

refrigerated truck from the Feed More food bank. There are usually three big pallets ordered in advance by Phoebe Winter.

Around 9am on the second Wednesday of the month, three or four HoCo parishioners show up at the HoCo food pantry awaiting the truck. (We get notification the evening before of the



expected time of arrival.) In 30 to 45 minutes we help unload the truck and load up the freezers and refrigerator. The room-temperature goods we leave on the tables for the shelving crew to put away. (More about them in a future article.)

I'm one of the Wednesday morning "unloaders" and I would love to have some of you for company. It's a good excuse to skip the gym that day. You don't have to serve every month. Phoebe sends out a query monthly to see who is available for all the food pantry related tasks. You can get on that list by sending her a note at phoebe.winter@outlook.com.



Vacation Bible School Postponed By Martha Richardson

We have decided to postpone Vacation Bible School to a weekend event in the fall, probably close to Halloween.

COVID rates are much higher than they were when we started planning, and enrollment

is low due to many of our families being on vacation. Watch for the TriWizards Tournament some weekend in October! If you are interested in volunteering please contact me at mgsrichard@yahoo.com or Emily Souder at eschilton@gmail.com.



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Coming Events at the Church of the Holy Comforter
See the [Hoco web site calendar page](#) for detailed calendar and rota

Schedule of church events following the Covid-19 period (still evolving)

- **Sundays:**
 - ◇ 8:45am Sunday Morning Adult Class, in person in the Parlor - Choir practice in the choir room (not on Thursdays at the moment).
 - ◇ 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II, in person with nursery available; the sermon can be found on Facebook and YouTube
 - ◇ 4:30pm Story Time, a service for children, their families, and friends of all ages on Facebook
- **Mondays:**
 - ◇ 7:00pm Adult Class via Zoom
 - ◇ 8:00pm Compline from the BCP or the New Zealand BCP or from the Northumbria Community, Facebook
- **Tuesdays:**
 - ◇ 7:30am Morning Prayer, Facebook
- **Wednesdays:**
 - ◇ 11:30am Centering Prayer, in person in the in the church
- ◇ Noon Holy Communion, in person in the church
- **Thursdays:**
 - ◇ 7:30am Morning Prayer, Facebook
- **Fridays:**
 - ◇ 8:00pm Compline for the BCP or the New Zealand BCP or from the Northumbria Community, Facebook
- **Saturdays:**
 - ◇ 7:00am Morning Prayer, Facebook
 - ◇ 8:00pm Prayers and a Reflection that previews readings and themes for Sunday, Facebook

Food Pantry Hours:

- First and third Saturdays, 11:00am to noon
- First and third Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6:30pm

Veterans' Shelter Dinner

- Fourth Thursdays, prep between 5pm
- Take to the shelter at 6pm and have dinner

Editing of the Messenger is done by Bruce MacAlister, the layout by George Collier.

The September Messenger will be available Sunday September 4th.

The deadline for that edition is Friday August 26th., but earlier is always encouraged.

If you feel that you have something you'd like to contribute, please contact Bruce MacAlister at

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