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Christmas 2022





The Rev. Andrew G. Kunz, Jr., returned to his Heavenly Father on November 27, 2022.

By Claire Kunz

Born in Rome, N.Y., January 1, 1936, Andy was adopted at 18 months by his new parents, Lee MacPhail Kunz and Andrew George Kunz. His mother made sure he knew he had been chosen, a concept he cherished. His adopted sister, Mildred Kunz Isham, completed the loving family.



at the Roslyn Conference Center's pool where we quickly chose each other and were married November 27, 1992.

Having grown up at the beach on Point

Lookout, Long Island, Andy loved the beach as did I. Together we spent time in Nags Head, Chincoteague, and our beloved Wellfleet, Cape Cod. Traveling took us to Italy, France, and an unforgettable mission trip and

safari in Africa. At home, he loved Molly curled up in his lap, music, movies, art classes and



He graduated from Colgate University and Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Mass., and was ordained to the priesthood in 1961. His ministry took him to St. Louis, Mo., for 18 years. He moved to Richmond, Va., when called to serve as Vicar of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. Here he retired after 17 years of faithful and loving service. Since then, Holy Comforter, Richmond, has been his home church, where he was a priest-in-residence.

art openings, the YMCA and his morning newspaper.

He is known as a faithful, kind, gentle soul. His loving heart will remain with all who knew and loved him.

Upon arrival in Richmond, Andy met me

Family and friends thank the staff of Westminster Canterbury, Health Center 3rd floor west for their excellent and loving support. It was a gift and blessing for Andy and me. A celebration of Andy's life was held Saturday, December 10 at Holy Comforter.



Annual Parish Meeting and Vestry Election, Sunday, February 5, 2023

By the Rev. Dr. Hilary Borbón Smith, Rector

Join us on Sunday, February 5, 2023, following our 10:00 am service for our annual parish meeting. You will hear reports from a few of our ministry areas, as well as from our Senior Warden, Ron Cox, Treasurer, Judith O'Brien, and me.

We will be electing three new vestry members for three-year terms. Going off our vestry will be Ron Cox, Joella Rhoades, and Susan Carvell. I think of them as “the covid crew,” as they were on the vestry during most of covid and served us well. Many thanks to them. Remaining on the vestry for one more year will be Emily Chilton Souder, Gayle Turner, and Steve Van Voorhees. Remaining on the vestry for two more years will be Julie Edwards, Evan Herr, and Lian-Marie Munro.

If you feel called to take more of a leadership role with our church, please let me know. I would love to talk with you about being a member of the vestry. We will have much to celebrate during our annual meeting and important information to share regarding our life together and our shared ministry. Please make every effort to attend our parish meeting on February 5.



Appreciative Inquiry

By Joella Rhoades, Member of the Vestry

Beginning in January, 2023, our parish will begin a process of “Appreciative Inquiry.” Appreciative Inquiry is the study of what gives life to human systems when they function at their best. Appreciative Inquiry approaches change through the process of questions and dialogue about strengths, successes, values, hopes and dreams. The Appreciative Inquiry process leads to personal and organizational transformation.

Appreciative Inquiry was developed at Case Western Reserve University in 1987 and has been used both nationally and internationally in a variety of formats, including churches and for

profit and not for profit organizations.

The Vestry and clergy ask for your cooperation in participating in this process. As we move out of the past two years that have been dominated by the Pandemic and all the change that was demanded of us as a community, we are hopeful that this process will help us determine our path forward.



More details on Appreciative Inquiry will follow in January. You will be asked to attend one meeting of 1-1/2 hrs in the January to March time frame.

If you have other questions, feel free to ask me or Steve VanVoorhees. Our phone numbers are in the HoCo directory.

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

***Brenley Doran, 10th; Maria Hayman, 10th;
Noell Rathbun, 11th; Catherine Rey, 13th;
Norm Marshall, 17th; Bonnie Steffey, 20th;
Jay Deane, 22nd; David Lehman, 22nd;
Phyllis Dawson, 23rd; Alexis Stratton, 25th;
Craig Anderson, 26th; Hilary Raymond, 28th;
Abie Richardson, 30th***



A Message from Frank +

Dear friends and companions in
Ministry,

It is January 2023! Happy New Year!

Where I was born, in January, children received gifts from the three kings on Epiphany. We left cookies for the kings and straw for the camels. When my family arrived in the U.S., we also

adopted Santa Claus, and I loved it because both Santa and the three kings came. My children did benefit also from the double standard, but now they are grown and their children are too, and we are back to just Santa Claus. What a pity!

It is January 2023. It is a new calendar year, but yet, when I read the paper this morning there seemed to be

nothing much new. This morning's edition did not seem much different from one last year, at least from a political or social framework. War still raged in Ukraine; the border with Mexico was still in turmoil; new leadership in the congress was still trying to find its way; and inflation was still uncomfortable.

I do not know about you, but I, most of the time, turn off the news out of frustration on my inability to comprehend why certain actions that appear obvious to me are not taken by... whoever...

But it is a New Year, and you and I have the opportunity to start afresh. The question is "How?". In asking myself that question, I am reminded of what Howard Thurman wrote long ago:

"When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star and the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are at home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, then the work of Christmas begins. To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed

the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among others, to make music in the heart."

The work of Christmas begins. A wonderful and prophetic vision. Something that we can embrace as individuals, as a congregation, as members of what our presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, calls our branch of the Christian tradition. We just need to define it. Is what we are doing enough? Are we called to add something else, or to refine that which we are already doing? How do we make music in our hearts?

What is the "work of Christmas"? I am sure that we all can begin to cite examples.

We are already feeding the hungry. The food pantry and your many ministries are what attracted my wife Patricia and I to join HoCo. Hilary's vision of a ministry to the nearby Hispanic community is dynamic and beginning to take shape. Our formation ministries to the young and the adult are ongoing. Just to mention a few things.

Are we not already doing the "work of Christmas"? Yes, we are, but Socrates said that the unexamined life is not worth living. And there is always room for improvement and for attracting others to our cause.

Beginning in January, 2023, Hilary announced that our parish will begin a process of "Appreciative Inquiry". Appreciative Inquiry is a study of what gives life to human systems when they function at their best. AI approaches change through the process of questions and dialogue about strengths, successes, values, hopes and dreams. The AI process leads to personal and organizational transformation.

Socrates would be happy with us. Cicero would tell us that an examined life is based on integrity and service. Seneca would tell us that an examined life is based on meaningful goals. Socrates would say that it is based on becoming wise and humble as humans.

Michael Curry would say that is based on what Jesus came to show us. In one of his recent messages, Bishop Curry said:

"Jesus came to show us how to live, reconciled

with God, and with each other. And He taught us that the way to do it is God's way of love. For God's way of love is God's way of life. It is our hope for our families, our communities, our societies, indeed it is our hope for the whole world."

The work of Christmas begins. A wonderful and prophetic vision. Maybe the three kings are bringing us new gifts after all. God's way of love. A gift of music in our hearts.

Deacon Frank +

PS. You are wondering who is this that is writing this message? My name is Frank Castellón. I am a retired deacon. My wife Patricia and I are new members at HoCo. I am helping Hilary to establish a ministry to Hispanic persons that live near our church. Patricia and I feel blessed by your welcoming ways and the ministry that you are doing.



Concert at HoCo on February 3rd

By Ron Cox

On Friday, February 3rd, at 7:00pm, the Chamber Music Society of Central Virginia



returns to HoCo to present a concert entitled "La Vida Nocturna." The program includes Luigi Boccherini's famous "Fandango" quintet, Spanish string quartets and the world premiere of a cello quintet by American composer Brian Nabors, a composer

of contemporary classical music, commissioned by CMSCVA for its 2022-2023 season. Tickets for students are \$5. Discounted tickets for HoCo parishioners are \$10 - just let the folks at the door know you're a parishioner.



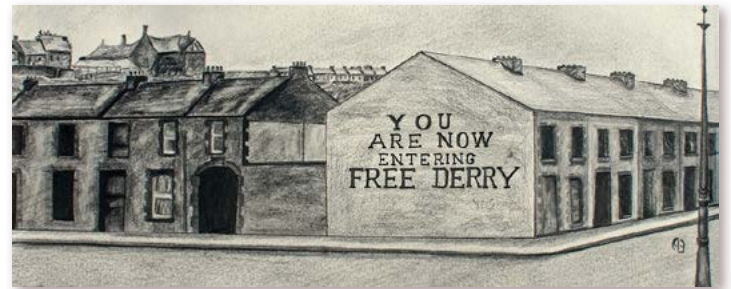
Derry Today at HoCo

By Bonnie Atwood

On Saturday, January 28 at 1:00 pm, The Richmond Irish American Society presents "our man in Derry," as we learn about historic Derry, Ireland, and take an illustrated look at what it's like today.

It is free, open to all, and refreshments will be served.

Holy Comforter Church, 4819 Monument Avenue





Un mensaje de Frank +

Queridos amigos y compañeros de Ministerio,

¡Es enero del 2023! ¡Feliz año nuevo!

Donde nació, en enero, los niños recibieron regalos de los Reyes Magos en Epifanía. Dejamos galletas para los reyes y paja para los camellos. Cuando mi familia llegó a los Estados Unidos, también adoptamos a Santa Claus, y me encantó

porque vinieron tanto Santa como los Reyes Magos. Mis hijos también se beneficiaron del doble rasero, pero ahora son adultos y sus hijos también, y volvemos a ser solo Santa Claus. ¡Qué pena!

Es enero de 2023. Es un nuevo año calendario, pero, sin embargo, cuando leí el periódico esta mañana, no parecía haber

muchas novedades. La edición de esta mañana no parecía muy diferente a la del año pasado, al menos desde un marco político o social. La guerra todavía rugía en Ucrania; la frontera con México todavía estaba en crisis; el nuevo liderazgo en el congreso todavía estaba tratando de encontrar su camino; y la inflación seguía siendo incómoda.

No sé ustedes, pero yo, la mayoría de las veces, apago las noticias por la frustración de mi incapacidad para comprender por qué ciertas acciones que me parecen obvias no son tomadas por... quien sea...

Pero es un Año Nuevo, y tú y yo tenemos la oportunidad de empezar de nuevo. La pregunta es "¿Cómo?". Al hacerme esa pregunta, recuerdo lo que Howard Thurman escribió hace mucho tiempo:

"Cuando el canto de los ángeles se aquieta, cuando la estrella y el cielo se han ido, cuando los reyes y los príncipes están en casa, cuando los pastores están de regreso con sus rebaños,

entonces comienza el trabajo de la Navidad.

Para encontrar a los perdidos, para sanar a los quebrantados, dar de comer al hambriento, liberar al cautivo, reconstruir las naciones, traer la paz entre los demás, hacer música en el corazón".

Comienza el trabajo de Navidad. Una visión maravillosa y profética. Algo que podamos abrazar como individuos, como congregación, como miembros de lo que nuestro obispo presidente, Michael Curry, llama nuestra rama de la tradición cristiana. Solo tenemos que definirlo. ¿Es suficiente lo que estamos haciendo? ¿Estamos llamados a añadir algo más, o a perfeccionar lo que ya estamos haciendo? ¿Cómo hacemos música en nuestros corazones?

¿Qué es el "trabajo de Navidad"? Estoy seguro de que todos podemos empezar a poner ejemplos.

Ya estamos dando de comer a los hambrientos. La despensa de alimentos y sus muchos ministerios son lo que atrajo a mi esposa Patricia ya mí a unirnos a HoCo. La visión de Hilary de un ministerio para la comunidad hispana cercana es dinámica y comienza a tomar forma. Nuestros ministerios de formación para jóvenes y adultos están en curso. Solo por mencionar algunas cosas.

¿No estamos ya haciendo la "obra de Navidad"? Sí, lo somos, pero Sócrates dijo que la vida no examinada no vale la pena ser vivida. Y siempre hay espacio para mejorar y atraer a otros a nuestra causa.

A partir de enero de 2023, Hilary anunció que nuestra parroquia comenzará un proceso de "Indagación Apreciativa". La Indagación Apreciativa es un estudio de lo que da vida a los sistemas humanos cuando funcionan al máximo. Los enfoques de IA cambian a través del proceso de preguntas y diálogos sobre fortalezas, éxitos, valores, esperanzas y sueños. El proceso de IA conduce a la transformación personal y organizacional.

Sócrates sería feliz con nosotros. Cicerón nos diría que una vida examinada se basa en la integridad y el servicio. Séneca nos diría que una vida examinada se basa en metas significativas. Sócrates diría que se basa en volverse sabios y humildes como humanos.

Michael Curry diría que eso se basa en lo que Jesús vino a mostrarnos. En uno de sus mensajes recientes, el obispo Curry dijo:

“Jesús vino a mostrarnos cómo vivir reconciliados con Dios y entre nosotros. Y nos enseñó que la forma de hacerlo es el camino del amor de Dios. Porque el camino de amor de Dios es el camino de vida de Dios. Es nuestra esperanza para nuestras familias, nuestras comunidades, nuestras sociedades, de hecho, es nuestra esperanza para el mundo entero”.

Comienza el trabajo de Navidad. Una visión maravillosa y profética. Quizás los reyes magos nos traen nuevos regalos después de todo. El camino del amor de Dios. Un regalo de la música en nuestros corazones.

Diácono Frank

PD. ¿Te estás preguntando quién es este que está escribiendo este mensaje? Mi nombre es Frank Castellón. Soy diácono jubilado. Mi esposa Patricia y yo somos miembros nuevos en HoCo. Estoy ayudando a Hilary a establecer un ministerio para personas hispanas que viven cerca de nuestra iglesia. Patricia y yo nos sentimos bendecidos por tu forma de acogida y el ministerio que estás haciendo.



Music!

By Jim Bennett, Director of the Music Ministry

What a whirlwind of a time it's been since I answered God's call to serve as HoCo's Director of Music Ministry! In the few weeks I've been with you there have been worship services for the Sundays of Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, several Spanish language services (which I've been providing music for since September), a service to celebrate Andy Kunz, rehearsals with the choir and musicians/ensembles, meetings with Hilary, emails (lots of emails!) and the planning. Always the planning...

There has been a lot of joy for me these past weeks. One of the greatest has been hearing you sing. I am aware Holy Comforter is a wonderful space in which to sing and play music. What I'm hearing is a great deal of participation from the congregation. Whole hearted participation, not

just from the choir. Y'all sing! And that is joyful to behold, to hear, to be a part of.

In planning for worship, one of my criteria for selecting a piece is to carefully read the text. I believe the language we use to describe God shapes the way we image and understand God. I love to discover new settings of psalms and hymns, or familiar tunes with new texts. Recently, I came across a setting of Psalm 29 by David Gambrell and these verses struck me, particularly in light of how much HoCo sings (the tune is *Lasst uns erfreuen* All creatures of our God and King):

The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia, alleluia!

The wilderness cannot contain the echo of the great refrain: Alleluia, alleluia...

The name of God is wild and free, whirl in holy mystery. Alleluia, alleluia!

A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir: Alleluia, alleluia...

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia!

Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One: Alleluia, alleluia...

You are always welcome to join the singing. If you want to be a part of the choir, whether regularly or perhaps for a season, know that you are welcome. There are no auditions. It is helpful to be able to read music but not being able to doesn't mean you can't participate. We meet on Thursdays from 7-8:15pm to practice. Let me know if you have any questions or would like more information. If you play an instrument and want to share your gift, please let me know about that also.

Grace and Peace to all of you.



January Book Club - Anxious People

By Stephanie Roberts-Turner

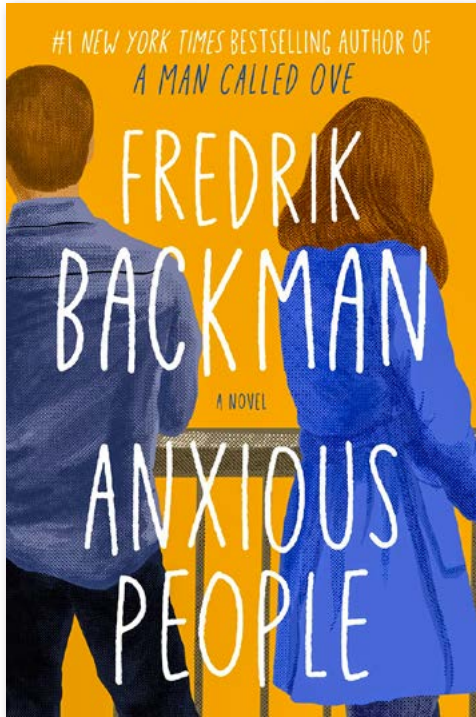
“A People Book of the Week, Book of the Month Club selection, and Best of Fall in Good Housekeeping, PopSugar, The Washington Post, New York Post, Shondaland, CNN, and more!” -

Amazon.com

“[A] quirky, big-hearted novel... Wry, wise, and often laugh-out-loud funny, it’s a wholly original story that delivers pure pleasure.”

- People

“From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove* comes



a charming, poignant novel about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined.

“Looking at real estate isn’t usually a life-or-death situation, but an apartment open house becomes just that when a failed bank robber bursts in and takes a group of strangers hostage. The captives include a recently retired couple who relentlessly hunt down fixer-uppers to avoid the painful truth that they can’t fix their own marriage. There’s a wealthy bank director who has been too busy to care about anyone else and a young couple who are about to have their first child but can’t seem to agree on anything, from where they want to live to how they met in the first place. Add to the mix an eighty-seven-year-old woman who has lived long enough not to be afraid of someone waving a gun in her face, a

flustered but still-ready-to-make-a-deal real estate agent, and a mystery man who has locked himself in the apartment’s only bathroom, and you’ve got the worst group of hostages in the world.

“Each of them carries a lifetime of grievances, hurts, secrets, and passions that are ready to boil over.” - Amazon.com

“None of them is entirely who they appear to be. And all of them - the bank robber included - desperately crave some sort of rescue. As the authorities and the media surround the premises these reluctant allies will reveal surprising truths about themselves and set in motion a chain of events so unexpected that even they can hardly explain what happens next.

“Rich with Fredrik Backman’s ‘pitch-perfect dialogue and an unparalleled understanding of human nature’ (Shelf Awareness), *Anxious People* is an ingeniously constructed story about the enduring power of friendship, forgiveness, and hope - the things that save us, even in the most anxious times.” - *Courtesy Amazon.com*



Senior Warden review of 2022

By Ron Cox, Senior Warden

Here are but a few of the notable things that happened at Holy Comforter during 2022. In spite of the pandemic, we pressed forward.

- With the onset of the Omicron variant, we returned to worshipping on Zoom for a brief period early in the year, returning to in-person worship in March. We had our first in-person Easter Sunday service since 2019.
- As the year progressed, we re-initiated many activities, including Connections Time, Children's Chapel, Story Time, and Vacation Bible School. Christmas saw the return of the Children's Christmas Pageant.
- We started several new activities, including a monthly Spanish language service and, in collaboration with several other Episcopal churches, a youth group.
- We continued to invest in our facility. Upgraded speakers were installed in the nave and an upgrade to the HVAC system in the

Parish Hall was completed. Thanks to the Foundation for their support in these efforts.

- We hosted concerts by the Greater Richmond Children's Choir, the James River Singers, and the Chamber Music Society of Central Virginia. We also hosted the closing service of the Association of Anglican Musicians conference and the Ordination to the transitional diaconate of four future Episcopal priests.
- We continued with our participation in Pride Fest and with our annual parish retreat at Shrine Mont. The pandemic required changes in our Food Pantry's procedures, but its service to our community continued without interruption.
- With the retirement of Ellen Johnston, we welcomed Jim Bennett as our new Director of the Music Ministry.
- We were approached by a Girl Scout troop looking for a more suitable space for their meetings and activities. We agreed to welcome them and are now the sponsor of Girl Scout Troop 462, a historically Black troop.



Adult Classes

By Peggy Hombs, Adult Formation

- The Sunday Morning Class meets from 8:45 to 9:45am in the Parlor and resumes on Sunday, January 8th. The class will continue the DVD-based course *Jesus and His Jewish Influences* with presenter Dr. Jodi Magness.



- The Monday Evening Class meets from 7:00 to 8:00pm via Zoom and resumes Monday, January 9th. The class will continue the DVD-based course *The World of Biblical Israel* with presenter Dr. Cynthia R. Chapman.



My dear Siblings in Christ,

I know many of you have probably been wondering why I have been wearing a walking boot at church during the last couple of weeks. I have been nursing a bone spur and bursitis near my Achilles tendon. It has been a chronic problem for years. Sadly rest, physical therapy, and anti-inflammatories can no longer do the job.

My Orthopedist, and my snarky children, have been telling me I should have it repaired now because as they say "I'm not getting younger". So, I will be having surgery after Epiphany.

During my recovery I will be in a cast and cannot bear any weight on the foot for about six weeks. I will not be able to serve as the Deacon at the Table. I will return as soon as I can walk and drive. I have already discussed this with Hilary and she has agreed to let me preach once or twice during my absence.

I am writing you because I regard you all as family, I will be checking email, and you can always reach me by phone.

Blessings,

Joe +



Men at the Movies - Master and Commander

By Steve Van Voorhees

Sail away with “lucky” Jack Aubrey at January’s men at the movies.

I’m a sea-going man! I’ve sailed Lake Ontario as a youth, the North Atlantic in a US Navy Destroyer Escort as a midshipman, the Chesapeake Bay on my 38’ racing sloop, off the coasts of Hawaii on a sailboard and a 16’ Hobie Catamaran, off the Maine coast on a classic 90’ windjammer. This does not include many cruises on large ships on the oceans to and from Europe, around the Caribbean and South America, and to Antarctica, New Zealand and Australia. Growing up on or near the water my entire life, along with all the other sailors in my family, I was fated to be a sailor, a crew member, and a very eager water baby and lover. I even christened myself “Son of a Beach.”

Add it up and sailing is to me the old salt’s version of “hours of routine boredom mingled with moments of sheer terror.” Overall, it has always been a metaphor for life, especially when one is in sync with the boat, the sea, and the wind. One day we were returning from Onancock on the Eastern Shore to Topping, VA, near the Norris Bridge. The day was clear and bright, the wind was piping up to near 30 knots with gusts going as high as 40-45 knots. There were three of us on board; we shortened sail and put up a storm jib (a tiny foresail), put 2 of us on the windward side to add weight, and reached our way well over the designed hull speed, laughing all the way. We crossed 30 miles of the Bay in record time. That day sums up why one does that sort of thing - you are One with Nature, God, and the Universe - and completely in thrall at the same time.

Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin are the Master and the Doctor of HMS Surprise in



January’s film *Master and Commander*, a rousing tale of warfare during the Napoleonic Wars that brings both the epic and the very human story of a community of men on a small wooden ship in an uncontrolled world. The Surprise is also small in comparison to the French privateer, Acheron, which is a 44-gun ship, roughly patterned after the USS Constitution. “Lucky” Jack Aubrey’s orders are to prevent the French fleet from raiding the English whalers off the coast of Brazil.

This 2003 movie was released during the winter holiday period, played to glowing reviews; IMDb 7.4/10, Rotten Tomatoes 85%, Metacritic 81/100, Cinema Score B+ on an F to A+ scale. Unfortunately it was up against the Christmas comedy *Elf*, as well as *X-Men*, *Lord of the Rings:*

The Return of the King, and *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*. All that aside, this is a great movie based on a best-selling series of books by Patrick O’Brian, which I recommend to readers who like historic or naval stories. It can be said that they don’t make movies this well

anymore. One reason is the high cost, and another is the quality of the script, production and design. This was made with actual sailing craft and filmed on the Pacific Ocean; you can visit HMS Surprise today at San Diego’s Maritime Museum. The sound track won an Oscar and is available on Spotify. The sound effects are among the best and coupled with the cinematography make for an immersive experience. By the way, it was announced in 2021 that a prequel is in the works.

I recommend that we pick a character or become one in the movie and experience life on board “this little wooden world.” Become one with the HMS Surprise crew. And what a crew! “Lucky” Jack Aubrey, a brilliantly creative tactician, “striking” for a Post Captain rating, and a violinist; Stephen Aubrey (patterned after Charles Darwin), scientist, cellist, and spy; the

13-year old Midshipman, Lord William Blakeney; Mr. Hollar, Boatswain; 1st LT. Thomas Pullings; Mr. Higgins, Surgeon's Mate; Midshipman Hollom, and Preserved Killick, the Captain's Steward.

The French navy is symbolized by the Acheron, modeled on of the USS Constitution, which is stronger, faster and superior in every measurement to HMS Surprise (a copy of HMS Rose). Acheron is aptly named - it is another name for the River Styx, the boundary between the living and the dead and is literally translated as the "river of pain."

Join the crew of the HMS Surprise on Tuesday, January 10th - we will gather in the Parlor at 6:00pm; the movie viewing and discussion will begin at 6:30pm. Welcome aboard!



Veterans shelter dinners restart January 26th

By Bruce MacAlister, team leader

The team takes November and December off since the fourth Thursday of those months are too close to Thanksgiving and Christmas to assemble everyone.



The process is:

1. Sue Taylor or I go to Sam's and buy the ingredients earlier in the week. HoCo has a tax-free account there.

2. The protein is usually cooked and we find it easier for one of the team to cook it at home. If it's to be served hot, we reheat it in the church oven.

3. The assembly team appears about 5pm in the HoCo kitchen to slice, dice, and assemble the meal. We make the iced tea, pack the plates, cups, forks, etc. and get it all ready to transport.

4. About 5:45 the transport team arrives to pack it up and take it over to the shelter on Hull street.

5. We serve the meal to the vets and then serve ourselves and eat with them. For me, this is a most enjoyable time. The last of the team are usually home by 7pm.

We would love to add you to our team. Call me or send a note to learn more: 804-353-4269 or b.macalister@ieee.org.



Ministry leaders, send us your reports!

By Vera Limn, administrator

For our February 5, 2023 annual meeting we need your reports. I need them by January 23, in time for me to merge them into the Parish Report we hand out to all the parishioners. Please send them as a Word document (doc, docx, rtf) or a simple text document either in an email note or as a TXT document.

Send your report as an email attachment to office@hoco.org.



Bishop Goff joined Rector Smith for Christmas Eve mass in spanish

El Obispo Goff se unió al Rector Smith para la misa de Nochebuena en español

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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
 - ◇ 8:45am Sunday Morning, Choir practice in the choir room (through January 1st).
 - ◇ 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II, in person with nursery available; the service is live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube and posted following the service
 - ◇ 4:30pm Story Time, in person on the 3rd Sunday of the month, 4:30pm
 - **Mondays:**
 - ◇ 7:00pm Adult Class via Zoom
 - **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
 - ◇ 4:00pm Lectionary Study, Zoom
 - ◇ 7:00-8:15pm Weekly choir rehearsal (beginning Thursday January 5)
 - **Segundo sábadó de cada mes:**
 - ◇ 11:00am Misa en español
- 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 in HoCo kitchen, 5:00pm
 - Fourth Thursdays, delivery to the shelter, 5:45pm

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