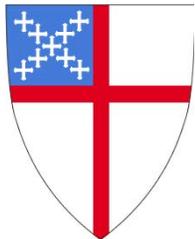


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## Diocese Elects the Rev. Herman Hollerith Tenth Bishop of So. Va.

*By Wayne Wilson*

The Rev. Herman "Holly" Hollerith, IV, Rector of Bruton Parish in Williamsburg, has been elected the Tenth Bishop of Southern Virginia.

He was chosen on the sixth ballot from among six candidates presented at a Special Meeting of Diocesan Council called for the purpose on September 27th.

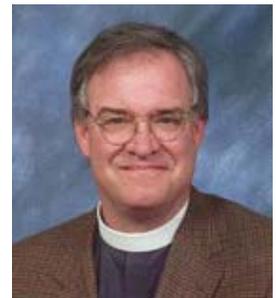
The Rev. Hollerith received his BS degree from Dennison University and his Master of Divinity degree from the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale..

Ordained Deacon by

Bishop Robert Hall of the Diocese of Virginia, he was ordained Priest in December 1983 by Bishop Heath Light of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia.

The Rev. Hollerith previously served as Rector at Prince George - Winayah Church in Georgetown, South Carolina; Associate Rector at St. John's in Lynchburg; Priest in Charge of Christ Episcopal Church in Roanoke; and Assistant to the Rector at Christ Episcopal Church.

During his remarks to Council, Bishop-elect Hollerith said he was "excited, humbled and



surprised" to be elected.

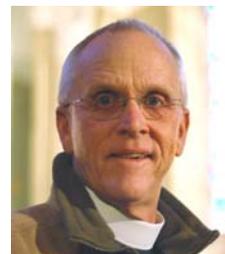
Assuming the necessary consents are received from the national church, Bishop-elect Hollerith will be consecrated the Tenth Bishop of Southern Virginia on February 13, 2009 at 7 pm at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg during the winter meeting of Diocesan Council.

## David Smith to be Ordained Nov. 14th

The Rt. Rev. John Buchanan, Interim Bishop of Southern Virginia, will ordain the Rev. Dr. David Smith to the Sacred Order of Deacons in the Episcopal Church on Friday, November 14 at 7:00 pm in St. Mary's Chapel at

Chatham Hall.

Dr. Smith has served as Pastoral Vicar of Emmanuel since January 2008. Ordination to the transitional diaconate is a necessary interim step to Dr. Smith's ordination as Priest in the



Episcopal Church, expected in May 2009.

## Vestry Notes from the Senior Warden

I hope that you are as pleased as I am with how our church has progressed this past year. Many good things have happened beginning with **David Smith**. David has energetically embraced our congregation, challenged our vestry with new ideas, begun a **new Bible study class**, and will soon be ordained to the Diaconate.

Our weekly attendance has increased, our plate/pledge donations have kept us in-line with our budget, and we have elected a new Bishop. **Sharon Taylor** has begun a **new Sunday school class** for children and the dinner groups have given everyone the opportunity to enjoy each other's fellowship with numerous outings.

Under **Jeanne Reynolds'** leadership, volunteers and local craftsmen have completed several projects that enhance the appearance and preserve the quality of our beautiful church.

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Although our investment portfolio has decreased by about 22% this year due to the deteriorating economy, the conservative balance of our portfolio has enabled it to outperform the broader market.

Based on the review by our new Finance Committee, headed by **Billie Reynolds**, and the recom-

mendation from our investment advisor, no portfolio changes have been made. We will, however, continue to monitor our investments and conduct another in-depth review near year end.

Planning for 2009 has begun with a pledge drive in November and the nomination of new vestry members for election at the annual meeting. In 2009, I am hopeful that we can strengthen our outreach in the community and the diocese because I believe it is critical to our church mission.

I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting. – *Dick Camp*



## Congregational Meeting Set for December 14th

Emmanuel's Annual Congregational Meeting and Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 14th, in the Parish Hall immediately following the 11 am service of Holy Eucharist.

The agenda for the meeting will include the delivery of Annual Reports by the Vestry and Dr. Smith, as well as the Election of two new Vestry members for a



three-year term beginning in January 2009.

The Nominating Committee

consists of Jeanne Reynolds and Tred Hunt, the two Vestry members whose terms expire at the end of 2008. Please provide any suggestions for Vestry nominations to Tred or Jeanne.

All members of Emmanuel are invited and encouraged to attend. Fried chicken and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass.

## Janet Turner Weds Ross Keener

Janet Farson Turner, local realtor, Emmanuel Church member and past Vestry Member, was married to the Rev. Ross Fulton Keener, Jr., sometime Rector of Emmanuel Chatham and Trinity Gretna, at a private evening service on October 10<sup>th</sup>.



Officiating at the marriage ceremony at the home of Norman and Jeanne Reynolds in Chatham was the Rev. Jim Mathieson.

The Rev. Keener is now retired and serving as Rector of The Glebe Episcopal Church in Suffolk, Virginia.

## Emmanuel Calendar Notes for November '08 – January '09

The schedule of services and other parish events summarized below are as of the date of publication. Changes or additional details will be published in the Sunday service bulletins, by special announcement and / or on the parish web site at [www.emmanuelchatham.org](http://www.emmanuelchatham.org). The complete calendars are also available on the web site.

### NOVEMBER

#### Sun, 11/2 – All Saints Day

9:45 am **Sunday School** for Young Children  
10:00 am **G2R** with Dr. Smith  
11:00 am **Morning Prayer** – Dr. Smith

#### Sun, 11/9 – Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 am **Sunday School** for Young Children  
10:00 am **G2R** with Dr. Smith  
11:00 am **Morning Prayer** – Dr. Smith

#### Fri, 11/14 – Ordination Service for Dr. Smith

7:00 pm St. Mary's Chapel, Chatham Hall

#### Sun, 11/16 – Twenty Seventh Sun. after Pentecost

9:45 am **Sunday School** for Young Children  
10:00 am **G2R** with Dr. Smith  
11:00 am **Holy Eucharist** – Dr. Smith  
11:00 am **St. Mary's Choir** Sings at Emmanuel  
12:30 pm **Vestry Meeting**

#### Sun, 11/23 – Last Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 am **Sunday School** for Young Children  
10:00 am **G2R** with Dr. Smith  
11:00 am **Holy Eucharist** – Dr. Smith

#### Thurs, 11/27 – Thanksgiving Day - Services TBA

#### Sun, 11/30 – First Sunday of Advent

9:45 am **Sunday School** for Young Children  
10:00 am **G2R** with Dr. Smith  
11:00 am **Holy Eucharist** – Dr. Smith

### DECEMBER

#### Sat, 12/6 –

4:00 pm **Christmas Day Latin Mass**

#### Sun, 12/7 – Second Sunday of Advent

9:45 am **Sunday School** for Young Children  
10:00 am **G2R** with Dr. Smith  
11:00 am **Holy Eucharist**

#### Sun, 12/14 – Third Sunday of Advent

9:45 am **Sunday School** for Young Children  
10:00 am **G2R** with Dr. Smith  
11:00 am **Holy Eucharist**  
12:00 pm **Congregational Meeting & Luncheon**

#### Sun, 12/21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:45 am **Sunday School** for Young Children  
10:00 am **G2R** with Dr. Smith  
11:00 am **Holy Eucharist and Christmas Pageant**  
12:30 pm **Hanging of the Greens** (after coffee hour)

#### Wed, 12/24 – Christmas Eve

10:15 pm **Choir Practice**  
11:00 pm **Christmas Eve Service**

#### Thurs, 12/25 – Christmas Day

#### Sun, 12/28 – First Sunday after Christmas

9:45 am **Sunday School** for Young Children  
10:00 am **G2R** with Dr. Smith  
11:00 am **Holy Eucharist**

#### Sun, 1/4 – Second Sunday after Christmas

9:45 am **Sunday School** for Young Children  
10:00 am **G2R** with Dr. Smith  
11:00 am **Holy Eucharist**

#### Tues, 1/6 – The Epiphany

#### Sun, 1/11 – First Sunday after the Epiphany

9:45 am **Sunday School** for Young Children  
10:00 am **G2R** with Dr. Smith  
11:00 am **Holy Eucharist**

#### Sun, 1/18 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany

9:45 am **Sunday School** for Young Children  
10:00 am **G2R** with Dr. Smith  
11:00 am **Holy Eucharist**  
11:00 am **St. Mary's Choir** Sings at Emmanuel  
12:30 pm **Vestry Meeting**

#### Sun, 1/25 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany

9:45 am **Sunday School** for Young Children  
10:00 am **G2R** with Dr. Smith  
11:00 am **Holy Eucharist**

### RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS

**Choir Practice** - Wednesdays at 6 pm in the Church.  
**Chatham Schola Cantorum** - Thursdays at 8 pm  
**Sunday School** for Young Children - Sundays at 9:45 am  
**G2R (Genesis to Revelation)** - Sundays at 10 am  
**Coffee Hour** - Sundays in the Parish Hall after the Service

# Around the Parish

By Jeanne Reynolds, Junior Warden



## Work Day a Huge Success

As a group of energetic parishioners weeded, pruned, raked, planted, and mulched, another few folks repaired downspouts and gutters on Emmanuel's property on a workday held on October the 11<sup>th</sup>.

After a morning of vigorous exercise and after being served a wonderful lunch by **Jane and Morgan DePaulo**, the work was completed as planned and all pronounced the Churchyard fit for the annual picnic the next day.

Previously to the planned day, **Tred Hunt** and his farm helper reseeded the grass around the Church.



## Window Repairs Underway

The work continues on the window painting and repair project.

The Church is very fortunate in having Carroll Younger to carry out the work. As the Newsletter goes to print eight window frames on the North side of the Church will be completed and three of the seven on the Southside and Westside are completed. If the weather holds, all the painting and repair work on the frames should be completed before the end of October.

## Window Fund Opportunity

There is still a \$1,000 donation waiting to be matched, which will bring the window restoration fund up to \$6,000. Some of the money has already been expended, and the \$1,000 will be needed to pay for the remainder of the work.

## Parish Picnic Draws Crowd

Emmanuel parishioners and friends enjoyed the Annual Parish

Picnic on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> following the 11 am service of Holy Eucharist. The food was



plentiful and the weather inviting



until the yellow jackets came calling!

## St. Mary's Choir Sings at Emmanuel

During the current academic year, St. Mary's Choir from Chatham Hall, under the direction of **Kevin Zakresky**, will be singing at Emmanuel worship services on the following Sundays:

- October 12, 2008
- November 16, 2008
- January 18, 2009
- March 29, 2009
- May 17, 2009



A native of Saskatchewan and British Columbia, Kevin recently joined the faculty at Chatham Hall as Coordinator of



the Music Program and Choirmaster following the completion of his undergraduate degree at the University of British Columbia and graduate work at Yale.

Please join us for these special musical occasions.

# The Blessings of Ordination



As November 14 approaches and I get ready for my service of ordination I am overwhelmed on a number of fronts.

The preparations are not unlike those for a wedding. The location must be secured, invitations sent, service planned, friends, family and colleagues invited to participate, arrangements for the reception...well, you get the point. Every day there is something new to consider.

Fortunately, I have been blessed with the most wonderful group of people to escort and guide me through the complexities of liturgy and ecclesiology. The priests of our convocation have been generous with their time, patience, expertise, and good humor. People from all over the diocese have sent notes of encouragement and good will.

The process of becoming an Episcopal priest has been and continues to be a wonderful experience. I have tried to count the number of people who in some way or other, either voluntarily or by virtue of their position within the diocese, have been involved.

They include members of the Commission on Ministry, the Standing Committee, the Examining Chaplains, my spiritual advisor, my priest mentor, the Bishop and his staff, the Canon to the Ordinary, the Archdeacon for Deacons, the Archdeacon for small churches, the diocesan psychologist, our convocation clericus, the

rector, students and faculty of Chatham Hall, my family, and of course the members of Emmanuel, St. John's and St. Paul's. The list is huge, well into the hundreds, and growing every day.

**Rarely do we take the time to sit back and realize how wonderful and faithful the church is.** In the midst of theological and cultural upheaval that often causes rifts and schisms in the church, I wish we could more often appreciate all the times and events in which we truly are one and work diligently for our common well being.

*"I have been blessed with the most wonderful group of people to escort and guide me."*

Though planning for my ordination is sometimes consumptive and nerve racking, **it cannot compare with the overwhelming**

**sense of appreciation, admiration and love I have for everyone who has so freely given themselves to me.**

**This is exactly what Christ had in mind.**

- David Smith



# Prayer List

## Pray for the sick and the shut-ins:

- \* Allene Hunt
- \* Juanita Willis
- \* Nita and Frank Andrews
- \* Catherine Overbey
- \* Betty Whitehead
- \* Dorothy Roop
- \* Willie Frances Wyatt
- \* Frank Fowler
- \* Marvin Mullis
- \* Lane Millner
- \* Alice Overby
- \* Sam Hairston



Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve thy sick servants, and give thy power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in thy loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## In Memory of Jane Reynolds

Jane Rust Monroe Reynolds died Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> in Rockville, MD after a courageous battle with cancer. A beloved member of Emmanuel, Jane served as treasurer of the ECW for many years. She is survived by five children and many grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Emmanuel on Oct. 28 with Rev. John Ruef officiating.

## Emmanuel 2009 Pledge Drive Begins Nov. 1st

The 2009 Every Member Canvas/Pledge Drive will commence with an early November letter from the Vestry to all Emmanuel parishioners. A second letter and pledge card will follow shortly thereafter.

The parish has benefited financially in 2008 from lower than expected operating expenses and higher than expected non-pledge gifts, neither of which is likely to continue in 2009.

The Vestry asks that each parishioner give prayerful consideration to increasing your giving for 2009 as we seek to sustain and enhance God's work in this place.

Please return pledge cards to John Geyer, Treasurer, by November 30<sup>th</sup> so that the Vestry may prepare a preliminary 2009 Operating Budget before our December 14<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting.

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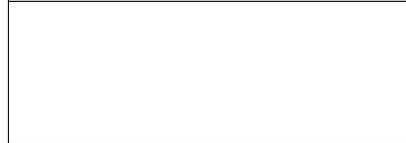
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Please send stories, article suggestions or comments to **Jeanne Reynolds** or **Wayne Wilson** or email them to [emmanuelchatham@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelchatham@gmail.com).

The article submission deadline for the January issue is **December 15th**.



## Emmanuel's Treasures - the S.S. Hamill Organ

*By Kenyon Scott*

Emmanuel's two-manual-and-pedal, eleven-rank pipe organ is currently in its third location.

**Built in 1865 by S.S. Hamill** for the Congregational Church of Groveland, Massachusetts, the organ served its first congregation for 43 years before being relocated to the First Parish Community Church of West Newbury, Massachusetts, in 1908.

The organ-building firm of John Brennan modified the organ at this time. Although the nature and extent of Brennan's modifications are unknown, slight variations in the scaling of the organ's two keyboards and different patterns in their ivory coverings indicate that the upper manual, the



swell, may have been added or altered at this time.

The instrument served the West Newbury church for most of the twentieth century before being **relocated to Emmanuel in 1991** by Taylor and Boody Organbuilders of Staunton.

At Emmanuel, Taylor and Boody modified the organ to include a twenty-seven-note pedal board. The new independent pedal divi-

sion replaces the organ's original thirteen note pull-down pedal board and incorporates the 16' Subbass from the church's former instrument, a 1917 Moller.

During its tenure at Emmanuel, the church's organ technician, Xavier Wilhelmy, has slightly modified the organ's action to improve its stability in the humid climate of Virginia's Southside; however, the pipe work has retained its original integrity.

**The organ's gentle and unforced voice**, characteristic of mid-nineteenth century New England organ design, is reminiscent of English organ building practices of the late eighteenth century. Its singing diapasons, lilting flutes, mild strings, and pungent reed characterize its music and delight its audience.