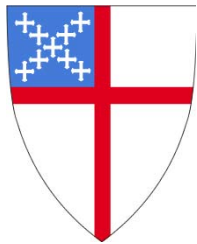


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David Smith Ordained to the Episcopal Diaconate on Nov. 14th



On Friday evening the 14th of November 2007, family, friends, and fellow Episcopalians from around the Diocese of



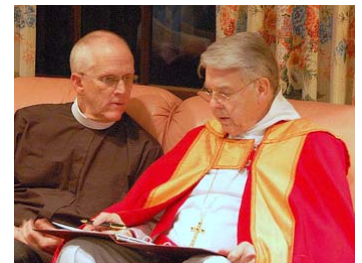
Southern Virginia gathered in St. Mary's Chapel at Chatham Hall

to witness the ordination of David Hayes Smith to the Sacred Order of Deacons in the Episcopal Church.

The Right Rev. John Buchanan, Interim Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, ordained Dr. Smith.

The Very Rev. Cleon Ross was the Preacher. Other clergy and deacons participating included the Ven. Bill Jones, the Rev. Samuel Colley-Toothaker, the Ven. Fred Poteet, and the Rev. Gary Butterworth.

Lay Presenters were Dr. Gary Fountain and Morgan DePaulo.



Dr. Smith meets with Bishop Buchanan preceding his ordination.

St. Mary's Choir, under the direction of Kevin Zakresky, provided special music and led the singing of congregational hymns.



Join Us for a Winter Cocktail Party - Jan 31st

Please join us for a **Parish-wide Dinner Clubs' Winter Cocktail Party, Saturday, January 31st beginning at 6 pm at Eldon**, co-hosted by Mary Hicks Heitzler and Alice and Wayne Wilson.

All adult parishioners

and friends are invited. Just bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre to share. Beverages will be provided.

Please call Mary Hicks Heitzler or Alice Wilson to confirm your attendance or to learn more about the Dinner Clubs.

Emmanuel's Dinner Clubs Program allows groups of 8 to 10 adults, singles and couples, to meet on a monthly rotating basis for an evening of potluck, fun and fellowship.

Vestry Notes from the Senior Warden

First, I want to thank everyone for your support last year, especially **Jeanne Reynolds** and **Tred Hunt**, who have completed their terms on the vestry.

I also want to welcome **Jayne DePaulo** and **Ron Irby** who have been elected to replace Jeanne and Tred and to thank **Sharon Taylor** and **Kenyon Scott** for standing for election at the annual meeting held in December.

Although in many ways 2008 was a good year for Emmanuel, I am happy that we are now in a new year and looking forward to many things that are new: a new vestry, a new budget, a new Bishop in February, and a new Priest when

David is ordained in May, to name a few.

Last year we began two committees, **Finance** and **Outreach**, which are still new and in need of

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your help. You are invited to become the newest member of either committee so if you want to get involved, please contact Billie Reynolds or myself.

Needless to say, we will have

many new challenges ahead as we strive to maintain and preserve our beautiful church as well as grow our attendance. It will take the efforts of us all to overcome these challenges along with new ideas.

In 2009, I urge you to get involved with the efforts of our vestry and committees. We need your help and your new ideas!!!

– Dick Camp



Congregational Meeting Held December 14th

On Dec. 14th, the congregation met in the Parish Hall to deal with the business of the Church following a **generous covered dish lunch**. Richard Camp, Senior Warden, presided. Following the election of new Vestry members Jayne DePaulo and Ron Irby (see above), the congregation received the following reports.

Outreach Committee - Richard Camp, chair, reported that a



Linen Drive has begun for the residents of Oak Grove Lodge with the goal of providing bed linens for each of the 52 residents.

Blankets and twin sheets are especially needed. Collection boxes have been placed in the Parish Hall and the Narthex. The Drive will continue into January.

Financial Report - John Geyer, Treasurer, reported that our investments have followed the downtrend of the financial markets but that the day-to-day finances of the Church are on track with the 2008 budget.

New Bench Adorns North Walk

A new addition to Emmanuel's Treasures has been the gift of a lovely bench from Richard and Betty Camp. The bench has been placed on the north side of the Church and contributes to a welcoming feeling to all who visit Emmanuel or who already call Emmanuel home. Many thanks to the Camps for this beautiful gift.



(Editor's Note: an expected annual deficit for 2008 has now been fully covered by late contributions.)

Vicar's Report - David Smith thanked the congregation for taking a chance with him this past year and for really helping him as he has pursued ordination in the Episcopal Church. David was also pleased to report that average Sunday service attendance has increased by 26% during 2008.

Emmanuel Calendar Notes for January - March 2009

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. The complete calendars are also available on the web site.

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays

- 9:45 am Sunday School for Young Children
Class for 4 to 8 year olds taught by Sharon Taylor in the Parish House. Please contact Sharon directly regarding space in the class.
- 10:00 am G2R with Dr. Smith
Adult Christian Formation Bible Class - the sweeping drama of the Biblical story as told from Genesis to Revelation - in the Parish House Conference Room. New participants are welcome.
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist - Rite II
(Morning Prayer on Feb. 15 & Mar. 15)
- 12:00 pm Coffee Hour
In the Parish Hall following the Service

Wednesdays

- 6:00 pm Choir Practice
All parishioners are invited to participate in the Choir.

SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS

Sunday, January 11

- 12:30 pm Un-hanging of the Greens
(after coffee hour)

Friday, January 16

- 7:00 pm The Chatham Concert Series begins with High Strung (see page 4 for details)

Sunday, January 18

- 11:00 am St. Mary's Choir Sings at Emmanuel
11:00 am Installation of Vestry for 2009
12:30 pm Vestry Meeting

Saturday, January 31

- 6:00 pm Dinner Clubs' Winter Cocktail Party
at Eldon (see page 1 for details)

Friday, February 13

- 7:00 pm Consecration of Bishop-elect Hollerith as the Tenth Bishop of Southern Va.
The College of William and Mary

Saturday, February 14 - Sunday, February 15

- 9:00 am 117th Annual Diocesan Council Meeting
Williamsburg Lodge and Conference Center

Sunday, February 15

- 11:00 am Morning Prayer (Dr. Smith at Council)

Sunday, February 22

- 12:30 pm Vestry Meeting (tentative)
8:00 pm The Chatham Concert Series continues with There's Always Room for Cello (p.4)

Tuesday, February 24

- 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wednesday, February 25

- 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service - Lent begins.

Sunday, March 15

- 11:00 am Morning Prayer (Dr. Smith away)

Friday, March 27

- 7:00 pm The Chatham Concert Series continues with The Magic Flute (see page 4)

Sunday, March 29

- 11:00 am St. Mary's Choir Sings at Emmanuel

Chatham Concert Series Begins January 16th

By Wayne Wilson

Spring of 2009 will see the beginnings of a new cultural event in our town.

The **Chatham Concert Series**, directed by new **Chatham Hall** choir-master **Kevin Zakresky** in collaboration with Emmanuel Episcopal Church, will bring professional musicians to the area for four entertaining recitals of classical music.

Intended mainly as a new venue for art music in Pittsylvania County, the Chatham Concert Series will also serve as a stage for the young emerging artists of our town. Each concert will include "opening act" performances by young people from Chatham, followed by a "headlining act" professional musician from out of town.

The first three concerts will be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Main Street in Chatham, with the finale concert being staged in St. Mary's Chapel at Chatham Hall School. Admission is by donation.

Performance details and musicians scheduled to appear are as follows:

High Strung - Friday, January 16, 7 pm at Emmanuel



Kevin Matheson, violin

Kevin is currently a faculty member with the

Renaissance Music Academy and Virginia Tech's Fine Arts Initiative and concertmaster of the Renaissance Music Academy Chamber Orchestra since its inception in 2001.



Bryan Matheson, viola

Bryan has been principal violist of the Renaissance Music Academy Chamber Orchestra for the past eight seasons. He is currently a faculty member with the Renaissance Music

Academy and Virginia Tech's Fine Arts Initiative.

There's always room for Cello - Sunday, February 22, 8 pm at Emmanuel



Ben Wyatt, cello

Ben has enjoyed an active career as a freelance musician in Los Angeles and New York, and has performed extensively abroad as well as at home. He is a member of the Avanti Ensemble and a faculty member with Virginia Tech's Fine Arts Initiative.



Ariana Wyatt, special guest soprano

Ariana is a recent graduate of the Julliard Opera Center. During the 2007-2008 season, she performed with several opera companies including Opera Omaha, Florida Grand Opera, Aspen Opera Theater, and the Julliard Opera Center.

The Magic Flute - Friday, March 27, 7 pm at Emmanuel



Janet Phillips, flute

Janet lives in Danville where she performs locally as a soloist, in small ensembles and with the Danville Symphony Orchestra. She serves as band director at Woodlawn Academy and flute teacher at Chatham Hall and teaches privately.

The 1 Tenor - Saturday, May 9, 7 pm at St. Mary's Chapel, Chatham Hall



Kevin Zakresky, tenor

Katherine Dowling, piano

A recent graduate of the MMA program in Choral Conducting at Yale University, Kevin attended the University of British Columbia, where he received a BMus in Voice and an MMus in Choral Conducting. His conducting credits include operas, choruses, operettas, and musical theatre.

More Pictures from Around the Parish



Richard, Betty, Pete & Linda



Beth & Mary Hicks



Linda & Mary Catherine

Starting a New Year



Starting a new year is a wonderful thing. We take the opportunity to look back over the year past, and then make plans for the days ahead. I think

we had a great year at Emmanuel during 2008. Spirits are high, attendance is up, and committees are working hard. I am very pleased with the initiatives we introduced in 2008 and believe that 2009 will be better still.

So, what do we have to look forward to? Beginning January 16, we will host The Chatham Concert Series and be part of bringing won-

derful classical music to town. On

January 18, the Chatham Hall choir will join us for worship and we will install our new vestry members.

February will find many of us off to Williamsburg for the consecration of our new bishop and the annual meeting of diocesan council. Also in February we will hold our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Lent begins the next day with our Ash Wednesday service.

In March, I will be taking a group of Chatham Hall students on a service trip to South Africa. Holy Week services begin Palm Sunday, April 5. May promises to be a busy month too since many of us will be very involved in planning for my ordination to the priesthood sometime after May 14th.

It's good too that we are becoming more focused on outreach opportunities. After all, Jesus was much

more interested in taking care of people on the fringes of society (tax collectors, prostitutes, terrorists, the poor and homeless, lepers etc.) than making sure the important religious people had a clear conscience. We have taken donations for Oak Grove, are hoping to be involved in a Habitat for Humanity project with other Episcopal churches in our convocation, and believe something needs to be done about providing shelter for our area's homeless.

Of course, we will continue to have our weekly Sunday School classes and celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Now, that just covers the next 5 months!

Emmanuel is alive and well and getting better all the time.

Let's not forget that there is plenty for all of us to do and much that needs our ongoing financial support as well.

2009 is going to be a wonderful year!

- David Smith



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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
- * Heather Powell
- * Nellie Burton
- * Aly Youssef
- * Betty Jean Bryant
- * Nancy Bumgarner
- * Jayne DePaulo



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.

Emmanuel's Treasures - The Hymnal Board

Every Sunday, the daily hymns are shown on Emmanuel's beautifully carved Hymnal Board which was made and presented to the Church by Mrs. L. May Willis, wife of Dr. Richard Willis.

It has been a church treasure for many, many years.

Kenyon Scott, Organist and Choirmaster, prepares the Hymnal Board for a Sunday Service.



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Please send stories, article suggestions or comments to **Jeanne Reynolds** or **Wayne Wilson** or email them to emmanuelchatham@gmail.com.

The article submission deadline for the March issue is **February 15th**.



Around the Parish in December

By Jeanne Reynolds (more pictures on page 4)



Chatham Schola Cantorum met each Thursday for eight weeks while preparing for a Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant. A large number of church and community members enjoyed the Mass which took place on Saturday December 6th as part of Historic Christmas in Chatham.

The group was lead by Kevin Zakresky, Chatham Hall's own Choir Director. Dr. David Smith was outstanding as the Service leader. The Cantorum experience

provided much learning in the singing of the Chant and of Latin.

Celebrating Advent

With care and attention to detail the Altar Guild prepared Emmanuel for Advent. The front doors were decorated with wreaths and purple bows and a fresh advent wreath with Candles was placed at the front of the Church. On Sundays Emily Mullis and Andrew Coles lit the advent candles for the services.



Sunday School Classes

The month of December was a very exciting time to call Emmanuel one's place of worship. In addition to David Smith's very interesting Sunday School

class, G2R, Sharon Taylor was working hard with her little students who numbered two in her class. There is certainly room for additional participants in each class.

Social Events

Linda Swanberg graciously hosted a cocktail party for those folks interested in the Dinner Groups. It was a fun time to renew friendships in a lovely home. Members of the Dinner Groups look forward to being active in the New Year.

