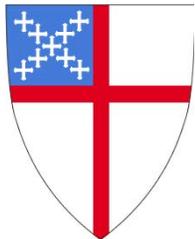


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Dr. David H. Smith Ordained Priest at Emmanuel Church

By Alice Coles & Jeanne Reynolds

On June 2, 2009, The Right Reverend Herman Hollerith IV, Bishop of Southern Virginia ordained Emmanuel's Vicar, Dr. David Hayes Smith, to the Sacred Order of Priests.

Bishop Hollerith IV was assisted by The Right Reverend A. Heath Light, Bishop of Southwestern Virginia, retired.

Visiting clergy from Danville, Suffolk, Norfolk and Roanoke dressed in their red stoles added to the ceremony of the occasion. The Reverend Samuel Colley-Toothaker,

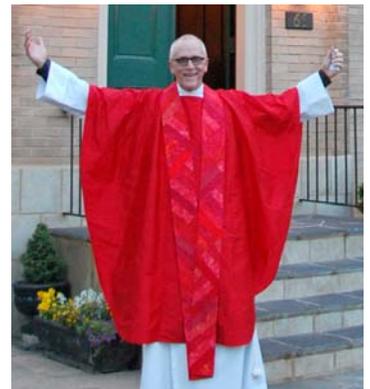
Priest at Epiphany Danville, preached the sermon.

Emmanuel's Choir was assisted in leading the hymns and singing the anthems by Epiphany's large choir.

Litanists for the service were The Reverend Susan Grimm and The Reverend Gary Butterworth. John Geyer and Alice Cromer read special prayers.

Gospeller and Deacon of the Table was The Reverend William Jones who has served on numerous occasions at Emmanuel as Deacon.

Three of Emmanuel's young parishioners par-



Dr. Smith greeting parishioners (Photo by Robert Ankrom. More photos on page 4.)

icipated in the service: Morgan DePaulo as crucifer, Johnny Hunt as Banner Bearer and Seth Hunt as Gospel Book Bearer.

Lay Presenters for Dr. Smith were ...

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Morgan DePaulo to Attend Mary Washington

Emmanuel's dedicated Crucifer, Chalice Bearer and Lay Reader, Morgan DePaulo will be attending the University of Mary Washington this fall, following her graduation from Chatham Hall in June. She will be studying Interna-

tional Business and French. During the summer, Morgan worked at the Cedars Country Club and the Chatham Moocha Café.

Morgan was born in Norfolk in 1991 and moved to Chatham with

her parents, Jane and Mark in 1995, joined later by her grandfather Louis DePaulo.



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Vestry Notes from the Senior Warden



A wonderful summer is about to end. We are planning to have at least one fundraiser in September and possibly another in October to coincide with the Chatham Cruise-in, which has been so successful. Over 340 cars along with an estimated 1500 - 2000 people attended the July cruise-in.

As originally planned, **the proceeds from at least one of the fundraisers will be used for our Outreach to the Oak Grove residents.** Our decision to focus our Outreach efforts on Oak Grove has prompted a monthly day of entertainment for the Oak Grove residents, discussed below, and also an anonymous donation of \$500 that will be

used to match donations that are earmarked for Oak Grove. We now have received over \$250 towards meeting the matching goal.

It has also been a good summer

“The vestry would like to especially thank **Mary Catherine Plaster** and **Jayne DePaulo** for coordinating David’s Ordination Reception.”

for the church’s investment portfolio, having risen with the market and recovering much of what was lost last year. Hopefully that trend will continue through the rest of 2009.

Operationally, we have had no un-

usual expenditures and income has thus far been sufficient to cover our normal expenses, keeping us about even for the year.

Of course, **a major milestone was completed with David’s ordination.** It was an impressive and wonderful event for our church and I hope that each of you felt the pride that I felt that evening.

The vestry would like thank everyone who helped to get ready for David’s ordination, especially **Mary Catherine Plaster** and **Jayne DePaulo** who worked so

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Outreach to Oak Grove Residents Adds Music



Ron Irby & The Briar Ridge Ramblers

As part of Emmanuel’s Outreach, **Ron Irby** and his group of musicians, The Briar Ridge Ramblers, will provide monthly entertainment for the residents at Oak Grove Residential Home.

The first program was held on August 13th at 3:00 pm. **Betty Camp, Susan Paynter and Irma Irby** served cookies and lemonade provided by the **Women of Emmanuel.**

Beginning in September, Ron and his group will perform at Oak Grove on the first Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm.

Anyone who is interested in attending is welcome. If you would like to help with providing refreshments, please contact **Ruth Jones.**

- The Outreach Committee

Dr. Smith Ordained Priest ...

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Dr. Gary Fountain, Morgan DePaulo, Lila Nelson, Richard Camp, Irene Fry, Virginia Adkins and Charles Adkins.

Clergy Presenters included The Reverend Canon Win Lewis and The Reverend Canon Fred Poteet.

The Very Reverend Cleon Ross



Dr. Smith receives ordination certificate from Bishop Hollerith

served as the Minister of the Ceremony.

Following the service a wonderful reception coordinated by **Mary Catherine Plaster** and **Jayne DePaulo** was held in the Parish Hall. The Church and Parish Hall were resplendent with flower arrangements, ferns and palms. (More photos on page 4)

Emmanuel Calendar Notes for Sept. - Nov. 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.
(Class resumes September 6th)

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.
(Class resumes September 6th)

11:00 am Holy Eucharist - Rite II

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

1st Thursday of each month

2:00 pm The Briar Ridge Ramblers perform at Oak Grove Residential Home
Social Hour sponsored by Emmanuel

Saturday, September 26

6:00 pm Chatham Cruise-in
Fundraiser Food Station at Emmanuel

Wednesday, September 30

5:00 pm A special concert by "Just Us" at St. John's Episcopal Church

Wednesday, October 14

6:00 pm Dinner Program in conjunction with Chatham Baptist Church (host), Chatham Presbyterian Church, and Watson Memorial Methodist Church

Wednesday, November 11

6:00 pm Dinner Program in conjunction with Chatham Baptist Church, Chatham Presbyterian Church, and Watson Memorial Methodist Church - Location TBA

An Easy Way to Support the Women of Emmanuel

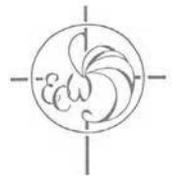
Behind the scenes, the **Women of Emmanuel** work diligently for the church. Money raised through dues is used to buy altar supplies, provide donations to Jackson Field Home and Boys Home. When requested the W.O.E. host receptions after funerals held in the church parish hall.

Food Lion donates a portion of any

sales that members make at Food Lion stores. Emmanuel Church needs to be designated as the recipient of the funds. The member's Food Lion card must be used and registered at www.Foodlion.com.

Please call **Jeanne Reynolds** for help as needed with this process. This is an easy way for W.O.E. to receive extra funds. The amount of

available funds has dropped drastically in the last year so all church members are requested to help out in this way. Dues for W.O.E. are \$20 per year and can be sent to the treasurer **Jane Ruef**.



Emmanuel Celebrates Dr. Smith's Ordination

Photos by Jeanne Reynolds and Robert Ankrom

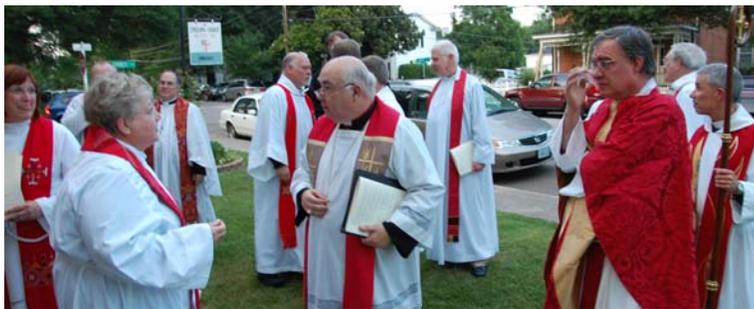


Making preparations (l to r): Betty Camp, Beth Coles, and Susan Paynter

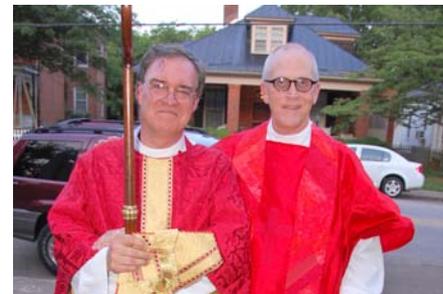


"Are you sure you really want to do this?"

"We're ready!"



Dr. Smith with Alice Cromer and Gary Fountain



Dick Camp congratulates Dr. Smith

Nina Wright & Jane Ruef

Bishop Hollerith with Dr. Smith



Deacon Bill Jones

The Rev. Canon Win Lewis

Bishop Light and Mary Hicks Heitzler

Ed Parramore and Charles Williams

Yes, I feel different.



After my ordination to the priesthood on June 2, I had a **number of people ask me if I felt any different.**

The first time the question was asked I **chuckled politely** and commented how heavy it felt to have all those hands pressing down on me.

Then, someone else asked, “Do you feel any different?” and **again I responded rather blithely** that I felt relieved the service went well and all the preparations were over.

When I was asked a third time if I felt

any different, it made me stop and consider the question seriously.

Throughout the whirlwind of planning, preparations, end of school activities, graduation and faculty meetings, I had not taken even the briefest moment to reflect on being ordained an Episcopal priest.

So, to answer the question, “Do you feel different?” the answer is yes.

I feel different in much the same way people feel different when they go from being engaged to being married, or when one goes from being a person to a parent, or even when someone we dearly love dies.

In those moments everything changes; somehow the world seems to shift a bit on its axis and we no longer see through the same lens.

Even though I was ordained by the Presbyterian Church (USA) and lived in that world for thirty years, **Episcopal ordination is different.**

There is a mysterious and wonderful sense of belonging to a cadre of men and women who stand humbly in the line of apostolic succession.

There is an overwhelming sense of the inner meaning of “the communion of the saints”.

I have a much different perspective on what it means to serve as an emissary of God on earth and to be given authority to celebrate God’s sacraments and share them with God’s people.

Unlike my previous ordination, I now truly feel “set apart” for a distinct and dedicated life.

It’s different and I love it!

- David Smith



Vestry Notes...

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hard to coordinate getting the church and grounds spiffed up for the event and planning the reception.

Mary Catherine and Jayne, it was a perfect evening. Thank you so much!

The Vestry invites your comments or suggestions. Just drop a note to any one of us or email me at dickcamp@verizon.net.

- Dick Camp

Prayer List

Pray for the sick and the shut-ins:

- * Allene Hunt
- * Juanita Willis
- * Nita Andrews
- * Catherine Overbey
- * Betty Whitehead
- * Dorothy Roop
- * Willie Frances Wyatt
- * Marvin Mullis
- * Vic Millner
- * Aly Youssef
- * Betty Jean Bryart
- * Nancy Bumgarner
- * Alice Cromer
- * Karen Keesee
- * Scott David Reynolds
- * Jayne DePaulo
- * John Ruef



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.

Pray for the departed:

- * Lane Millner

Morgan will be missed...

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The family joined Emmanuel Church and before long Morgan was an acolyte who then graduated to Banner Bearer, Crucifer, Chalice Bearer and Lay Reader. She also filled in in the Choir.

Morgan’s involvement in all aspects of Church life at Emmanuel has been significant. Morgan’s many contributions to the worship service, her lovely warm smile and personality will be sadly missed at Emmanuel. All her friends at Emmanuel wish her much happiness in her life at University.

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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 November issue is **October 15th**.



Emmanuel's Treasures

By Jeanne Reynolds and Alice Coles

Many wonderful memorials have been donated to Emmanuel over the years. All Communicants who kneel at the communion rail to the right side of Emmanuel's altar find themselves facing the magnificent window that was given to Emmanuel as a memorial to **Dr. Chesley Lanier Carter** by the Carter family.

Dr. Carter was the great uncle of Emmanuel member **Alice Clement Coles** who provided the following biography of her uncle.

Dr. Carter was born on January 29, 1877 in Pittsylvania County. Lanier, as he was known to friends and family, was the oldest of four children born to James Carter, Jr. and Elizabeth (Betty) Rutledge Pigg.

Dr. Carter graduated from the University of Medicine, Richmond, Virginia in 1903. His brother, Rutledge Carter, assisted him financially in this endeavor.

Following graduation he joined the medical practice of Dr. Haile in Chatham.

Three years later he married his long time girl friend, Mary Belle Moon of Chatham. In a house on North Main Street Chatham, across the road from his sister Maud Carter Clement and her husband Nathaniel Elliott Clement, Lanier and Mary Belle raised their two children, Mary Virginia Carter and James Lanier Carter.

On July 10, 1918 at the age of 41 years, Dr. Carter died suddenly



Alice Coles sits in front of the Window dedicated to Chesley Lanier Carter

from the flu contracted during the devastating epidemic of that year.