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CROSS-EXAMINATION

Good News and Congratulations To Share

By Michelle Walker, People=s Warden

Beginning Sunday, March 4, The Rev. David R. Hackett will join St. John's for his first Sunday in the official capacity of Interim Rector. David celebrated his ordination to the Deaconate on June 28, 1970, and was ordained into the priesthood on May 1, 1971. His experience includes youth work, inner city ministries, rural ministries and suburban ministries for resource-size, pastoral-size, family and program-size congregations. In August 2001, David took early retirement from regular parish ministry after 30 years in order to pursue interim ministry. He has served four previous churches in this capacity since 2002 to the present. In addition to parish ministry, he has been engaged in a variety of diocesan and national church ministries. He has served as chair of Commission on Ministry and Department of Missions and was elected deputy to five General Conventions. He was also active in a variety of civic organizations in each community he served. Educated at the University of Missouri, the University of Tennessee and the University of the South, he recently was certified by the Interim Ministry Network and is a member of the National Association of Episcopal Interim Ministry Specialists. He and his wife, Kay, have been married 45 years and are parents of four children and grandparents of seven. He enjoys traveling, music, golf and sailing.

We will welcome the Hacketts on Sunday, March 4, with a St. John's potluck luncheon. Hope you can be there, and remember, Sundays are still feast days, even in Lent!

Family Meetings: Please plan to join in a conversation with your church family at an upcoming "We are Family" meeting. In this, we will explore St. John's strengths and needs and share our hopes for our future. Please plan to attend one of these meetings: Tuesday, February 27, 5:30 -7:00 p.m. in Hunter Hall, Thursday, March 1, 10:00-11:30 a.m. in room 109, or Adult Forum on Sunday March 25, 9:30 -10:15 a.m. Childcare will be available and light refreshments will be provided

The Rev. Elizabeth Hoster
Priest in Charge
Brenda Vanderford
organist/choirmaster
David Morton
assisting organist/choirmaster
Brenda Dearien
parish administrator
Katherine Giltinan
christian formation
Bob Westmoreland
vestry
James Wilson
custodian
Greg Clarke >08
priest=s warden
Michelle Walker >08
people=s warden
Becky Burns >09
treasurer
Ellen Archibald >09
Cynthia Barrett >10
Joe Bolvard >09
Cheryl Clements >10
Faye Hamrick >09
Djarte Hendricks >08
Dan McDonald >10
David Vick >10
Ann Morris >08
David Ramkey
Assistant Treasurer
David Ramkey/Becky Burns
finance
Wanda Dettinger/Rose Smith
evangelism/new member
Patricia Mack
Dopna Hamra
outreach
Bob Cochran/Dan McDonald
Bob Swartz
property
Nathan Annett
children=s christian formation
Kasev Russell/Kin Reese/
youth christian formation
Diane Hendricks
Marion Perry
adult forum
Betsy Howard
Betsy Howard
Bar Owges
Bob Swartz/Bob Miller
priest=s
Catherine Lundon
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Sundays February 18 and 25, 2007 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany and First Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:45 a.m. Lectionary Study and Group Discussion, library

9:30 a.m. Adult Forum: Feb. 18, Parishioner David Morton, longtime stalwart of St. Ambrose Choir and its occasional director, will discuss the importance of maintaining our Anglican musical heritage: **AHow Might I Stay and Sing@; Feb. 25,** West Virginia state delegate Carrie Webster, recently appointed chair of the House Judiciary Committee, will give a legislative update, Room 109

9:30 a.m. Nursery Open B Babies to 2 years old, Room 297

10:10 a.m. Parents= Fellowship, Room 208

10:10 a.m. Chapel for Older Children, Room 225

10:30 a.m. Classes for Toddlers to Grade 5; Toddlers, Room 298; Godly Play, 4 to 8 years old, Room 299; St. John=s Eagles,

3rd to 5th grades, Room 221

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with choir

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour, Hunter Hall

11:45 a.m. Rite 13/Journey to Adulthood, Room 208

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Feb. 21 - 12:10 & 5:30 p.m.

St. John=s Mission Statement:

We reach out to the world in Christ=s name in the hope that all might find a home in God=s healing love.

Saint John=s

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Shrove Tuesday Tradition: Celebrate Fat Tuesday, Feb. 20, with St. John=s annual homage, **APasta Delights and Sinful Desserts.** An eclectic sampling of St. John=s cooks -- Page Hamrick, Linda Cooper, David Vick, Greg Clarke, Steve Chionsini, Gary Frame, Dottie Thomas, Bren Pomponio and Bob Westmoreland -- are preparing their signature sauces (vegetarian and non-vegetarian) and ask that everyone else bring their most deliciously sinful dessert to share. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with a suggested donation of \$4 per person over the age of 12, \$2 for those ages 6 to 12, free to children under 6, and a maximum of \$10 for a family. Wine will be available for purchase by the glass or bottle. If you would like to help with set-up, serving or clean-up, please let Gary Frame, Beth Marquart or Sara Walker know.

Ash Wednesday: And the day after that we will have two Ash Wednesday services at 12:10 p.m. and 7 p.m. From 1 to 5 p.m. Liddy Hoster will lead a quiet (half) day retreat, **ALiving Into a Holy Lent.** She will give several reflections with time in between for silent prayer, reflection, journaling, and rest. Everybody is welcome -- bring a friend.

Pew Bibles: We have received requests from parishioners to have Bibles placed alongside the Books of Common Prayer and hymnals in the pews. We will be ordering New Revised Standard Version Bibles with the Apocrypha from Oxford Press at the cost of \$12 per Bible. If you would like to help with this project, please make a check payable to St. John's and write "pew Bibles" on the memo line. Also, please indicate in whose honor or memory you are making your donation.

New Banner: On Sunday, Feb. 4, an Epiphany Banner made by Penny Kehde and designed by Myke Beckett was dedicated. The banner was given by Brenda Maurice Vanderford in memory of her father, Harold Maurice. It is yet another fabulous banner made by Penny. Everyone knows Penny=s artistry through the St. John=s Banner, which hangs for most of the liturgical year. She also made the Easter Banner, given by Brenda in memory of her mother, Cornelia. If anyone would like to commission Penny to make a banner, please contact the church office.

Woman of Achievement: Parishioner Sally Richardson was an honoree at the YWCA=s Women of Achievement Luncheon held Feb. 8 at the Charleston Marriott. She is the executive director for the Institute for Health Policy Research and an associate vice president for the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of WVU. Previously, she was with the federal Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as director of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations and responsible for all Medicaid policy and operations. She served for a year as HCFA=s deputy administrator and for three years as the head of its Medicaid Bureau. In early 1993, she was a member of the White House Task Force on Health Care Reform, as well as a four-year member of the National Rural Health Advisory Board. Before her service with the federal government, she held several positions in WV state government: director of PEIA (1989-1993), chair of the Health Care Cost Review Authority (1983-1985), deputy director of Department of Health (1979-1983), and the assistant commissioner for the Department of Welfare (1978-1979). She currently serves on many civic and charitable boards and was recently appointed to the governing board of Imagine West Virginia. Richardson holds an A.B. degree from Vassar College and an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Charleston. She is also an adjunct faculty member in WVU=s Department of Community Medicine.

Giardina To Receive Award: Charleston author Denise Giardina, a St. John=s parishioner, will receive the 2007 Hillsdale Award for Fiction for her novel, **ASaints and Villains,** during the Conference on Southern Literature in Chattanooga, Tenn., in March. The prize is one of eight given by the Fellowship of Southern Writers to emerging writers. The fellowship was created in 1989 to nurture literature in the South. Among its founding members were Eudora Welty, Robert Penn Warren, Shelby Foote, Walker Percy and William Styron. Giardina is also the author of the novels **AGood King Harry,** **AStorming Heaven,** **AThe Unquiet Earth** and others.

Monthly Property Meeting: The first Sunday of each month there will be a meeting of the Property Committee in Room 109 immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. All are welcome to come and discuss or present a property issue or share ideas. This will give all parishioners a chance to complain or praise or just put their wishes on a priority list. The next meeting will be Sunday, March 4. For more information, call Ann Morris at 345-0195.

Ushers Meeting: Anyone interested in becoming an Usher please come to 109 on the 25th after service for a short meeting. We will review the procedures quickly. Or you may call Bob Swartz (343-4812) or Bob Miller (344-3777)

Hats Off to Brenda: Balancer of the Books, Designer of the Bulletins, Supervisor of the Contractors, Payer of the Bills . . . and yes, the real "Runner of the Church!" These are only a few of the many hats that Brenda Dearien wears. She has much to do on our behalf, and often has far too little time in which to do her work. Please help her by limiting your visiting time in her office.

Conversations Over Lunch: Covenant House at 600 Shrewsbury St. has resumed its series, **AConversations Over Lunch,** with varied programs. Time is from noon to 1 p.m. Bring a brown bag lunch **B** beverages will be provided. Remaining dates and topics are as follows: Tuesday, Feb. 27, **AThe Long and Winding Road: West Virginia Consolidation B** Separation of School and Community,**@** and Tuesday, March 27, **ALegislative Wrap-Up: Reflections from the Peoples=Lobby.** For more information, call Philip Hainen, Covenant House administrative manager, at 344-8053.

Birthday People: Pray for the lives and ministries of those celebrating birthdays during the next two weeks: Feb. 12, Corey Farris; Feb. 14, Andrew Crow and Page Hamrick; Feb. 15, Benjamin Arnett, Dotti Thomas and Adrienne Walker; Feb. 17, Benjamin Cecil, Melinda Hartwell and Blane Michael; Feb. 18, Steve Thomas; Feb. 19, Jesse Snyder; Feb. 20, Ellen Archibald; Feb. 21, Anil Kuruvilla and Blake Lewis; Feb. 22, Mary Coburn, Wilson Smith and Roger Starcher; Feb. 23, Carter Blundon; and Feb. 24, Chase Love V.

Help for Fire Evacuees: The Outreach Committee is working with various organizations in Huntington to offer help for the evacuees of the Emmons apartment house fire. The best assistance at this time would be to donate money to the Red Cross. Checks can be mailed to Red Cross, P.O. Box 467, Huntington, WV 25709. They request that we do not send any more clothing at this time. Donations may also be made online at <http://www.cwv-redcross.org>. Their phone number is (304) 526-2902.

Interchange Deadlines: The next issue of Interchange will be for the weeks of March 4 and 11. Items may be submitted to julkemp@charter.net or bdearien@stjohnswv.org by Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 4 p.m.