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fellowship hall entrance. Cover designed by Marilyn Ellinger

# 2020 Quadtank Pitch Competition and Quad County Business **Summit go Virtual**

**Press Release** 

he Orange County Economic Development Office is pleased to announce it will co-host the 2020 QuadTank Pitch Competition and Quad County Business Summit along with the Economic Development Offices of Greene County, Louisa County, and Fluvanna County, the Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce, and the Central Virginia Small Business Development Center on November 17, 2020. The QuadTank Pitch Competition will take place from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and the Quad County Business Summit from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

The 5th Annual Quad County Business Summit will be all virtual. The event will feature keynote speaker Sandy Sponaugle from Platinum PR. Participants will also hear from Hope Lawrence of Hudson Henry Baking Company on how her Fluvanna business has reached its current level of success. The Summit will also include breakout sessions and opportunities for virtual networking. The event is free for Quad County business owners. Interested participants can register at www.qcbsummit.com

"In light of current pandemic, the Quad County Business Summit Planning Committee decided to take these events virtual to ensure that our rural entrepreneurs and businesses owners would still have access to this valuable network of resources," noted Rose Deal, Project Manager for Orange County Economic Development.

Similar to last year, The Summit will also include the QuadTank, a winner take all pitch competition. The QuadTank is available for new or current business owners from the participating counties. Businesses should prepare a business plan



and pitch their plan to the panel of judges. The final presentations and judge questions will be hosted live the morning of November 17th, for all participants to view. The grand prize for the QuadTank is \$5,000. Last year's winner was JB Cakes of Orange County.

This year the Quad Counties are inviting Madison County businesses to participate in the Summit as special guests! Madison County entrepreneurs can view the QuadTank and participate in the Summit with fellow Central Virginia busi-

Registration and sponsorship opportunities are listed on the Summit website: www.qcbsummit.com. Please save the date, November 17th, to virtually attend this event. For more information, please contact Rose Deal, Project Manager at (540) 672-1238.

# **Louisa County Sherrif's Office National Prescription Drug Take Back**

#### **Press Release**

On Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Louisa County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will provide the public the opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to our lobby at 1 Woolfolk Ave, Louisa VA 23093 (Sites

cannot accept liquids, needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

This October's event is DEA's 19th nationwide event since its inception 10 years ago.

Last fall, Americans turned in nearly 883,000 pounds of prescription drugs at nearly 6,300 sites operated by the DEA and almost 5,000 of its state and local law enforcement partners. DEA, along with its law enforcement partners, has now collected nearly 6,350 tons of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription medications since the inception of the National Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative in 2010.

To keep everyone safe, collection sites will follow local COVID-19 guidelines and regulations.



This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

In addition to DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day,

there are many other ways to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs every day, including the 11,000 authorized collectors that are available all year long. For more information, visit DEA's year-round collection site locator.

The FDA also provides information on how to properly dispose of prescription drugs. More information is available here: https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/whereand-how-dispose-unused-medicines.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the October 24 Take Back Day event, go to the Louisa County Sheriff's Office Event page at facebook.com/events/351902606121983/ or to find a take back event near you go to www.DEATakeBack.com.



The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri children are left to right, Anna, Abbey, Allie, and Alex.

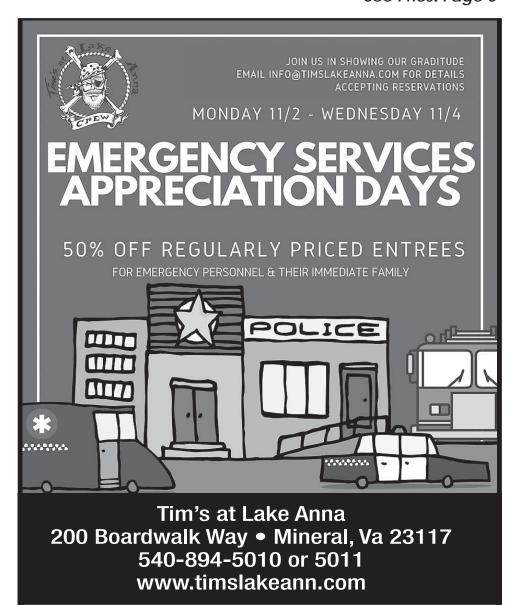
# New Priest in Louisa a steadying presence in pandemic

By Carol Barfield, Correspondent

Starting at a new church during a pandemic might be a deal-breaker for some, but St. James Episcopal Church's new priest, the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri, who started September 1, is up to the task.

During anxious times with our nation split politically, divided socially and caught in the throes of a dangerous epidemic, Jennifer specializes in being a non-anxious, steadying presence for her congregation. For the past twelve years, she served as lead chaplain for Professional Development at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in

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The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri at the fellowship hall entrance.



Cloth masks are required for anyone age 2+ as well as Social Distancing markers will be posted.

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Richmond, training other chaplains. Formerly an ordained Baptist minister, Jennifer served from 1999-2008, as Director of Missions for the Hermon Baptist Association. She also worked at an eating disorders clinic for several years before her stint at Bon Secours and fell in love with the chaplaincy.

Jennifer's faith journey led her to the Episcopal church, and as an Episcopalian, ministering to others in the hospital awaked a desire to more fully embrace her calling, specifically by administering the sacraments. She then began the discernment process for entering the priesthood.

"As late as September 11, I was work-

ing in the hospital with COVID patients and their families. It was heart-wrenching to see the sick and dying with no family at their side. Holding up my phone to help them Facetime with loved ones was humbling and jarring. It was unnatural and abnormal without the ministry of touch and the presence of loved ones, yet as I was being invited into the most intimate moments of a family, I tried "to be God's loving arms and hands."

Jennifer has a rich religious heritage. Her father is Catholic, her mother, Baptist. She has felt the call to serve God since the age of 13. Her dad, Caesar, is an Italian Catholic immigrant who owned Lazzuri Tile and Marble in Richmond. She grew up steeped in matters of faith, attending

both the local Baptist church with her mother, and occasionally St. Paul's Catholic Church with her father. "After church all the Italian Catholics would come over for Sunday lunch at our grandparents' home. Alternate Sundays were spent with my mom Jackie's family at the local Baptist church." Her mother, Jackie Dyson, whose parents owned Dyson's General Store at Frog Level, shared this opinion, "We didn't raise Jennifer; God raised her."

As a 13-year old, Jennifer traveled with independent mission groups to Udine, Italy and Singapore. "The Savior has been my continual companion. The spiritual discipline of morning, afternoon and evening prayer helps me live with Christ constantly present." There were no falling

away periods in her life, even though the phrase "bad things happen to good people," and "rain falls on the just and the unjust" have intimate application in both her extended family and her personal history. Her great grandfather, Strother William Lewis, a sheriff in Bowling Green, was killed in the line of duty. A prisoner he was transporting stole his firearm and shot him. The road that leads into Peumansend Creek regional jail in Caroline County is named in his memory - SW Lewis Memorial Highway.

In 1999, Jennifer was teaching Bible History in North Carolina, and happily awaiting the birth of her first child. Her daughter, Allie, was born with a rare congenital anomaly in which her left leg was

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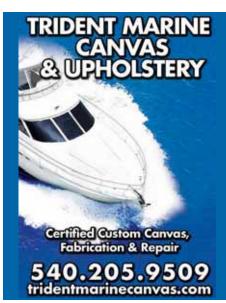


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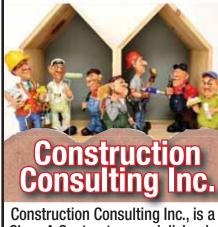
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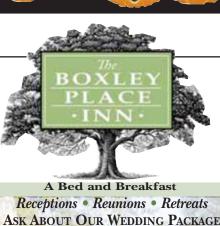
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# Revolutionary War Patriot Austin Hancock Marker Dedicated

Submitted by Helen Sprouse

Spotsylvania Chapter, Spotsylvania, Virginia, dedicated a Revolutionary War Patriot gravesite marker on May 30, 2020. Spotsylvania Chapter Regent Sarah B. White and Chapter Historian Donna McCague coordinated this effort with Helen Sprouse and Pastor Tim Chrisman of Little River Baptist Church in Bumpass, Virginia.

The patriot, Austin Hancock was born on October 5, 1760 in Hanover County, Virginia. While residing in the county, he enlisted in May 1779 and served with the Virginia Troops under several prominent officers in the Revolutionary War. As part of the militia, he fought in several different campaigns as a private and was elevat-

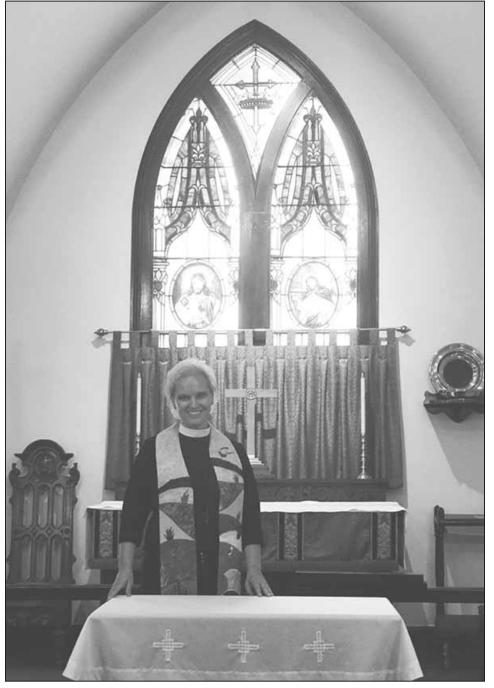
ed to second sergeant under the command of Captain White's Company, Colonel Thomas Baytop's Regiment. He valiantly fought in the Siege of Yorktown led by General Georg Washington. This was a significant turning point for the colonists in the War for Independence.

Austin Hancock was married to Ann Nuckolls circa 1781 and had 10 children with her. He died as a widower on November 12, 1849, in Louisa County having lived a long and prosperous life.

The chapter will hopefully host a commemorative event in the Fall of 2020 consisting of a wreath laying ceremony to honor Austin Hancock.

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predicted to have a 13-inch length discrepancy than her right. She had a short femur, a bent tibia, a missing fibula...and a perfect little foot. The treatment recommended by four specialists in Virginia, North Carolina and Pennsylvania, was unanimous— amputation would be the best course. Jennifer moved back to Ashland and the ancestral home to be closer to her parents. "As I was at home crying on the couch over the bleak thought, a 60 Minutes episode came on the television that featured a new medical procedure for something called 'limb lengthening'. Dr. John Herzenburg at Rubin Institute of Advanced Orthopedics at Sinai Hospital was spotlighting procedures pioneered in Russia developed in the attempt to save the limbs of WWII soldiers injured in combat." Of course, Jennifer took the road of faith and



The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri in the sanctuary at Saint James Episcopal Church.

contacted the specialist. As a result, Allie, who underwent 26 surgeries, is mobile and walks. She is a senior studying Biomedical Engineering at George Mason University and recently did a summer internship at the Naval Research Center in electrical engineering. Daughter Anna, a sophomore at Virginia Tech; Abbey, a junior in high school who plays lacrosse and field hockey; and Alex, a sophomore in high school, round out Jennifer's family.

For now, Jennifer has chosen to remain in Ashland to keep the children in their current schools and commutes beautiful Route 33. "It is no hardship-the commute on Ashland Road is beautiful, and I enjoy the time listening to podcasts and praying." Ultimately, she hopes to relocate to the Louisa area when her children finish school, and is also lucky to be nearer her older brother Jeff, who lives in Fredericksburg.

Thus far, her match with the Louisa Episcopal Church has been a happy one. "I could not have been more warmly

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri welcomes all to St. James Episcopal Church.

received by the people of St. James. I love the Chesapeake Bay area, blue crabs, swimming, boating, and they took the time to know that and made me a beautiful custom stole with crabs on it."

"It has been unusual getting to know people and providing care during the pandemic, but the people are so eager for a priest. I do a lot of pastoral care here, made a bit more difficult by the finicky internet, and I go home to get actual work done. There is no word on reopening from the Bishop yet, and so the congregation at St. James has been meeting outside on the front lawn. I am aware of the anxiety in society during this pandemic. Staying steady, and staying close to Christ, is essential. In the midst of chaos, Christ exists. This is a time to go deep while around us the world is spinning."

Although the parish is the center of personal pastoral care, Jennifer welcomes anyone who has need of a confidential listening ear. "What drew me to the Episcopal Church is that it is truly welcoming of all people. That is my word to the community. We want to show up and be present. All are welcome here. Wherever you come from, wherever you are going, whatever stage you are on your journey, we are here for you."

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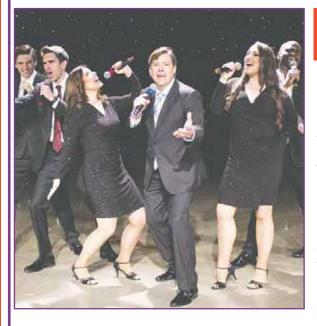
# **Upcoming Performances:**



# Resound November 14 at 7:30pm • \$25

Richmond-based, Resound believes that God brought them together around a kitchen table. The three singers Jessica, Joseph, and Mariah had known each other for years before one day having an informal rehearsal and creating their first "arrangement." Little did they know, this would lead them to

a career of creating and arranging music together.



# The Sharpe Family Singers December 19 at 7:30pm • \$35

Led by Broadway-star parents, Ron & Barbara Sharpe, this group has over 3 million followers on TikTok, a recent appearance on ABC's Disney Family Singalong, and YouTube beating down their door to become the next biggest stars. This incredibly talented family is fast-becoming one of the world's most recognized singing groups! Thank you to our sponsors: Dr. William Grant and Karen Grant



# Seldom Scene January 16 at 7:30pm• \$38

Popular for multiple decades, this Grammy winning group was instrumental in starting the bluegrass movement. The Seldom Scene has not only talented musicians, but also a signature sound, a solid repertoire, and a sheer sense of fun! Their show includes versions of country, rock, and pop.

# In The Purcell Gallery



## Michael McGurk

Michael McGurk had a 30-year career with the Washington DC Fire Department and studied at the Art League School in Alexandria, VA. Beginning in 2005, he became a full-time artist based out of Charlottesville, VA. His memberships include Pastel Society of America—Master Pastelist, Maryland Pastel Society, Piedmont Pastelists, and Mid-Atlantic Pastel Society.



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