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### ***Faith REC - Consecration & Dedication...***

On December 2, 2007, Faith Reformed Episcopal Church of Baltimore, Maryland, hosted a service of Consecration and Dedication for its new sanctuary and fellowship hall. Until its renovations over the past year, Faith Church, although sitting on two acres, had a sanctuary just the size of a chapel, holding about 45 people comfortably. In addition, there was just one bathroom with only cold water for washing. Now the congregation enjoys a sanctuary that will seat 130, with central heat and air, two bathrooms with cold, as well as hot water, a fellowship hall/ gymnasium with solid hardwood floor that measures 45' x 70', a beautifully tiled ceramic narthex, and a new commercial kitchen. In the sanctuary, new pews and kneelers were installed for the congregation, and the chancel area is adorned by all of the old furniture from Emmanuel Church. The mix of old and new is just enough to give the worship area a flavor of old character along with new comfort. Faith Church is the spiritual heir of the Faith Church/Emmanuel Church merger of 2006. It was decided by the congregations to sell the old building of Emmanuel Church, and apply the proceeds toward refurbishing and expanding the facility at Faith Church. As the congregations waited for settlement on the sold property, they continued to meet at the Emmanuel Sanctuary. Construction money was advanced by the Looney-Hoffman trust to begin the long awaited work. In addition to all of the structural change, we were able to save an heirloom organ from Emmanuel Church. The organ had been originally acquired through the merger of Redeemer Church (South Baltimore) with Emmanuel Church in 1926. It was disassembled, fully serviced, and reassembled on location at Faith Church. There are only three of these organs by this manufacturer left in North America, and now ours is the very best. Thus, with all the work nearly completed, the Rector, William A. Jenkins, Sr., the vestry and congregation invited the Right Rev'd. David Hicks to come on the first Sunday in Advent (which providentially, was also Founders' Day). He was joined by the Right Rev'd. Daniel G. Cox (retired). As Faith Church was Bishop Cox's first charge, he presented to us precious memories of times and folks gone by, and we even had some who were present that remembered when he was rector. We were also pleased to have with us Mrs. Pat Smith, wife of the late Rev'd. Ronnie Smith, longtime rector at Faith Church. We were additionally joined by the Rev'd Stephen Cox, who held his first cure at Faith Church, and Rev. Deacon Eric Vowles and his wife Sarah, who were representing Eric's first cure, Grace Church, Havre de Grace, MD.

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Rev. William A. "Bill" Jenkins, Sr  
Rector

**Traditional Liturgical Evangelical Scriptural**

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The service was attended by nearly 100 family and friends of Faith Church, with a reception hosted by the women's guild in the new fellowship hall. The Choir sang Veni, Veni Emanuel ( in Latin, of course) and we were treated to a flute solo by Illyanna Huseman. Bishop Hicks presented a thought provoking and inspiring sermon from the text, "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee", reminding us of the true source and reason of all our blessings. Please pray for us as we begin a new era of ministry in East Baltimore, for the exalting of Christ, the Glory of the holy Trinity, and the salvation of men.

Bill Jenkins

What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world,  
yet loses his own soul?

### Pictures: Faith REC Dedication Service



The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks



Pictured Right: Illyanna Huseman



## **Other News:**

Information about the summer 2008 English Camp in Germany has been posted on the REC Board of Foreign Missions site. There are files to download for young people who wish to be considered as mission team members, as well as registration information for US teens who would like to attend as campers. The minimum age for campers is 14. The minimum age for mission team members is 16. This year's theme is "Camp of Basics--Learning from the Patriarchs," and the camp will be led by The Rev. Steve and Sue Rutt (St. Andrew's REC and Andrewes Hall) and by Bishop Gerhard & Grace Meyer. Following English Camp, Bishop Meyer will lead the young people on a tour of southern Germany.

Information for the mission team is posted at <http://www.recbfm.org/2008germany.htm>

Information for campers is posted at <http://www.recbfm.org/campers.htm>

Please encourage the parents of young people in your parish to consider this opportunity for their children to share the Gospel in Germany. Also, please ask your parishioners to support this ministry with their prayers and with their donations as they are able.

**Sunday, January 6, 2008:** All are cordially invited to attend the installation of the Rev. David S. Ayres as Rector of St. Luke's/Bishop Hoffman REC. A reception will follow.



**Congratulations to Mark & Michelle Bleakley on the birth of their second child, Sophia Margaret born November 27, 2007.**

**Thursday, January 21 thru Saturday, February 2, 2008:** Clergy Retreat at Best Western Eden Resort, Lancaster, PA. "Helping Those Who Are Dealing With Sexual Sin".

**February 15-17, 2008:**

**Youth Winter Camp at River Valley Ranch, Millers, MD**

We are in need of both male and female counselors for this year's Winter Camp. If you know of anyone in your church 20 years or older who would be interested in participating in this ministry, please have them contact Rosalind Chavis directly at [jacee423@yahoo.com](mailto:jacee423@yahoo.com) immediately. She will be organizing the counselors and providing them with necessary and important information. Any questions about being a counselor or the responsibilities should be addressed directly with Rosalind.

### Liturgical Colors

January 6	Epiphany	White
January 13	Epiphany I	Green
January 20	Epiphany II	Green
January 27	Epiphany III	Green