

Down East Cooking

By REBA W. MITCHELL

The season has arrived for green field peas. With many folks in this area, peas are a favorite vegetable. Crowder peas are one of summer varieties and are plentiful now. Looking through grocery store shelves of canned goods, I saw Jalapeno peas on the shelf. I am a person who loves to experiment, therefore, I began dreaming up a recipe for Jalapeno peas. I remember a few years back I was at a homecoming and one woman had peas cooked with smoked sausage. They were very good. I came up with the idea of cooking the peas and sausage with jalapeno added. If you like them hot, this is the recipe for you.

Jalapeno Peas

1/2 lb. smoked sausage
6 cups water
4 cups shelled crowder peas

1 jalapeno pepper
1 tsp. salt
1 banana pepper
Cut the sausage to the desired lengths and place in a large Dutch oven. Add peas, water, peppers and salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until tender. You may add corn meal dumplings if you like.

Corn Meal Dumplings

1 cup corn meal
1/2 tsp. salt
water
Place corn meal and salt in mixing bowl. Stir in water gradually until you have enough to make a stiff dough. Make into small balls and pat out very thin. Place in pot around the peas and cook 5 to 6 minutes or until dumplings appear to be solid when touched with the back of a spoon.

Freezing Green Peas

Shell and wash peas. Bring water to boiling and place peas in a colander or wire basket and place in water. Let blanch for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and place in ice water until completely cold. Package in air-tight containers and freeze at once.

Easy Glazed Butternut Squash

Wash a large butternut squash and place in microwave dish. Cover with waxed paper. Microwave 10 to 12 minutes on high. Let stand until cool enough to handle. Split squash open in center. Gently remove the seeds. Place in microwave dish with the cut side up. Set aside. Combine 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, 1/4 tsp. nutmeg and 1/4 tsp. salt. Sprinkle over squash. Drizzle 3 tbs. melted butter over squash. Microwave 3 to 4 more minutes on medium high.



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New Minister Assumes Duties At Local Church

Members of the Vanceboro Christian Church will observe as their new minister, Rev. Dan A. Hall, is installed at the 11 a.m. worship service Aug. 28.

Dr. Bernard C. Meece of the regional office will be in charge of the service and installation. Following the service, lunch will be served in the church's fellowship hall.

Rev. Hall was born in Charlotte on March 30, 1963. He was not raised as a Christian. However, he started attending church with his neighbors when he was 15-years-old. Hall came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as his savior March 25, 1979.

Hall graduated from Montreat-Anderson College and realized that God was calling him into some type of Christian service to others. Hall attended Greensboro College and while there he said he received a real and personal call to preach the word of God. Upon his graduation from Greensboro College, Hall continued his education through Bethany Theological Seminary, where he received a master's degree.

Hall has been in Vanceboro during the past week, working with members and sharing his enthusiasm for his mission and work. After services last Sunday, he joined the congregation in a soup-and-sandwich luncheon. At the luncheon, the congregation met with Hall and offered to help work with him.

The dedication and spirit of working together toward a common goal has already been proven this past week by numerous members getting together and working on the church parsonage. Some members have cleaned windows, scrubbed floors, mowed the lawn, painted and have done other work.

The Vanceboro Christian Church is ready to reach out and serve the community, and Rev. Hall is committed to the Lord's

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Rev. Dan Hall

Church News

Tabernacle Holiness Church

Tabernacle Holiness Church's fellowship meeting that began Wednesday will conclude Saturday. The meeting is for all ages.

Rev. Robert "Bobby" Roadcap will be the speaker each night. Services will be at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day.

Music will be provided for each service.

The church's pastor, Rev. Larry Small, invites the public to attend.

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