

The Hallowed Word

July, 2010

All Hallows Episcopal Church

United Thank Offering

You have outdone yourself again! The United Thank Offering is our expression of thanks for God's goodness. It is also our way of giving to special needs projects in our church. In May your offering was \$595! Thanks to you for your generosity.

Web Site

All Hallows has a brand new web site on the internet. The address is: <http://allhallowssnowhill.org>. The Rev. George (Buddy) Murray is the overall designer and implementer of the site with many of the pictures provided by Harry Deitch and text from many sources in the parish. The site is a work-in-progress and you can expect continuing enhancements. Please take a look at the site and give us your comments. The goals for the site include providing updated information for members, publication of significant events in the life of the parish and attracting new members to the church.

The Church Bell at All Hallows

The following, found by Kathy Fisher, is taken from the August 27, 1910 *Democratic Messenger*, "All Hallows Bell Ringing: The bell will remind Parishioners of the hour of Prayer as follows: it will ring one-half hour before service as a call and warning, five minutes before to hasten laggard feet and three tugs at the hour of commencement." Present practice is to ring the bell immediately before worship services. Also, the bell is rung during burial services while the casket is transported to the grave site, with the number of chimes equal to the age of the person being buried.

Parish Picnic

Mark the date. The annual Parish Picnic will be held this year on August 1, at the Pavilion in Sturgis Park. There will not be a 9:30 AM worship service at the church. Instead, we will observe Morning Prayer at 11:00 at the pavilion prior to the picnic. Even on a hot day, the shade of the pavilion and the breeze off the river should make it comfortable. Join us for a great time.

Statue of Jesus

You have probably noticed the beautiful crystal statue of Jesus that is placed on the rear window sill on the right side of the church overlooking the Baptistry. The statue was purchased by the Rev. Robert Kurtz from a sculptor in Venice, Italy, while he and his wife were on a vacation trip. They were actually able to watch the sculptor as he made the statue. The statue, now owned by Father Kurtz's daughter Pam Gordy, is on permanent loan to All Hallows. Father Kurtz, now retired and living in Berlin, was the rector of All Hallows Church from 1967 to 1972. A picture of the statue is provided below.



Calendar of Events

Worship Schedule

July 4, Holy Eucharist, Rite I

July 11, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

July 18, Morning Prayer, Rite II

July 25, Holy Eucharist, Enriching Our Worship

August 1, **11:00 AM**, Morning Prayer, at Sturgis Park

Special Events

August 1, 11:00 AM, Church Picnic at Sturgis Park

Stewardship

The June issue of *Stewardship*, a publication of Parish Publishing, Inc. is included with this edition of the All Hallows Newsletter. [As a separate attachment].

The Clippers

The only way to read a newspaper is with scissors close at hand. That way when we encounter an article or picture of an All Hallows saint, we can clip it out to share. The latest is an article with pictures of Bob Kurtz, telling about his Military Service in World War II. You will find it on the bulletin boards in both ends of the Parish Hall.

Why does the Episcopal Church always seem to be involved in controversy over sexuality issues? (From Twenty Questions about the Episcopal Church from Forward Movement publications)

Issues relating to life and morality always concern the church. The Episcopal Church is no more controversial in this regard than any other. Our discussions may seem more public and sometimes it feels that way. Commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ requires our community to address issues honestly, openly, and in the spirit of love. Absent a magisterium telling us what to believe, discussions can get messy. We understand scripture, tradition, and reason can bring faithful people to opposite conclusions. This can be painful, but it is not new. Slavery was once accepted by Christians. So was the subjugation of women to men, sending children to work in subhuman conditions, and anti-Semitism. We believe the Holy Spirit is active in the world and in the church, constantly pushing us in directions we may not wish to go. Our best resolve amid controversy is to understand God is working his purpose out. The significance of what binds us to God, and to one another, takes precedence over human disagreement. Our task is to stay in communion with one another, in the spirit of love, and allow the Holy Spirit to direct us. It is not always easy or fun, but is faithful and exhilarating.

Did You Know?

In many ways, July 4th is the birthday of The Episcopal Church as well as the birthday of our country. When we declared that the King of England would no longer rule our country, we also declared that he would no longer rule our church. (Did you know that the Archbishop of Canterbury was appointed by Queen Elizabeth and approved by Parliament?) The same people who formed the government of the new nation also formed the structure of our church. That is why we have an elected Presiding Bishop, and our highest governing body is the General Convention – an elected representative body with two houses. We could go on and on, but it is an interesting subject to explore, especially in this time of controversy when other national churches have no clue as to how The Episcopal Church conducts itself.