

The Hallowed Word

All Hallows Episcopal Church

March 2010

Good Friday Service

This year, the Ecumenical Good Friday Service will be held on April 2 at Makemie Presbyterian Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. Ministers from many of the churches in Snow Hill will provide brief reflections and meditations on the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross. Since there will not be a Good Friday Service at All Hallows, all are encouraged to attend this special service.

Easter Vigil

The great Vigil of Easter is the first service of Easter Day. It is celebrated at a convenient time between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Morning. At All Hallows, the service will begin at 8:00 p.m. on April 3. The service normally consists of four parts: The Service of Light which includes the kindling of the New Fire and the lighting of the Pascal Candle, The Service of Lessons which includes readings from the Hebrew Scriptures recounting the history of God's people, Christian Initiation (Holy Baptism) or Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the first Eucharist of Easter. The service begins in darkness with the kindling of fire and lighting of the Pascal Candle. The Candle is processed to the front of the church and then congregation members' candles are lighted from the Pascal Candle. The Exsultet is then sung. After the reading of the lessons, Baptismal Vows are renewed. Easter was the primary baptismal occasion for the early church to the practical exclusion of all others. This practice linked the meanings of Christ's dying and rising to the understanding of baptism. Following is the joyful Easter Acclamation, "Alleluia, Christ is Risen," followed by the response, "the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia." At the acclamation, the lights of the church are turned on and the candles on the altar are lighted. The first Eucharist of Easter then concludes the service.

Pancake Supper

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Ann Gibb announced at the worship service on Sunday, March 14, that the Pancake Supper was a great success and thanked all who had worked so hard to make it successful. She noted that though somewhat fewer meals were served this year, the profit was better than last, because of the increase in the ticket price.



A new and joyful feature of the Supper this year was specially decorated pancakes for the young folks. The Rev. George (Buddy) Murray added frosting, chocolate balls and whipped cream to make smiley face pancakes (left).



The Rev. George (Buddy) Murray
preparing to make another smiley
pancake

Several members of All Hallows have asked recently, “What is Chi Rho?” The following provides some explanation. The Chi Rho Youth Group was founded in 1964 by three dedicated ministers: Rev. Ray Holsey, Rev. Charles Strickler, and Rev. Bill Owens. Chi Rho was originally named WBMC for Whatcoat, Bates, Makemie Churches. While on a ferry ride from Cape May, NJ, a new name for the group, Chi Rho was created from the Greek word for Christ (XPICTOC), X being pronounced as Chi and P as Rho. Later, Father Yutzie soon joined them from All Hallows Church. Since then, all churches and youth are welcome to participate with the Chi Rho Youth through the Snow Hill Ministerial Association. The first annual winter retreat was held at Camp T. Frank Soles, a YMCA camp in western Pennsylvania, January 1970. Years later, Chi Rho went to Paradise Lake for 2 years, Mt. Tone for 3 years, then returned to Camp Soles, January 1996 for the winter retreat. Chi Rho is for the teenagers of the Snow Hill area. All teenagers, 7th through 12th grade, are invited. Chi Rho asks: Do you belong to a church? You can come. Do you go to church? This is for you. Do you believe in Jesus Christ? You are welcome here. Are you curious about all this God talk and want to see what it is all about? That is why we have Chi Rho! Come and learn. At Chi Rho, everyone is welcome. No previous knowledge or experience is necessary. Participants will show you how great it can be. At each Chi Rho meeting, young people have a great time! Upbeat, inspiring “Chi Rho” songs are sung; young people meet with counselors in small groups and discuss things that are going on in every teenager’s world. There are no “dumb” questions at Chi Rho. Everyone is there to talk about anything that is going on in the lives of the teens. And best of all – they have great snacks! No one leaves hungry. There are different activities throughout the school year, and there is usually something special every month: “Kick-Off” Picnic, canoeing down the Pocomoke, Caroling, the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, Winter Retreat at Camp Soles, with skiing, snow boarding and sledding, bowling night, a Scavenger hunt, and lots more. The Mission Statement of the group is “Chi Rho is exploring and experiencing joy through life in Christ.”

A Bit of Humor

The following was provided by a member of another parish who wishes to remain anonymous. To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to make a special “No Excuse Sunday.” Cots will be placed in the back of the church for those who say, “Sunday is my only day to sleep in.” There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews are too hard. Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching TV late Saturday night. We will have steel helmets for those who say, “The roof would cave in if I ever came to church.” Blankets will be furnished for those who think

the church is too cold, and fans for those who say it is too hot. One section -4- will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in Nature.

Silver Sunday

A team led by Kathy Fisher completed an extensive inventory and cataloging of all of the silver pieces at All Hallows. The pieces were photographed and a brief description and any known history of the piece was prepared. Finally, for insurance purposes, an appraisal was performed by an independent appraiser. Since many of these pieces are used only occasionally at special services, many had never been seen by members of the congregation. So, Kathy, assisted by Bob, arranged them very professionally on tables at the front of the church on Sunday, February 21, for all to see. The two photographs provide a hint of the beauty of the display.



Display of Silver at the front of the Church on Sunday, February 21



Another view of the Silver display at the front of the Church

Brian McLaren to Speak on A New Kind of Christianity

Dr. McLaren is a noted author and speaker. He comes to our diocese because a member of Trinity Cathedral is a friend and college roommate while they attended the University of Maryland. *Time Magazine* recently listed him as one of the 25 most influential evangelicals in America. McLaren will examine the many questions facing today's church. The first presentation by Dr. McLaren will be at Trinity Cathedral in Easton on Friday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m. (followed by a reception with light refreshments). On Saturday, April 24, he will speak at Christ Church in Cambridge at 10 a.m. Each presentation is expected to last one to one and a half hours with time for questions following the presentation. All are welcome and admission is free.s

They worked miracles in the balcony. Matthew Gravenor, Bill Hatala and **-6-** Kemp Wills cleaned out (and threw away) so much. See for yourself.

Before



After



There are storage areas in the basement of the parish house that are -7- seldom explored. (Not the kitchen.) Our Junior Warden is planning a clean-out day for the basement. If you have been storing any precious item in those closets, now is the time to retrieve your valuables.

Surprise Visitor to Pre-K Sunday School Class

A surprise visitor arrived at Sunday School in Vincenz Cucina's shoe. Vincenz complained his foot itched and took off his shoe. That is when he saw a dark brown caterpillar climbing out the back of the shoe. What a nice surprise as we are learning about God's animals. The visitor was welcomed by other students. Some of us touched the caterpillar and found it was like a brush, and a few held the caterpillar. Even though we didn't know a lot about the caterpillar we enjoyed this surprise visitor. We thanked God for bringing the caterpillar to class. Morgan Schramek, holding the caterpillar, led the other students to place the caterpillar outside the door of the Parish House. Then teacher Katherine Howard used this teachable moment to remind her students of God's love and care for all His creatures.

Death has been conquered, Easter declares, and God's healing power is loose in our world. Now it's time to live our Easter faith. Almost forty years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., stood in the National Cathedral's pulpit, days before his assassination, and issued a challenge that still echoes down through the decades: "Somehow we must come to see that human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and the persistent work of dedicated individuals who are willing to be co-workers with God... We must realize that the time is always ripe to do right." These are powerful Easter words, calling us to the work of reconciliation and healing in our time.

Spring has sprung, and it is time to think of gardening. Many of our permanent plantings were damaged by snow, and Kemp Wills is looking for Garden Club members to help him make a landscape design for the church grounds. Talk to him.

Do you have musical skills? How would you like to share with us? Think out loud with Father Ken. (If necessary, we will provide the bucket to carry your tune.)

Education for Ministry is one of the best things that ever happened to me! -8- says Bonnie. **It taught me to think as I learned so much about our Lord, His Church, and myself.** EfM is a four year program of theological education developed by the School of Theology at the Episcopal Seminary of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. It is a Christian formation program established to prepare Christians for lay ministry through study, prayer and reflection. EfM has been used worldwide by over 70,000 people. In the U.S. over 22,000 people have completed the four year course. The Diocese of Easton has had numerous EfM groups over the years.

A new EfM seminar group is forming in the Southern Convocation. It will be mentored by Barbara Anne Fisher of St. Peter's Church, and Jim Cockey of St. Alban's Church. The sessions will meet on Monday evenings at St. Peter's, Salisbury, starting in September 2010. On April 26th, from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. an organizational meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church. EfM registration materials will be available and an overview of the program will be presented. Bonnie or Fr. Ken will give you a very enthusiastic review of the program, or you can contact Barbara (410-758-0533, ex 203; dreamer@stpeterschurch.net) or Jim (410-546-1575; james.cockey@verizon.net) To RSVP for the 4/26 meeting, call or email Jim by April 21st.

Snow Hill doctor's office honored. The Peninsula Regional Health System recognized Dr. Clyde Gibb and the Snow Hill Family Medicine staff for making significant improvements in the services they provide to the community. For the survey period June 2008 through July 2009, Snow Hill Family Medicine is recognized as the Peninsula Regional Medical Group family medicine practice that has achieved the highest score from their patients in the category of overall care provided, according to patient surveys. (from *The Daily Times*)

“I seldom end up where I wanted to go, but almost always end up where I need to be.” (Douglas Adams, English Humorist and Author)

United Thank Offering in our diocese gathered over \$72,000 last year.

At General Convention, the House of Bishops is arranged according to length of consecration. The first row is called “death row.”

At Diocesan Convention, Bob Honeychurch spoke of signs and their -9-
impact on the Church. He showed one picture from North Dakota saying OPEN RANGE, meaning the cattle roam free with no fences. When asked, “How do you keep the cattle together?” he replied, “You feed and water them. They’re smart; they stay close.” Thus the mission of the church is to “feed and water” the hungry and thirsty in the name of Christ.

Calendar of Events

Worship Schedule

March 28, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

April 1, 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

April 2, 7 p.m., Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Makemie Presbyterian Church

April 3, 8 p.m., Easter Vigil and Lighting of the New Fire, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

April 4, Easter, Holy Eucharist, Rite I

April 11, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

April 18, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Episcopal Church is a large, strange, beautiful and messy family, folk working together to continue the work of the Lord.

“God believes in you and has no one but you to do the things that only you can do for God. Become what you are.” Archbishop Desmond Tutu

A Vital Congregation is a community of faith which

1. Invites people to become passionate followers of Jesus Christ as we
 - a. teach people how to engage the story
 - b. teach people how to pray
 - c. teach people how to live in community
2. Presents opportunities for personal and corporate transformation
 - a. My life has changed;
 - b. Our life is changed.
3. Equips and empowers people for gospel mission in the world; connects us with God’s mission in the world (Bob Honeychurch)