

The Hallowed Word

All Hallows Episcopal Church
The Rev. Kenneth Thom, Priest in Charge

November 2011 Newsletter

Stewardship Humor

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how to get the congregation to pledge more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. He was annoyed that the regular organist was sick and a substitute was brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play so the minister gave the organist a copy of the service, but stated that the organist would have to think of something to play after the announcements. During the announcements in church, the minister said there were lots of repairs that needed to be done immediately and that \$4,000 was needed. “Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up.” The substitute organist played “The Star Spangled Banner.” And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

Pancake Supper – Shrove Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Perhaps if you were not free to participate last year, you will join the needed volunteers. In December, all will receive a sign-up list of the jobs required, some starting in January. Please return promptly. An Assistant Chairman is needed now to aid in planning for Feb. 21st. Please call Alice Tweedy, 410-632-0991—2012 P.S. Chairman

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild met on Oct. 4th with Fr. Thom to review procedures. Currently serving are: Nancy Blank, Ruth Bowie, Jody Caudell, Mary Deitch, Kathy Fisher, Hazel Geesey, Ann Gibb, Pam Gordy, Kelley Gravenor, Virginia Lane, Meg Russo, Kathe Selph, Jeanne Townsend, Alice Tweedy, Betty West, Connie West. We welcome Kelley Gravenor as a new member—and others who may wish to join in caring for the sanctuary and preparing for services (in teams of two, one month each year).

Alice Tweedy, Altar Guild Directress

Miracles happen in any economy.

Success can begin with one positive thought

No one can fill your shoes!

Vestry Notes

At the October meeting the Vestry approved the 2012 proposed budget which was presented by Ed Haile on behalf of the Finance Committee. Copies of the budget are available for parishioners in the back of the church. Nominees are being sought to fill two positions on the Vestry which begin with the January 2012 meeting. (Ernie Gibb and Cate Easmunt were elected at the Annual Parish Meeting.) Delegates to represent the parish at the Annual Convention, scheduled for the last weekend in February 2012, are also being sought. The annual Stewardship Campaign will begin in Mid-November following the Annual Parish Meeting, scheduled for November 6. *For Your Information:* Minutes of the monthly Vestry meetings are available in a binder in the back of the church for your perusal.

Biography – James Bosworth

James (Jim, Whatcha-ma-call-it) Bosworth came to Snow Hill from North Carolina. With three brothers growing up, his father would call them Whatcha-ma-call-it when addressing them. When the former organist at All Hallows wanted to return to attending her former church, Jim stepped in. Jim likes to play music that puts him in a worshipful frame of mind. He doesn't have any favorite or best liked music, but does not particularly like Victorian or early 20th century music. Looking back on his childhood memories, he recalls wearing stiff corduroy pants; running headlong into a wasps' nest; receiving his very own fountain pen; being sent to his bedroom for laughing at his grandmother's lunch table; and his first job as a "soda Jerk." Jim is busy as the church organist and practices most days. He enjoys going through old records in the Snow Hill library searching out the people buried in All Hallows cemetery. Jim plans to share his research in *The Hallowed Word*.

St. Andrew's Sunday

On Sunday, December 4, we will celebrate St. Andrew's Day. The liturgy for the worship service will be taken from the Prayer Book of the Church of Scotland, and a piper will be present to provide Bagpipe music. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to wear some form of Scottish attire.

The Sunday School Teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,' he announced, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

Tuesdays in Advent

Sunday, November 27, is the first Sunday of Advent. We will be holding a Soup and Salad Supper on each of the four Tuesdays during Advent with the first being scheduled for 6:30 on Tuesday, November 29. Program for the first supper will include a sung service of Evensong and a surprise video about former times at All Hallows. A sign-up sheet for bringing soup, salad and bread is on the Parish Hall Bulletin Board.

Following are excerpts from a November 1889 issue of the *Democratic Messenger* provided by Kathy Fisher.

WEDDING BELLS AT HOLY CROSS, Parker - de Waal

Stockton, Nov. 21. Dr. John S. Parker and Miss Maude de Waal, the only daughter of Capt. Gabe de Waal, were united in marriage at the Church of the Holy Cross, this place, today. Rev. Jesse Higgins of Snow Hill P.E. Church officiating. At 6:30 pm the bride was escorted by her cousin, Mr. Elton Jones, of Franklin City, VA, who gave the bride away. The bride was met at the chancel rail by the groom and his best man, Mr. Eben Hearn of Pocomoke City. The bride wore a traveling costume and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums and roses – *Deboniensis* and *Marie Van Houtte*. The bride and groom took the early train for a tour North, to visit Philadelphia, New York and Niagra Falls.

Jr. Warden News

For those who requested more details about all of the changes that were made to the Parish Hall this year: Starting in June, we had the floor sanded and recovered by Coffin Hardwood Floors in Millsboro, DE. Three coats of polyurethane were put down to protect the natural oak finish. Next, the Vestry decided to bring the walls, windows and furniture up to the same level as the floors. A committee was formed (Jenny Gordy, Dorothy Garrett, Robert Conn Scott, Ann Gibb, Alice Tweedy and others) and Colleen Smith, an interior decorator, was brought in to give advice. Calvin Allen was hired to paint the walls, doors, coffee cart and faux “crown molding”. Benjamin Moore paint was used from Shinn’s in Salisbury. Matthew Gravenor and I repaired some stained ceiling tiles and helped keep the paint lines straight along what turned out to be a not-so-straight ceiling. The old roller shades and cornices were removed from the windows and new matching blinds were selected. The windows were cleaned, the sills were vacuumed and

each of the storm panels were removed and cleaned on both sides. The cracked and cloudy Plexiglas curves over the outside window arches were discarded, letting noticeably more light in. Arlene singlehandedly took on sanding and repainting the coffee cart, after Fr. Ken and I had put new wheels on it this summer. A new LCD television was selected and hung on the wall, and various smaller pieces of furniture were upgraded. Fr. Ken and Arlene resurfaced the bulletin board and have loaned us a large Persian rug for the seating area. Arlene cleaned out most of the downstairs cabinets (from the Christian Nursery School days), and Kathy Fisher's archive of church records was moved to a new long shelf in the upstairs closet. In the upstairs half-bath, the walls and ceiling were repainted, the artwork was reframed, and new light fixtures with a motion sensor were installed by Fr. Ken. The small hallway to the Church was cleaned and repainted, removing several things which had accumulated there over the years (including a few bats). Writing this, even I'm surprised how much was accomplished. As you can see, it was a real group effort!

ECW News

The ECW has had another successful Bakeless Bake Sale. Thanks to the generosity of our would-be bakers, we saved thousands of calories and raised \$485.00. \$200 of these funds have already been distributed to the Samaritan House and the Ebenezer Food Bank. The ECW will make a contribution to the Sheriff's Department Christmas Fund for the Needy in the near future. The ECW is thankful for the generous support it has received. The most recent Fall In-gathering of UTO yielded \$394.25.

Jody Caudell Presented with Jefferson Award

Jody Caudell was surprised by a team from Television Station WBOC who presented her with a Jefferson Award during a Camp Agape Meeting. The Jefferson Awards for Public Service are a prestigious national recognition system honoring community and public service in America. The following is an excerpt from the recommendation to WBOC by Brenda Dingwall (Director of the Camp Agape Staff) which resulted in the award: When I think of service, the first person who comes to mind is Jody Caudell. I have never met another person who is more committed to helping all people to understand and embrace the notion that they have dignity and worth. Jody has been a key Camp Agape team member since 2009. Jody's unique ability to help children give voice to the painful emotions that they feel is a pivotal

piece of the transformational process that campers experience at Camp Agape. When children are able to express their emotions in a safe place, they learn that they and their feelings have value, and when a person learns that they are valuable, they can dare to dream and achieve. In addition to her work with Camp Agape, Jody serves those whom society ignores in multiple ways. She spends nearly every evening working with families who are in trouble. She works to help families develop the skills that they need to become successful, both in the world and as a family unit. She is there for them in good times and bad – to support, to teach, and to listen. Her focus is always to strengthen the family and the community as a whole. In her employed life, Jody works as a social worker at the prison. Her sole focus is to help prisoners understand that they are people of value. In an environment where human worth is minimized and degraded, Jody is a beacon of light and hope for the prisoners she serves. That light changes lives. By helping prisoners to understand that they are people first, Jody begins to help them transform from criminals to caring members of the community. Congratulations to Jody for well-deserved recognition.

Responding to those who have left the Episcopal Church because of their distaste for actions to include all baptized believers in ministry, Presiding Bishop Schori stated, “Anglicanism has always been broader than some find comfortable... Their statement does not represent the end of Anglicanism, merely another chapter in a centuries old struggle for dominance by those who consider themselves the only true believers. Anglicans will continue to worship God in their churches, serve the hungry and needy in their communities, and build missional relationships with others across the globe, despite the desire of a few leaders to narrow the influence of the gospel.”

You know you are an Episcopalian when:

- ..You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.
- ..When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, “May the Force be with you,” and you respond, “And also with you.”
- ..It’s 100 degrees with 96% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.
- ..You know it’s OK to poke fun at ourselves and never take ourselves too seriously.

Who, What, Where, When, Why and How?

Musings by Jim Bosworth

Has your curiosity ever gotten the best of you? Well, mine has, and so the search began this past summer. I often wondered what the people were like who are buried in our churchyard. What was their profession? What position(s) did they hold in the church and in the community? Who were their children and where did they live? What kind of an education did they have? Etc., etc., etc

It is my hope that I will be able to bring to life the lives of those who have preceded us here at All Hallows Parish. And I will from time to time share some of the interesting tidbits with you about Snow Hill as well.

Due to the fact that there were two (2) disastrous fires in Snow Hill (1834 and 1893), many official records were destroyed. In addition, many issues of the local weekly paper, the *Democratic Messenger*, are either no longer available, or are not readable. Nevertheless, it is interesting to read the newspapers of times past, and to glean into the lives of our ancestors. Here is a sampling, an advertisement: “T. Howard Collins & Sons—leading shoe store of Snow Hill. Shoes for every member of the family and Hosiery also. A full line of Gloves, Collars, Ties, Caps, and all kinds of Gentlemen’s Furnishings. We represent The Best Merchant Tailoring Establishments in America, and make Suits to your measure at the Lowest Possible Price.” This business was located at the corner of Green and Washington Streets, with show windows facing both streets. The building’s last occupant was an insurance company. It is now vacant and “for sale.” (The grave sites for both Thomas H. Collins (father) and T. Howard Collins (son) are numbers 120 and 137 in the Church Cemetery Directory.

Please feel free to correct me for any misinformation that I may report upon. Your thoughts and other pertinent information are greatly appreciated. I hope that you will enjoy reading about the lives of our predecessors and get a little chuckle from time to time as well.

P.S. By the way. Some people were listed as having died of “softening of the brain.” Do you know what medical condition that term refers to?

Friendly Pastor After the birth of their child, an Episcopal priest, wearing his clerical collar, visited his wife in the hospital. He greeted her with a hug and a kiss, and gave her another hug and kiss when he left. Later, her roommate commented, “your pastor is sure friendlier than mine.”

Schedule

Worship Services

November 27, Holy Eucharist, Rite II
December 4, Holy Eucharist Scottish Liturgy
December 11, Holy Eucharist, Rite II
December 18, Holy Eucharist, Rite II
December 24, 5:00 pm, Christmas Eve, Holy Eucharist, Rite II
December 24, 11:00 pm, Christmas Eve, Holy Eucharist, Rite II
December 25, 9:30 am, Christmas Day, Holy Eucharist, Rite II
January 1, Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Significant Dates

November 29, 6:30 pm, Soup and Salad Supper
December 6, 6:30 pm, Soup and Salad Supper
December 13, 6:30 pm, Soup and Salad Supper
December 20, 6:30 pm, Soup and Salad Supper

Can you find the C.P.C. glass jar?

Each time you enter the Church front door (preferably on Sunday morning), look to the right and on the table you will find a glass jar. Can you find it? You might see loose change inside; some are copper, silver and paper. Do you wonder how this money in the jar is to be used? As a volunteer member of this club, Nelson Payne is collecting for the on-going national project known as the Church Periodical Club (C.P.C.). This is a painless way for you to provide seminary students with cash grants to purchase text books. As you approach the jar and reach into your pocket or purse you might experience a sudden color-blindness – so that whatever loose change comes out of your pocket or purse is not subjected to a choice of copper, silver or green in color. For larger donations see Nelson. Try it! Let's help Nelson fill the jar.

Father O'Malley answers the phone: "Hello, is this Father O'Malley?"
'It is!' "This is the IRS. Can you help us?" 'I can!' "Do you know a Ted Houlihan?" 'I do!' "Is he a member of your congregation?" 'He is!' "Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?" 'He will!'

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folk.