

The Hallowed Word
All Hallows Episcopal Church
The Rev. Kenneth Thom, Priest-in-Charge
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From the Priest-in-Charge

Dear Members of All Hallows,

Thank you so much for the very generous Christmas gift that you gave to Arlene and me this year. I am continually reminded what a caring and giving community we have at All Hallows. But most important to me is the love and friendship which you have given to me, to Arlene and to all the members of our family. We could not ask for a more wonderful group of people to be associated with.

Much love and blessing to all, Ken+

From our Church Musician

Dear Friends,

It is with a sense of gratitude and thankfulness that I “thank you” for your most generous Christmas remembrance. God has richly blessed me during my ten, yes, ten years here at All Hallows. I thank you for your support and faithfulness.

Sincerely, Jim Bosworth

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, from 4:30 until 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendar for this event. Dinner tickets are \$7.00 as well as all Carry Out orders. Dinner tickets for children under 12 only, remain \$4.00.

Any unsold tickets are asked to be returned to Mary Deitch, ECW Treasurer by Tuesday, February 5. If you can volunteer, contact Alice Tweedy.

MOP (Miles of Pennies)

Did you know that a Mile of Pennies is equal to 844 dollars and 80 cents?

How many times have you seen a penny on the ground and not bothered to pick it up?

How many times have you been given some pennies as change and thought, “ugh,” more clutter for my change purse?

Do you want a constructive way to use pennies?

Next time pick up that penny and drop that unwanted penny into the CPC jar.

Those pennies add up and provide grants to seminarians to purchase text books.

During 2012 Nelson Payne collected \$168.37; maybe some were unwanted pennies.

Let’s find those unwanted pennies and help set a new record to fill Nelson’s CPC jar in 2013.

ECW Bazaar Just a reminder that the All Hallows Episcopal Women (ECW) sponsor the Bazaar Items located inside the Parish Hall door. Some items are priced, and others are for a donation. Canned jellies and relishes, books, church picture cards, church postcards, glass etched plates, and handmade items are among the items offered. This project helps fund the ECW’s outreach.

Church Decorated for Christmas

After the worship service on Sunday, December 23rd, members of the All Hallows congregation pitched in to decorate the church with evergreens, poinsettias and candles for Christmas. The picture below illustrates the glorious results of their efforts.



Out of the Mouths of Babes

Unedited results of a Catholic elementary school Old and New Testament Test Questions.

- In the first book of the Bible, Guinness. God got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.
- Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
- When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manager.
- It was a miricle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
- The people who followed the Lord were called the decibels.
- The epistels were the wives of the apostles.
- One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
- The first commandments was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
- Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
- Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

Letter from an airline pilot:

He writes: My lead flight attendant came to me and said, "We have an H.R. on this flight." (H.R. Stands for human remains.) "Are they military?" I asked.

"Yes," she said.

"Is there an escort?" I asked.

"Yes, I already assigned him a seat."

"Would you please tell him to come to the flight deck. You can board him early," I said.

A short while later, a young army sergeant entered the flight deck. He was the image of the perfectly dressed soldier. He introduced himself and I asked him about his soldier.

The escorts of these fallen soldiers talk about them as if they are still alive and still with us.

"My soldier is on his way back to Virginia," he said. He proceeded to answer my questions, but offered no words.

I asked him if there was anything I could do for him and he said no. I told him that he had the toughest job in the military and that I appreciated the work that he does for the families of our fallen soldiers. The first officer and I got up out of our seats to shake his hand. He left the flight deck to find his seat.

We completed our pre-flight checks, pushed back and performed an uneventful departure.

About 30 minutes into our flight I received a call from the lead flight attendant in the cabin. "I just found out the family of the soldier we are carrying, is on board," she said. She then proceeded to tell me that the father, mother, wife and 2-year old daughter were escorting their son, husband, and father home. The family was upset because they were unable to see the container that the soldier was in before we left. We were on our way to a major hub at which the family was going to wait four hours for the connecting flight home to Virginia.

The father of the soldier told the flight attendant that knowing his son was below him in the cargo compartment and being unable to see him was too much for him and the family to bear. He had asked the flight attendant if there was anything that could be done to allow them to see him upon our arrival. The family wanted to be outside by the cargo door to watch the soldier being taken off the airplane. I could hear the desperation in the flight attendant's voice when she asked me if there was anything I could do. "I'm on it," I said. I told her that I would get back to her.

Airborne communication with my company normally occurs in the form of e-mail-like messages. I decided to bypass this system and contact my flight dispatcher directly on a secondary radio. There is a radio operator in the operations control center who connects you to the telephone of the dispatcher. I was in direct contact with the dispatcher. I explained the situation I had on board with the family and what it was the family wanted. He said he understood and that he would get back to me.

Two hours went by and I had not heard from the dispatcher. We were going to get busy soon and I needed to know what to tell the family. I sent a text message asking for an update. I saved the return message from the dispatcher and the following is the text:

"Captain, sorry it has taken so long to get back to you. There is policy on this now and I had to check on a few things. Upon your arrival a dedicated escort team will meet the aircraft. The team will escort the family to the ramp and plane side. A van will be used to load the remains with a secondary van for the family. The family will be taken to their

departure area and escorted into the terminal where the remains can be seen on the ramp. It is a private area for the family only. When the connecting aircraft arrives, the family will be escorted onto the ramp and plane side to watch the remains being loaded for the final leg home. Captain, most of us here in flight control are veterans. Please pass our condolences on to the family. Thanks.”

I sent a message back telling flight control, “Thanks for a good job.” I printed out the message and gave it to the lead flight attendant to pass on to the father. The lead flight attendant was very thankful and told me, “You have no idea how much this will mean to them.”

Things started getting busy for the descent, approach and landing. After landing, we cleared the runway and taxied to the ramp area. The ramp is huge with 15 gates on either side of the alleyway. It is always a busy area with aircraft maneuvering every which way to enter and exit. When we entered the ramp and checked in with the ramp controller, we were told that all traffic was being held for us.

“There is a team in place to meet the aircraft,” we were told. It looked like it was all coming together, then I realized that once we turned the seat belt sign off, everyone would stand up at once and delay the family from getting off the airplane. As we approached our gate, I asked the co-pilot to tell the ramp controller we were going to stop short of the gate to make an announcement to the passengers. He did that and the ramp controller said, “Take your time.”

I stopped the aircraft and set the parking brake. I pushed the public address button and said, “Ladies and gentleman, this is your Captain speaking I have stopped short of our gate to make a special announcement. We have a passenger on board who deserves our honor and respect. His Name is Private X, a soldier who recently lost his life. Private X is under your feet in the cargo hold. Escorting him today is Army Sergeant X. Also, on board are his father, mother, wife, and daughter. Your entire flight crew is asking for all passengers to remain in their seats to allow the family to exit the aircraft first. Thank you.”

We continued the turn to the gate, came to a stop and started our shutdown procedures. A couple of minutes later I opened the cockpit door. I found the two forward flight attendants crying, something you just do not see. I was told that after we came to a stop, every passenger on the aircraft stayed in their seats, waiting for the family to exit the aircraft.

When the family got up and gathered their things, a passenger slowly started to clap his hands. Moments later more passengers joined in and soon the entire aircraft was clapping. Words of “God Bless You, I’m sorry, thank you, be proud,” and other kind words were uttered to the family as they made their way down the aisle and out of the airplane.

They were escorted down to the ramp to finally be with their loved one.

Many of the passengers disembarking thanked me for the announcement I had made. They were just words, I told them, I could say them over and over again, but nothing I say will bring back that brave soldier.

Ash Wednesday services will be at noon and 7 pm on Wednesday, February 13.

Lenten Soup and Salad with study time, Tuesdays beginning February 19, 6:30 pm.

An Architectural Tidbit

A few years back, Richard DeAngelis of Snow Hill was working with Karen Houtman (Town of Snow Hill Historic District staff) and others on an historical compilation of structures in Snow Hill. They discovered four significant buildings by Jackson C. Gott: Governor Smith house, 1889; Clayton Purnell house, 1894; Worcester County Court House, 1894; Purnell Hotel, 1894.

They also found that architect T. Buckler Ghequiere (later in life he dropped the final e) had a Snow Hill connection. Robert Carl Long, Sr. (1860 - 1833) was Baltimore's first native professional architect. Long's son, Robert Carl Long Jr (1810 - 1849) was important in the development of the architectural profession. Long's daughter, Sarah, married Louis J. Ghequiere at St. Paul's Church 1853, and their son T. Buckler Ghequiere was born in 1854.

Ghequier had, when he opened his Baltimore office in 1876, advertised "making a specialty of church work. . ."; and went on to work with All Hallows. As reported in *The Baltimore SUN*, Nov. 14, 1891: "... T. Buckler Ghequier, architect, of Baltimore has also enlarged and repaired the Church of All Hallows, at Snow Hill, MD. The additions to this church consist of a gallery at the west end and a recess chancel with a choir and vestry room [the two little rooms which flank the chancel]. A cellar has also been dug and supplied with furnace. The ancient appearance of the church has been preserved entirely." Ghequier was noted for his Episcopal church work throughout Maryland. Biographies of Ghequiere, Gott, and the two Longs (and many more Baltimore architects) are available at <http://baltimorearchitecture.org/biographies>.

What Would God Send to Us?

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was Forgiveness, So God sent us a Savior.

How do You decide Whom to Marry? (written by kids)

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dips coming.

-Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

-Kristen, age 10

2. WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.

-Camille, age 10

3. HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

-Derrick, age 8

4. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

Both don't want any more kids.

-Lori, age 8

5. WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.

-Lynette, age 8 (Isn't she a treasure!)

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.

-Martin, age 10

6. WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

When they're rich.

-Pam, age 7

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that.

-Curt, age 7

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do.

-Howard, age 8

7. IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.

-Anita, age 9 (Bless you child.)

8. HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?

-Kevin, age 8

And the #1 favorite is

9. HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck.

-Ricky, age 10

Can't argue with these "words of wisdom!"

Episcopal faith values questions, service

Jesus was a militant, a radical, intensely political, but not violent. Jesus issued an invitation—experience a new way of life.

"The beatitudes are in the Sermon on the mount, 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.' It contrasts with what society values today...Jesus was a militant, but many churches have domesticated his personality. I don't think Jesus founded an institution. I think Jesus founded a movement...If you are not making a difference, having a positive impact on the community, if you are not there to serve, then you're a social club for the like-minded. I don't think that's what Jesus meant." (The Rev. David Dingwall, St. Paul's by the Sea, in *The Daily Times*.)

The Reading Mother

You may have tangible wealth untold,

Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.

Richer than I you can never be –

I had a mother who read to me.

Strickland Gillilan