

The Hallowed Word

All Hallows Episcopal Church

October 2013

The falling leaves...

Spring and fall seem to be people's favorite seasons! Spring leads us from the cold, wet, and icy roads and bushes of winter into summer's bounteous green leaves and flowers, and autumn rescues us from the sweltering heat and humidity of summer into ripened fruit and vegetables. The main difference, however, is that we understand spring as New Life---buds turn into flowers, fruits and veggies. Fall is the time when those buds, fruits and veggies are disappearing---some to die, others into canning jars and freezer containers. The walks around the neighborhoods begin to reveal clearer sights of homes, windows, and lights---the bushes are losing leaves, the climbing vines have fallen back. Sweaters and jackets, jeans and sweatpants replace our shorts and tee-shirts!

In the Church, the fall is the time of Remembrance. The Season of Pentecost---so joyfully celebrated in late spring, winds down, reaching for Advent and the days of counting toward Christmas and birth. And so we celebrate that ending of one season and the beginning of another with Remembrance. We remember, with intention, those who have gone ahead of us into eternal life.

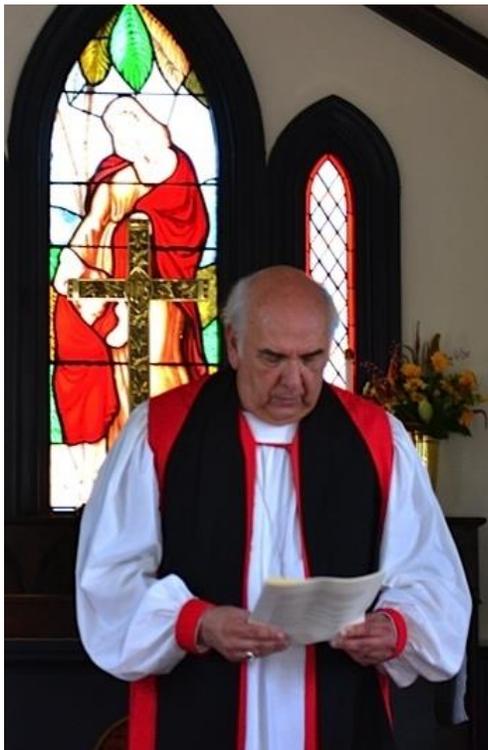
Halloween is the holiday for parties, costumes and candy. It is joyful for many---the decorations hit the stores sometime after July 4th. But Halloween is really All Hallows Eve, the eve before the day we remember all those whom we have lost the year before, and even the times before. All Saint's Day---All Holy Day. Our parish is named for this special day---and it is not intended as a day of sadness and mourning, as much as it is a reminder that we all are God's children---we are all "saints"---beloved of God. Created by God, returned to God--loved by many who will remember them as beloved family and friends.

With this in mind, we will celebrate our Name Day, All Hallows Eve, with a quiet service of prayer and light on Friday evening, Nov. 1, at 7 pm. With prayers of love and gratitude for all the saints, and readings reflective of the season, we will have a short service to remind us of those who have gone before us. Then, with candles lit to remind us of those we love and miss, we will go out into our cemetery and light a few more candles and torches to remind us that God's light and love are extended into the world.

This service is not about recall and loss---but rather to celebrate those who once shared life with us and others. You may come and light a candle for someone you recall, or for a greater world where lives have been touched by fear and violence. It doesn't matter—it is our call to remind the world of the presence of many who have been with us and lived as God's saints for a brief time in our midst.

In peace,
Naneset

A Day at Holy Cross Chapel – Sunday, September 15, 2013



At eleven o'clock on a beautiful September Sunday morning, almost 50 people gathered in Stockton to celebrate the Name Day of our Chapel. Blessed by almost perfect weather, folks greeted one another with hugs, smiles, and many wonderful recollections of days gone by. I heard many stories about school days in Stockton, and then on to more school days in Snow Hill or Pocomoke when most of our congregation shared their lives as children. Although a bit grayer and/or "weathered," folks seem to see one another as if those days had only been a few years ago. The service was "set" with readings and prayers we have always

used---and music chosen to recall not only the Holy Cross of Jesus, but also the many, many Sundays when families gathered to worship at Holy Cross Chapel. As the “newbie” to the parish, I was excited to lead a congregation that greeted one another with such love and obvious affection. Time may have moved on, but the stories and remembrances were celebrated and renewed many times.

Accompanied on the organ by Ron Geesey, voices were raised in joyful praise, and from the altar, facing in the traditional direction away from the people, I could hear the voices of the congregation lifted in praise and thanksgiving. When I turned to distribute the Holy Communion, folks were kneeling on cushions well worn by the knees of many generations who had been there before.



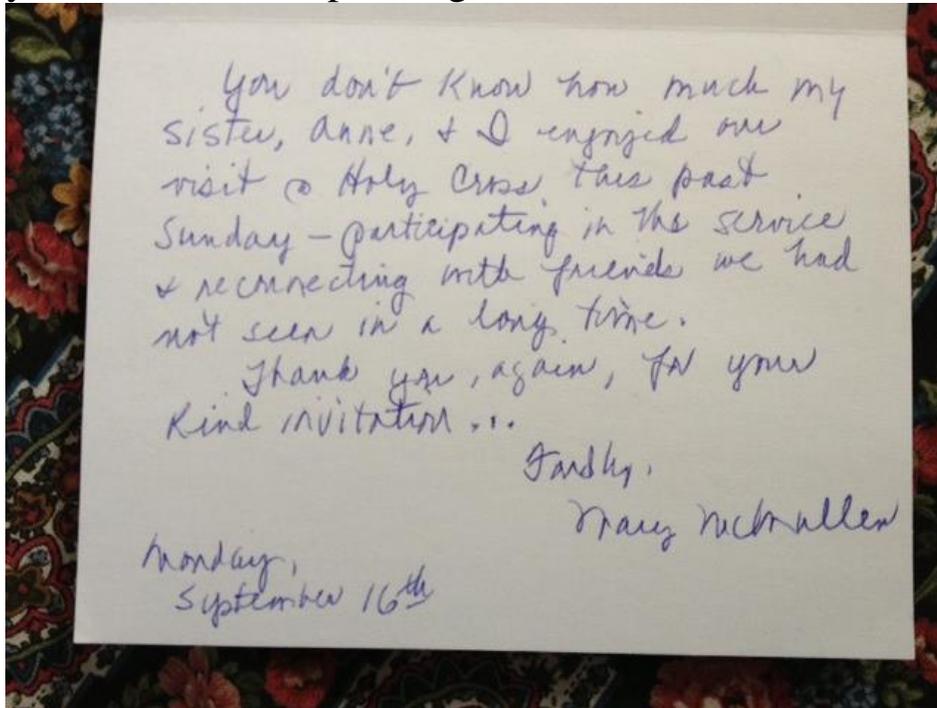
Afterwards we walked across the street to the Methodist Church to a scrumptious reception organized by Betty West and assisted by Jane Bradford with food contributed by the congregation. It was a wonderful time!

It is a sign of wellness and goodness of hearts when we gather to celebrate our stories united in our past, but welcoming our present. It is

good to be together to renew our friendship and love for one another---
and to recall our shared history. I look forward to more celebrations
with all of you.

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The following note card was received from Mary McMullen a few days
after Holy Cross service, expressing her thanks.



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*(Mea Culpa. The following summer articles were overlooked when  
preparing the September newsletter. Sorry. – Bonnie)*

**Snow Hill Community Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

The Snow Hill Ministerial Association along with four local churches, Bates, Makemie, Whatcoat and All Hallows cooperate in this Vacation Bible School ministry. It takes many volunteers to provide a place for children of all ages to learn Bible lessons, songs, teamwork, crafts, related snacks, and all in a safe and fun environment. This program's activities are coordinated around a special theme. This year's

theme was “Kingdom Rock – when kids stand strong for God.” This ministry is funded by the Ministerial Association, donations, and from many volunteers’ out-of-pocket generosity.

All Hallows provided and showed a video, and Alice Tweedy purchased and provided the theme-related snacks for one of the VBS nights. There was a separate volunteer who put the snacks together and served them on the appropriate night. This funding was provided by the All Hallows Episcopal Church Women (ECW). Christine and Bob Gordy assisted by providing outdoor activities for the younger children. All Hallows students Grace, Julia, Luke, Dominic and Vinny were spotted among the participants.

According to my source Diane Shumate, VBS cost about \$20 per child, which is budgeted by the pre-registration of the children. In 2013, the cost was over \$1200 to purchase the materials for approximately 90 children, but this does not include the cost for free Bibles.

If you can miss a couple of mornings’ coffee and donuts, that money could be put to better use than adding calories. Donations for this ministry can be given to Reverend Nanese any time during the year. “Let the little children come unto me.”

## **Bethany Todd**

Bethany Todd attended a CTY (Center for Talented Youth) camp for three weeks. CTY is a camp for gifted students who are sponsored every year by Johns Hopkins University. Bethany took a SCAT test and was scored in a specific region in order to qualify. Her score was high enough that she received a scholarship.

Bethany applied for the bio-technical program at Haverford College in Haverford, PA. She was accepted and took the course for three weeks. This included living away from home, learning college level skills such as using electrophoresis gels, eugenics, and growing mutated bacterial colonies. Bethany was the youngest student attending. She is very proud and thankful for this opportunity. During her stay she met people from New Jersey, Seattle, Tennessee, Georgia, Poland, Korea, and even China. Bethany made many friends and learned so

much. Although she enjoyed the camp and will miss the college life, Bethany stated that she was “glad to be home.”

Bethany Todd is one of our young people in All Hallows church family who are involved in many interesting activities. I am sure God has a great plan for Bethany’s walk with him. Way to go, Bethany!!!

### **Meet our new Rector**

My name is Nanese Elizabeth Arnold Hawthorne, but for obvious reasons, I am called “Nanese.” When I was a teenager, I didn’t like having such an unusual name, but around the age of 19 or 20 I found myself feeling proud that my name was different.

I got involved with All Hallows when I read on the Episcopal Church’s website that Ken Thom was retiring and there was a search for a new rector. I knew Ken from Virginia Theological Seminary, so I spoke with him at a local clergy meeting. The rest is “process!”

My grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins inspired me to become an Episcopalian. There had been a problem in the church they had attended so my grandparents stopped going. My uncle had married an Episcopalian, so my aunt invited my grandparents to her church. When I visited my grandparents, I went to church with them and my aunts, uncles, and cousins and felt very much at home. I liked the “parade” at the beginning when the children were vested in choir robes and my boy cousins were in the red and white acolyte vestments. Everyone seemed to be included, so I wanted to join, too!

My “work” is to minister to the spiritual life of the congregation. That means I am available for all sacramental services, to work with the



musicians to plan music that will enrich our worship, to lead worship, to be present and attentive in all our parish life together. I also am canonically responsible for leading the vestry meetings, the Annual meeting, and a few other tasks too numerous to mention. I am a member of the diocesan Standing Committee. I am a trained Spiritual Director and an Associate of the Shalem Institute for Spirituality. Finally, I am the Diocesan Coordinator for both Dioceses of Easton and Delaware for Education for Ministry (EFM).

There is a lot about me I haven't had time to share! My favorite color is yellow, my dog is a West Highland White Terrier named Sweet Annie Morag; my favorite food is crabs and beer; I have two children: Andrew Thomas who is married to Michelle Raub, and Carolyn Elizabeth who is married to Sean Joynt. Andy and Michelle have 2 children, Andrew Jr. and Alexis, and Carolyn and Sean have 3 daughters, Elizabeth, Kathleen (Katie), and Megan. My favorite tv shows are NCIS, Bones and any of the CSI shows.

*We at All Hallows are very blessed to have Nanese join our church family.*

### **Food Pantry Ministry, Chairman June Pettit**

For over 30 years, the Ebenezer Ecumenical Food Pantry has been a resource for persons in the community experiencing food insecurity. Originally the pantry was to be housed at All Hallows.

Margaret Kerbin, a parishioner and community volunteer, expressed concern that black community members might be uncomfortable seeking food at All Hallows. She suggested the pantry be located at the Ebenezer Methodist Church.

Currently the pantry is led by co-directors Tommy and Rosalie Mason, who last year succeeded Mary and Jim Waters after many years of service. The Pantry has a governing body which consists of the pantry directors, who are members of Ebenezer; the President who is Ebenezer's Minister; the Vice President, who is a representative of the Snow Hill Ministerial Association; the Secretary who is a member of a Snow Hill community church; and the Treasurer who is a member of Ebenezer.

Food donations are received regularly from Snow Hill area churches and individuals, and occasionally from local organizations. In addition, donated food is received quarterly from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Monetary donations from churches and individuals are used to purchase foods from the Maryland Food Bank in Salisbury at significant discounts and from retail stores. Occasionally the MD Food Bank donates food. Desired non-perishable foods include cereal, peanut butter, jelly, baking mixes, pudding and jello mixes, dried beans, rice, dried macaroni products, canned meats, fruits, vegetables, soups, tomato and pasta products, and spaghetti sauces. Foods low in sugar and salt are appreciated.

During the recession of the last several years, the number of persons served by the pantry has increased by as much as 40% at times. Food insecurity results from unemployment, underemployment, disability, and advanced age. Many persons served by the pantry are aged. Emergencies are addressed on demand.

Eligibility for USDA food is determined by a government means test; food is distributed according to strict regulations; records are completed at each distribution and immediately forwarded to the USDA. The Pantry is subject to periodic government inspections which can be unannounced. Eligibility for all other pantry food is dependent solely upon need.

During all the years of the food pantry's operations, All Hallows Parish has been steadfast and generous in its commitment to this Ministry. Consistently its donations are among the largest received. Parishioners volunteer when they donate food, money and work in the pantry. Monetary gifts from All Hallows Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and parishioners and others provide the means to purchase needed items.

All Hallows Church volunteers and others are responding to Christ's words in Matthew 25: "I was hungry and you gave me food." Volunteers are living out their Baptismal Covenant: seeing Christ in all persons, loving their neighbor as themselves and respecting the dignity

of every human being. They are making a statement about the community in which they want to live.

Volunteers find this Ministry to be a transforming experience. They witness others' joy and relief at having basic unmet needs fulfilled; they witness donors giving generously out of abundance and equally generously out of scarcity; they witness relationships built and nourished across denominational and racial lines. Frequently volunteers hear, "God Bless You" from those they serve.

The regular rhythm of faithfulness of All Hallows Church and others in this Ministry affirms that God is among us, loving us, challenging us, and showing us that He can act through ordinary people performing ordinary tasks.

Help this Ministry by bringing a non perishable food item each Sunday to church. Everyone can help feed the hungry in our neighborhood. The drop off basket is located in the Parrish Hall on the way to Coffee Hour.

### **Delmarva Chicken Festival**

Just wanted to give a "shout out" to All Hallows Junior Warden Kemp Wills, who was the Chairman of the Delmarva Chicken Festival this year, and to several members who were spotted volunteering to make the festival a success. You may have seen Carol Dorman driving a golf cart on beverage duty, or Kemp and Matthew Gravenor checking out the activities. In the craft tent you could find Kelley and Betsy Gravenor busy selling Kelley's homemade quilted bags in all shapes, sizes and designs, and a few members were spotted getting a new bag. (If interested, see Kelley on Sunday.) The carnival activities which were enjoyed by the children were under the chairmanship of Bill Hatala. Nicholas Haglich mentioned that he was performing later on Friday evening. Then too, the Gordy family was working behind the scene helping, and so was Snow Hill's Mayor Charlie Dorman. The information booth was covered by Mark Schramek and his daughter Morgan handing out maps and directions to the activities. In all, so many of our church family were part of this Delmarva Chicken Festival. Others like Arlene and Fr. Thom and Katherine Gordon with her

grandsons Dominic and Vinny were shopping among the vendors. I just thought you might like to know that All Hallows family not only supports the Church's ministries but extend themselves into the activities of the Snow Hill community.

**ECW News. Meeting:** All women of the parish are members of the ECW (Episcopal Church Women). The ECW of All Hallows held its annual covered dish supper meeting on Monday, October 7 in the Parish Hall. Please see Ann Gibb for more details.

**School Supplies:** The ECW is collecting the following school supplies during the month of October: Number 2 yellow pencils, Glue sticks, Clorox wipes or baby wipes, Black and white journal type composition notebooks, and Folders with pockets. There are green shopping bags with pictures of these five items in the Parish House and in the back of the church for your donations. These supplies are needed throughout the year at Snow Hill Elementary School and will be distributed there, as needed. Now is a good time to buy these items as the prices are discounted this time of year. Please contact Connie West or Ann Gibb if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your support.

### **A Prayer of St. Augustine**

God of our life, there are days when the burdens we carry chafe our shoulders and weigh us down; when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies gray and threatening; when our lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely,  
and our souls have lost their courage.

Flood the path with light, turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise; tune our hearts to brave music; give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age; and so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life, to your honor and glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **A Celebration of New Ministry**

Bishop Shand will be visiting us on Sunday, October 27 at **3:00 pm** to celebrate the New Ministry which we share with the Rev. Nanese Hawthorne. Because of this special Service, the Vestry decided we will not have a morning service on that day.

## **Historic Tours of All Hallows Episcopal Church Cemetery**

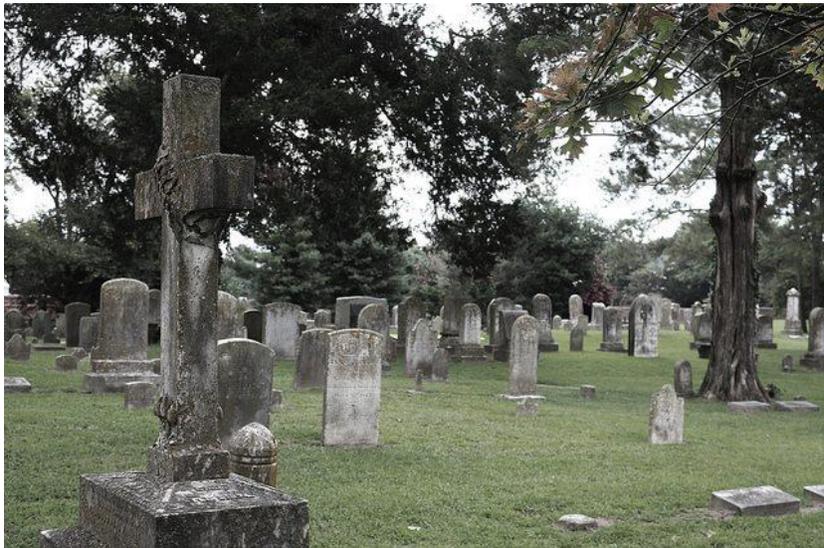
Cemeteries are historic time capsules providing details into past beliefs, customs, lives and occupations of people living in a given region.

Dating to the mid 1700's, All Hallows Cemetery is among the region's earliest church cemeteries. Join us for a guided walking tour and discussion highlighting the styles and materials used in headstones here. Why were they chosen? What did these styles represent and how did they change over time? Who are some of the notable and interesting people interred here? What do their headstones tell about them, and how did people view death and dying centuries ago?

The tour will last about one hour and begins one hour before sunset.

Tour meets in the church parking lot. Comfortable walking shoes are advised.

Dates: two evenings in October, Thursday and Friday, October 24 & 25 at 5:15 pm. \$4 per person. Autumn refreshments provided.



Call 707-951-0341 for more information.

Hettie has had this experience in other towns and found that it drew many people who were interested in the history and contributions of individuals to their town. Part of her lecture will draw attention to materials and designs of the tombstones and what they tell us about the

culture of that time. The tours will begin with a “teaching moment” when she will share with the group the proper use and visit to a cemetery (e.g., not walking on the graves, etc.) This will be a wonderful way for members of our community to hear stories about the lives of historical folks of Snow Hill. The tours will be for adults only, and there will be a charge. Half of the charge will go to Hettie for expenses, and one half will be given to the church to do with as we see fit.

### **Clean Water is Indispensable to Healing a Hurting World- ER&D**

Just as water is essential to life itself, and just as water is central to our spiritual life through baptism, ensuring access to clean water is indispensable to healing a hurting world. Simply put, bringing clean water and sanitation to any community transforms lives in a myriad of ways. They are healthier, wealthier, better nourished, more productive and more fulfilled. It opens the door to the abundant life. But the challenges are enormous. Tragically, more than 1 billion people around the world do not have access to clean, safe drinking water. Episcopal Relief and Development works with communities far beyond the end of the road to assist them to access clean water and develop sanitation projects. The difference is life-changing, and we can help with our gifts. Envelopes are available in the back of the church to send your gift.

**Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 pm.** to discuss the lectionary for the following Sunday. Come and join our lively discussion group and share your opinions or life experiences.

**For our schools we collect** used ink cartridges, Box Tops for Education (General Mills, Swanson, etc.) and Labels for Education (Campbell’s, etc.) There is a basket in the parish hall.

### **Operation We Care**

You saw in the paper that 60 guys from Delaware just came home from Afghanistan. However, there are still 60,000 American Service people there. Operation We Care plans to send boxes addressed to 700

individual servicemen in November. You will find a list of required items in the basket in the Parrish Hall, where you can leave your donation.

**The Senior Warden's Job:** Life is good at All Hallows, but with any changes there can be moments of discomfort. If you have a question, a complaint, or a compliment, please talk with the Senior Warden.

Together we can find a more comfortable place, or find answers to your questions. Please talk about it; don't let problems fester. Bonnie

**Just a reminder** that the All Hallows Episcopal Women (ECW) sponsor the Bazaar Corner located inside the Parrish Hall door. Some items are priced, and others are for a donation. Canned jellies and relishes, books, handmade toys, aprons and bags, church note cards, church postcards, etched glass plates and other items are offered. This project helps fund the ECW's outreach.

**All Saints Day, All Hallows Eve**, Friday, November 1, at 7 pm.

**The average Episcopalian** goes to church once a month. What kind of athlete would you be if you went to the gym once a month?

**Out of the mouths of babes...**

A nurse on the pediatric ward, before listening to the little ones' chests, would plug the stethoscope into their ears and let them listen to their own heart. Their eyes would always light up with awe, but she never got a response equal to four-year old David's comment. Gently she tucked the stethoscope into his ears and placed the disk over his heart. 'Listen,' she said... 'What do you suppose that is?' He drew his eyebrows together in a puzzled line and looked up as if lost in the mystery of the strange tap – tap – tapping deep in his chest. Then his face broke out in a wondrous grin and he asked, 'Is that Jesus knocking?'