

The Hallowed Word

All Hallows Episcopal Church

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Remembering Summers...



This picture of Dominic and Luke, and seeing them in the parish hall during Vacation Bible School last week, reminded me of how special summers were when I was a kid. NO SCHOOL! The last day of school was always the best—with a little apprehension about, “Did you pass?” No matter how good a student we were, there was always a little anxiety when we all got our report cards and turned them over to see if we were promoted. I’m not sure if kids

receive those kinds of report cards now or not (I hope not!), but that last day of school always seemed as if the air was freer, the teachers and students nicer, and that the freedom began with the loud brrrrnnngg when the final dismissal bells rang through the hallways!

The first few days of vacation were always busy, and our parents and grandparents tried to keep us engaged with different activities. There was no Sunday school, and so we could sit with our families in church, or we could take special vacation days on the weekends and go fishing or visit relatives. It wasn’t until August that the days became longer and we actually began to wonder about school in September.

One of the best things we had was the one week our church had Vacation Bible School! It was Fun! It was special! It was longer than

the regular Sunday school time—we got to play games, have a snack, make a craft, and the worship was usually fun songs with hand movements and sometimes a little dance. I always wished Sunday school was as much fun—but, if it had been, I’m sure the novelty of VBS wouldn’t have been as attractive!

Vacation Bible School is an opportunity for our children to see the Church in a different way. Besides the informality, everything is crafted around them. They get to sing and play, listen to stories and make something to take home that is just about them. They are the “center” of church for a week. And they get to experience worship and God in a natural and meaningful way. The experience shows them how religion—prayer, praise, and study—is a part of life. It is not just for Sunday mornings, but for everyday life. And, for those adults who are present, they get to have insight and vision of what faith means to our children.

We are very, very blessed to have a wonderful Sunday school at All Hallows. Because the Gordys reach deep into their Christian knowledge and hospitality, they help each child feel welcome and special. Those who assist on Sundays also create a supportive and nurturing environment. During the summer, Katherine Gordon provides child care and a summer program for the younger children. For our children, who do come into the church for Communion and then join the adults at coffee hour, we all are blessed by this community. While I watched Luke and Dominic at Vacation Bible School, I was grateful for the Community of Snow Hill that welcomed all the children into their houses of worship. I knew our two—but I wondered how many children only had that one week to share in a program that taught them about their Christian faith. I’m sure most of the children had Sunday schools of their own, but being together for 5 nights during a week must have taught them a lot about the “wholeness” of our Christian faith—to see what we have in common instead of what we do separately. That our faith is shared did a great deal to show our children what keeps us together and not apart.

Finally, to those who helped with providing the snacks for each evening, making sure the air conditioning was working, that the back field was cleared and cut, and that the hall was available for whomever needed it, you, too, have made an important memory for our children—**THANK YOU!!**
Blessings on us all!
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Jim Bosworth attends: Association of Lutheran Church Musicians Region 2, in conjunction with Augsburg Fortress Presents “Many Voices, One Choir” at Christ Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC, June 30-July 2, 2014

“Awesome” – By dictionary definition: adj. causing awe.

“Awe” – n. respect, combined with fear or wonder.

Unlike the popular use of the word “awesome,” which seems trite in comparison to the dictionary definition, this conference was truly “AWESOME”.

At first sight, I felt somewhat intimidated by all of the “professionalism” that was apparent at the registration desk alone. As the opening statement of the ALCM President declared: A marvelous conference awaits you! The planners have gone above and beyond expectations in arranging for stimulating speakers, talented musicians, engaging workshop leaders, and meaningful worship experiences, all graciously hosted by Christ Lutheran Church.

The first day’s activities included:

Festival Opening Eucharist

Workshop Block I: Working with Aging Voices

Publishers’ Reading Session One (sight reading anthems)

Workshop Block 2: Prelude Music Planner (Computer program for Planning music, hymns, anthems, up to 6 months in advance)

Hymn Festival

Day 2:

Contemporary Worship Service

Workshop Block 3: Reenergizing the Choir Director – The Creative Process II

Keynote Address – Your Song, My Song, Our Song: Equipping God’s People to Confess the Faith in Worship and Life

Publisher’s Reading Session Two

Workshop Block 4: Psalter and Song
Informal Organ Demonstration

Day 3:

Hymnfest in Worship

Workshop Block 5: Keyboard Repertoire
Augsburg Fortress Reading Session

Workshop Block 6:

Workshop A – Composing Basics for the Parish Musician

Workshop B – Using the Hymnal as a Resource for Creativity
The Sending

Many of you may be aware that the Episcopal Church and the Lutheran Church are in communion with each other. With that in mind, I asked to attend the conference.

Throughout the entire conference, members of Christ Lutheran Church provided lunch and dinner to all 300+ attendees. Each meal included a theme which was appropriately displayed on tables decorated with the theme, i.e., A day at the beach – sand placed in the center of the table with sea shells, a plastic bucket and shovel, and lighted candles.

The facilities were nothing less than opulent. Not only does the main sanctuary seat hundreds of parishioners, but Christ Chapel (the original church sanctuary) was the size of 2 All Hallows Churches.

Let me just state how fortunate I am to have been able to attend this conference. After I got over my own lack of professionalism, I

realized that now I have additional tools with which to glorify God through music and the ability to share that with you, God's chosen. Expect the unexpected! I hope to introduce new hymns, new hymn tunes, and a new sense of expectation to our worship services. Be on your toes! There won't be the "same old, same old" any more, at least not every week. So listen carefully, and join in joyfully!

Jim

Bishop's Visit...

On Wednesday, July 16, the Diocese met for a Special Convention to accept the nomination of the Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley to be our Bishop Provisional during the two years we expect to be engaged in the process of electing the 11th Bishop of Easton.

Bishop Parsley will be making his Visitation to All Hallows on

November 2 and joining us for our All Saints Celebration. At that time he will be here to offer Confirmation and Reception into the Episcopal Church.

Please let Nanese+ know if you would like to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church.

Transitions

Baptisms: (June 15) Zoe Elizabeth Miller; Parents: Kevin and Christina Gordy Miller; Siblings: Miles and Anna; Grandparents: Bill and Pam Gordy.

Confirmations: (May 11) Hettie Gordon



Marriages: (June 8) Rachel L. Shonk and Harrison G. Saunders
Burials: (June 21) Robert L. King

Kids: Don't forget to bring your Backpacks to the Church Picnic Sunday, August 17th for the ***Blessing of the Backpacks!***

The Church Periodical Fund jar was emptied recently and contained almost \$40. Thank you all.

Happenings in Our Church Family

Mary and Harry Deitch welcomed their new grandson Jonathan Robert Barbano at 9:32 am on June 23. He was 7 lbs. 14 oz., lots of black hair, and a very happy baby. Mother Heather and baby are doing well! Mary reports: "They invited me to be there for the birth & it was truly a miracle!"

Brian Garrett (Dorothy's son) was recently elected president of the Worcester County Arts Council and to his second consecutive 3-year term on the board of directors.

Katherine Gordon attended the christening of her great grandson, Caiden Michael Sarvinas, over the 4th of July weekend. (see photo).



Why Seniors Still Need

Newspapers (provided by Katherine Gordon)

I was visiting my daughter last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

"This is the 21st century," she said.

"We don't waste money on Newspapers. Here... Use my iPad."

I can tell you this..... That fly never knew what hit him.

All Hallows Cemetery Tours by Hettie Gordon are planned for Saturday August 2nd, and Friday and Saturday August 8th and 9th. (This is not a ghost hunt, but rather a look at the history of some of the saints resting in our cemetery.) Each evening the group meets at 6:45 pm at Hettie's shop on Washington Street to begin this unique historical tour.

Harry Dietch captured the beautiful smiles of Angela Ayres, Angelle and Ricky on a recent Sunday morning.



Musings by Jim, July 2014

August 5, 1905 – Mr. Gault, a former resident of Newark, now engaged in the lumber business near West Point, Va., passed through Snow Hill on Wednesday last en route to his old home to visit his mother whom he had not seen for 2 years. While in town Wednesday evening, Mr. Gault, who is the possessor of a very fine Edison Phonograph, very kindly entertained the visitors to the lawn fete held by the Ladies of All Hallows' Guild, which was greatly enjoyed by all present and highly appreciated by the ladies of the Guild, who wish him much pleasure in his home-coming.

August 26, 1905 – Mr. William G. Kerbin spent several days this week with Mr. George C. Ellis of Greenbackville. He caught quite a large number of trout, but he had “other fish to fry.” Also, Mr. Harold Boehm, of New York City, is home on a visit to his parents, Mr. & Mrs. L. Edward Boehm.

October 14, 1905 – Hon. George M. Upshur, of Baltimore, has issued invitations to the marriage of his daughter, Miss Priscilla Upshur, to Mr. Harry Franklin Covington of Princeton. The marriage will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 25th at one o’clock in the Church of the Transfiguration, Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Upshur’s family have been spending the summer. Both contracting parties are former residents of this town, and are well known here, the bride being a daughter of Hon. George M. Upshur, who removed to Baltimore about twelve years ago, and the groom being the son of Hon. George W. Covington.

October 28, 1905 – Hon. George W. Covington, accompanied by his wife and daughter, left Monday for Ridge Summit to attend the marriage of their son, Prof. Harry F. Covington, to Miss Priscilla Upshur on Wednesday. Also, Mrs. Marion T. Hargis left Tuesday to attend the Upshur-Covington wedding at Ridge Summit, Wednesday. She is now visiting in Baltimore, and will return home Monday. Also, Mr. & Mrs. Waldo Kennard, of near Girdletree, have issued invitations to a Halloween party Tuesday night in honor of their guest, Miss Carrington, of Hyde Park, Mass.

Also, the entertainment held in the old M.P. Church Thursday night under the auspices of the Ladies’ Guild of All Hallows Church, was largely attended, despite the inclement weather. Rev. Mr. Bogert, as Paddy O’Brien, made a great hit with the audience, which was highly entertained by his character songs and impersonations. Rev. Mr. Kirk, who was on the program for two numbers, also came in for a generous amount of applause. The young ladies who participated in the clever parlor drama, “The Mouse Trap,” acquitted themselves with great credit, and clearly demonstrated that a woman’s traditional fear of a mouse is

not founded on fiction, but on fact. The proceeds amounted to about \$41.00.

November 4, 1905 – The Rev. H.H. Bogert returned to his home Monday morning after spending two weeks at the Rectory as the guest of Rev. & Mrs. J. B. Kirk. Also, about a year ago, Hon. George W. Covington removed the brass knocker that has hung for many generations on the front door of the house on Cedar Grove Farm about two miles from Snow Hill, and had it placed on the front door of his residence in this town. While Mr. Covington and his family were out of town last week, the knocker was stolen, and Mr. Covington is now guarding his front door to keep the thief from returning and stealing his key hole.

A very delightful Hallow e'en party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Kennard at their home near the bay, Tuesday night in honor of their guest, Miss Carrington, of Marblehead, Mass. Illuminated pumpkin heads, which produced a weird effect and served to frighten away the fairies, witches and other inhabitants of the mystic realm of fable, were arranged around the lawn. The evening was spent in playing various games and contests, the guests entering heartily into the spirit of the entertainment. A large number of prizes and souvenirs consisting of a rabbit's foot, witch heads, and other appropriate designs were given. At eleven o'clock the guests were invited to the dining room where an elegant supper was served. The dining room was lighted with candles, the table center piece of fruit being surrounded by miniature illuminated pumpkin heads. The refreshments consisted of lobster salad, oyster patties, sandwiches, olives, coffee, ice cream and cake. Those present were: Mr. & Mrs. Marion T. Hargis, Miss Eleanor Hargis, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward White, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Staton, Miss Anne Staton, Mrs. Edna S. Whales, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Powell and Mr. C. V. White.

November 11, 1905 – Governor Warfield has appointed Oliver D. Collins, Esq. a Commissioner for the State of Maryland to the Jamestown Exposition. Mr. Collins was not aware of his appointment until he received his commission last Wednesday.

Also, Miss Nellie Payne returned Monday from a visit to friends in Pittsburg. Miss Lola Moore & Miss Lucille Collins visited Mrs. Thomas Wharton at Stockton last week. Mr. Harland Payne, who is now with the New York Clothing House, Baltimore, was home on a short visit this week.

November 18, 1905 – Misses Bessie Purnell and Nora Hargis who have been visiting Mrs. Thomas P. Wharton at Stockton, this week, participated in a lively fox chase Thursday morning. They drove to the scene of the hunt near Box Iron, and followed the hounds on horseback a distance. They had the good fortune to get a glimpse of the fox, as the crafty animal passed in a few yards of them, with the hounds in full cry and close pursuit. Mr. William Davis, of Snow Hill, and Mr. Thomas Wharton, of Stockton, were among those who were present, and followed the hounds during the chase.

November 25, 1905 – There will be 53 Sundays in this year, an occurrence that will not happen again for 110 years – 2015. Are you ready for this?

December 2, 1905 – Mrs. O. D. Collins entertained the Euchre party Tuesday night. Also, Mrs. Waldo Adams, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Kennard at their bayside home near Girdletree, has returned to her home in Boston. She will sail in a few days for Europe where she will make an extended visit.

Getting to know our members....

Virginia Lane would prefer to be called Ginny. She joined All Hallows shortly after moving to Snow Hill from Connecticut, where she served as organist for 22 years in a small Episcopal church. Many of you may know that Ginny is our church secretary.

After Ginny graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, she worked as a dental hygienist with expanded duties for a facial reconstruction surgeon for many years.

Ginny has volunteered in many areas such as working with therapy dogs at rehab facilities, and teaching swimming for the handicapped.

Ginny enjoys gardening, music, reading, knitting/crocheting and cooking. After retiring she became the Registrar of voters for the town of Killingworth and also served on the Conservation and Wetlands Committee for the town. The town of Killingworth is located in Connecticut on the eastern shore towards Rhode Island.

Her husband Chester was a title searcher for property being sold, and Ginny assisted him on doing the audits. She enjoys learning new avenues.

Ginny has eight grandchildren and nine great-grandkids, which keeps her very busy. The biggest drawback is that they are spread all over the country.

The Parish Picnic will be held at Sturgis Park Pavilion on Sunday, August 17. The picnic will be preceded by a service of Morning Prayer at the pavilion beginning at 11:30 a.m. **Connie and Frank West** will, as usual, take care of the main course entrees. Everyone else is encouraged to bring their favorite covered dish item, salad or dessert. More desserts than covered dish items will be welcome.

Calendar for July-August

Sunday, July 27, 7 Pentecost: 9:30 Morning Prayer with Child-care and summer Sunday school

Saturday, August 2, and Friday and Saturday, 8 & 9, Historic tour of All Hallows Cemetery with **Hettie Gordon**. Meet at Hettie's Shop at 6:45pm

Sunday, August 3, 8 Pentecost: 9:30 Holy Eucharist with Child-care and summer Sunday school.

Sunday, August 3, 4 pm, Concert by the U.S. Navy Band in Byrd Park. In the case of inclement weather, the concert will take place at All Hallows.

Sunday, August 10, 9 Pentecost, 9:30, Holy Eucharist with Child-care and summer Sunday school.

Sunday, August 17, 11:30 Morning Prayer and picnic at Sturgis Park

Sunday, August 24, 11 Pentecost, 9:30, Holy Eucharist with Child-care and summer Sunday school

We plan to prepare the next issue of *The Hallowed Word* during the week of August 25. Please be prepared to share the good news of happenings in your family with us. Thank you to **Katherine Gordon**, our roving reporter, and to **Kemp Wills**, who does a great job of enhancing our layout.