

The Hallowed Word

All Hallows Episcopal Church

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Doing the Work of the Heart...

Accompanying this article is a photo of an old vine which is part of a garden at the Holy Trinity Spiritual Center near Pikesville, Maryland. This is where the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Guidance conducts residencies for their members who are Spiritual Directors/Companions. I began this course two years ago and will complete it by December 31 of this year. It comprises a great deal of reading, writing 4 major papers, and spending a great deal of time in prayer.

I chose to share this photo with you because I believe it best illustrates what prayer might be for you—for me—for any and every one. Our lives are not flat and one-dimensional, and neither are our prayers. Our lives are full of growth opportunities as well as places where we will take a twist or a turn, and other places where we will grow upward toward the Light which shines on our spirits and on our Light within. Ever moving toward that Light, we are always moving in ways that surprise and delight us, as well as ways that turn us inward—times of deep sadness or reflection. At times we may ask ourselves, “Where am I going?” or, “How did I get to this place?”



Prayer is such a simple task; it does not require a formula, or a book, or background music. Prayer is our inward thoughts of hope, worries, love, plans, dreams and, yes, even the things we dread most. They are often directed to God, but sometimes they can escape without a definite “target.” They just are. You don’t need to worry about God hearing you because God is always listening. God is always with us, regardless of how we are feeling. Even for those who don’t believe, we know that God is with them, too. You do not have to be a believer—you are beloved of God, even when you feel you are alone.

As Christians, we can pray to God who is the Creator of all of this—the earth and the universe. Or we can envision Jesus, God in human form; the Jesus who was, like us, born as a baby and lived on this earth with all the challenges and suffering we humans are heirs to. We also embrace God in the form of Spirit, which comes to us in the Wind of Pentecost. The Spirit that lives within, that embraces us and touches us in our hearts and minds.

When I gaze upon this photo, I see life in all its reality; I see how we are formed by the winds of changes and by the sun and the warmth of love. In some parts I can see long life, but other parts are new—new life. I see the colors of life, the promise of up-reaching arms, the hopes and dreams of exploration based in a firm foundation. The new growth may twist and, sometimes, break, but that base is firm and solid. It will always ground us in truth and spirit. That part will outlive us—it will never die.

The All Hallows ECW thanks the congregation for their generous donations to the Spring United Thank Offering ingathering on June 1, 2014. \$510.91 was raised for UTO and forwarded to them.

A mother took her three-year-old daughter to church for the first time. The church lights were lowered, and then the choir came down the aisle, carrying lighted candles. All was quiet until the little one started singing in a loud voice, “Happy Birthday to you, happy birthday to you...”

Please Remember...in the Episcopal Church it is customary to enter a church in silence and take a few minutes for quiet prayer before the service begins. Please honor your fellow worshippers by keeping conversation and visits for our Coffee Hour. This is especially needed during the time of Holy Communion. Thank you!

Pentecost

"Wearing Red" for Pentecost service at All Hallows on June 8, 2014.

On left, Fr. Ken Thom, retired All Hallows Priest, and on right, guest minister Laura Dorsey.



Musings by Jim ... June 2014

The following article was inadvertently omitted from the May issue of The Hallowed Word:

April 2, 1904 – Mr. Kerbin’s Law. Many persons are curious to know the full provisions of Delegate Kerbin’s Jim Crow car law, and for the benefit of such we here print the Act in full. “Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all railroads, companies and corporations, and all persons running or operating cars or coaches by steam on any railroad, line or track in the State of Maryland, for the transportation of passengers, are hereby required to provide separate cars or coaches for the travel and transportation of the white and colored passengers on their respective lines of railroad; and each compartment of a car or coach, divided by a good and substantial partition, with a door or place of exit from each division, shall be deemed a separate car or

coach within the meaning of this Act, and each separate car, coach or compartment shall bear in some conspicuous place, appropriate words, in plain letters, indicating whether it is set apart for white or colored passengers.

And be it enacted, That any railroad company or corporation or person that shall fail, refuse or neglect to comply with the provisions of sections one and two of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon indictment and conviction thereof, shall be fined no less than three hundred dollars, nor no more than one thousand dollars for each offence.

And be it enacted, That the conductors or managers of all railroads shall have power, and are hereby required to assign to each white or colored passenger his or her respective car, coach or compartment, and should any passenger refuse to occupy the car, coach or compartment to which he or she may be assigned by the conductor or managers, shall have the right to refuse to carry such passenger on his train, and may put such passenger off his train, and for such refusal or putting off the train, neither the conductor, manager, nor railroad company or corporation, or person owning or operating the same, shall be liable for damages in any court; and the passenger so refusing to occupy the car, coach or compartment to which he or she may be assigned by the conductor or manager, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on indictment and conviction thereof shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars, or be confined in jail not less than thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the court for each offence.

And be it enacted, That any conductor or manager on any railroad, who shall fail or refuse to perform the duties imposed upon him by section four of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon indictment and conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars and not more than fifty dollars for each offence.

And be it enacted, That when any car, coach or compartment for either white or colored passengers shall be completely filled, where no extra cars or coaches can be obtained, and the increased number of passengers could not be foreseen, the conductor or manager in charge of

such train is hereby authorized to assign and set apart a portion of the car, coach, or compartment assigned to passengers of one color to passengers of the other color.

And be it enacted, That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to employees of railroads, or to persons employed as nurses, or to officers in charge of prisoners, whether the said prisoners are white or colored, or both white and colored, or to the prisoners in their custody, nor shall the same apply to the transportation of passengers in any caboose, car attached to a freight train, nor to parlor or sleeping cars, nor through express trains that do no local business.

And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the first day of July, in the year nineteen hundred and four.

(All articles were taken from the Democratic Messenger.)

(Editor's note: Thank God, we have come so far in the last century!)

September 17, 1904 – Snow Hill has a large number of worthless dogs that keep people awake nights. Something should be done to get rid of such a nuisance. People have a right to be protected in their slumbers from being awakened by the barking of worthless curs.

October 22, 1904 – Catherine Elizabeth, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Johnson, was baptized at their home in Snow Hill last Sunday morning by their rector, Rev. William C. Butler. An interesting feature of the ceremony was the fact that the baptismal water was brought from the river Jordan by Mrs. Johnson's parents, who have recently been traveling abroad. This is probably the first time that the baptismal rites have been administered in Snow Hill where water from the Holy Land was used.

Also, same date: AUCTION Sale, Nov. 1st, at 2:30 P.M. at All Hallows Rectory, of furniture, books, etc., including bedsteads, bureaus, washstands, chairs, a very superior highly finished sideboard with large Tennessee marble slab, etc. Also lot of choice home plants.

November 12, 1904 – Rev. and Mrs. William C. Butler left Snow Hill last week for Baltimore, in which city they will make their home. During his incumbency as rector of All Hallows church, Mr. Butler made a large circle of friends, who admire him for his upright Christian character, his gentlemanly and courteous manner, and for his scholarly attainments. Mrs. Butler will be greatly missed in the church and Sunday school, where she was an earnest and efficient worker. In leaving Snow Hill they take with them the esteem and best wishes of the entire community.

William D. Corddry was elected Mayor of Snow Hill before December 3, 1904.

December 24, 1904 – Mayor Corddry has been confined to his home for nearly two weeks with an injured limb. He has had trouble with it before.

December 31, 1904 – Messers Louis C. and Harold D. Boehm of New York City are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. & Mrs. L. Edward Boehm.

January 7, 1905 – NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that a fine of \$2.00 will be imposed for driving over the Pocomoke River bridge at Snow Hill at a faster gait than a walk. By order of the Board of County Commissioners, E. H. Taylor, President.

February 4, 1905 – There will be services at All Hallows Episcopal Church, Snow Hill, Sunday morning and evening. Rev. John F. Kirk will officiate. Mr. Kirk is supplying the pulpit for several months.

April 1, 1905 – Rev. John F. Kirk, who has been acting as supply for All Hallows parish for the past two months, has received the unanimous call of the Vestry to serve as rector, and had accepted the same.

June 3, 1905 – Dinsmore, the infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Waldo Kennard, of near Girdletree, died Sunday night (Grave #813). His remains were interred in the cemetery of All Hallows P. E. Church Monday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Kirk officiating.

Also, Mr. Kirk preached a very eloquent sermon to the graduates of Snow Hill High School last Sunday night in All Hallows P. E. Church. Mr. Kirk took his texts from Song of Solomon, Chapter 1, vs. 7 and Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 6, vs. 33.

June 10, 1905 – The old wooden steps at the Market Street entrance to All Hallows P. E. Church were replaced, during the present week by new ones of marble. The steps were erected by Mr. James D. Hack, Miss S. V. Hack and Mrs. Edward L. Boehm as a memorial to their parents, and are inscribed with the following appropriate inscription: “To the Glory of God, and in Loving Memory of Our Mother, Charlotte J. Hack, and Our Father, Cave J. Hack.”

July 29, 1905 – The Ladies of All Hallows Church will hold a festival next Wednesday night in the yard of Dr. E. S. Dashiell. Home made ice cream will be served.

(Also, does this sound familiar?) Mr. ----, a hotel clerk, living in Pocomoke City, MD., applied for the benefit of the Bankruptcy law Tuesday by Milton L. Veasey, Attorney. He has liabilities of \$1,891.05 and has no assets.

Healing a Hurting World

It seems that every day we are hearing about or affected by poverty or natural disasters all over the world. People’s lives and communities are lost in seconds, and in some cases illness and poverty become cycles of life. The Episcopal Relief and Development Fund was established to respond to “human suffering in the world...and to bring together the

generosity of Episcopalians and others with people in need around the world.”

Its important mission includes:

- Alleviating hunger and improving food supplies
- Promoting health and fighting disease.
- Creating economic opportunities
- Responding to disasters and rebuilding communities

This year the Episcopal Church has an Annual Fund to assist with these causes. The 2014 goal is \$425,000. If you are interested in learning more about the fund or to contribute, please log onto

www.episcopalrelief.org.

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2
(Submitted by Stephanie Clayville, our new parish representative for ERD.)

Happenings in Our Church Family

Better Delmarva Award – Jeff (son of Barbara Merritt) and Diana Merritt of Salisbury received the Mountaire/WMDT Better Delmarva Award for May 2014. In 2007, the Merritts launched Operation We Care as a way to show support and appreciation to military serving overseas. Area students, community members and businesses fill care packages with comfort items. Operation We Care also arranges and participates in escorts for units arriving home, gathers at the airport to welcome home individual soldiers and recently hosted a crab feast for members of the Wounded Warriors and their families. To learn more about Operation We Care and how you can help, visit

www.operationwecare.org (from *The Laurel Star*)

Mia Isabelle is Bonnie's new great-granddaughter and Jody's great-niece.

Ben Stagg is an alumnus of All Hallows, presently attending Christ Church in Easton. At a recent high school reunion (The 80th Birthday

Party), someone asked, “What are you doing with yourself now, Ben?” He responded, “I’m talking about Jesus.”

Alex Dryden is in private practice as a Child Psychologist at “The Psychotherapy Center” in historic Ghent, Norfolk, Virginia.

The following All Hallows Children attended Snow Hill Elementary School and completed a phase of their education:

Grace Gordy passed from second grade into third grade at Snow Hill Elementary School. **Julia Gordy** passed from kindergarten into first grade at Snow Hill Elementary School. Some of the activities Grace and Julia were involved with include: Girl Scouts, gymnastics, soccer, baseball, reading, Olympics, awards and character award.

Angelle Ayres passed from pre-K into kindergarten at Snow Hill Elementary School. She was the Student of the Week.

Rickie Ayres is not old enough to be enrolled in school, but he is active in Sunday School.

Vincenz [Vinny] Cucina passed from third grade to fourth grade and will be new to the Snow Hill Middle School. His hard work earned him several awards: Honor Roll; Most talented artist by Mrs. Sullivan; Outstanding attendance; Given by Worcester County Public School: 2013 Holiday Card Contest; 2014 Fine Arts Festival at Pocomoke Senior High; Snow Hill Elementary School 2014, voted Most Artistic.

Dominic Cucina passed from Snow Hill Middle School to attend ninth grade in Snow Hill High School. His year included Community Service Learning; Worcester County Tech; Assateague Island Park; Outstanding Attendance; Honor Roll. His favorite activity was planting lots of trees.

Evelyn and Elizabeth Donoway will attend Kindergarten in the Fall at The Salisbury School. They swim, take ballet, hike, ride bikes and are very active for 5 year olds.

Luke Bickford's awards for the 4th quarter were: Physical Education Star Student, Outstanding Attendance, and Dolch Sight Word Award. He got a first place in the Science Fair and was Student of the Month for March. He is in Cub Scouts and has moved up from a tiger cub to a wolf. He earned several belt loops in Cub Scouts: kickball, hiking, computers, ultimate Frisbee, physical fitness, science, fishing, soccer, good manners, and nutrition. Luke says his hobbies are dancing, legos, and playing video games.

On the last day of Sunday School, the children shared some of the lessons they learned in the past school year. After the presentation, the church family presented **Bill Gordy** with a coffee mug displaying pictures of the Christmas Pageant, and **Pam Gordy** with a Lantana plant in appreciation for their Sunday School Ministry. We are all grateful to the Gordys for the love they have invested in our children!

All Hallows Summer Sunday School/Child Care begins on Sunday, June 22, 2014. All children are welcomed.

Recently we carried your gifts (Box Tops for Education worth \$74.00) to Snow Hill Middle School and (Labels for Education worth \$58.10) to Snow Hill Elementary School. The little pieces add up! Thank you for saving them. We also took used cartridges to Snow Hill High School. (We don't know the value to them, but they add up!) Also, if you get your prescriptions filled at Snow Hill Pharmacy, don't forget that you can inscribe the name of a school on the back of your receipt, place it in the slot in the available box, and a portion of your payment will be donated to that school.

Your Local Food Pantry Needs You...

The Ebenezer Ecumenical Food Pantry is located in Ebenezer United Methodist Church at 107 South Collins Street in Snow Hill. The pantry is open for food distribution the second Friday in each month (except August). We will also serve emergency bags of food when needed.



The Ebenezer Food Pantry was opened August 1983 under the direction of Mrs. Flossie B. Douglas, a retired school teacher. She started the pantry as a way to help low income, unemployed, underemployed and needy people. It was established as an ecumenical food pantry, which means that it is supported by all Christians and local churches in the area. Today the active churches who contribute include: Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Makemie Presbyterian Church,

Bates Memorial United Methodist Church, Whatcoat United Methodist Church, Spence Baptist Church, and **All Hallows Episcopal Church**, amongst others.

Last year, the food pantry served over 900 bags of food to those in need. This year, it is projected that we will serve over 1200 bags – approximately 100 recipients per month. A typical bag includes: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, fruits, juice, soup, canned vegetables, bread, pasta, mac and cheese, tuna fish, and chicken or meat.

The local support we receive includes generous gifts from Mary and James Waters, monetary and food donations from churches and community members, the Maryland Food Bank grants, USDA food deliveries, school and community fundraisers and other various sources. We have dedicated volunteers from the local community and parishes including All Hallows. The pantry is currently overseen by a Board of Directors and Bates' Pastor Tina Whaley, who serves as the acting President. I have recently been selected to serve on the Board of Directors and also work managing and stocking the pantry with the help of Rosalie and Tom Mason and our volunteers.

Due to the changing economy, the need for food distribution is greater than ever, and food deliveries are being cut by some of these sources. When donations are not made to the local pantry, we must buy them from the Maryland Food Bank or other sources, and this can be expensive. It is through the generosity of caring people like you that we are able to continue our 30 year mission.

If you are interested in volunteering or making monetary donations, please contact Stephanie Clayville or Betty West. There is a basket in the Parish Hall for making your donations as well. Please consider donating your time and resources to our local food pantry. Your community needs you!

With great blessings,
Stephanie Clayville syct68@gmail.com

Getting to know our members...

Ronald Eugene Geesey was born in North Hopewell Township, York County, Pennsylvania, on his maternal grandfather's farm on April 23, 1939. He prefers to be called "Ron" though he has a 102 year old aunt who still calls him "Ronnie." Ron and Hazel joined the All Hallows family in the spring of 2006.



Ron's life up to age 18 was spent in the city of York, PA. Though baptized Lutheran, he joined the boys' choir at St. John's Episcopal Church at the age of 8, and left the choir only when he went away to college. A graduate of Lafayette College in Easton, PA where he received an A.B. degree in History and International Affairs, Ron also has a Master's degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs of Princeton University.

As an AFS student in Denmark in the summer of 1956, Ron determined to have a career which would allow him to live overseas. Following his service in the U.S. Army as a Lieutenant in the 1st Psychological Warfare Battalion at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, he joined the Overseas Division of the First National City Bank of New York. He worked for Citicorp for the next 34 years, spending 22 of those in Ireland, England, Belgium and Germany. In his last overseas posting of nine years in Dusseldorf, Germany, he headed the Consumer business for most of Central Europe and was Citi's Senior Officer in Germany. Ron's overseas time was interrupted for seven years from 1978 to 1985 so his daughters Beth and Kate could attend high school in the U.S. During that time he headed Citi's business in Baltimore. He participated actively in community life in Baltimore serving on numerous boards such as Goucher College, the Walters Art Gallery, the Kennedy-Krieger Institute, the Baltimore Opera Company, and the

United Way of Central Maryland. The high point of this work was his time as the United Way Campaign Chairman for Central Maryland in 1984.

Aside from his work for the church at the diocesan and the parish level, Ron serves on the board of Furnace Town and has been appointed to the Planning Commission of the town of Snow Hill. In addition, Ron's hobbies are golf, gardening, book collecting, and the piano. And then of course, there are their two dogs, Bella and Pumpkin, a black Lab and a Westie.

Ron's daughter Kate lives in Baltimore and has twins Amelia and Nikolas. His older daughter Beth lives in Barrington, RI and has one daughter Emma. Kate and her family are members of the Church of the Redeemer where she teaches Sunday School and has a Girl Scout troop. Beth and her family are members of St. John's, Barrington where she and her husband sing in the choir and she serves as Junior Warden.

Ron and Hazel married in Dublin, Ireland in 1999 and lived in Baltimore until they moved to Snow Hill in 2006. They love the diversity of our small town and the strong interpersonal relationships possible here, especially at All Hallows, which is really their extended family.

Costly Reconciliation

When someone asked the Rev. Canon Andrew White why members are so happy at St. George's Church in war-torn Baghdad, the response came from Lina, whom White considers his adopted Iraqi daughter: "When you've lost everything, Jesus is all you have left."

The question was not a theoretical one for Canon White (more popularly known as the "Vicar of Baghdad." St. George's Church is a cathedral that has suffered the loss of 1,276 congregants during the last decade. And yet, as White said with joy and a tinge of wonder in his voice, "I have one of the most wonderful congregations you can imagine."

White does not baptize people because it could lead to their murder. Still, "I know that they love Jesus." He can celebrate the

Eucharist safely because it does not evoke the same hostility as a sign of Christian identification. (from *The Living Church*)

Our Rector's regular office hours are Monday and Wednesday, 9 am to 1 pm. This allows her time to visit members, which she enjoys. If you need to reach her at some other time, please feel free to telephone.

Calendar for July 2014

4: Independence Day

6: 4 Pentecost (Proper 9) 9:30 with childcare provided.

7-10: Snow Hill Vacation Bible School meets in Parish Hall 6-8:30 pm. Meets at Bates on Friday, the 11th. All children of school age are welcome. (There are Registration forms in the back of the church.)

13: 5 Pentecost (Proper 10) 9:30 church with childcare provided.

16: Special Diocesan Convention at Trinity Cathedral: Election of Bishop Provincial

20: 6 Pentecost (Proper 11) 9:30 church with childcare provided

27: 7 Pentecost (Proper 12) 9:30 church with childcare provided

Rotary meets 7:30-8:30 Tuesday morning; AA meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening.

Parish Picnic will be 8/17 in Sturgis Park, preceded by Morning Prayer at 11 am. (There will be no service in the church.)