

The Hallowed Word

All Hallows Episcopal Church

March 2014

How is Church like a Pancake Supper?...

- 1) Everyone is welcome. Whether to assist with a task or to be a guest at the meal, everyone was greeted, seated (or entertained until a seat became available), talked with, served and bid farewell as they walked out the door.
- 2) No job was too small; everyone's task was connected to a greater purpose—to feed our neighbors. People came in during the entire week to prepare for the Tuesday night dinner. Tables were set up and places laid, flowers were prepared, sausages were delivered, other foods were ordered, picked up, and stored. Spices were measured, sausages were cut into manageable sizes and cooked, pancake griddles were scrubbed, refrigerator was filled, batter made and poured, take-out tables set up and organized into a quickly moving line of serving. Afterwards, the tables were taken down and moved, the chairs folded and collected, floor swept and trash removed, lights extinguished and doors closed and locked.
- 3) The focus was on ministry, not on self-serving. Every table had a prayer card and a card listing the outreach programs we hoped to serve. Reaching out was done with plates—not preaching.
- 4) Community existed around a simple meal—pancakes and sausage. The laughter and joy at each table was created simply by being together. No tables were reserved; no one was served first; everyone was served in order. Wait lines were short, and music was provided while they waited...no one was ignored. We all belonged; we all were accepted.
- 5) Newcomers were included. Those new to the All Hallows congregation were included in every task: set up, serving, clean up. Being a part of a traditional event is a most encouraging sign of being welcomed into the Body of Christ.

How is this like Church? What happened on Shrove Tuesday happens every time we gather in church. It is about serving God and welcoming the stranger, and it is about being together to share in the holy food at the altar.

Walk in Peace,
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**“Start by doing what’s necessary;
Then do what’s possible;
and suddenly you are
doing the impossible.”** Saint Francis of Assisi

Biography of Cate Easmunt

My name is Catherine Easmunt, but I prefer to be called Cate. I joined All Hallows around 2004, shortly after my dad (Father Ken) became the Priest in Charge. I was living in Pocomoke at the time, and had tried out several other churches, but none of them really felt like “home.” I started attending All Hallows with my family and we really liked the welcoming, friendly atmosphere.

I enjoy volunteering at All Hallows. The only difficulty comes when I am scheduled for two activities on the same Sunday, but that is easily resolved. I also am on the vestry. Having served 2 years, this is the last year of my term.

I work at NASA’s Wallops Flight Facility in the Aircraft Office. I have worked there for 10 years, and it is an interesting and rewarding job. It seems that my duties change every few months, so there is never time to be bored! For hobbies, I like to walk and read. I also have been a pilot for over 30 years, so I enjoy flying as time and finances permit.

My husband Dave and I own a home in western Kentucky, about 45 minutes south of Paducah, and just west of Kentucky Lake. We love it out there – the only thing we don't have is the beach! We have been church shopping, preparing for the day when we move there full time, probably in 2 to 3 years.

One final thought...I feel that being nominated and elected to the vestry was an honor, and I have found it informative, allowing me a glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the church. I would urge folks who have never served on the vestry to consider doing so in the future.

Most of you have already decided what vice you are going to give up for the next 40 days. But if you haven't, here is a great idea! Every day for 40 days concentrate on a different part of your house and donate or recycle the things you don't use or need anymore. What better way to honor Jesus than to unselfishly give away the extra things in our lives to families in need, and to recycle the things that can be reused.

(From Katherine Gordon's granddaughter by way of Grandmom)

From our Junior Warden

- 1) The downstairs toilets sometimes get stuck. The other day the ladies' toilet was running. It could have been doing so for hours or days. So, if you are downstairs and hear the toilets running, please jiggle the handle or call me.
- 2) Church furnace fan "starting and stopping." We have all noticed this over the past 2 months, interrupting the quieter moments of the service. I adjusted the "Fan limit switch" which should adjust how long the furnace tries to cool down the ductwork so that it doesn't leave heat in them. Let me know if you notice it starting and stopping too frequently again (after it finishes heating). This was for the front furnace. I don't think there was a problem with the rear one.

Kemp

Episcopal Relief and Development is still funding work in Crisfield, repairing and rebuilding from damage from Hurricane Sandy. On the shelf in the back of the Nave, there is a copy of a report on the work done and still pending in Crisfield. Also, there is a request for volunteer workers – not just carpenters, but also cooks and gofers. ERD continues as our agents to help those who are hurting throughout the world. There are catalogs for Gifts for Life. Take one home to see what is being done, and perhaps you will respond to a challenge therein.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, Fellow Parishioners.

People have been extending compliments on the success and smooth operation of the recent Pancake Supper. My first thought when hearing this is one we have all heard – “...it takes a village.”

However, “Old Man Weather” was looming. But our snow crew had a plan in place before the first flakes hit the ground, and it was efficiently executed as soon as necessary. The forecast caused us to not even think about cancelling, and thankfully it was accurate.

So please accept my heartfelt thanks for everything each of you did to make the supper the success it was.

“Thank you” to those who prepared, folded, stuffed, stamped and distributed the announcement letter/tickets. “Thanks” for selling and managing extra tickets, making contacts requesting donations, timely publicity. Updating/hanging of fence banners. “Thank you” for cleaning the kitchen in advance, cleaning/prepping the grills, procuring the many supplies, getting them to the proper location. “Thanks” for helping set up tables, setting tables, decorating the dining room [*it received many compliments on the spring color theme*], for the electrical setup. “Thank you” for arranging for cutting/cooking sausage, for opening all those cans of apples, measuring spices, mixing spices with apples and cooking them, setting up the mixing table, mixing/flipping pancakes, keeping the dumb waiter humming. “Thanks” for greeting/seating, managing tickets/money, for beautiful music, for serving food (156 eat in)/

beverages, coordinating wait staff, waiting tables/managing carry outs (259). After all this is done, “Thank you” for washing dishes, cleaning up and leaving the Parish Hall and kitchen looking like nothing ever happened.

There have also been many comments on the sense of community that always prevails at this annual All Hallows Shrove Tuesday pancake supper – attendees enjoying visiting with parishioners and local friends they may not have seen since the previous supper.

Food for thought THIS SENSE OF COMMUNITY when it comes time to plan for another year. Dorothy Garrett

A Maundy Thursday Service—

On the day before he was crucified, Jesus met with his disciples to have a last meal with him. Some of our Gospel writers have said it was a Passover meal...it was definitely a meal because all of Jesus’ words centered around a meal.

On Thursday, April 17, at 6pm. We will meet for a simple pot luck supper (not soup!) and a very simple communion service. Everyone is welcome. There will be a sign up in the parish hall—side dishes are requested. No desserts. If you are interested in bringing a main dish (meat or fish) please let me know.

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Musings by Jim – March 2014

Picking up where we left off last month:

The Messenger – September 19, 1896 – Miss Lucile Collins left Monday morning for Kee Mar College, Hagerstown. She was accompanied by her mother, who wanted to see that she was properly domiciled.

The Messenger – October 3, 1896 – Professor Alfred Dennis, son of the late Senator Samuel K. Dennis of this county, has resigned the position of instructor in history at Wesleyan University on account of poor health. He is a bright young man and assisted Prof. W. M. Sloan on the preparation of a “Life of Napoleon.”

A gap exists between 1896 and 1898. There were no newspapers available to review.

Democratic Messenger – January 7, 1899 – Mr. Charles L. Boehm has accepted a position with Thomas P. Selby & Company as bookkeeper and salesman.

Democratic Messenger – January 21, 1899 – Bishop Adams preached two interesting and eloquent sermons in All Hallows P.E. Church Sunday. The Bishop is getting along in years, but mentally he is a giant, and a speaker of great force.

Democratic Messenger – February 11, 1899 – Rev. Wm. C. Butler, of St. Mary’s P.E. Church, Roland Park, Baltimore, has been called to the pastorate of All Hallows Parish, this town, and was here this week to confer with the Vestry in reference to the church and call. He returned to Baltimore, it is thought with a favorable impression of the church and our town and will advise the Vestry of his determination after a few days consideration. (My insert: Talk about a run-on sentence?)

Also, same edition: William G. Kerbin, Esq. has been invited and accepted an invitation to deliver an address at a flag raising at Frankfort, Del. on Washington’s Birthday, February 22nd.

Democratic Messenger – March 4, 1899 – Rev. Mr. Butler of Baltimore, who has received a call from All Hallows Parish, this town, has signified his willingness to accept the same. He has tendered his resignation to the Vestry of the church he now fills at Roland Park to take effect April 1st, but this may not be accepted. Should it be accepted, Mr. Butler will probably come to Snow Hill immediately.

Also, Hon. George W. Covington has moved his law library from the Wilson Building on Washington Street to his residence where he will hereafter have his office.

The Messenger – March 18, 1899 – Write on a piece of paper the number representing your age, multiply by two, add 3,796, divide by two, then subtract the number representing your age, and before your eyes will be something which you will never see again. Try it!

The Messenger – April 1, 1899 – The annual election of Vestrymen for All Hallows Church on Monday, April 3, 1899. at 11 o'clock a.m. By order of the Vestry. L. Edw. Boehm, Registrar.

The Messenger – April 8, 1899 – All Hallows Church, Rev. William Butler, Rector, services on Sunday next at 10:30 a.m., Morning Prayer, sermon and Holy Communion; 7:30 p.m. evening prayer and sermon. Sunday School at 2:30 p.m.

The Messenger – April 22, 1899 – The property of George S. Payne, Esq. looks much handsomer with the fences down. This was referred to in the Messenger several weeks ago, but we cannot refrain from advertising the movement which is now being inaugurated among your citizens to remove these unsightly relics of a past century.

The Messenger – April 29, 1899 – Dr. E. S. Dashiell is making arrangements to have work on his new office building adjoining Mrs. Duke's Millinery store, commenced at once. The first floor will be occupied by Dr. Dashiell and Wm. Parsons and the rest rented out for offices.

The Messenger – May 20, 1899 – Mr. Charles Boehm has accepted a position with H. C. Burbage in his confectionary store.

The Messenger – June 3, 1899 – At a regular meeting of the Vestry of All Hallows Parish, held May 29th last, William G. Kerbin was unanimously elected as a vestryman of said body to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George W. Purnell.

The Messenger – June 10, 1899 – Through the efforts of Mr. William G. Kerbin, the streets of Snow Hill in the business section of the town are to be kept well sprinkled hereafter. Mr. Kerbin secured enough contributions from the business men on Wednesday to pay for the sprinkling and Messers Mumford and Malone will buy a street sprinkler and do the work.

The Messenger – September 23, 1899 – Dr. Dashiell’s new office building on Pearl Street is nearing completion. It will be occupied by himself and Mr. William Parsons when completed.

The Messenger – September 30, 1899 – Prof. Lewis C. Boehm left for New York Saturday to resume his duties as professor of mathematics in one of the colleges of that state.

(The next edition of “Musings By Jim” will commence with February 1902 as there was no microfilm from January 1900 to January 1902.)

Report from the Senior Warden

I have been thinking a lot recently about Ken and Nanese, and how they are different. I believe each was brought to us in God’s good timing; both are loving, dedicated persons, and each fit where we are in our journey.

Ken brought us healing and taught us to trust and love again. We have become a loving, welcoming people, and people who are drawn to us acknowledge this and feel comfortable. And now – as you have commented – we are ready and need to grow.

Nanese is creative in another way, and she is leading us to expand our ministry and to reach further into our community. This was a focus of the Vestry’s recent retreat, and we are following through with this. Change and growth are not always comfortable. That is why we call it “growing pains.” Everything may not fit perfectly, but I believe we are better for the experience.

Thank you for your commitment to our Lord and to each other in our All Hallows Family.

Bonnie

Vestry Meetings

Your Vestry meets regularly on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. If you have any concerns, you are welcome to share them with any vestry member for discussion at the meeting. These are not “closed” meetings, and you are welcome to attend. Minutes of the meetings are kept in a book on the shelf in the rear of the church.

A Sacred Space—

Thank you for all your attempts to make our church space quiet on a Sunday morning. Some folks have mentioned to me their thanks that conversations now take place before church in the parish hall instead of our worship space. Others have mentioned their gratitude that they have the time and quiet for prayer before the service begins. I think it has made a difference in helping us move from the business of church business to the place of peace before the service begins.

Thank you,
Nanese+

The following was addressed to the Vestry by Katherine Gordon, our alternate deputy to the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Easton.

I want to thank the Vestry for sponsoring my first attendance to the Diocese of Easton 146th Convention on February 21 and 22, 2014, as an Alternate.

As a first time alternate, this was all new to me, and the little instruction I was given was that I could not vote and to sit in the back of the room. However, I do think that the pre-meeting to discuss the resolutions to be voted on was helpful to let me hear some of the discussions about each resolution. It was also helpful that Alice Tweedy, Arlene and Ken Thom, Bonnie Caudell, and Rev. Nanese were supporting me.

The first day was a business meeting, and voting by the delegates. As an Alternate sitting in the back of the room with other church alternates, this did give me an opportunity to meet and to find commonalities among us. Many, too, were there for the first time.

The second day of the Convention began with The Rt. Rev. James J. Shand conducting the Holy Eucharist for all the participants. I found this service very inspiring and uplifting. The sermon was given by The Rev. Robert Voyle. This presentation was to be tied in with the group activity after brunch. The first question he asked was “What do you love

to do?” (This was to exclude family or loved ones.) He turned to the Bishop and asked him this question. The Bishop replied, “Being outside.” Voyle asked “Why?” With each answer, the Rev. Voyle asked “Why?” This went on for several questions. The point was that when you answer these questions you get a better insight into yourself, and maybe find your passion. The Bishop’s final answer was compassion.

During the afternoon session we were asked to sit at a table with someone we did not know. Then we were to pair up and take turns interviewing each other. As a guide, questions were on a handout sheet. Then at the end of the hour within the group, we were to introduce each other using the answers from the interview. The following questions were on the worksheet to include in the interview. Not all of them were answered with some of the interviews.

What do you love to do?

Best experience of your Congregation?

Best experience of our Diocese?

Values. (What are the things that are really important?)

A. What do you value about being a follower of Jesus Christ?

How does following Jesus make a difference in your life?

B. What is it about your community of faith that you value? What is the single most important thing that your congregation has contributed to your life?

C. What is it about our Diocese that you value? How does being a member of our Diocese help you and your congregation engage in the mission of Jesus Christ?

D. What is it about the Episcopal Church that you deeply value? What is life giving to you about being an Episcopalian?

E. If God gave you two wishes for your congregation and two for our diocese, what would they be?

F. Imagining the future, what do you imagine our diocese would become?

For me, some of these questions gave me pause to reflect upon. No matter the answers, it gives each of us a look deep inside our spiritual journey.

This opportunity gave me time to listen and to learn. I am processing the events of these two days and am praying that I can come to understand what God wants me to do with this experience. My spiritual journey continues. Thank you for this side trip.

Katherine E. Gordon

When the Clergy Cottage in Ocean City was sold several years ago, the money was used to purchase several Time Shares in various areas. These have been under-used, and at this time, the Diocese is willing to give them away. The only responsibility would be payment of the annual fee when you use the place. A poster listing the locations as well as information for exploring the opportunity is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

All Aboard!

If you've ever looked up and noticed that the ceiling of many churches looks like the inside hull of a ship, you're neither alone nor mistaken. In fact, the very name for the part of the church where the congregation sits is called the "nave" from the Latin word *navis* which means ship.

Just as the ark transported Noah and his family and animals to new life after the flood, so does the Church hold and transport our community to the promised kingdom of God. But our cruise ship has a greater purpose than merely riding out the storms of life. We are called to use and share this ship that we have been given. The church is less like a luxury liner, and more like a working crew boat . . . or fishing boat.

Jesus calls Peter and Andrew away from their lives as fishermen. He instead tells them that in following him, they will be fishers of people. Is this how we understand the work of the Church? We are all in the same boat, but do we understand it to be a vessel that constantly has its nets in the water fishing for people?

My friend and colleague, the Rev. Jay Angerer, shared the top five reasons Episcopalians avoid inviting people to church. The first, he said, was that people say, "I don't want to look like a whacko." The second reason: "I'm not sure what to say." The third reason was the most

telling: “No, **seriously**, I *really* don’t want to look like a whacko!” Fr. Jay has a great sense of humor, and a keen bit of insight. We like our “life boat” a lot, but for many of us, it feels very risky to tell other people about the difference that following Jesus is making in our lives.

Here’s an alternative. The next time you are talking with someone (who you already are in relationship with), especially if they are having a tough time with some aspect of their life, just say, “You know . . . going to church and receiving Communion is really making a difference in my life.” That’s not being “preachy” or judgmental. It is being truthful and factual. It’s not being whacky; it’s being faithful. Jesus calls us to follow him and be fishers of people.

The Very Rev. A.J. Heine, Louisiana, in *The Anglican Digest*

Calendar dates for April

7, 14 Lenten program with Soup and Salad, 6-8pm

13: Palm Sunday; Holy Week begins

15: Diocesan clergy meet with the Bishop to renew their ordination vows

16: Vestry, 5:30 pm

17: Maundy Thursday, simple meal followed by final Eucharist, Stripping of Altar, 6pm.

18: Good Friday: Snow Hill Ministerium leads Good Friday Liturgy and Stations of the Cross.

19: Holy Saturday

20: Easter! Festive Service at 9:30