

The Hallowed Word

All Hallows Episcopal Church

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September 2014

Beginning a New Year...

Have you ever thought about the similarities between the New Year's and the end of summer (aka Labor Day!). For some of us, it is the beginning of a new calendar. For some, summer is an opportunity to work at a different pace, take stock of where we are and what we do, and go about things in a more relaxed manner. We might take time off for vacation, and we might take a few courses to update our knowledge.

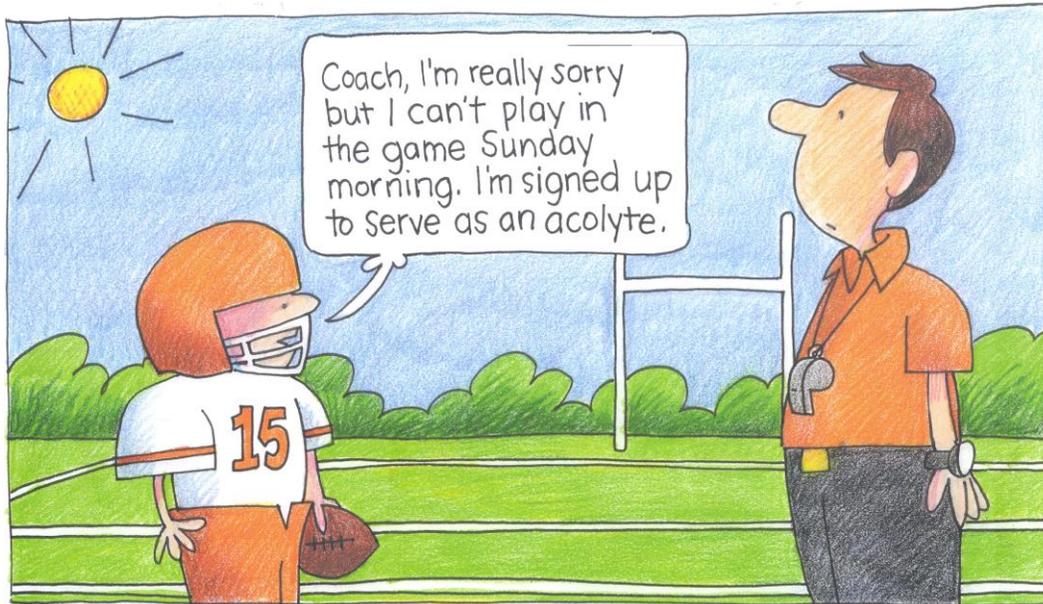
I always receive a 16-month calendar in early August. I open it and marvel at all the pages and boxes (days) that lie ahead. What will I do—where will I be—how will things go in the future? At first glance there looks to be so much opportunity and excitement just with all the *days ahead!* But, then, as I begin to fill in boxes with necessary items (services, meetings, visits, etc.) the calendar begins to lose its excitement, and another year is rolling in!

BUT, that isn't what it is all about, really. No matter how many vestry meetings, sermons to write, visits to make, there is the excitement of what God has waiting for us. So many unknown opportunities---a whole future! It might just be like farming—what did we plant last year that might just bloom this year? What conversations will bring new ideas—new ways to do things? What “baby steps” will soon turn into a graceful walk—a dance?

My empty days on my calendar are not just waiting to be filled. They are opportunities to hear and see things that will grow and produce a future. The Grace that comes from God will continue to surprise and delight us. As a parish, and as the members of this Body of Christ, we will be alive, dreaming, creating and bringing new life to our ministries. Come and join in the spirit of All Hallows. We know a few things will happen...we hope you will bring a few more.

Peace,

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Time to Join Us!

The Episcopal Church includes all in its worship—its beautiful liturgies are such an important part of our life because we all have a part in the services. Besides participating by attending a service, we invite our members to be lectors (readers), **acolytes**, Eucharistic ministers (those who serve at the altar and assist by serving the chalice), Worship Leaders, and choir members who lead the congregational singing. Please speak to the rector (Nanese) if you would be interested in learning more about these opportunities. NOTE: The Diocese will offer training for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors on September 13 and 27 in Vienna.

The Service at Holy Cross Chapel will be Sunday, September 14, at 11 a.m. Items are needed for the refreshment time following the Holy Cross Service. If you can provide cookies, brownies, or small sandwiches – *NOTHING THAT NEEDS A FORK!* – please bring them with you on that Sunday and deliver to the Methodist Church Hall across the street from the Chapel. Iced tea and lemonade, and napkins and cups will be provided. If you are not planning to attend the service, but wish to provide refreshments, contact Kathe Selph.

Sunday School starts September 7th.

Food Pantry Donations

The Ebenezer Ecumenical Food Pantry is open for food distribution *September 12 from 9:00 am-12:00pm*. In July we served over 110 people in need in our area. Thanks to your generosity, All Hallows parishioners raised over \$526.00 for turkeys for Thanksgiving. We met our goal, and the turkeys have been purchased. In August, we have also collected 122 cans of food for the pantry. Thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.

At the request of some parishioners, a collection jar for monetary donations is also now conveniently located in the back of the church as you enter. Food donations can be made in the basket in the church hall. The items needed in September are peanut butter and jelly, rice and stuffing. We are also in need of volunteers on *September 11 from 1:30pm-5:00pm* to help fill bags. If you would like more information about the pantry or volunteering, please contact Stephanie Clayville.

The Episcopal Relief and Development Fund was established to respond to “human suffering in the world...and 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 goal to assist with these causes. The 2014 goal is \$425,000. Pamphlets and envelopes can be found in the back of the church, or if you are interested in learning more about the fund, please log on to www.episcopalrelief.org or contact Stephanie Clayville.

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

The Snow Hill Elementary School and the Worcester County Garden Club will be dedicating the Butterfly Gardens at the elementary school to the memory of **Ruth Bowie** on September 15 at 2:00 pm at the school. Please join us to celebrate Ruth’s love of these gardens. RSVP by September 8 to Ginny Lane at 410-632-2773 or ginlane@verizon.net. (School is in session, so please enter the building by the front doors.)

Musings by Jim - September 2014

The following data was retrieved from copies of the Democratic Messenger, Snow Hill, MD, 1906.

January 6, 1906 – Miss Julia Purnell entertained a number of her young friends Monday afternoon. On Monday evening, Miss Katherine and Master Edgar Fleming gave a party, and on Tuesday evening Miss Alice Boehm (later Mrs. Wm. G. Kerbin) acted as hostess to a number of young people.

January 13, 1906 – Miss Viola Smith entertained a number of friends at cards last Saturday evening in honor of Miss Lee of Washington, DC.

Also, The Ladies Euchre Club was entertained by Mrs. Waldo Kennard Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John W. Staton.

January 20, 1906 – Mrs. J. J. Collins entertained a number of friends Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Souder, the guest of Miss Lucile Collins. The Ladies' Prize, beautiful lace handkerchiefs, was won by Miss Nellie Jones, and the gentlemen's prize, a handsome scarf pin, was won by Mr. Howard Collins.

Also, Oliver D. Collins, President of the Snow Hill Butter Dish and Basket Company, has been North this week in interest of the factory.

Obituary: Mrs. Charlotte A. Rowley – Mrs. Charlotte A. Rowley, widow of the late William A. Rowley, died at the home of Mr. Major T. Hall in Pocomoke City Tuesday. Mrs. Rowley had been in feeble health several months and succumbed to a stroke of paralysis the third of which she had suffered within the past year. Since her husband's death a few years ago, Mrs. Rowley had divided her time between Snow Hill and Pocomoke City, spending the greater part of the time in the latter place. She was about 70 years of age, and was a conscientious and sincere Christian woman. She leaves no near relatives, her only brother having left this part of the country several years ago and has never been heard from. Her remains were brought to Snow Hill Thursday morning, and, after services in All Hallows Church by the rector, Rev. J. F. Kirk, were interred in the adjoining cemetery beside the remains of her husband. (Lot #147). The pallbearers were Messers. Thomas Z. Johnson, Samuel H. Townsend, R. J. McAllen, W. C. Bratten, Edward P. Davis and E. H. Fooks.

February 3, 1906 – Several entertainments were given this week in honor of Miss Souder, of Washington, DC, the guest of Miss Lucile Collins. The Misses

Payne gave a delightful card party Tuesday evening at which the prizes were won by Miss Viola Smith and Mr. Virgil Ward. Wednesday afternoon Miss Lucile Collins entertained a number of friends at a sewing party. Thursday afternoon, Mrs. J. F. Kirk gave a charmingly appropriate luncheon.

February 10, 1906 – The ladies of All Hallow's Guild will give an afternoon tea at the Rectory on Washington Street, Valentine's Day, from 4 to 7 o'clock. Tickets 25 cents. Also, Mr. Lewis Covington Boehm, formerly of Snow Hill, now a prominent lawyer of New York, advertises Gold 6 per cent Bonds of the Western Newfoundland Company for sale. (See financial columns, first page.)

February 17, 1906 – Rev. Erskine Wright of Philadelphia, is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Kirk at the rectory.

George S. Payne, Esq., accompanied by the Misses Payne, spent this week at the Hotel Belvedere, Baltimore.

William G. Kerbin, Esq., Attorney-at-law, will be in Berlin every Saturday afternoon at the office of H. D. Adams.

William G. Kerbin, Esq., has moved his law office across the hall in the Odd Fellow's Building to the rooms recently occupied by Thomas Z. Johnson, Esq.

Mrs. John J. Nock entertained the Ladies Euchre Club at her home Tuesday night. The first prize was won by Mrs. O. D. Collins, the visitor's prize by Miss Styer, and the booby prize by Mrs. Waldo Kennard.

March 10, 1906 – Miss Florence Styer, of Lancaster, Pa. has returned home after a delightful visit of four weeks at the home of Mr. & Mrs. John W. Staton.

March 17, 1906 – The postoffice authorities at Washington have ruled that reports of prize winners at euchre and whist parties will suffice under the anti-lottery law to exclude from the mails any newspaper publishing them.

April 21, 1906 – Misses Lucile Collins and Nettie Jones left Monday afternoon for Philadelphia where they will remain for the Irving Warner nuptials next week.

CORDDRY NOT A CANDIDATE: Under Existing Conditions Does Not Desire A Re-Election – Gives His Reasons For Decision – Legislation Asked for Not Granted – He Wanted to Finish Street Improvements.

To the Voters of Snow Hill, MD.

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the provisions of the charter of the Town, I am causing to be published in this issue of the DEMOCRATIC MESSENGER, notice of an election to be held Monday, May 7th, at which time a Mayor and four Councilmen are to be elected.

I think it right and proper, inasmuch as there appeared in this paper in its issue of Feb. 10th last, a statement emanating from me to the effect, that I would probably be a candidate for re-election, that I should at this time state positively my position.

I am not a candidate. And in this connection I desire to say that my statement at that time referred to, was based upon the supposition that the Mayor and Council would secure certain legislation at the session of the General Assembly just adjourned, the object of which was clearly defined by me at that time but which, as you know, we failed to secure.

I have no desire at this time to discuss our failure, other than to resent the intimation that it was caused by my probable candidacy.

I desire to submit to you however that everything was done that could be done by the Mayor and Council, looking towards securing the enactment of certain measures that we thought to be for the best interest of the town; and the submission to you of the question of whether or not you desired to provide additional funds with which to improve Church Street, Washington Street, Bay Street and Hill Street, along the same line that other streets have been improved.

We were perfectly willing that you decide this matter by your ballot; and anticipated that your answer would be in the affirmative. In which event, I was egotistical enough to think that I could render you special service; and for this reason, expressed a willingness to continue in my present capacity.

I have served the town for four years as Mayor, which I think sufficiently long under ordinary circumstances, and have done all in my power to promote its interests. Every position in this life has its limitations, and my consciousness of this fact, prevents me from expressing my disappointment at not being able to carry out my plans.

I desire to thank my friends for the support they have given me during my incumbency, and to assure them that I shall be in hearty sympathy with any and all movements inaugurated that have for their object the betterment of the conditions that exist in the community.

Yours very truly,

W. D. Corddry, Jr.
Mayor

Report from the Flower Fund

Thank you for your generous giving, keeping flowers on the Altar each week. Prices will change as of January 1, 2015: Flowers \$45; Greens \$25; Ambry Candle \$8. (If you desire to arrange your own flowers, make a note on the Flower Chart.)
Thank you, Betty West

Undercover Rector: Coffee and Conversation

(by Richelle Thompson in *Episcopal Church Foundation Vital Practices*)

Coffee hour can be a lonely place.

In this episode of Undercover Rector, the priest is disguised as a visitor. The greeters, having watched previous episodes of Undercover Rector, have graciously invited the visitor to coffee hour. The worship was vibrant and engaging, with a warm welcome during the announcements.

The disguised rector is excited to spend time at coffee hour getting to know the people of the church. After grabbing a Danish and coffee, the visitor looks for conversation.

A group of women stand in a tight circle, chatting animatedly about their week. Another couple lean in, apparently exchanging federal secrets by their hushed whispers and furtive glances. Kids chase each other around the tables and fire off an occasional scream.

The visitor waits for a bit. Sure, a couple of people smile warmly. One person even says, "I'm glad you visited us today."

But no one engages the visitor. After 5-10 excruciating minutes, the visitor leaves, certain to never return.

It's not easy talking with strangers. Some have the gift of gab, but for most people, striking up a conversation is hard and nervous work. But imagine yourself as the lonely visitor, on the outside looking in, wanting to be included, wanting to be a part of the community. Imagine the guts it took to visit a new church, to be in a place where the bells and smells are all unfamiliar. If that person could summon the courage to visit, then surely we can set aside our vague discomfort at talking with a stranger.

Still don't know if you can do it? Here are three basic conversation starters:

1. Tell me about yourself. Are you new to the area? Where do you live? Do you have family nearby?



2. Do you have any questions about the service? Was this your first time to attend an Episcopal church? Is there anything I can explain?
3. Let me tell you more about the church. (Note: This should not be a history lesson but a Cliff Notes version of the ministries of the congregation. Be sure to invite the visitor to participate in an upcoming event.)

You can increase your giving, and it will cost you NOTHING.

If you shop at Giant, you can earn money for the schools in Snow Hill. Go online to www.giantfood.com/aplus (after Sept 15th). Register your Giant Card, designate the school, and earn A+ School Rewards with every purchase. It will cost you nothing, and the school will receive a check from our shopping.

There are many ways to share the Love of Christ! Recently I met a young man, previously unknown to me. He greeted me: “I know you go to church; you are smiling!” We do not need to warn of Hellfire to make a difference to those we meet. But you know that. Each of you has found your own way to share Christ’s love with those in our community. That is why All Hallows is known as a friendly/caring church. That is why we are really making a difference in Snow Hill. (Did you know that helping is itself a Spiritual Gift, useful in God’s Service as much as Evangelism, Prophecy, etc.? – 1 Corinthians 12:28)

God’s love for us is unconditional. Being good stewards will not change that love, but it can change us. For through the giving of our gifts we establish priorities.

A journey takes one step at a time; I never know where the road will take me from day to day. Today I had the opportunity to search in three Walmarts to attempt to get school supplies for the Camp Agape Ministry. At Walmart were many frustrated mothers looking through what was left, frustrated as they attempted to find some school supplies for their children. I smiled as I engaged in conversation with several mothers and their children. I listened as they expressed the hopefulness of what they anticipated the school year will bring. I went from store to store until I had completed the list of supplies for each child. I traveled home and then filled book bags with much needed supplies. As I filled the backpacks, I prayed for each child, hoping that each child will engage in anticipation of the joy of learning and perhaps will be able to carry forward the love provided through camp, birthday cards, calls, food, and a backpack filled with supplies.

The next evening I loaded the backpacks and began the journey of delivering the supplies. It is always a blessing to see the children and their caregivers. My, how the children have grown! On the journey there are always stories of changes that have occurred. One little boy became all smiles. For a short moment in time he was given a gift, a backpack. This little 10 year old boy has been helping his mother who just had a cancerous brain tumor removed. He has 2 twin sisters who will start kindergarten and a 1 year old sister. This family received hope through backpacks, words exchanged and hugs. I have so many hopes for this family. I prayed with them. The mom asked that I call, and I will hope to bridge the love of God. I went on down the road, greeted again with smiles. A 12 year old boy had a difficult time deciding on what color of book bag would bring him the most joy. This boy was missing his sister; she had gone off to live with her father after her mother committed suicide, and she hopes to find what she perceives as missing from her life. I left with a prayer and hope that in the midst of their struggles they will find God's Peace.

I climbed back into my car, and off I went to another house. A little girl greeted me. A sad face turned into all smiles as she received her backpack. She stated, "I thought I would have to go to school with nothing." She sat on the floor, turned the bag upside down, pouring out the contents, holding each item close to her. She then ran upstairs to take her sisters their bags. In the midst of chaos – for one moment in time – God's love. I keep praying, hoping, giving that as these children grow, they grow into relationship with the God who loves them and desires to be in relationship with them.

I continued on the journey – traveling, visiting, sharing, dropping off backpacks filled with goodies for the new school year. These backpacks were made possible by you who provided your money to Camp Agape. Thank you. We do not know where the journey will take each child, but I pray that we can continue to build the bridge, leading them back to God who loves them unconditionally. Back to a God who brings peace, calm in chaos. God's Peace.

A backpack, an object that allowed for hope. Something solid became feeling, a memory, something to receive – soul to soul for one moment in time. The greatest gifts in life cannot be bought or sold, but are freely given.

Share your stories often with others, sharing the power and love of God. Thank you. -- Jody Caudell

All of the women at All Hallows are members of the ECW (Episcopal Church Women). Our fall meeting will be in the Parish Hall on Monday, September 8.

Please bring a covered dish to share. Dinner at 6:00pm. The meeting will begin about 7:00pm.

The Mini-Bazaar generates additional funds for ECW Outreach. In the past year (Sept. 2013-Aug. 2014) the Mini Bazaar has generated over \$600.

Church Periodical Fund (CPC) giving totals \$272 so far.

Hymn of the Month

September 2014

Creating God, your fingers trace

In an attempt to give you, the congregation of All Hallows, an opportunity to learn a new hymn, it has been decided that we will provide you with a NEW hymn of the month. Beginning this month, we will be learning Hymn Number 394 in the hymnal.

The words were written by Jeffrey William Rowthorn, who was born in 1934. He was educated at Cambridge and Oxford Universities, and spent 19 years teaching in ecumenical seminaries in America. He then became Bishop in Charge of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe, with his office at the American Cathedral in Paris. In 1973, he helped establish the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University. After 14 years as a Professor of Liturgies, he was elected Suffragen Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut. His works include: *A New Hymnal for Colleges and Schools* (editor with Dr. Russell Schultz-Widmar, Yale University Press, 1992.) He also wrote the lyrics to: *At the Font We Start Our Journey* and *Lord You Give the Great Commission*, hymn number 528.

Reginald S. Thatcher (b. Salisbury, England, 1888; d. Cranleigh, Surrey, England, 1957) composed WILDERNESS when he was a musician at the famed Harrow Public School in England. The tune was published in the *Clarendon Hymn Book* (1936), a hymnal prepared for Charterhouse, another well-known British public school.

Thatcher received his education at the Royal College of Music and Worcester College, Oxford, England. His career consisted of a series of music school appointments, including director of music at the Royal Naval College and principal of the Royal Academy of Music. From 1954 to 1960, Thatcher was president of the Royal College of Organists. He also served on the editorial committee of the *BBC Hymn Book* (1951). In 1952, Thatcher was knighted for his contribution to British Music and Culture.

AN EXPLANATION on “HOW” the Hymn of the Month will be introduced.

The Hymn of the Month will first be introduced as a “Prelude” utilizing not only the tune itself, but variations of the tune.

The second Sunday of the month, the tune will be used as an “Offertory” with flute/trumpet/organ accompaniment. This could also be augmented as an “Anthem” for the choir, perhaps on the third Sunday of the month.

The congregation will sing the hymn the last Sunday of the month after having heard the hymn tune at least three times during the month.

Be prepared for some variations in the coming months. As I have said before, be on your toes. The “same old” will NOT be the “same old” any more. As always, your comments are welcome. Let me know what you think.

Jim

Useful? Information

Saturday, 9/27, ECW Yard Sale at Church of the Holy Spirit, Ocean City, 7 am to noon

Eastern Shore Episcopalian, magazine of the Diocese of Easton, is sent quarterly to all members of Episcopal Churches on the Shore. If you are not on the mailing list and wish to be, please leave a note in the tray on the secretary’s desk.

The Summer Sunday School and Child Care Program was held in the Church undercroft during July and August 2014. On one Sunday, there were 3 children of Sunday School age and one for child care. The following Sundays there were two Sunday School age children, Dominic and Vincenz Cucina attending.

The lesson plan included learning about the Stations of the Cross and Holy Week. The Bible was used to locate passages relating to the Stations of the Cross and read aloud in class. Reinforcing the lesson material were assorted activities, crafts, and discussions following each Station.

Katherine Gordon

Calendar for September 2014

- 6, (Saturday), 11 am. Ordination of the Reverend Heather Cook to Suffragan Bishop, Diocese of Maryland, at The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, North Charles Street, Baltimore.
- 7, (Sunday), 8:30 am, Choir practice begins!
9:30 am, Sunday School begins!
Also, it's *Grandparents' Day*, so bring a Grandparent to Choir practice and to church!
9:30 am, Holy Eucharist with Sunday School.
- 8, (Monday), 6 pm, ECW dinner, followed by meeting, in the Parish Hall
- 10, (Wednesday), 4 pm, Bible Study begins in Parish Hall.
- 14, (Sunday), 11 am, Holy Eucharist at Holy Cross, refreshments to follow in Methodist Church Hall.
- 15, (Monday), 2:00 pm, Dedication of Butterfly Garden in memory of Ruth Bowie at Snow Hill Elementary School. For more information, speak to Ginny Lane.
- 17, (Wednesday), 4:00 pm, Bible Study
5:30 pm, Vestry meeting
- 21, (Sunday), 9:30 am, Eucharist with Sunday School
- 24, (Wednesday), 4:00 pm., Bible Study
- 28, (Sunday), 9:30 am, Eucharist with Sunday School
- 30, (Tuesday), Southern Convocation meeting (TBA)