

The Hallowed Word
All Hallowes Episcopal Church

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February 2015

Why keep Lent anyway...?

Many of us grew up in a time when Lent was a big deal—a big change from everyday life. Going to church for ashes—especially before school—marked with those black crosses on our foreheads made us both proud and self-conscious. We didn't know if rubbing the ashes off was being disrespectful! In school we all talked about what we were “giving up” for Lent. At church we experienced the changes of color—of dark and somber purple vestments and hangings, the absence of flowers, etc. that made a stark setting for our worship. We couldn't, and still don't say “Alleluia” during Lent. We always had a “special” Lenten program; sometimes the (Episcopal) monks or nuns from Baltimore, New York, or Boston came and did a weekend retreat. Lent was a very special time—like bookends—marking an opportunity to simplify and change our daily lives. Lent is the time for change; to pray and work toward consciously living a life focused on others—to practice by prayer and devotion the teachings of our faith.

With that in mind, this Lent we will be having a Lenten program with a simple dinner and a movie that will explore a different culture and story than those that may be familiar to us. In this newsletter you will see the schedule and a short description of these excellent and thought-provoking stories.

I hope you will join us in the parish hall on Tuesday evenings (beginning on the 24th) at 6 o'clock for a dinner and film. We should be finished by 8 or 8:30.

During the Advent series, we discovered that if everyone brought a covered dish to share we had plenty, and the variety was enjoyable. We thought we would try that during Lent instead of asking 2 people to make soup for a larger group. Please join us—there will be a sign up sheet available so we will have a count for the evenings.

In peace,
Nanese+

Lent: Tuesday Night at the Movies!

Feb. 24: Smoke Signals: (1998) This award-winning independent film is unique as an all-Native American production. Victor Joseph and Thomas Builds-the-Fire have spent their entire young lives on the Coeur D'Alene Indian Reservation in Plummer, Idaho. When Victor's father dies in Arizona, he and Thomas set off on a journey both comedic and poignant to bring the ashes back home. An unforgettable adventure of discovery and the beauty of forgiveness. Rated PG 13.

March 3: O Brother, Where Art Thou? (2000) George Clooney stars as a slick prison escapee with two chain mates who continue homeward-bound through the state of Mississippi during the Great Depression. A great comedy, this film is based on Homer's *Odyssey*. Great special effects accompanied by great (Soggy Bottom Boys) music make this tale of sin and redemption a never to be forgotten film. Rated PG 13.

March 10: Whale Rider: (2002) Set in beautiful New Zealand, a small Maori village faces a crisis when the heir to the leadership of the Ngati Konohi dies at birth and is only survived by his twin sister, Pai. Although disregarded by her grandfather and shunned by the village people, twelve year old Pai remains certain of her calling and trains herself in the ways and customs of her people. With remarkable grace, Pai finds the strength to challenge her family and embraces a thousand years of tradition to fulfill her destiny. PG-13.

March 17: Quartet: (2012) Set in an English Retirement Home for Musicians, a quartet once famous for their operatic successes experience the changes and challenges of life with the return of their fourth member (Maggie Smith: Downton Abbey). Aging brings changes and challenges to the physical body, but the inner self remembers and continues as in the past. A wonderful story of love and reunion set in a beautiful part of the English countryside. PG-13.

March 24: A Christmas Carol: (1938) Charles Dickens' classic Christmas story is perfect for Lent! Although this 1938 black-and-white reminds us of the contrasts between economic classes still evident today, it is a tale of the stages of life and how we often change as we grow comfortable with life---and how change can occur to bring us back into focus for those around us. We are all worthy of love! Not rated.

Dear Friends of All Hallows,

Sometimes there are just no words to clearly express the joy and humility of a special gift. This past Christmas, I received a very generous gift from this congregation, which I do love—I love Sundays, I love visiting with you and your friends, and I just feel a spiritual presence around the work that so many of you quietly do as part of your love for this church family. I am especially grateful for the wardens and members of our vestry who hold this parish in their hearts; they do love and care for you and your well-being.

Thank you for your kind gift of the check, but most graciously I thank you for all the loving ways you witness to Our Lord in the service of His Church.

Fondly, *Nanese+*

Feeding the Hungry in Our Community by Stephanie Clayville

On January 1, 2015, The Snow Hill Ecumenical Food Pantry opened its doors to the community for the first time. The Food



Pantry in Snow Hill has operated out of Ebenezer United Methodist Church, previously known as “Ebenezer Hunger Action,” for over 30 years. It distributes food to those in need the second Friday of every month as well as provides emergency food service upon request.

It was established as an ecumenical food pantry, which means that it is supported by local churches in the area. Due to its growth, the pantry expanded its services and moved to 241 South Washington Street in Snow Hill. This year, the pantry will be serving between 100-140 families a month and it is projected that they will serve over 3,000 bags a year. A typical bag/box includes 15 items and consists of: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, fruits, juice, soup, canned vegetables, pasta, mac and cheese, tuna fish, and chicken/meats, bread and butter.

In October 2014, we received a land donation with a house and garage. The new location can be found at 241 South Washington Street in Snow Hill. To begin, the pantry will be based in the garage on the property until the house is repaired and modified for our use. Once this work is completed, the house will allow us to provide for a wider variety of clientele and serve even more people.

To facilitate this change, a new organization was founded called Snow Hill Ecumenical Food Pantry. Rosalie Mason, Tommy Mason, Stephanie Clayville and Charlie Dorman are founders of the new pantry.

We are excited about the prospects that this new location can bring to the people of our community and the surrounding areas (see photo at right). Our long term goals are to provide more services and serve food more often. The pantry will also



provide a resource center for blood pressure screenings, diabetes checks and other assistance programs.

In order to have the house in working order, we are applying for several grant opportunities to see if we can get financial assistance for this project. There are a few areas that can use community support. These include:

- Capital assistance with the new building rehabilitation. It is estimated that this will cost approximately \$30,000. Remember that the Snow Hill Ecumenical Food Pantry is an IRS approved 501(c) (3) organization meaning that donations are tax-deductible allowable under the law.
- Workers are needed for the rehabilitation projects such as roofing, electrical, bathroom finishing, framing, etc.
- Funds are always needed for foods such as meat, eggs, cheese, etc. As well, monies for food assistance and supplemental food are welcomed.
- Food donations can be made at your local churches.
- On-going expenses such as insurance, electricity, water, etc. must be paid on a regular basis, and donated funds are always welcome to assist with these costs.

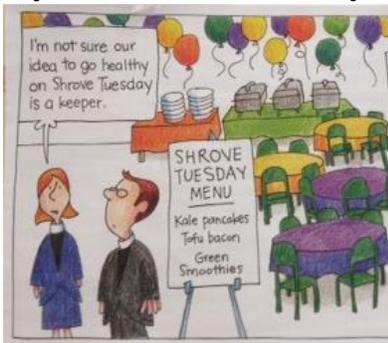
If you would like more information on this project, volunteer to be part of our team or sponsor a room in the house, please contact Stephanie Clayville at snowhillfood@gmail.com. Also, please check out our website at www.snowhillfood.org. Thanks for your continued support of our important mission!

Mark your calendars!
Pancake Supper
February 17, 2015



All Hallows' Pancake Supper is around the corner! The Pancake Supper is scheduled for February 17, 2015 from 4:30pm – 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets and instructions have been provided to you and/or will be mailed to you.

Ticket prices will remain the same this year, \$4.00 for children under 12 (eat in only) and \$7.00 for adults (eat in or take out). Our goal is to increase our sales by 50 tickets over last year, which was 406. Let's see what we can do to beat our sales and make this the best year ever! Extra tickets are available through Ann Gibb.



Thank you in advance to all those who have volunteered your time to help with this important fundraiser. We look forward to another successful year! If you have any questions, need help, or would like to volunteer to work the event, please contact Stephanie Clayville.

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem... A small child replied, 'They couldn't get a babysitter.'

ECW Business Meeting Highlights, 1/12/15

The undercroft cleanup was a success, and Kathy Fisher thanked those who helped.

Pancake Supper update was given by Stephanie Clayville.

Correspondence received will be included in the All Hallows newsletter.

A suggestion to consider the purchase of Dropbox to make the ECW files electronic.

A \$50 memorial will be sent for Pete Karras.

A decision was made to inform the coffee hour hosts to make sure the coffee has been made and to be responsible for the cleanup.

Kathy Fisher will chair the next UTO Spring collection.

Nancy Blank sent 75 cards during September to December 2014.

Stephanie Clayville sent a check for \$50 to the Episcopal Relief and Development. She suggested the ECW might want to consider some outreach activities.

Hazel Geesey was very pleased with the success of the Christmas Party at the Senior Center in Snow Hill.

Alice Tweedy would welcome new members to the Altar Guild. New linens are needed. Candles will be sold once a month for \$3 per dozen. The funeral home will provide a cremation table when needed.

Betty West organized two Special Receptions and was thankful for the food and help provided.

Next ECW meeting will be on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., and will be a potluck dessert.

A Sunday School teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to ‘Honor they father and mother,’ she asked ‘Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?’ Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, ‘Thou shall not kill...’

Getting to Know Our Members – Bea Adkins

Bea Adkins likes her friends to call her Bea. A city girl from Rhode Island, who when seven years old moved with her family to Snow Hill, where her father wanted to learn to be a farmer growing a variety of different crops and later becoming a successful cabbage plant farmer. This farm became known as the Bonnie-Bee Farm. (Long ago, a visitor from New York came into Snow Hill, asking where he could find the honey farm.) Bea didn’t like living on the farm because of working from sunup to sundown in the fields. At ten years of age, Bea asked her Dad if she could drive the tractor. From then on, driving the tractor was her job.

Bea remembers many good things. By watching her parents, she learned to be generous, to share and hard work. Working in the fields with so many people, there was no such thing as racism. Everyone worked well together. These attributes can be seen in all the volunteer work Bea does in and around Snow Hill.

Bea met her childhood sweetheart Charles Adkins at a Home Stanley Party when she was 11 and he was 14. After Bea graduated from high school, she and Charles were married at her parents’ farm. Charles later was drafted into service. At nineteen while Charles was away, Bea joined the Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church in Snow Hill, and attended for 50 years. She was active in the Sunday School for 30 years, and served as an Elder and Deacon. During this time, Bea discovered what was missing in her life and that she needed God to direct her life and set her on the right path. Bea and Charles were married for 47 years and raised four boys, John, Jim, and the twins Adam and Andy.

Bea came to All Hallows about three years ago because her sister Bonnie Caudell was a member here. It took her a while to get used to the different service. She feels most welcomed by everyone and is glad to be part of this church family whom she loves.

Since becoming a widow, Bea has the time to do things she likes to do. She enjoys gardening, cooking, sewing, and visiting the elderly. She feels challenged often when people ask her to sew or to make something she has never made before. She uses her sewing skills to make items for the ECW Bazaar Corner, which supports the outreach programs. Bea says it is fun to do something for someone when they don't know who did it. She believes this is one way God uses her skills.

Bea found words written by her mother "My Aim," which has to do with "kindness which most leaves undone or despises," in a birthday book belonging to her mother. Bea feels that these thoughts of her mother's are words for all to live by.

She also wanted to share the following poem:

How did I know that my youth is all spent?
Well, my "get up and go" has got up and went.
But in spite of it all, I am able to grin,
When I think where my get up and go has been.
Old age is golden, I've heard it said,
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed,
With ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,
My eyes on the table until I wake up.
Ere sleep dim my eyes, I say to myself,
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?
And I'm happy to say as I close my door,
My friends are the same, only perhaps even more.

When I was young my slippers were red,
I could kick my heels right over my head.
As I grew older, my slippers were blue,
But still I could dance the whole night through.
Now I am old, and my slippers are black,
I walk to the store and puff my way back.
The reason I know that my youth is all spent,
My get up and go has got up and went.

But I really don't mind when I think with a grin,
Of all the grand places my get up has been.
Since I have retired from life's competition,
I busy myself with complete repetition.
I get up each morning, dust off my wit,
Pick up the paper and read the obits.

UMES Concert Choir Concert, St. Andrews, Princess Anne
Tuesday, February 24, 6pm in Mary Buell Hall (their parish hall)

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, 'Johnny, what is the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'

ASP Fundraising Dinner for our local ASP group as we prepare for our 2015 trip to the mountains of North Carolina.

Em'ings Chicken Dinner, Friday, February 6; Pick up at Bates Church, 3-7pm.
Dinner includes half chicken, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Roll and Dessert, \$10.
See Barbara Dittrich for tickets. 410-632-0814.

Altar Guild is selling used candles, 6 inch, \$3.00 per dozen. Contact Alice Tweedy, 410-632-0991.

Musings by Jim February, 2015

We've all heard "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." Well, it happened to me (almost, but not quite) as I was preparing this newsletter. My hand written notes told me to look for a printout regarding a report on the proposed Chesapeake Bay Bridge. I couldn't find the printout, so I went back to the library to seek the missing article. Lo and behold, after checking both the February 13th and 27th editions of the Democratic Messenger, there was no article. However, it was 44 years later that the Bay Bridge opened its first span in 1953. Oh, Well!

February 27, 1909 – THE "BIG MILL" BURNED! TOWN THREATENED! A large section of Snow Hill had a narrow escape from destruction by fire Thursday morning when the big planing mill of Smith, Moore & Co. was burned to the

ground. It is difficult to estimate what would have been the extent of the damage had the fire gotten beyond control of the Firemen.

It was a little after ten o'clock Thursday morning when the fire whistle sounded the alarm, and it was only a few minutes thereafter when the streets were thronged with people, running toward the "big mill," which was enveloped in a cloud of black smoke. The wind was blowing a gale from the north-west, and for a while it looked as if a large portion of Snow Hill was doomed to destruction. The Fire Department responded promptly; Joshua Adkins at the pumping station was assisted by Messrs. H. C. Spurrier, Hampton Vickers, Jr., and Bradley Adkins. Every man was on the alert to keep the boilers and pumps to their capacity. The Firemen were soon playing on the buildings near the mill to keep the fire from spreading, as it was seen at a glance that it was impossible to save the mill, which was a roaring seething mass of flames inside of five minutes after the alarm of fire was sounded. The home of Mr. Bruce Carmean was in great danger; Shockley & Fooks almost despaired of saving their large flour mill, and it was thought numerous other buildings in the vicinity of the burning mill were doomed.

While all eyes were fastened upon these, the news was quickly spread that W. T. Hearn's stables were on fire and in a short while that the residence of Charles E. Hill had caught. Hardly had the fire at Hearn's stables been extinguished before the roof of the residence of Mr. Horace Payne was ablaze. This was conquered by buckets of water before the Firemen could respond, and was barely accomplished before the Presbyterian Church was seen to be on fire. It took hard work for the Firemen to save this handsome building, and the fire was stubbornly fought by Firemen and citizens. When the glad shout went up "all out!" there was rejoicing. While this was going on the main body of the Firemen heroically fought back the flames from the "big mill," and before noon the danger was over.

It is hard to estimate the damage to the Presbyterian Church, as the decorated walls will have to be done over and other costly work replaced.

For a half hour, during the progress of the fire, many persons wore long faces, for they felt sure that such a high wind would cause a general conflagration.

All honor to the Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Department.

Great was the wisdom of our fathers when they installed water works in Snow Hill. They have been of inestimable value to our town, and the new pump installed, paid for itself last Thursday.

It is hoped Smith, Moore & Co. will rebuild their mill here, as several hundred people have been dependent upon it for a living, and it will be unfortunate for these if the mill is not rebuilt.

The loss of Smith, Moore & Co. is about \$40,000.00 covered by insurance. The loss to the Presbyterian Church is estimated at about \$3,000.00.

March 13, 1909 – Senator Smith (former Governor John Walter Smith) has left Washington until Congress convenes in extra session next Monday. He will then start on his regular six year term as Senator. He has just filled out the unexpired term of the Hon. William Pinkney White. Senator Smith has already made a name for himself with the old and experienced members of the Senate. They consider him one of the most reliable, level-headed men in the Senate, and his advice is sought after by Senators of both parties in matters of great commercial importance to the country. Worcester County should be proud of her distinguished citizen, and we believe such is the case.

May 15, 1909 – Mr. Glen W. Hack, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Hack of this town, who has been living in California for a number of years, and who still has an office in Los Angeles in that state, is now president of Bowden & Hack Fruit Company, of Philadelphia. Mr. Hack surprised his many Snow Hill friends by making a short visit here this week on his way to Norfolk. Mrs. Hack and children have been in Snow Hill for a week or more.

May 29, 1909 – Two of our citizens have purchased automobiles this week. Mr. Wallace Purnell has ordered a Cadillac, and Mr. Oscar M. Purnell has purchased the Winton recently owned by Senator Moore. Also, Mr. Charles L. Boehm is very much pleased with the treatment he is receiving as an inmate of the State Sanitorium at Sabillasville, Frederick County, and while at home on a visit called at the MESSENGER office and exhibited a large number of attractive photographs of the sanitorium and surrounding country. Mr. Boehm is very enthusiastic over the valuable work being done at the sanitorium and says he feels one hundred per cent better than he did when he went there in February. He has gained about ten pounds and wears a healthy complexion.

June 5, 1909 – The Very Rev. E. R. Rich, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Easton, will preach at All Hallows P. E. Church tomorrow (Sunday) at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Covington Boehm, of New York, are here on a visit to Mr. Boehm's mother. Miss Lucile Collins left last Monday for a visit of several weeks to friends in Govanstown, MD. Mr. George S. Payne and daughters Misses Winifred and Nellie are in Baltimore this week. Hon. George W. Covington and Miss Covington returned on Wednesday from a residence of several months in New

York City. They are at Parnell's Hotel for the present, or until their home is ready for occupancy. Mrs. Covington will join her family in a few weeks.

Hymn of the Month, # 147

Now let us all with one accord, in company with ages past,
Keep vigil with our heavenly Lord in his temptation and his fast.

The covenant, so long revealed to those of faith in former time,
Christ by his own example sealed, the Lord of love, in love sublime.

Your love, O Lord, our sinful race has not returned, but falsified;
Author of mercy, turn your face and grant repentance for our pride.

Remember, Lord, though frail we be, in your own image were we made;
Help us, lest in anxiety, we cause your Name to be betrayed.

Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive; so when our wanderings here shall cease,
We may with you for ever live, in love and unity and peace.

Words: Gregory the Great (540-604)

Music: *Bourbon*, Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)

Pope Gregory I; c. 540-12 March 604, commonly known as Saint Gregory the Great, was Pope from 3 September 590 to his death in 604. Gregory is well known for his writings, which were more prolific than those of any of his predecessors as pope.

Throughout the Middle Ages, he was known as “the Father of Christian Worship: because of his exceptional efforts in revising the Roman worship of his day. His contributions to the development of the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, still in use in the Byzantine Rite, were so significant that he is generally recognized as its de facto author.

He was the first of the popes to come from a monastic background. Gregory is a Doctor of the Church and one of the Latin Fathers. He is considered a saint in the Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox Church, Anglican Communion, and some Lutheran churches. Immediately after his death, Gregory was canonized by popular acclaim. The Protestant reformer John Calvin admired Gregory and declared in his Institutes that Gregory was the last good pope. He is the patron saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers.

Freeman Lewis was an amateur musician, a traveling teacher, and a surveyor by trade. He compiled *The Beauties of Harmony*, a collection of camp meeting hymns used for instruction in singing schools. The tune *Bourbon* is attributed to him. He was born the second of nine children to Jacob Lewis, Sr. (b. 1734) and Mary Bebout (b. 1756), December 21, 1780. His family moved to Fayette, Pennsylvania during the summer of 1796 where Freeman married Rebecca A. Craft, 29 December 1809. They had ten children, three of whom died young of Flux and Scarlet Fever. After Rebecca died in 1844, Freeman moved with seven children to Knox, Ohio where Freeman died.

According to “A History of Uniontown” by James Hadden, “Freeman Lewis was a respected surveyor in Fayette County. He assisted in finding a route for the Chesapeake and Ohio canal.

The organist at Uniontown Presbyterian Church, he compiled a book of sacred music, entitled ‘Beauties of Harmony,’ including his own compositions. His hymn ‘Redeemer of Israel’ remains popular today. Freeman wrote a 5x8 inch hard-bound book of 300 pages in which he documented his family history and showed himself to be a well-educated man with an interest in many subjects.

NAILS IN THE FENCE

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His Father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence.

The first day, the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally the day came when the boy didn’t lose his temper at all.

He told his father about it, and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed, and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, ‘You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence... The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. But it won’t matter how many times you say "I’m sorry", the wound will still be there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one.’

Calendar for February 2015

All Sundays: 8:30: Choir Rehearsal in Church
9:30 Church with Sunday School (Coffee Hour follows)

Vestry: 5:30-6:30, Feb. 18 (3rd Weds. of Month)

Pancake Supper: Tuesday, Feb. 17, 4:30-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Ash Wednesday Services: February 18: noon and 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Program: Tuesday evenings; Feb. 24-Mar. 24: 6:00 dinner, 6:30 movie; in Parish Hall. (See schedule in this newsletter.)

Diocesan Convention: Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27 and 28 at Hyatt Hotel in Cambridge. All are welcome to attend!

Regular Snow Hill Community meetings: Rotary 7:30-8:30 Tuesday mornings in the parish house; AA Mon., Weds., Fridays 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House.

Thank you to Jim Bosworth for his delightful gleanings from the archives of Snow Hill's newspapers and for introducing us to the Hymn of the Month; to Tish Dryden for "Jokes that can be told in Church;" to Katherine Gordon for her newsy articles; and to Kemp Wills for his skillful preparation of our newsletter for publication. And great thanks to each of you for your loving participation and support in the work of our church!