

# *The Hallowed Word*

All Hallows Episcopal Church

January 2015

**During this Sunday's service (January 18th),** we will be having the Commissioning of Vestry members and Delegates and Alternate to Diocesan Convention. All vestry and convention officers are encouraged to attend. After the sermon, you will come up for a prayer and a short statement recognizing your ministry in serving All Hallows. Our January vestry meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 21.

**Our Sunday School presented a great Epiphany Pageant!**





Jenny Donoway leads the Epiphany narrative with angels, wise men, shepherds and the Holy Family.



### **How are those New Year Resolutions going?**

New Year Resolutions may not be as “ponderous” as our “Lenten Disciplines,” but I think they serve the same purpose. Usually the New Year ones are about outward concerns—whether it’s about getting in better shape, eating more healthy foods, or spending more time with family. Lenten ones are often about “inner us.” How do we feed and exercise our souls and spirits, so to speak. Once we celebrate the Epiphany—those 12 Days of Christmas end on January 7<sup>th</sup>—we only

have 6 weeks to Ash Wednesday and Lent! For those who participate in our services, it is always a bit startling to know there are only 6 Sundays before the “purple days” begin. And, yes, we all know and cherish the fact that we should “take up” something for Lent (as opposed to “giving up”).

Maybe we should/could use our New Year’s Resolutions to imagine what our lives would be like if we continued the changes we hope for? Why should we fixate about not keeping resolutions when, really, all we need to do is try, try again?

Resolutions are a means of improving whatever we feel is being neglected in our lives. That is a good thing! God created us to be a force in this world for good, and trying to make things better for ourselves and our world is exactly what Christ asked us to do. As Christians we look to Jesus Christ’s teachings for our redemption and salvation, and resolutions are just as good a way to practice our faith as any others! Stay with it!

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**Thank you to everyone in the congregation for your generous Christmas gift.** It is a pleasure to be a part of such a giving and hard-working congregation. God is certainly alive in all of us!

Ginny Lane

**Thank You.** In the 12 years that I have served as your Organist/Choir Director, I am still awed by your generosity at this time of year. I have always found whenever I “needed” something (whether temporal or spiritual) God has ALWAYS provided just in the nick of time. This has occurred more times than I can count, and I am grateful! Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely, Jim

## **Christmas Party at the Senior Center, Snow Hill, on December 23**



Another successful ECW event was organized by Chairman Hazel Geesey. Her special helpers were Santa Claus (Buddy Murray) leading in the singing, and Ron Geesey playing the piano. Everyone joined in singing a variety of Christmas songs while enjoying the refreshments. Among the goodies provided by ECW were a decorated sheet cake, punch, and chocolate. A special treat was given to the guests – crackers. No, not the type you eat, but the paper roll with a treat inside. A demonstration was given by Katherine Gordon. Everyone enjoyed inter-acting with the guests including Alice Tweedy, Bea Adkins, Chuck Bowie, Rev. Nanese, Patricia Strott, Barbara Murray, and Kathy Fisher.



## **Musings by Jim January 2015**

July 11, 1908 – Mr. Chester Corddry has purchased a splendid new Rambler automobile. It is a red fellow.

Ex-judges Henry Page and J. Upshur Dennis are guests at the Atlantic Hotel, Ocean City, for the summer.

July 25, 1908 – Dr. William Robinson and wife, of Los Angeles, Cal., spent a few days in town this week with his sister, Mrs. John W. Staton. Dr. Robinson has been very successful at gold mining in Nevada, and has made a great deal of money in a short while.

August 1, 1908 – All Hallows Sunday School went to Public Landing on a picnic Tuesday afternoon. It was the first visit of Rector Rich.

August 8, 1908 – Mrs. Kirk of St. Michael's is visiting friends here this week. Mrs. William D. Corddry and three children are enjoying the sea breezes at Ocean City. Miss Dashiell, of Baltimore, is visiting in town this week at the home of Dr. E. S. Dashiell. Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Newlan, of Marshalltown, Del. are visiting Rev. and Mrs. Alexander Rich, at All Hallows Rectory.

August 15, 1908 – Mr. A. D. Irwin, Jr., has been the guest this week of his father at the Atlantic Hotel in Ocean City. Mr. George B. Covington, of New York, is visiting his parents, Hon. George W. Covington. George is a hard student, and is rapidly climbing the ladder of success in his chosen profession, the law. Mr. Marion T. Hargis, accompanied by his daughters, Misses Nora and Wilson Hargis, left Tuesday morning for Baltimore, whence they sailed the same evening on the steamer Kershaw of the Merchants and Miners transportation Company for Boston. After remaining in Boston and suburbs several days, they will go by the Fall River Line to New York, thence home by easy stages.

August 22, 1908 – Mr. Jacob Payne and family came this week on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Payne. Mr. Payne is an efficient member of the Baltimore Police Force. Miss Wilson Hargis and Miss Ethelyn Wilson are guests at Ocean City. Mrs. Thomas H. Collins went to Philadelphia last week to accompany home her daughter, Miss Lucile Collins, who has been undergoing treatment in a hospital in that city for several weeks. We are glad to report that Miss Collins has returned to Snow Hill greatly improved in health.

September 5, 1908 – O. D. Collins, Esq. and Rev. A. M. Rich spent several days in Chincoteague Island this week. Mr. Rich will hold

services in the Episcopal Church at Stockton at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

September 12, 1908 – Mr. Edward Dashiell will leave Monday to resume his studies at St. John's College, Annapolis. Workmen commenced on the foundation of the new municipal building of Snow Hill on the corner of Green and Bank Streets last Monday. The building will be constructed of brick with a concrete base and cement trimmings. It will be 34 x 40 feet, two storey, with first floor of cement. This will be used for the equipment of the Fire Department, lavatories, etc. The second floor will contain a Fireman's Hall and a room for the Mayor and Council.

September 19, 1908 – Messers O. D. Collins and C. L. Vincent attended the Monster Democratic meeting in Baltimore last Monday evening. Mr. Edward Dashiell left Monday for St. John's College, Annapolis. Edward made a fine record in his studies last year, and also attained the rank of first lieutenant of his company in the cadet corps.

October 10, 1908 – Mr. George M. Upshur and family have moved into the house on Federal Street recently vacated by Mr. William J. Scarborough (#153). Mr. Scarborough proposes spending the winter in Florida.

November 14, 1908 – Death of Miss Eliza Q. Corbin. Miss Eliza Q. Corbin, the oldest survivor of the well-known Corbin family, died Wednesday, November 4, at the home of her brother, Mr. Thomas R. Corbin, in Adkinson's District. The deceased was nearly 82 years of age and had resided in Worcester County all her life. For the past 20 years she has made her home with her brother. She was related to many families of note in Worcester County; was a grand-daughter of John C. Bacon and a niece of the late William and Sallie Quentin, who were well-known people in the county in their day, Mr. Quentin having been a member of the Maryland legislature for fourteen successive years. Miss Corbin had known many vicissitudes of fortune. In her youth, she was a large owner of real estate and held many slaves. When reverses of fortune came she was noted for the courage and patience with which she met her losses. Miss Corbin was for many years a devoted member of

the Protestant Episcopal Church, and her funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. M. Rich, Rector of All Hallows P. E. Church of Snow Hill, last Thursday afternoon. According to her request, her remains were interred between the graves of William and Sallie Quentin, her adopted parents, in the old Nassawongo burial ground. Many old friends will regret that Miss Eliza Corbin has passed away and will remember her many words and acts of kindness in the old days. The family have our sincere sympathy in their loss.

November 21, 1908 – Services at All Hallows Protestant Episcopal Church, Thanksgiving Day at 11 a.m. Groceries, vegetables and offering for the Home of the Friendless, Easton. Also, the matter of great interest among the Protestant Episcopal churches just now is the approaching week of prayer, beginning Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, and extending throughout all that week. The early part of this a year a conference of representatives of seven lay-brotherhoods in the United States was held in Chicago, and as a result of this meeting, the word has gone forth over all the world and to the remotest islands of the sea for this week of prayer.

November 28, 1908 – An Ad – All Hallows P. E. Church  
Holy Communion, 7:45 a.m., every Sunday except for  
the first of the month. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11 a.m.  
Evening Prayer and Sermon, 7:30 p.m. Fridays, 7:30 p.m.  
All Holy Days, Holy Communion, 7:45 a.m.  
Rev. Alexander M. Rich, Rector

December 12, 1908 – Do not forget the Library Party at Mr. and Mrs. George W. Covington's residence, Monday evening, December 28<sup>th</sup> (Grave site #412). Mr. George Handy Riggins and family moved this week from their farm near town to Mrs. Mary Vincent's house on Washington Street. Mr. Charles Boehm (#199) and family, who have been living there, have moved into Mr. Esham's house on Hill Street. Services at All Hallows Episcopal Church on Christmas Day at 7:45

a.m. and 11 a.m. Mr. Charles Boehm has accepted a position as clerk in the Post Office. He assumed his duties last week. Mr. Boehm is well qualified for the position.

*We will pick up next month beginning in February, 1909.*

## **MY TOP TEN REASONS FOR JOYFULLY SINGING IN THE CHURCH CHOIR**

1. Singing in my church choir gives me an opportunity to express my love for the Lord.
2. Singing in my church choir is more than a hobby or an activity. It is a calling.
3. Singing in my church choir allows for a type of expression of praise to the Lord that could not be accomplished in any other way.
4. Singing in my church choir allows me to participate in the overall ministry of leading in worship, which is a joy and a privilege.
5. Singing in my church choir has given me many opportunities to share the good news of Jesus Christ.
6. Singing in my church choir and in other Christian choirs has implanted incredibly profound messages within my heart and soul through the lyrics of the songs that I have been able to sing.
7. Singing in my church choir has allowed me to get to know so many wonderful people who love the Lord and have a heart of service.
8. Singing in my church choir allows me to participate in something that is so much bigger than myself.
9. I believe that singing praise to God is the closest thing to Heaven that I can experience on this earth.
10. I love to sing in my church choir because of the incredible songs that God has inspired men and women to write, which then become part of my own spiritual journey.

(Written by Cynthia Boyd, "Praise4ever" in <http://worshipsounds.wordpress.com>)

**Hymn of the Month, January 2015**  
**O Light of Light, Love given birth, #134**

The words to this hymn were originally written in Latin, and are here translated by Laurence Housman (1865-1959). He was born in Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, one of 7 children who included the poet A. E. Housman and writer Clemence Housman. In 1871 his mother died, and his father remarried to a cousin. After education at Bromsgrove School, he went with his sister Clemence to study art at the Lambeth School of Art and the Royal College of Art in London.

He is also noted as an illustrator of such works as George Meredith's "Jump to Glory Jane" (1892). Christina Rossetti's "Goblin Market" (1893), Jane Barlow's "The End of Elfintown" (1894) and his sister's "Were-Wolf" in an intricate Art Nouveau style. During this period, he also wrote and published several volumes of poetry and a number of hymns and carols.

O light of Light, Love given birth;  
Jesus, Redeemer of the earth;  
More bright than day your face did show,  
Your raiment whiter than the snow.

Two prophets, who had faith to see,  
with your elect found company;  
the heavens above your glory named,  
Your Father's voice his Son proclaimed.

May all who seek to praise aright  
through purer lives show forth your light.  
To you, the King of glory, now  
All faithful hearts adoring bow.

## **Appalachia Service Project Dinner**

Em'ings Chicken Dinner, **February 6, 2015**

Pick up at Bates Church, 3 to 7 p.m.

Dinner includes half Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Roll and Dessert, \$10.

This dinner is one of several fundraisers for our local ASP group as we prepare for our 2015 trip to the mountains of North Carolina.

Thank you, The Dittrich Family

## **Pancake Supper Coming Soon!**

The Pancake Supper planning is underway - with the big day on **Tuesday, February 17th**. Please let me know if you will be unable to serve in the same capacity that you did last year. If you have any questions, need help or would like to be assigned to something new, please contact Stephanie Clayville.

## **Thank you letter after the Bishop's visit in November:**

### **The Diocese of Easton**

*The Episcopal Church in Eastern Maryland*

The Rt. Rev. Henry Nutt Parsley, Jr. DD

Bishop Provisional

January 2, 2015

Dear Nanese and Members of All Hallows:

Greetings.

I write to thank you for your donation of \$250.00 to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, received on December 9, 2014. Our worship together on November 2, 2014 was joyous.

The Bishop's Discretionary Fund enables me to reach out in the name of our diocese in times of crisis or emergency and to respond to the special needs of individuals, groups and ministries for which other funds are not available. It serves as an expression of the compassion of Christ, and is entirely dependent upon the generous gifts of the people of this diocese. Your contribution will help keep this fund strong.

Thank you again for your gift, and for making our visitation a memorable event. May God bless you always and All Hallows Church.

Sincerely,

*+Henry*

The Rt. Rev. Henry Nutt Parsley, Jr.  
Bishop Provisional of the Diocese of Easton



## **Calendar for January, 2015**

(Epiphany Season)

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

**Bible Study:** 4-5 p.m. Wednesdays in the Parish Hall

**Vestry:** 5:30-6:30 p.m. January 21 (3<sup>rd</sup> Weds. Of Month)  
*New Members begin!*

**S. Convocation Meeting (for Convention):** Wednesday, January 28,  
7 p.m. at St. Peter's, Salisbury

### **Regular Snow Hill Community meetings:**

Rotary 7:30-8:30 Tuesday mornings in the Parish House  
AA Mon., Weds., Fridays 7:30 pm in the Parish House

Also on the Calendar, six more weeks of Winter?  
This field of Snow Geese say "Yes".



(photo by Arlene Thom)