

The Hallowed Word

All Hallows Episcopal Church

March/April 2015

... a strong faith ... a caring community ... an active ministry ...



“For now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land...” Song of Solomon 2: 11-12

This beautiful and hopeful scripture is certainly welcoming news for us right now. It is hard to believe that just one week ago snow covered yards, bushes, gardens, and the roads. Now the sun is shining, I can hear robins calling to one another, and the blue of the sky is a welcoming background to the bare branches and limbs of our trees. Life is slowly returning to the earth.

For the Christian, spring is the metaphor for eternal life. Now we are in the bitter days of Lent—a seemingly endless time of dark and ominous scripture readings for we know the outcome of Jesus’ life on earth. The purple colors of altar, vestments, and hangings, and the stark black-and-white Stations of the Cross remind us of the coming of Holy Week. Holy Week (March 29-April 4) has a progression when we move toward the most holy day of the year. The Church will be open during the day for quiet time.

On Palm Sunday (March 29), we reenact Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem beginning with hosannas and a parade with waving palm branches, but will end with somber dimming of light and joy. We will enter a period of reflection and prayer.

On Thursday (April 2) at 6 pm, we will gather in the Parish Hall for a simple pot-luck supper, some conversation and fellowship, but then we will light the candles, and break the bread—and celebrate the Eucharist just as Jesus did on the night of his arrest and trial. There will be singing and prayers, but we will be

focused on what is to come. Children and grandchildren are especially welcome as we experience the Eucharist just as Jesus and his disciples did—within a community seated around the table.

After the dinner we will walk in silence into the church, and as we read some psalms the Altar Guild will strip the church of all our visual and meaningful reminders of our faith—it will end looking like the tomb—empty.

The next day, Good Friday (April 3), the Church will be open all day, and the Good Friday service will be read at noon. Stations of the Cross will be available. At 7 pm, we will join others at Collins Temple at 6009 Castle Hill Road, for a special service of “The Seven Last Words.” Our rector will be one of the preachers.

Saturday (April 4) will be a day of quiet as the flowers and plants for our Easter Celebration arrive and are arranged by our Altar Guild. Those who would prefer to have some quiet for prayer and meditation are encouraged to sit in the Lych Gate (the small covered area outside the office doors).

And Sunday (April 5 at 9:30), we will celebrate Jesus’ Resurrection—with singing and joy and grateful hearts!

Please join us for as many of these opportunities for prayer and remembrances as possible. Everyone is welcome--!

Please check the calendar in this newsletter for days and times of Holy Week events.

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Pancake Supper...Another Successful Year!

Not rain, nor sleet, nor 6 inches of snow will keep All Hallows Church from holding their Pancake Supper! Even with the weather event, the Pancake Supper was held on February 17, 2015 from 4:30pm – 7:00pm in the Parish Hall as planned.



Kathe Selph and her team did a beautiful job of setting up the Parish Hall with wonderful red Valentine decorations. The day of the event, Bill Hatala and a team of parishioners were up bright and early, helping to clear off the driveway and making things safe for our guests.



Clint Bickford and Reverend Nanese Hawthorne made their way through the snow to the church and began our day with making the sausage in the absence of our normal team. They did an excellent job for their first time!

Bea Adkins and her team managed to make their way in and prepared the apples that were delicious! Bob and Kathy Fisher got the carry-out station set up for their record serving of 301 meals.

Soon after, the Pancake Team arrived, led by veterans Bill Gordy and Pat and Barbara Dittrich, with new additions this year: Melisa Weidner and Kemp Wills. The team worked tirelessly to get the pancakes out on time.

The drink and food stations were manned, and along with the waitress team, they all did an excellent job serving our guests.

The unsung hero award does go to the clean-up team. Tish Dryden and Connie West and team did a great job of cleaning up after the supper, and we are very grateful for your service.

Although we had six inches of snow, we managed to have a very successful event. We sold approximately 432 tickets.



Even with 6 inches of snow which did not keep people away, a total of 391 meals were served. Of those, 301 were take-outs and 90 were eat-in.

We are still tallying the numbers for our gross sales. At this point, we have grossed \$3,339.00, and money is still coming in! We will keep you updated on the final totals.



It is exciting to know that all of these funds raised will be used for our community outreach and given to various charities in our community.

I want to extend a personal thank you to all those who have volunteered your time and to the chairpersons of each committee who assisted me to



make this Pancake Supper another success. Your dedication and service is a true testament to the people and the hard work that we do at All Hallows Episcopal Church.

Thanks to YOU, every one of our guests left full of pancakes, apples and sausage, and best of all, smiling with their memory of our event!

Gratefully Yours,

Steph Clayville
Pancake Supper Chairperson



(Your editor would like to add a note thanking Stephanie for all the work she invested to make this success happen! There is an old joke that whenever a new person visits an Episcopal church, the next week he/she is elected to the vestry. That is probably next for Steph, but since joining us she has been so very busy completing any task she sees open. She is a welcome addition, and we are grateful for her presence and her dedication!)

Church Periodical Club [CPC] Ministry

Greetings, supporting club members! Today's report comes to you, as usual, from your friendly Chairman, Nelson Payne. It has occurred to me that new members have joined our church family. This observation led me to wonder if our new members are aware of the glass jar located on the table near the front door of the church, and if they have heard what is its purpose? For several years, each of you has generously contributed to this ministry fund. I would like to let our new members know that the funds collected go to support grants for new seminary students to purchase text books.

Judging by the amount contributed each month by our church family, many have found this a painless way to give hope to seminarians who want to serve the Episcopal Church. Some of you have found that any amount -- even including pennies put in the glass jar -- adds up and is a painless way to give support to this outreach project. Instead of that cup of coffee or donuts, use those coins to fill the glass jar. Our church family should be proud and thankful that their gift glorifies our Lord's work by being a part of this Ministry.

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied, "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

In the parish hall, you will find an assortment of various sized aluminum baking pans. These had been purchased for use at the Pancake Supper but have not been used. Please help yourself to whatever you can use and leave a donation for the ECW.

Stephanie discovered and shared this:

"Has your diet changed?" I asked an 87 year old woman as I was admitting her to the hospital. "Yes," she said. "For Lent, I gave up whipped cream on my Jell-O, hard candy and my two beers at night. And look where it's gotten me."

A Welcome Surprise Visit –



The extended Cucina family were surprised by Michael's visit from Japan. He spent two weeks in Snow Hill's bad weather but did manage to visit with a few friends. Even had his photographer friend take a few pictures at Public Landing. Michael returned to Japan to finish his military assignment. His whole family enjoyed the surprise but will miss him. We continue to keep our military and their families in our prayers.

Getting to Know Our Members....Patricia Strott

Patricia Strott likes to be called "Patricia" or "Trisha." She came to All Hallows after moving to Snow Hill a year ago. Pat is a retired Social Worker and Educator, who has performed many different roles in many communities – but always focused on helping people. So now volunteering in many roles comes naturally to her.

Wherever she sees need, she is busy helping others. She is also an artist. She paints with a group called "The Attic Artists."

The Artist's perspective led her to notice and comment on the beauty of our church. And we are very pleased to have this beautiful lady in our fellowship!

Healing a Hurting World

Submitted by Stephanie Clayville

It seems that every day, we are hearing about or are affected by poverty or natural disasters all over the world. In fact, we were even impacted when Hurricane Sandy hit our shores several years back. People's lives and communities are lost in seconds, and in some cases illness and poverty become cycles of life. What will you do when the next disaster strikes our area? Who will you turn to in your time of need?

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) Fund. This 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

During Lent, All Hallows is recognizing the services of ERD and the importance of this Fund. We are providing a Lenten devotional and prayer card, which you can find in the back of the church. The prayer card was used as the Collect of the Day on February 15. On February 22, a yearly devotional, ERD pin and an envelope were distributed. We will be taking up a collection for ERD on behalf of All Hallows.

We ask that you please review the materials that were provided so you can learn more about the importance of ERD and perhaps consider giving to this important mission. If you are interested in learning more about the fund, please log onto www.episcopalrelief.org. Offering envelopes for ERD are also available in the back of the church.

You never know...one day our community may need the help, and Episcopal Relief and Development will be there for us.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galations 6:2

Calendar for March 2015 and Holy Week, April 2015

Sunday Services:

8:30: Choir Practice

9:30: Church with Sunday School; Coffee hour to follow

March 15: **Service from Church of Ireland Book of Common Prayer**

March 22: Regular Service with Sunday school

March 29: Palm Sunday; service begins in Parish Hall

Lenten Services and Program

Tuesdays in Lent: 6:00 Supper with Lenten program

17: Quartet

24: A Christmas Carol (original black and white, 1938, with Reginald Owen)

Holy Week (no parish business conducted during Holy Week)

Church open all week for prayer and Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday Dinner at 6 with Eucharist in Parish Hall; Stripping of Altar to follow in church.

Good Friday, April 3: Stations of the Cross at noon; church open all day

Snow Hill Ecumenical Service at 7 pm at Collins Temple; 6009 Castle Hill Road

Easter, April 5: Festive Eucharist; 9:30 (no Sunday school)

Monday, April 13, ECW meeting at 7:00 pm. Bring desserts to share.

Hearty thanks to Katherine Gordon for her creative support and pursuit of news to share; to Tish Dryden for “Jokes you can tell in church;” to Kemp Wills for his great job preparing us for publication; and to each one of you for your continuing support of our fellowship. It is a joy to know each one of you!