

# *The Hallowed Word*

All Hallows Episcopal Church

May 2015

## *Is it Spring yet?...*

I've heard these words spoken half-heartedly a lot recently; sometimes spoken in jest, but mostly offered in irritation of rain, cold, late frosts—many voices, all disappointed. Where is the sun? Why didn't my daffodils all bloom? When can I safely plant my lilies or tulips from Easter?

We live in a world accustomed to a lot of “fixes” and/or “controls.” Our doctors usually have a medicine for what ails us. Our mechanic usually knows what's wrong with the car and how it can be repaired. Educators struggle to overcome issues of curriculum because, let's face it, they know their students' needs better than anyone else—and how to help them learn. There are so many ways that we can expect the latest from professionals and friends.

Yet it is such a “controlling” world now; we often feel “I/we are in control and we need to fix it my way.” Sometimes being in control is helpful—we assist our doctors and others by following their advice to the letter. However, sometimes the “control” issue hits a wall. When we live by our own rules and practices without accepting others' rules and customs we might call that “anarchy.” When we want to rule all that we survey, control without conversation or reason, we lose sight of the bigger world in which God intended us to live. We lose our love of one another, we lose our respect for our Brothers and Sisters, and we lose respect for ourselves. Living by continual judgment of one another is a sticky and hurtful place to be.

The Episcopal Church has done much to keep our doors open to all; we are proud to be loving toward one another as Christ loves us, loving, caring, respecting one another without “rules.” It is “freeing” to be able to welcome others without worrying about what or how their lifestyle differs from our own. We actually are free to live without imposing a judgment on one another. “Let God worry about it,” we might feel like saying.



During the Service of Holy Baptism, the congregation has a very important task—to affirm our own belief by pledging to live out our Christian faith within our community of believers.

In The Baptismal Covenant (BCP, 304-305) the Nicene Creed is broken into manageable parts, and we reaffirm our faith question by question. Then we answer 5 important questions that call us—remind us—about our personal lives: 1) “Will we continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? 2) Will we persevere in resisting evil, and whenever we fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? 3) Will we proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? 4) Will we seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves?” 5) And the very honest question: “Will you strive for Justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?”

These questions are always affirmed by: “I will, with God’s help.”

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of May we will be baptizing 9 month old Easton Elizabeth Mills, daughter of Elizabeth Sally Simpson Mills and Brandon Scott Mills, granddaughter of Janet and the late Earl Simpson, and great-granddaughter of Jeanne and the late Melvin Townsend. Although the 3 Mills live in Kentucky and attend church there, it felt “right” to baptize here what is at least the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of this All Hallows family. This is their “home” and they look forward to having Easton baptized among those who have always nurtured and rooted their family in their faith.

I hope that all who are able will join us in this occasion as we speak words of God’s wondrous Love and acceptance for us all—just as we are. I look forward (as I always do) to this baptism of a little child who can lead us into a world of joy, acceptance, and sincere love of all.

Peace be with you,  
*Nanese+*

**Thank you to Harry Deitch  
(whose camera is always  
ready) for the delightful  
pictures throughout this  
newsletter of all of us on  
Easter day!**



## **Something New and Different!**

Bishop-Provisional Henry Parsley will be making his annual visit to All Hallows on Sunday, October 25, offering Baptisms, Confirmations, and Receptions. We have exciting plans to do something new, active, and of course, educational to prepare for the Bishop's visit.

We will be offering a once-a-month "One Room School House" for those preparing for baptism, confirmation, or reception. We will meet after church, eat lunch together, and then launch into a variety of programs to prepare us for the bishop's visit.

Please let me know if you would like to join us either to be prepared for a sacrament, or if you would like to refresh your knowledge of our faith. We have great activities to do interesting, fun things, as well as some "age-appropriate" discussions. Since we already have 5 individuals signed up, we hope to begin in late May or June. Watch our Sunday bulletins for the dates so you can get this on your calendar!

All are welcome, but please let me know soon because I will need to order materials.

*Nanese+*

## **Getting to Know Our Members...Connie West**

Connie West's mother-in-law (Betty West) introduced her to All Hallows in 1993. She became an active parishioner in various areas of volunteering for All Hallows.

Connie's volunteer duties started with her overseeing All Hallows Church School. Being a teacher, she loved being involved with the children in our church and watching them grow. Connie currently serves as the ECW secretary. She states that she feels honored to help the ladies of our church implement the loving gestures they develop for our church and community. She also serves on the Altar Guild. It makes her very proud to get our church ready (and clean) for our services. Connie also volunteers to read and LEM as needed. Both of these positions are very important to her. She believes that she is truly serving our Lord as well as our All Hallows family.

Connie had a willing desire to serve in our church. She states that All Hallows service is provided by more than just one lector. It takes many people bringing their personal talents forth to provide our parish family with a loving and fulfilling service each and every Sunday. Even doing coffee hour shows our family kindness and that we are interested in their well being.



Connie's experiences volunteering have brought her great personal satisfaction. She is honored to be a part of the church family and has been very grateful for the prayers they have provided her personal family over the years. She likes to think that her experiences volunteering will help to show people her dedication and willingness to help them when they need it. When she reads the lesson to our parish, Connie feels empowered to bring a sense of fulfillment or satisfaction to their church experience.

As much as Connie loves being a part of a family, both All Hallows and the West Family, she is very content to be by herself. She finds reflection important in both her personal and professional life. She likes to take time to think, pray, and remember what is truly important to her. Connie likes to think she can talk to God at All Hallows, in her classroom or in the backyard, wherever she may choose to be.



### **Friends are always welcome!**

Dorothy Garrett writes: Well, my one to two year journey to downsizing finally finds me relocated as of April 16, 2015, to **Middletown, DE**. Four Seasons at Silver Maple is a 55+ community that is about 30 minutes north of Dover. It is four miles from where Kari and her family live. My desire was to move only one time (before my inevitable return to All Hallows Cemetery in Snow Hill) and (as a result of life's lessons) to live close to one of my children as I age. If either of my children should ever relocate, it will most likely be Brian.

My mom will remain a resident of Harbor Pointe Assisted Living in Salisbury, MD and I will travel back and forth to see her. This will also allow me the opportunity to stay in touch with friends in the Snow Hill and Pocomoke area and spend time with Brian, Christina and the girls.

While I am certainly not “settled,” I am enjoying the new house and basically one floor living. (There is a basement.) This is a move that has shown me once again that Turp and I must have done something right as parents. My children and their families have been there for me through the entire process. And those grandchildren are good workers.

And, as always, friends are always welcome at the Garrett house. Hope you will stop in. *Dorothy*

### **Food Pantry Update**

The Food Pantry fed 266 families from January through March 2015. In April we served 96 families. The items needed in May are canned fruit and spaghetti noodles. More than 81 items have been donated by All Hallows in April. Thank you! Please continue to drop your items in the basket in the church hall. There is also a can for monetary donations in the back of the church.

The food pantry will be open for food distribution on May 8 from 8:00am – noon. We are in need of volunteers on May 7 from 1:30pm – 5:00pm to fill boxes and sort food.

We are beginning our capital campaign to raise monies for the rehabilitation of the house. The total we are trying to raise is \$30,000. If you would like to make a monetary donation or know of organizations that would be interested in donating, please contact Stephanie Clayville or email [snowhillfood@gmail.com](mailto:snowhillfood@gmail.com). More information on the house can be found on the web at [snowhillfood.org](http://snowhillfood.org).

**Dear God**



Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother. Larry



**Thoughts:**

I always knew that deep down in every human heart, there is mercy and generosity. No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.

*Nelson Mandela*

**After recommendation by the Finance Committee,** Judi Menavich has become All Hallows' new treasurer. Thank you, Judi, for agreeing to serve us. Also, many many thanks to Ed Haile, who has served us well for many years!

**Looking out for us old folks,** Katherine Gordon donated two large print editions of the Book of Common Prayer. Rev. Nanese blessed them at the Easter service, and they can be used by anyone in the congregation. They can be found at the back of the church, or ask a greeter.

**Please note that the church secretary Ginny Lane has assumed the duties of posting the announcements in the church Sunday leaflet.** Let her know when there are any changes in the schedule for refreshments, for flower memorials, candle list, or for any announcement to be included. The leaflet is done a week ahead.

**We continue to support OPERATION WE CARE,** which is coordinated by Jeff Merritt (Barbara's son). In May they will be sending over 600 boxes to service men and women from this area, who are overseas. They also send smaller shipments almost every month. If you know of a service person from this area who should be included, give the address to Bonnie to pass on. We suggest that

when you go shopping, always include an article for We Care. The basket to receive your gifts remains in the Parish Hall, and there is a list there of needed items.

**New sign-up sheets for flower and candle memorials are located at the back of the church.**

**We are saddened to hear of the death of *Phyllis E. Truitt*** in Seminole, Florida, on March 31, 2015. A longtime member of All Hallows, Phyllis was the wife of William Bond Truitt, who is buried in All Hallows Cemetery. They raised their children in Snow Hill on Federal Street until leaving the area. Her funeral was held in her parish in Seminole; a tentative date for the burial is set for the early morning of May 16, but we will let the congregation know as the plans for this service are still tentative at the family's wishes.

Rest eternal grant her, O Lord;

*And let light perpetual shine upon her.*

May her soul, and the souls of all the departed,

Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

### **Musings by Jim**

June 19, 1909 – Parents should not allow their children to beg the public for money to buy base balls or to help them defray the expenses of their sport. It is the duty of the parents to either give the children the proportionate part of the money or to lay out certain work for them to do that they may earn enough money for their wants. It is wrong to allow them to get into the habit of begging and to grow reliant upon the assistance of their elders. The writer lived in a town when he was a little kid where all the boys, rich or poor, worked for their spending money. At this time of the year every mother's son of us from ten to eighteen or twenty years of age was picking strawberries or peas, or working in the family garden a part of the day to get money to meet our necessities. That town has produced many self-reliant business men who have accumulated much worldly goods and at the same time have enjoyed life. They were taught early that they had to earn what they received, and they enjoyed it more for having earned it. Parents, give your boys and girls a chance, also lay down the law that they must not beg. It is harmful to the early formation of character and is a nuisance.

Mrs. Stephen G. Mason died at her home in this town last Sunday night, after a brief illness, in the 19<sup>th</sup> year of her age. Before her marriage, only a few weeks ago, she was Miss Mary E. Straughn, eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William D. Straughn. One year ago, she graduated at the Snow Hill High School with every prospect of a long and useful life. Being only a small child when her parents moved to Snow Hill, she was known to all and her death



occurring at such an early age and so soon after her marriage excites the warmest sympathy and compassion in all hearts for those so sadly bereaved. All that skilled hands or loving hearts could do was done, yet the grim reaper would not stay his hand, and when she said that she had to go she left a message for all her friends asking them to meet her where there will be neither pain nor sorrow and where tears will be wiped away. A bride in the springtime of youth and happiness, she was the sunlight of two homes and now though gone from sight, she still “Allures to brighter worlds and points the way.” Mrs. Mason is survived by her husband, Mr. Stephen G. Mason, her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Straughn, two sisters, Misses Margaret and Bessie Straughn; one brother, Master David Straughn, and by a large number of relatives, including her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David Straughn of Elizabeth City, N.C. and Mrs. Mary Rowley of Girdletree, MD.

The funeral held Wednesday afternoon was conducted by the Rev. A. M. Rich of All Hallows’ P.E. Church, assisted by Rev. C. W. Prettyman of the M. E. Church and Rev. Warren Burr, of North East, Md. Rev. Mr. Burr was the minister who married Dr. and Mrs. Straughn and came all the way to Snow Hill to assist in the services which were one of the most largely attended ever seen in this town. There was a profusion of flowers, each person trying to show by this last act of kindness with what esteem she was held and the love which everybody had for her. Her classmates acted as flower bearers. The honorary pall bearers were Drs. Paul Jones, John S. Aydelotte, John L. Piley, Messers. J. Arthur Price, James B. Robins., W. D. Corddry, Zadok Powell, and Wm. C. Powell. The active pall bearers were Messers. Wm. T. Duffy, Herman Hancock, Chas. R. Higgins, Frank Peters, George Vincent and Charles Corddry.

June 26, 1909 – Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Irwin returned home from Philadelphia Last Saturday where Mr. Irwin has been under treatment for his heart. He is much improved and his many friends are glad to see him home.

July 3, 1909 – Mr. A. D. Irwin and family left last Monday for Ocean City where Mr. Irwin has rented Mr. William Taylor's cottage for the season.

Mrs. Lavinia Marshall, widow of the late Dr. Edward Marshall, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Erastus S. Dashiell, in this town, Wednesday night of heart disease. Mrs. Marshall had been in poor health for a number of years. She was 77 years of age and leaves to mourn her death four children: Mrs. Erastus Dashiell, Mrs. Oliver D. Collins, Mrs. Margaret M. Wilson, all of Snow Hill, and Dr. Sylvester K. Marshall, of Kent County, MD.

Mrs. Marshall was a Miss Sheppard, of near Pittsville, Wicomico County. She was a member of All Hallows' Protestant Episcopal Church, Snow Hill, and was a lady of sterling character, thoughtful and considerate of others, whose quiet acts of kindness during a long and consistent Christian life caused her to be beloved by many outside her own family circle.

Funeral services will be held this (Friday) evening at 5 o'clock at All Hallows Church. Interment in the churchyard.

July 17, 1909 – Mr. Harold Boehm, of New York City, is spending the week here with his mother, Mrs. L. E. Boehm.

July 31, 1909 – Mr. George M. Upshur, Miss Emily Upshur and Miss Lulie Covington have gone to

Kennybunkport, Maine, for a stay of several weeks. Prof. and Mrs. Harry F. Covington are also there. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Upshur have returned home from a visit to friends in Talbot County. Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Collins and son are spending a week at the Atlantic Hotel, Ocean City. Mr. George S. Payne and daughters Misses Winifred and Nellie, leave today for a week's stay at the Atlantic Hotel, Ocean City. From there they will go to Atlantic City for a month. They will be accompanied by Miss Pearl Thornton.



August 14, 1909 – It is rumored that Rev. A. M. Rich has received and is considering a call to Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. James R. Purnell are entertaining their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Robins Purnell.

August 27, 1909 – Mr. Charles L. Boehm, who has been a patient at the State Sanitorium for several months, returned home last Wednesday greatly improved in health.



September 3, 1909 – Mr. Charles Boehm has resumed his duties as assistant postmaster, after an absence of several months. Mr. George M. Upshur returned home last Saturday after an extended visit to Kennybunkport, Maine.

We will conclude with the remainder of 1909 in the next issue of “The Hallowed Word.” Jim

**Arlene shares this e-mail regarding her grandson, who will turn 15 this week:**

Congratulations to Nicholas Thom who this evening successfully completed his Eagle Scoutmaster conference.

Nicholas impressed us with his maturity and his application of scouting values to his everyday life. As patrol leader and in other positions of responsibility, Nicholas has learned much about leadership and about the desirability of being a calm and confident leader. In his three summers at Oljato and on numerous trips, he has acquired outdoor skills that he expects will serve him through his life.

For his Eagle project, Nicholas designed and supervised the construction of two vegetable planter boxes at Bing Nursery School. During the course of the project, Nicholas learned lessons about negotiating and developing a project, overcoming obstacles, and leading and motivating others.

For the future, Nicholas plans to remain active with the troop, would like to earn a Bronze Palm, and hopes to take in several high-adventure camps including Philmont. In the very near future, Nicholas will join several other scouts over spring break for a backpacking trip in the Grand Canyon.

It was a pleasure to meet with Nicholas this evening and see first hand his zeal for Scouts and how he has grown in Scouts. Please join Mr. Wytmar and me in congratulating Nicholas on becoming an Eagle Scout.

Steve Turnbull, ASM

**The Spring Ingathering for the United Thank Offering will take place at All Hallows on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.** Through this program, developed by and administered by women since 1889, offerings collected are sent to the UTO national office, which is entrusted to promote, receive and distribute the United Thank Offering monies through grants.

The mission of the UTO is to expand the circle of thankful people through daily prayers, offerings and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings. Many choose to take a "Blue Box"



(available at all times

in the back of the church) and make a thoughtful daily offering. Others participate by placing an offering in the plate during the UTO collection on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Others may choose to mail a check, payable to UTO, to Judi Menavich, the treasurer of the Episcopal Church Women of All Hallows, at 104 N. Church Street, Snow Hill, MD 21863. For more information visit [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org) or google United Thank Offering.

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Right now, we are working with the Anglican Diocese of Bo in Sierra Leone and the Episcopal Church of Liberia, distributing disinfectants, face masks, gloves and gowns to under-resourced hospitals in affected communities, as well as delivering sanitation supplies to private homes. We're also providing food and

cooking supplies to quarantined communities, helping uninfected individuals remain strong and healthy.

What's most important is that—as always—Episcopal Relief & Development will be there after the epidemic has subsided and after global attention has waned, working with our partners to rebuild communities devastated by the diseases and to help survivors not only get back on their feet but gain new opportunities for a better life. We will be there for the long haul.

In addition, while the Ebola outbreak has diverted public attention away from the number one killer in Africa—malaria—our *NetsforLife*® initiative continues as strong as ever, having reached more than 32 million people, saved the lives of more than 100,000 children under age five and reduced malaria by up to 45 percent in the communities where it has been implemented.

We are always expanding our development efforts to other critical areas of need. For us, it's not enough to save lives from malaria. We also want to help people lift themselves out of poverty. Gain access to clean water and sanitation. Never lack for good food and nutrition. Get a good education for their children. Strengthen their communities. Create new opportunities for their futures. To do all this, to fulfill our bold mission, we need your continued support. Thank you!

Yours faithfully,

Robert W. Radtke, President ER&D

Note: Offering envelopes for ER&D are always available in the back of the church.



**Dear God,** I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it. *Nan*

### **Memorial Day**

Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it.

### **May's Calendar**

#### Sunday Services:

8:30 – 9:00 am: Choir practice in the Church

9:30: First Sunday in the month Rite 1

May 10: Morning Prayer

Following Sundays Rite 2

9:30: Sunday School in the Parish Hall; Children will be present for Holy Eucharist.

Baptism: A baptism will be celebrated in the church during the Sunday service on May 31.

Memorial Day Service will follow the morning eucharist.

Bible Study: Every Wednesday 4-5 pm in the Parish Hall. Please let the Parish Secretary know by Tuesday morning if you will attend so we will prepare enough study guides.

Pre-Convention Meeting: (For delegates and alternates) Sunday, May 17, 4:00 at Christ Church, St. Michaels.

UTO Offering: will be collected on Sunday, May 17, during the service.

Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 7-9 pm. **This is a change, so please mark your calendars.**

**Thank you** to Katherine Gordon, our roving reporter; to Harry Deitch, our parish photographer; to Jim Bosworth for gleaning news of our parish and community from old newspaper files; to Kemp Wills, for his usual terrific job of publishing our paper; to Rev. Nanese for loving and leading us; and to all of You for being the caring members of our All Hallows family. (The children's prayers had been shared by Ruth Bowie, who continues to watch over and love us.)