

# *The Hallowed Word*

## All Hallows Episcopal Church

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### **“There’s a hurricane a comin’!”**

That was a line from my favorite episode of *The Golden Girls* back in the 80’s. I can still see “Sophia,” the oldest (and shortest) member of the quartet of women living together in Miami Beach. She is standing at the kitchen window, jumping up and down, to watch trees and bushes bowing and bending in the pre-hurricane winds.



I’ve always used this scene as an icon for the panic and disorganization which happen when we are threatened by unexpected disasters. It is a sign from our ancient ancestors, an instinctive response to danger. It sets the heart to beat faster, our minds to recall ways to survive, and an instinct to fear for those in our family who may be in the path of whatever danger is approaching.

We know what we need to do: 1) move out of the way if we are in the danger zone, 2) store up water and food, 3) make sure we have batteries for our radio (does anyone still have a radio?), and 4) as someone just texted me, hope that schools will be closed for at least one day!

Certainly prayers are said as disasters threaten us; this is a great reminder of our instinctive need for security from a “Higher Power.”

However, for those of us who do worship together as a community, and also pray on our own, we generally are ready to deal with the unexpected. We pray for those on our prayer list, we pray for those we know may be in danger, we give thanks for God’s endless love, and we realize the power of prayer! We know we don’t always get what we want, but we have the faith and trust to do what needs to be done, not try to be God, but keep God in our hearts and prayers as we make

decisions and try to help others.

I do realize that by the time you read this, Joaquin may have passed, but this issue of prayer has not. Christians still carry in their hearts the past hurts and pains, which are a reality. We all have times when we would prefer to stay indoors and avoid the risks of daily living ... of failures, criticisms, exhaustions—many things we would like to forget, or at least from which to recover.

Yet, like Sophia, we want to jump up and see what is a comin'! We know we can sit and calm ourselves by quiet prayer, but we do live in a world of instant news (whether real or not), and we often do need to just quiet our hurts and fears.

Remember to take a few minutes every day to sit in quiet and pray for others as well as yourselves. You will be a blessing for all!

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### **Operation We Care Sunday October 11**

We ask that you bring a donation for Operation We Care which will be sending over 600 individual boxes to service personnel from our area who are presently serving out of the country. A wish list is posted in the basket in the parish hall. If you know a service member from this area, give the name and address to Bonnie who will deliver it to Jeff Merrit, who coordinates the program.

### **Episcopal Church Women met September 14.**

ECW is an arm for ministry of our church. The women are organized to care for needs within the church and also for needs in the community. Money is gathered from the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (largest item), gifts to the Bakeless Bake Sale, and sales from the Bazaar Corner.

Budgeted items for service to our community are the After Prom Committee, Baptismal Crosses and Prayer Books given to baptismal candidates, Bishop's Guild, Camp Agape, Cards and Stamp Ministry conducted by Nancy Blank, Children's Home Foundation, Episcopal Relief and Development, annual Parties at Harrison House Nursing Home and the Senior Center, National Cathedral, our Rector's Discretionary Fund, Samaritan Shelter, Santa House, Snow Hill Christian Nursery School, Vacation Bible School, and Worcester County G.O.L.D.

Someone is needed to help the chairperson of the Pancake Supper, perhaps

receiving the training to assume the position in the future. Any man or woman may participate in this ministry, which is the biggest fundraiser for the ECW.

The Church Flag flying outside is faded, and a new one will be purchased. Bea Adkins has sewn pillows, aprons, purses and toys for the Mini Bazaar. She is open to any suggestions for an item which you would like to purchase.

The Altar Guild is always looking for new help. This is not a gender specific role. (Those who have been around All Hallows for a while may remember that Bill Kerbin was a loyal member of the Altar Guild.)

Appreciation was expressed to Jane Bradford for purchasing new table cloths for the Parish Hall.

Donations to Episcopal Relief and Development are always appropriate, and a special offering will be taken in December.

Betty West has been coordinating special receptions for some time (funerals, special occasions, etc.) and she asks that someone else assume this responsibility in January.

The next meeting of the ECW will be January 11, 2016.

### **Food Pantry Wish List**

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Spaghetti Sauce (canned or jars)
- Spaghetti
- Canned Chicken, Tuna, Hams
- Canned Vegetables (green beans, corn, peas, carrots, greens)
- Medium sized boxes of cereal
- Bags of beans or rice
- Gift cards for Office Supplies (Staples, Sam's Club)
- Monetary Donations are always needed. Please send check to
- Snow Hill Ecumenical Food Pantry, P.O. Box 165, Snow Hill, MD 21863

### **Episcopal Church Women's Prayer**

Almighty God we pray that you will bless our work in missions and ministry in the world. Make us so thankful for the power of your love, given through your son Jesus, that we may pray, labor and give liberally to make known that love throughout the world. Bless us that our lives may shine forth the joy and wonder we share in your name. Amen.

**As you open your pocketbooks for the next open hand, please keep these facts in mind:**

In 2012 the American Red Cross President and CEO Marsha Evans' salary for the year was \$951,957 plus expenses.

The United Way President Brian Gallagher receives a \$675,000 base along with numerous expense benefits.

UNICEF CEO Caryl Stern receives \$1,900,000 per year plus all expenses including a Rolls Royce. Less than 5 cents (4.4 cents) per donated dollar goes to the cause.

HOWEVER, The Salvation Army's Commissioner Todd Bassett receives a salary of only \$13,000 per year for managing this \$2 billion dollar organization. 96% of donated dollars go to the cause.

The American Legion National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donation goes to help veterans and their families and youth.

The Disabled American Veterans National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help disabled veterans and their families.

The Military Order of Purple Hearts National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donation goes to help Veterans and their families and youth.

The Vietnam Veterans Association National Commander receives a \$0.00 salary. Your donation goes to help veterans and their families and youth.

(This information had been passed on from a friend. I then went online to check Better Business Bureau's report on Episcopal Relief and Development. In 2013 donations received were \$20,031,183. The President Robert W. Radtke received a salary of \$285,685. All benefits are included in this total. The National Church provides support to ER&D, and there is income from their endowment investments so that at least 90% of every donor dollar goes directly to programs administered in our name.)

### **Church Periodical Club**

**Chairman, Nelson Payne; Assistant, Katherine Gordon**

Again we express our thanks for your generous support of the C.P.C. Ministry here at All Hallows. This ministry continues to provide monetary grants to Episcopal seminaries to help with the purchase of text books. Their focus is on learning how to serve the people of God both near and far by spreading the Good News. I am

sure they appreciate these grants. All Hallows participates in this Ministry by placing a glass jar on the table located on the right side of the church entrance. Using a glass jar was the idea of one of All Hallows' officials.

The C.P.C. glass jar collects loose change, pennies, silver, dollar bills and checks. All Hallows' donation is combined with other Episcopal churches' donations to provide cash grants. We invite all of you to be part of this Ministry.

The history of C.P.C. began with Mary Ann Drake Fargo, who was married to a member of Wells Fargo Express Company. She along with some friends raised funds to send bundles of books and periodicals to missionaries and pioneers by way of the stage coach.

The Episcopal Church wanted to be part of this effort. So they set up an on-going national project of their own. They continue to provide seminarians with cash grants from all donations collected from participating Episcopal churches. No donation is too small. The widow gave God all she had, two pennies; should we do less?

(Note: Our chairman Nelson Payne assumed this role after the death of his wife Doris. Nelson remains in Hartley Hall and is unlikely to return home. Would you consider taking on this task which involves counting and banking the money and passing on the information to our treasurer, Judi Menavich? Again, this task is not gender specific.)

**If you always assume the man sitting next to you is the Messiah** waiting for some simple human kindness –

You will soon come to weigh your words and watch your hands.

And if the Messiah so chooses not to reveal himself in your time –

It will not matter. (Poem by Rabbi Danny Siegel)

**The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of** how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the

announcement about the finances.” During the service, the minister paused and said, “Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up.” At that moment, the substitute organist played “The Star Spangled Banner.” And that is how the substitute became the regular organist! (This is a jewel that had been shared by Ruth Bowie.)

### **Note from a proud Grandma (Bonnie)**

Jessica Cheuvront is now serving in the Peace Corps in Togo (Western Africa). She is now in her village where she will spend the next two years. Her teaching starts at the end of September. In the meantime she is getting acquainted with the village and meeting people and their kids. One day she worked in a rice paddy, helping to harvest the crop. Not something her mother thought she would ever do. She anticipates a class of 50 to 60 students; so much for small class sizes. She is already thinking of dividing the class into smaller groups, probably by age.

Fun fact: Her village is about 200 miles from the capital of Lome. When the Peace Corps transported her and her belongings from Lome, it took 10 hours. That’s right 10 hours!

**Mea Culpa!** Jim Bosworth prepared his column for last month’s paper, and I missed it. Then I filed it safely (I thought) and now cannot find it. It is not fair to Jim, who did all that work, nor to you who are missing a taste of the history of our church and community. Sorry. The article below has some history for you.

### **Graveyard Profiles, a.k.a. “Permanent Residents” – Kemp Wills**

While at the Parish Hall recently, a woman came to the door and asked to find a certain person in the graveyard. Actually, this is a fairly common request if you are at the church on any given day. She and her husband were on a mission from Atlanta to take a picture of the final resting place of a **Mr. George A. Grant (1891–1964)**. A book was being published about his life, and they wanted to include a photograph of his tombstone. The book is *Landscapes for the People: George Alexander Grant, First Chief Photographer of the National Park Service*

by University of Georgia Press (Athens) and was published on Amazon on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 (don't be old-fashioned and wonder how they can take pictures to include in a book that has already been published – this is the 21<sup>st</sup> century!).

Thanks to the very well organized cemetery directory by Jeanne Townsend and others, I was able to quickly look up Mr. Grant alphabetically and find that he and 2 relatives are buried along Church Street, next to the Simpson stone.

I directed the visitors and their cameras to that area where they proceeded to tell me about Mr. Grant, and how he was the first official photographer for the National Park Service. Wikipedia and the NPS website give more about him, and his 40,000 photographs of iconic America. They remind me of Ansel Adams' photographs. The NPS has named him an "Eminent Photographer". Right here in Snow Hill. Also interesting is that he was a Master Craftsman at the Roycroft Community in East Aurora, NY – no small feat. George Grant seems to have been a very talented person. If anyone has any information about his family connection and how he came to be buried here at All Hallows, I would be interested to know and pass it on to Jim for future publication.

[http://www.nps.gov/hfc/cfm/eminent.cfm?Photo\\_code=grant](http://www.nps.gov/hfc/cfm/eminent.cfm?Photo_code=grant)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George\\_A.\\_Grant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_A._Grant)

<http://www.amazon.com/Landscapes-People-Alexander-Photographer-Publication/dp/0820348414>

### **Calendar, October 2015**

Sunday, 4: 9:30, 19 Pentecost: Rite 1 followed by prayers for Healing

Monday, 5: 6:30, Finance Committee meets in Parish Hall

Sunday, 11: 9:30, 20 Pentecost: Rite 2; Sacramental Formation begins at noon

We need your voice!!! Choir practice begins this Sunday at 8:30 and will continue each week.

Sunday, 18: 9:30, 21 Pentecost: Rite 2

Monday, 19: 7 pm, Vestry meets in Parish Hall

Sunday, 25: All Saints Day (transferred): 9:30, Bishop Henry Parsley to celebrate, baptize, confirm, and receive. Reception to follow.

### **Special Announcement**

At noon on Sunday, November 1, The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry will be installed as the 27<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

Everyone is invited to stay and watch the installation of the new Presiding Bishop on our own TV screen in the Parish House (via Internet streaming). Please plan to watch with us. Bring your own lunch and drink or snack if you would like...or more to share, as we do not expect our Coffee Hour Hosts to provide for this extended coffee hour! Invite your friends/family to see the beauty of this grand liturgy; it will be a great experience. You can plan on staying for all, or part, of this service; it only happens once every 10 years.