

The Hallowed Word

All Hallows Episcopal Church

December 2016

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

The story of Christ's birth found in the Gospel of Luke speaks of ...

a journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem that had to be made in order to be registered in a census. We know that Mary was expecting a child-- a baby--soon, so the journey must have been a dangerous one on many levels. The trip would have been a journey, supplies prepared and also packed, as well as what Mary felt would be needed because chances were that she would not be back in Nazareth surrounded by friends and family before the birth would take place. She and Joseph would not have the comfort and care they normally would when in their own bed, in their own home and in their own village.

Journeys can be difficult-- seemingly almost impossible at times. Education is a vital journey, as is a career, a commute to and from work...marriage and/or the birth of a baby. There are so many events that we can name "journey."

Just as we identify and acknowledge the journey of physical, emotional, and mental growth, we also feel the need for spiritual growth. This may include times when one either goes on a spiritual journey to see how their spiritual life goes, so, also, there is a journey away from thoughts of God, faith and a spiritual journey of exploration. Acknowledging the needs of both--to explore--is natural.

As we mature, we, too, need to be aware of the growth and maturity of our faith. The faith and fun of this season reminds us of how many ways we can love God and others. This season is often filled with various ways to praise and worship God, but it can also be a time of pain

and sorrow for the past. It can be a time to celebrate--but it also is a time to look ahead. We no longer live in our past--how do we live our love of God and one another in our future?

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The Church Periodical Club (CPC) donation amount of \$13.14 was collected in November 2016. Keep those pennies coming. Thank you to all who remembered the glass jar.

Ho, Ho, Ho...It's that time of year that the ECW sponsors the Christmas party at the Worcester Adult Medical Daycare on Church Street, near the Fire Station. Volunteers are needed to serve refreshments and to sing carols led by Ron Geesey. In the past Hazel Geesey had done an outstanding job as chairman, and it's in her memory that the ECW wants to continue with this tradition. Save this date **December 14, 2016**; arrive around noon at the Center. Contact Katherine Gordon if you can participate with this project. If there is a Santa available on that date, your help would be very much appreciated. (Proverbs 17:22 A joyful heart is good medicine...)

Advent Bible Study Wednesday evenings

Led by the well-known author Kathleen Norris, this 5-week study will present unique points of view on "what matters most." The program focuses our conversation on: What is the core message of what we believe? How is the Bible's story reflected in our own daily lives? The format is DVD with opportunity for us to give our own points-of-view. As usual, we will begin at 6 with a pot luck supper, and the program will begin at 6:30. You will receive her book *Embracing a Life of Meaning* at no cost. See Nanese with questions.

The Eastern Shore Madrigal Singers sang an incredible Christmas concert on Sunday, December 4. The music was beautiful, and they obviously had worked very hard preparing to serenade us. Several made comments about All Hallows' terrific



acoustics. They will be coming back; I hope you will not miss the next one. (Thanks to Ann Gibb for the picture.)

The Archbishop of Canterbury invites the world to get more out of the Bible at the start of the Christian year. Getting More Out of the Bible with Justin Welby began November 27, free. You can access it at: <https://www.churchnext.tv/library/how-to-read-the-bible-better/42171/about/> He invites us “Come to read the Bible believing ‘this is going to change me.’” Sessions are 5-7 minutes in length.

ECW Annual Report: November 13, 2016. The ECW donates monies yearly or quarterly to support the following: Snow Hill High School After Prom, Baptismal Crosses/Prayer Books, The Bishop's Guild, Camp Agape, Cards and Stamps for parishioners, the Children's Home Foundation, the Diocesan ECW, the local Ecumenical Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Harrison House and MAC Center Parties, memorials, National Cathedral, receptions, Rector's Discretionary Fund, Samaritan Shelter, Snow Hill Nursery School, Vacation Bible School and Worcester County G.O.L.D.

The ECW furnished between 6-8 meals for 4-6 different families through FISH. Nancy Blank sent about 150 cards to parishioners who were ill or had birthdays or anniversaries. The ECW donates food to the Food Pantry and volunteers from the church work at the Food Pantry each month. The ECW also sponsors the Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday. The ECW donated monies and items to the We Care Military Basket.

The ECW raises money from its Pancake Supper, Bakeless Bake Sale and the Mini Bazaar in the Parish House.

Flower and Candle Fund

There is a new Flower and Candle chart in the back of the church. Please sign up. I want to thank everyone for their support in having flowers on the altar and the candle burning.

Betty West, ECW President and Flower Fund Chairperson

Mark Schramek has opened a new business in Snow Hill - the Olde Town Candy Company on Green Street. Mark was looking for a project he could take on with 13-year-old Morgan. “I wanted her to learn about business, and she’s taught me a lot about social media. We spent the summer going to conventions and it’s something we can work together on,” he said.

The Olde Town Candy Company is, of course, dedicated to desserts and snacks. Bulk candy will be sold by weight; the shop will also offer gourmet candies, sodas, chocolate bars and other treats imported from all across the country. The shop will also stock Chesapeake Bay Farms ice creams. (excerpted from *Bayside Gazette*.)

**Photos from Bishop Marray's Visit, November 6th,
with the confirmation of Morgan Schramek**





Musings by Jim – December 2016

Picking up where we left off last month:

October 2, 1915: The women of All Hallows Parish will hold a bazaar and supper at Mason's Opera House on December 1st. It will give the people of Snow Hill an excellent opportunity for purchasing their Christmas presents. There will be all kinds of fancy and unique articles, which will make splendid presents for both women and men.

October 9, 1915: **KNOCKED OUT BY CROCKETT:** Mr. Kerbin Loses in His First Round with the Next State's Attorney. The Messenger has received from Mr. James M. Crockett the following communications which speak for themselves: Snow Hill, Oct. 5, 1915. To Mr. James M. Crockett. Dear Sir: -- You are the candidate on the Democratic ticket for the office of State's Attorney and I am on the People's Party ticket for the same office. So that all the people of the county may know what the two different parties, and what we as candidates, stand for, I hereby challenge you to debate the issues of the two parties as well as our candidates. You may name the place and time. Will you accept the Challenge? Yours truly, William G. Kerbin

In response: Pocomoke City, Md. October 6, 1915. Mr. Wm. G. Kerbin, Snow Hill, Md. Dear Sir: - Your favor of yesterday, to invite me to join you in debate concerning the issues between the Democratic and People's Parties and our candidacies, has been duly received and I hasten to reply:

In a contest between two historic political parties, advocating divergent and repugnant theories of government, and with each of those parties equipped with the men and the organization necessary in case of victory to carry its theories into effective practice: joint discussions between candidates may be defensible, but I doubt they are often profitable in view of the harsh words which they generally provoke and the bad feeling they generally leave in their wake. But as the People's Party, of which you are a candidate, has neither a history nor a State-wide organization and as that party seems to be composed of those who are affiliated upon the registration books with other political parties, I am led to presume that it is composed of members who believe in the principles of their respective parties. I note from the registration lists that you have affiliated as a member of the Democratic Party and I trust that I am warranted in assuming that you believe in its principles, for you could have changed your affiliation as late as yesterday had you been so inclined. I have always believed in the principles of that party and therefore, **IF YOU ARE SINCERE IN YOUR AFFILIATION**, we

both belong to the same party and must agree insofar as its principles as well as its position with regard to the issues involved in this campaign are concerned. I am, therefore, at a loss to understand how there are any differences between us which we could debate.

In regard to our candidacies, I do not care to enter into a debate in which each of us would necessarily have to praise ourselves and criticize the ability of the other, involving abuse and mudslinging. I am content to submit my candidacy to the good people of Worcester County, who, I am sure do not care to hear us wrangle about who shall have an office.

For the above reasons, I must respectfully, but firmly decline your invitation.

Yours very truly,

JAMES M CROCKETT

Oct. 30, 1915: Work of tearing down old Purnell's Hall on Washington Street, near the River Bridge, is now going on, and by the time this paper is printed the work will have been completed. The building has been owned and occupied by Mr. J. H. Perdue for several years. He has used it for storing automobiles offered for sale by him. Next to the building was a wagon shed which has also been torn down. On the site of the two structures the Corddry Company will erect a cement block building for Mr. Perdue to be used as a sales room and garage. The building will be 60 x 70 feet single story. When completed Mr. Perdue will use this building for the sale and storage of his automobiles. He will have his office in it and will use the building he is now occupying as a storage warehouse. Mr. Perdue is selling a large number of Ford and Overland machines and his business is growing all the time.

Nov. 6, 1915: The parish reception of All Hallows Church was held at the Rectory Thursday evening of this week from eight to eleven o'clock. The Rector, Rev. G. M. Galarneau, was assisted in receiving the guests

by Mrs. Oliver D. Collins, Mrs. William D. Corddry, Mrs. Spence Smith, and Miss Winifred Payne.

The Twilight Amusement Company has leased Mason's Opera House for the purpose of entertainment. Moving pictures of a highly entertaining character are being shown, the service being the Universal Film Company. Mr. Whitely Love, of Delmar, is the manager.

Nov. 13, 1915: Bishop Adams, of Easton, came to Snow Hill Thursday, and will confirm a class in All Hallows Church this Friday evening. While in town, the Bishop was the guest of A. D. Irwin, Esq.

Nov. 20, 1915: The boys of All Hallows Sunday School will be able to furnish citizens of Snow Hill with candy for Thanksgiving. If those desiring candy will phone to Oliver Dale Collins, their orders will be promptly filled.

Dec. 18, 1915: A coming attraction for Wednesday night, December 29th, is "Julius Caesar" at the Twilight Picture Parlor, for the benefit of St. Oswald's Guild of All Hallows Church. Tickets now on sale.

Dec. 25, 1915: Death of Mrs. Mary Haubert. Mrs. Mary Haubert, who has been a great sufferer for several years, passed away early last Tuesday morning, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Melson.

She was born in 1833 and would have been 82 years old this New Year's Day. When about 18 years old, she was married to Frederick Haubert of Baltimore, where she was engaged in the millinery trade.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. John Melson, and several grandchildren. Her only son, the late Alfred J. Haubert, preceded her to the Great Beyond, by only a few months. Mrs. Haubert, for several years was a staunch member of All Hallows Episcopal Church.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rector, G. M. Galarneau, were held at the house at half past two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, after which the body was laid to rest in All Hallows' Cemetery.

The pall bearers were: Messers. William McAllen, B. W. Hearthway, Washington Pusey, John Melson, David Hales and Thomas Haley.

Also, on Dec. 25, 1915: On Wednesday night of next week the great photodrama "Julius Caesar" will be shown at Mason's Opera House. There are 20,000 people in the cast and it cost nearly a million dollars to make this film. No one in Snow Hill can afford to miss this great production. Adult tickets are 20 Cents; children, 10 cents.

Merry Christmas to all. - *Jim*

Christmas Carols ... I have been thinking about Christmas carols. It is, after all, the season to be jolly, and carols – I have discovered – are simply ancient songs of joy and celebration. Originally they had nothing to do with Christmas, of course, but were part of pagan fertility festivals. For this very reason, the Roman church forbade the singing of them for hundreds of years, until someone got the idea of adapting them to celebrate Christmas and other important seasons of the Christian year, like Advent and Easter. "The Holly and the Ivy" is thought to be one of the earliest Christmas songs; it first appeared in Rome sometime in the fourth century.

So what is the difference between a carol and a hymn? The simple answer is that the word carol is derived from French and Italian words meaning to sing or dance. Few people think of dancing to a hymn! The music is quite different: the rhythm of hymns is solemn and the focus is on the words which are often taken from Proverbs or other Biblical texts. Carols, on the other hand, are festive; the rhythm is livelier and many have what is called "step wise" melodies, that is they range up and down the scale. Think of "Joy to the World" or "The First Noel."

While the origins of many Christmas carols are obscure, many have been written by very famous people. For instance, the music to “Joy to the World” was written by George Frederick Handel, and “In the Bleak Midwinter” is a poem by Christina Rossetti. But my favorite story is about “Hark the Herald Angels Sing.” The melody was originally composed by Felix Mendelssohn in 1840 to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the printing of the Gutenberg Bible. Some say that he was inspired, whether consciously or not, by the Gavotte in J. S. Bach’s Orchestral Suite No. 4 in D. In any case, Mendelssohn himself, said it would never work as a sacred text. Nevertheless, some twenty years later it was combined with a poem by Charles Wesley, younger brother of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, and voila! Our beloved carol was born! (borrowed from The Messenger of Emmanuel Church, Chestertown.)

A testimony of Stewardship, presented to our parish by Betsy Gravenor on Sunday morning, November 27.

Good morning! Most of you already know me, but if we haven’t met yet, my name is Betsy Gravenor, and I have been a member of All Hallows my entire life. I am happy to be here today to speak for a few minutes about what stewardship means to me.

We have all heard the saying, “out of sight, out of mind.” To me, stewardship is the exact opposite of this saying, when it comes to one’s personal relationship with God. It is putting God first in your mind, because God is never out of sight.

There are plenty of obvious ways to see God at work, like through a beautiful sunset, a night sky full of stars, or a perfectly formed snowflake, but sometimes it can be difficult, too. When I turn on the news, sometimes it seems there is very little good in the world, and very little God. Then when the news ends, a round of commercials might come on and try to encourage the message that happiness is best found through materialistic pursuits. But this message only serves to confuse us and blur our lines of communication with God. I would argue that by being stewards, both individually and as a member of the church, we are

able to keep connected with God and see more of His continual work in our lives and in those of others. By giving our time, talent and treasure, we recognize God's role in our lives and respond in gratitude.

I know that many of you can probably relate to this in your own giving experiences. The parishioners at All Hallows have a reputation for being consistently generous in many ways, and I think this is wonderful. I'm honored to be part of this parish and the culture of giving in gratitude that is alive and well here.

Personally, one of my favorite aspects of stewardship is the fact that opportunities for stewardship, both in the church and community, present themselves often. Because God's work is continual, I believe He actively presents us with opportunities to grow and experience the happiness that comes from being stewards.

As this morning's service continues, I would like to invite all of you to consider what stewardship means to you personally and how it relates to your own journeys of faith. I also encourage you to see and respond to the opportunities that present themselves around you to be stewards and give God the opportunity to show you that He is a loving and generous God.

Thank you all for allowing me to speak to you this morning!

First Friday in Snow Hill – Katherine Gordon

On December 2 in downtown Snow Hill, the Christmas Market and many businesses were open late for shoppers. Several All Hallows church members were spotted at the Christmas Market. Those either shopping or browsing were Ann & Ernie Gibb, Kathy & Bob Fisher, Judi Menavich, Jim Bosworth, Kemp Wills, Kathe Selph, Luke Bickford and Nick Haglich carrying his guitar. He was singing later at one of the local places. Carolyn Cucina was there with her soap display, and I was her go-fer. Vinny came after school to help his mother. Tammy Schramek came over after she and Mark opened their new shop, Old Towne Candy Company located on Green Street. If I missed anyone it was because I didn't see you. Merry Christmas to all!

Update on Jessica ... You have all cared for my granddaughter Jessica Cheuvront through the years. She is now in her second year with the Peace Corps in Togo, West Africa. (I am getting educated too; I had never heard of the place before she went there.) She was sent to teach the kids English, but her own agenda was to instill self-esteem in the girls in an area where women are not valued. She went having to learn French and the local dialect. She has started girls' sport teams (soccer and hockey), and she has shared so much of herself. The postmaster 16 miles away calls her when she has mail, and she rides her bicycle to pick it up. She thoroughly enjoys the relationships she has made. The mayor and town officials have asked her to – please – extend her time with them, as have many others. Her present long-term plan is to study Conflict Resolution on an international basis and be involved. All this, while she has struggled with a learning disorder (ADD) throughout her life, but has never given up. Thank you all for the support you have given her. Bonnie

The Rev. Darcy Williams, rector at Emmanuel, Chestertown, continues to answer folks' questions about the details of our church practices:

Question: Please explain the differences and similarities in the three orders of ordained ministry (deacons, priests, and bishops) in the Episcopal Church.

Answer: Bishops, priests (also called presbyters), and deacons are individuals who have been called to special ministry in the church and have been blessed through the sacrament of ordination (See BCP pp 512-547, and 855-6). A **deacon** is one who has been ordained to serve the church and the world in “servant” ministry. Deacons assist bishops and priests in liturgical, pastoral, and teaching roles. They are specially called to be the connection between the world and the church. Some deacons remain deacons and are called “vocational deacons.” They work secular jobs, often in prison ministry, soup kitchens, as teachers, medical personnel or chaplains. Others are in the process to become priests and are called “transitional deacons.” All deacons help during the service of

Holy Eucharist by reading the Gospel, leading the confessions and other prayers, and in “setting and clearing” the table. A **priest** is a deacon who is ordained to the order of priests and serves primarily as a pastor to the people. Priests celebrate the Eucharist, bless and grant absolution of sins in the name of God, teach, proclaim the Gospel, and share in the responsibilities of doing God’s work in the church with the bishop. A **bishop** is a priest who has been ordained and consecrated to oversee a diocese as a successor to the apostles. Bishops ordain priests and deacons, confirm the baptized, bless a church, and are charged with proclaiming the word of God, guarding and teaching the faith.

Question: What is a Eucharistic minister?

Answer: A **Eucharistic minister (LEM)** is a lay person who has undergone special training and has been licensed by the bishop to distribute the consecrated bread and wine under the supervision of a priest during the service of Holy Eucharist in that person’s home parish.

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some people become friends and stay a while...leaving beautiful footprints on our hearts...and we are never quite the same because we have made a good friend!!

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow a mystery. Today is a gift. That’s why it’s called the present! Live and savor every moment...this is not a dress rehearsal! (Katherine Gordon passed on this gift from her friend Pat.)

A Prayer for Episcopal Relief and Development

Almighty God, give to Episcopal Relief & Development
the vision of Jesus whose compassion failed not,
that following His example
we may bring healing to this hurting world.

Grant that we may know who we must be as the
arms and legs of Christ in the world today, so that
we shall do what we are called to do in responding

and making available resources of money, skills,
and persons to alleviate poverty, famine and disaster.

We thank you for the many generous souls
who give of their abundance and pray that many
others may join them in responding to the needs
hopes, and concerns of the world through
Episcopal Relief & Development. Set us at tasks
to risk the Gospel in all places where you lead us,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

When God looks at you, what is He grateful for?

Calendar: January 2017

1. (Sunday), New Year's Day. 9:30 Holy Eucharist

6. (Friday), The Epiphany

8. (Sunday) 1 Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord.
8:30 Choir Practice
9: 30 Church with Sunday School
(children enter church at the Peace)

- 15 (Monday) Vestry

22. (Sunday) 8:30 Choir Practice
9: 30 Church with Sunday School
(children enter church at the Peace)

29. (Sunday) 8:30 Choir Practice
9: 30 Church with Sunday School
(children enter church at the Peace)