

The Hallowed Word

All Hallows Episcopal Church

May 2016

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

“We are wrestling with the devil!”

I saw this line recently on a sign outside a church. It both saddened and angered me at the time—and does still.

Why do we see our journey with God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) as a war to win? This is so “unchristian,” so “impossibly Jesus”!

Why is it so difficult for folks to understand that we have belonged to God since the beginning of our lives? God’s love is not partial, nor

negotiable; it exists. And for those who think, somehow, that they have been “written off” by God, they really need to read and think on our story as God’s people.

Now we are in the Season of Easter, and beginning on Sunday, May 15, we will be in the Season of Pentecost. Some call it the “Birthday of the Church.” Since Easter Season (Easter Day until Pentecost) we have been following the journey of the disciples of Jesus. Beginning with some fear and anxiety, the disciples went on to become a community. They were visited by the Risen Lord, and he spent serious time finishing up his “organizational leadership” role for his followers.

With Pentecost Sunday we begin a new path—a new trail—following the events that eventually led us to “The Church.” Pentecost is a reminder that The Holy Spirit moved in to unite us—not divide us.



Humans have created the division—not the Holy Spirit. It's not a battle to be won; rather it's a better life for us to live. A better way.

No, it isn't a battle to be won—the win happened on the first Easter when the tomb was found empty. The war is long over—we are God's own...God's beloved children. There is not a battle, rather it is the victory over death that we have been given.

Fear not: The Lord has risen—the Lord has risen indeed.
See you in Church!

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Episcopal Church Women [ECW] Outreach

The ECW elected a new Vice President Stephanie Clayville and Secretary Ann Gibbs at the April meeting. Ending their terms were Vice President Katherine Gordon and Secretary Connie West. New committees were created for Special Receptions (Funerals) and Holy Cross and will be chaired by Bea Adkins. Monies collected from the Mini Bazaar and Pancake Supper are spent on the ECW's outreach projects. The Nursing Home birthday party chaired by Janet Simpson and Bea Adkins will be in July. Nancy Blank, Chairman of the Card Ministry, sent out 31 cards to the congregation during the third quarter. Hazel Geesey again will chair the MAC Center Christmas Party. Volunteers are always welcomed to help with the outreach projects. Next meeting will be Monday, September 12, 2016 following a covered dish supper at 6:00 pm. New members are always welcomed (although actually every woman in the church is already a member of the ECW).

A thank you note was received from Chris, Ursula, Emma and Grace Deitch. The family appreciated the reception and the necklaces given to their twin daughters on their baptism. Emma and Grace love their necklaces and enjoy coming to church.

A thank you letter was received from Worcester County Gold, Inc. (Giving Other Lives Dignity). They appreciated the ECW's donation of \$150 towards providing emergency funds to local families in Worcester County. In 2015 GOLD was able to assist 1,900 local citizens through the Rainbow Fund. (Thank you to Katherine Gordon for keeping us up-to-date.)

Sunday School Mission Project – Help for the homeless

Keith Donoway 410-726-7663

All Hallows Sunday School is participating in a Mission Project to provide items to be packaged and handed out later. Contact Mr. Donoway for more information. The goal is to collect 1 dozen each of the following items:

Energy bars (no chocolate)	8 oz. bottled water	Adult size socks
Small packs of Hand Wipes	Gallon Zip Lock bags	Toothbrushes
Travel size toothpaste	Packages of Crackers	Mints or Gum

Katherine Gordon shared a bit of wisdom:

Man: What is a million years to you?

God: Only a second.

Man: What is a billion dollars to you?

God: Only a coin.

Man: OK. Can you give me a coin?

God: Wait a second. . .

The Spring Ingathering for the United Thank Offering

will take place at All Hallows on Sunday May 15th. 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 15th. 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 or google United Thank Offering. (Thank you to Kathy Fisher, our UTO Volunteer.)

Bishop Michael Curry in his address to the 2012 General

Convention: “We need some Christians who are as crazy as the Lord. Crazy enough to love like Jesus, to give like Jesus, to forgive like Jesus, to do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God – like Jesus. Crazy enough to dare to change the world from the nightmare it often is into something close to the dream that God dreams for it. And for those who would follow him, those who would be his disciples, those who would live as and be the people of the Way? It might come as a shock, but they are called to craziness.”

Episcopal Relief and Development: Opening Doors for Women and Girls in Guatemala

As a girl, Vilma Letizia Alburez Yancos wanted nothing more than an education. But when she shared this wish with her mother, the response was always the same: “Daughter, where am I going to get the money to pay for your studies?”

Vilma lives in Chimaltenango, a rural village in Guatemala. Poverty in communities like Vilma’s is chronic and widespread. For the last decade, ER&D has been working with the Episcopal Diocese of Guatemala to address the need by empowering residents – especially women – through the establishment of community-based savings and micro-finance groups.

Today Vilma is 35 and she has never saved money. Saving isn’t a habitual part of the culture, and it never seemed important to her. But now, saving money is changing her life, the lives of her children, and of her neighborhood.

Vilma is part of a community savings group that holds members accountable to save money each week. Since the concept of saving is new and unfamiliar, the money the women save gives them a sense of achievement and self-confidence. Further, it enables them to overcome

emergencies when they occur and to discover new possibilities and capabilities. Many, like Vilma, are taking workshops on business and finance and are planning to start their own businesses. And the members of the savings groups aren't the only ones benefiting.

Vilma has become an agent of change in her neighborhood and her savings group has become the community's unofficial bank. It gives loans to neighbors in need, all of which are paid back. In fact, it's become the most successful savings group in Guatemala.



As the secretary of her group, Vilma acts as a role model in her home and throughout the community. Vilma's saving has rubbed off on her two young daughters. At ages 9 and 10, they've already begun saving – for school supplies.

Vilma is saving for her daughters' education. One of her daughters wants to be a doctor when she grows up, the other a chef. "When I am saving, I feel that I am improving myself," Vilma says. "I am going to be able to give my daughters the education I couldn't receive myself. They have their dreams. I will fight to make those dreams come true." Your gift to ER&D makes the difference!

The Discernment Committee for the Diocese of Easton have worked hard in their search for our next bishop. The Search has narrowed to four candidates. The pictures and biographies were sent out a couple of weeks ago. (If you did not receive them or wish to check back, search <http://eastonbishopsearch.org/candidates/>

There will be two opportunities to meet the 4 candidates for Bishop. Both will be held at St. Paul's, Berlin, on May 23rd at 3:00-4:00pm and at 7:00-9:00pm. It is requested that delegates and clergy be there at 2:45 or 6:45.

In honor of Volunteer Week, Stephanie Clayville and eight of Snow Hill Food Pantry's volunteers were given a Proclamation by the County Commissioners and a Presidential Service Award from President Obama for their service to our community. Stephanie had the opportunity to address the County Commissioners about the SH Food Pantry's important mission. A special thank you to Kelly Brinkley for her hard work and kindness in setting up the event and ensuring they were recognized for their wonderful service. A thank you to each of you for your time and commitment to this mission. None of this is possible without volunteers.

The Prayer Books that were removed from the pews are in the Parish Hall. If anyone would like to take one home or know of someone who would like to have one, please take them.

Nelson Payne's last appeal for CPC (Found on his desk after his death.) Thank you to all who gave so generously to the C.P.C. this past month, from its volunteer chairman Nelson Payne and his associate, Katherine Gordon. We are pleased to be able to report on the growing success of this Ministry here at All History. Would you care to know the history behind the establishment of the Club? We thought you might considering the support you are rendering to it. Well, here goes: It was founded in 1888 by Mary Ann Drakes Fargo, the wife of a member of the Wells Fargo Express firm. She and her friends collected money to send bundles of books and periodicals to missionaries and pioneers via the stagecoach. From there it became an on-going national project

known as the above title with the intent to provide seminary students with cash grants to purchase the necessary text books! Eventually, the idea of using “the glass jar” as a means by which the funds contributed by local church members might be collected became the practice and these funds were then turned over monthly to our ECW to forward to the National Board of Episcopal Church for distribution. So, as we approach the glass jar placed inside the church door (for expediency’s sake), our donation to this Ministry takes place, and we are reminded of our charge to spread the Word.

As we approach the glass jar, we should remind ourselves of the full meaning of this Ministry. First of all, that this donation is acceptable from copper pennies up to thin silver coins and your bucks if one is so minded. That this donation is being given for our Lord’s sake and then for the hopeful seminarians studying to serve God. We are charged to spread the Word, and what better way than to use small change to help these students prepare to take their place in the life, worship and governance of the church?

Musings by Jim

May 2016

From the Democratic Messenger:

March 21, 1914: Mrs. Waldo Kennard of Duxbury, Mass., is the guest of Mrs. John W. Staton. Mrs. Kennard has many friends in Snow Hill, to whom her visits are always a source of great pleasure.

Baby sent by Parcel Post: Hagerstown, Md.: March 16 – Rural Mail Carrier B. H. Knepper hauled today a 14-pound baby from Clearspring, where the infant had been staying, to the home of its mother in Indian Springs, 10 miles distant by parcel post. The child’s grandmother had been caring for it, and the mother, anxious to see her babe, telephoned her mother to send it home. The grandmother, who was sick and could not make the trip, thought of the parcel post, which solved the problem. The grandmother tagged the baby around the neck and the postage

stamps were stuck to its brow. The 10-mile trip was made without the baby, which slept nearly all the way, giving a single whimper, and inside of an hour or two the mother was hugging her child.

June 6, 1914: All Hallows Parish Church. June 7, Trinity Sunday, Celebration of Holy Communion at 7:30. Matins and Holy Communion with Sermon at 10:30. Topic, "The Trinity." Evening Prayer and Sermon. Topic, "Holiday Rest." Thursday, June 11, Feast of Corpus Christi and St. Barnabas, Holy Communion at 7:30.

June 20, 1914: Propose to Widen Church Street. A special meeting of the City Council was held last Monday night for the purpose of considering the advisability of widening Church Street at the intersection of Market Street. A delegation of the residents of Church Street was present to advocate to improvement, and several of the Vestry of All Hallows Church were present as the property of the church would be involved in the widening of the street. It was held that the street is so narrow at the intersection of Market Street that it is a constant danger to automobilists and travelers of all kinds, as the travel around this corner is increasing all the time. It was claimed that a part of the property enclosed by the churchyard fence belonged to the street as the original survey shows that Church Street was the same width from Martin Street to Market Street.

The members of the Vestry at the meeting decided that they would look into the matter, and give their side of the case at the meeting of the Council next Monday

A CARD TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL HALLOWS PARISH.

At the request of some of the residents of Church Street, the Mayor and Council of Snow Hill are considering the question of widening Church Street by taking a strip of the Church lot on said street as hereinafter described. The Mayor and Council have asked the consent of the Vestry

to do this work, and it is proposed that no part of the expense be imposed on the Church. The undersigned legal custodians of the Parish property, desiring on their behalf and on behalf of the Vestry to learn the sentiment of the Parishioners on the question, give in detail as far as at present possible the nature of the proposed changes, as follows:

- 1) The quantity of land to be taken for the proposed purpose commences at the end of the iron fence next to George W. Coulbourn's residence and gradually widens till it strikes Market Street about eight feet from the corner. This, as we understand, would be the line of the fence when changed.
- 2) Allowing the terrace at its present grade the proposed line would strike within about seven feet, possibly less, of the base of the buttress at the west end of the church building and about twelve feet from the building itself.
- 3) The proposed improvement will necessitate the loss of all the maple trees extending the full length of the church property on Church Street and a few trees inside the church yard.
- 4) It would necessitate the removal of two graves near the church fence which have been there for more than a century.
- 5) It involves the risk of a bad job in taking up the comparatively new concrete sidewalk and replacing it in the proposed new location.

With these facts presented to you, we would request all the members of the Parish to make known at an early date to the undersigned or to any member of the vestry his or her views on the proposed change.

-- Wm. F. Johnson and Oliver D. Collins, Wardens

(This story will continue in the next issue of "The Hallowed Word.")

September 26, 1914: Dr. Dashiell Passes Away. Prominent and Highly Respected Citizen – A Former Mayor of Snow Hill. Dr. Erastus S. Dashiell, aged 64 years, a prominent citizen of Snow Hill, died at his home in this town Monday evening after a prolonged illness. He had been in poor health for over a year, and was compelled to give up his

profession of dentistry. He was one of the best dentists in the State of Maryland; noted for his skill and painstaking. His successor, Dr. Manchester, says that his work was a revelation of high skill and artistic accomplishment.

Dr. Dashiell was a very useful citizen of Snow Hill, deeply interested in the welfare of the town and people. He had a host of friends in every section of Worcester County, being as well known as any man in Worcester. He was a graduate of the Dental Department of the University of Maryland, and when Honorable John Walter Smith was the chief executive of the State he appointed Dr. Dashiell a Member of the Board of Dental Examiners of Maryland. He was continued in office by Governors Warfield and Crothers, having served twelve years altogether on the Board.

Dr. Dashiell was elected Mayor of Snow Hill in 1900, and served two years, declining a renomination. He was elected Councilman of Snow Hill for several terms, and served as such and Treasurer of the town during 1894-1898. In all these positions he served the people with that fidelity to duty that marked his entire life. Dr. Dashiell was prominently connected with All Hallows Parish Church, Snow Hill, being a member of the Vestry and Senior Warden. In 1887 he married Miss Sallie Marshall, daughter of the late Dr. Edward Marshall of Snow Hill, who survives him with two sons, Mr. Edward J. Dashiell, Deputy Director of Wills for Worcester County, and Alfred J. Dashiell, minor.

Dr. Dashiell was a son of the late James A. Dashiell. He was born in Somerset County on the 27th day of July 1850, and moved into Worcester County with his parents when quite a young man.

In the death of Erastus S. Dashiell, The Messenger loses a good friend, and the Editors extend their sympathy to his loved ones in their deep distress.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Louis L. Williams, Rector of Pocomoke Parish, at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, after which interment was made in the family burial lot in All Hallows Cemetery. The pall bearers were Messers. John W. Stanton, John L. Nock, Oscar M. Purnell, Dr. Paul Jones, William F. Johnson, and Marion T. Hargis.

The following goodies had been shared with us by Ruth Bowie.

Dear God,

If you give me genie lamp like Alladin I will give you anything you want except my money or my chess set.

Raphael

We read Thos. Edison made light. But in Sun. School they said you did it. So I bet he stoled your idea.

Sincerely,

Donna

Dear God,

Please send Dennis Clark to a different camp this year.

Peter

Dear God,

If you let The dinasor not extinct we would not have a country.

You did the right thing.

Jonathan

Calendar, May 2016

Sundays in May

8. 7th Sunday in Easter

8:30 am Choir rehearsal

9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite 2 w/Sunday School
Coffee Hour to follow

15. Pentecost: wear **Red**

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite 2 w/Sunday School
UTO Ingathering
Coffee Hour to follow

22. Trinity Sunday

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite 2 w/Sunday School
Coffee Hour to follow

29. Memorial Day

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite 2 w/Sunday School
Memorial Day Prayers to follow
Coffee Hour to follow

- Vestry meets 3rd Monday of month, May 16, 7-9pm in Parish Hall
- Bible Study meets every Wednesday 4-5pm
- Information on Bishop Search, including dates and time for visits (“Walkabouts”) follow this link:
<http://eastonbishopsearch.org/candidates/> ALL are invited to attend walkabouts!