

The Hallowed Word

All Hallows Episcopal Church

June 2015

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Quilts hold things that have been and things that will be...

The art of quilting seems to be enjoying a renaissance these days; I don't believe it ever was totally gone, but I seem to be seeing more and more of them.

Emmanuel Church in Chestertown hosts a "Quilting Art Show" every year, and it is amazing. Quilts run the gamut of color and design; they can be beautifully simple or amazingly complex.

Last year I was given a quilt made by a young relative. She enjoys the designing of a quilt, choosing colors, fabrics, and making them highly significant to the recipient of such a special gift.

My first experience of seeing an old, treasured quilt was when I was in college in Missouri. A friend took me to meet her grandmother who lived in an old and beautiful house in a country town. The grandmother eventually opened an old trunk and showed me her family "history." There were quilts neatly folded and placed "just so" in the trunk which had come west with her grandfather in a covered wagon. As she opened it, she explained that her ancestors were farmers and stopped in the area to begin farming...not all covered wagons went west, I learned. They were a vehicle of transport—once they found "their" spot they stopped! She handed me tiny infant quilts while explaining that back in the old days baby showers were unheard of. The rate of infant death was too high to take for granted the birth of a healthy baby. Women usually made simple little gowns until the child was one; at one, the life of the little one was considered "safe."

There was a dark and blood stained quilt which was left when there had been an injured Indian, and the family tried to nurse him back to health. "Unfortunately,



he was too badly hurt, and they couldn't save him," she said. They kept the "blanket" for his widow; "she never showed up, I guess," she sighed.

Quilts tell a story—and each and every one is different than the others. In the olden days, quilts were made from old, used, worn out clothing. Papa's shirt, mother's old dress too worn to wear any more, a piece of curtain...whatever could be cut and put with other pieces and "pieced" together. Quilts have names, too--- "Grandmother's Flower Garden," "Texas Star" are just a few of the names I've heard.

Over time I found that quilts are very much like people---we are all different, but we are all carefully made, named, and bring with us a history of our own. In creation, we can see and experience the beauty of life, of individuality but also with a dream. We are not an accident by an explosion or a simple evolving life form. Of whatever we are made, we are children of God who experience life--- each of us has our own story, our own talents and dreams. Like the colorful fabric of a quilt, the shaping of each piece and the fitting together and the stitching that makes the whole one.

Rev. Nanese+

Snow Hill Community Vacation Bible School

EVEREST – Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power
July 13-17, 2015 – 6:00 to 8:30 P.M.

This year our Ministerial Association is very short on funds to finance our Community Vacation Bible School. To help with the expenses, offerings are taken on Wednesday and Friday during the week of VBS, and of course, other churches and individuals contribute. If you would like to contribute toward these expenses, mail a check for the VBS expenses to Rev. Sherwood McGrath. His address is:

Rev. Sherwood McGrath
Treasurer, Snow Hill Ministerial Association
Bowen/Trinity United Methodist Churches
P.O. Box 36
Newark, MD 21841

We will also need a few more crew leaders and extra hands to help with the youth, as well as to assist with many odds and ends, so contact Mrs. Diana Shumate (410-632-2407) if you can help.

Do you have a favorite hymn? If you would like us to sing it soon, please note the title and page number and place the paper in the gift bag on the divider at the back of the church.

If our greatest need had been information,
God would have sent us an educator.
If our greatest need had been technology,
God would have sent a scientist.
If our greatest need had been money,
God would have sent us an economist.
If our greatest need had been pleasure,
God would have sent us an entertainer.
But our greatest need was Forgiveness;
So God sent us a Savior.

Matthew 1:21

(Passed on by Katherine Gordon)

Summer Sunday School

During the months of July and August, school age children will meet on Sunday in the Parish Hall for the summer session. There will be no class on July 26, and on the date of the Parish Picnic (yet to be scheduled).

Along with activities, the Lessons will discuss the Twelve Days of Christmas song. In the Western Church, the Twelve Days of Christmas are from December 25 until January 6. There is also a misunderstanding that the song is a nonsense song for children. But in truth, it is a song of Christian instruction dating back to the 16th century and the wars in England. These words were used to teach children their catechism in secret.

For example, the Partridge in a pear tree represents Jesus Christ, whose birthday is celebrated on December 25, the first day of Christmas. The “me” receiving these gifts is every baptized person who is part of the Christian Faith.

The second day, my true love gave to me Two Turtle Doves, symbolizing the Old and New Testaments. The Four Calling Birds symbolize the Four Gospels. The Sixth Day of Christmas is Six Geese A-laying, and this symbolism refers to the six days of creation.

Learning this counting song hides a lot of the Christian Faith, which I hope to be able to transfer to the children attending class.

Can you guess what the symbolism represents for the Ten Lords A-Leaping? The answer can be found in Exodus 20:1-17. The Eight Maids A-Milking can be found in Matthew 6:3-10. And for those who would like to find the answer on their own, this is for you. What is represented by the symbol of the gift of Eleven Pipers Piping?

Every member of our church should be receiving *The Eastern Shore Episcopalian*. This is a quarterly publication of our diocese, which helps us to keep in touch with what is happening beyond our own parish. If you are not receiving this in the mail, please leave a note with your address on Ginny Lane's desk in the church office.

The Snow Hill Ecumenical Food Pantry located in Snow Hill, Maryland has operated for over 30 years. It distributes food to those in need in our community every month. Currently, we serve approximately 150-200 families a month and over 3000 bags/boxes of food a year.

We are a non-profit organization primarily supported by the churches and residents in our small community. Due to our growing numbers, the pantry has had to move to a new location to continue to service the community.

To continue operations in the new facility, we need to raise \$30,000. This money will be used for materials toward renovations to the house, as well as to purchase computers and equipment. Once the house repairs are complete, we plan to offer expanded food services, act as a community resource center, and provide job skills training programs.

Please help us to continue to support those in need in our community. Every dollar donated counts toward strengthening our community and changing people's lives.

Thank you all for your contributions. This week we received your donations plus an additional \$4,400 from local organizations.

Drive by and check out our new roof!! Continued contributions will help us meet our goal! Pass it on!!!!

Visit our website at www.SnowHillFood.org



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Imagine the Diocese of Easton...

Imagine a Diocese built on a foundation of history and tradition that enables the people to be open to the future and all it promises...

Imagine a Diocese built on a foundation of relationships and connection where people can know and be known by one another to create a place of acceptance...

Imagine a Diocese built on a foundation of shared leadership between Bishop, Clergy, and Laity to inspire faithful, dedicated, collaborative service...

Imagine a Diocese that stands firm on its foundation and has the love, courage, and creativity to imagine a new day and a new way of being the people of God in a place called Easton...

What is missing from Church?

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Repairs to Holy Cross

Long-awaited repairs were made this spring to the roof at our historic Holy Cross Chapel in Stockton. Besides having 3 layers of worn-out shingles over cedar shakes, there had also been some damage from Hurricane Sandy in October 2013. Limbs from the large sycamore tree (since removed) had punctured the roof in several places, and had been patched over. Insurance proceeds were used to hire Roland Whaley and crew to re-roof the



right half of the main church. The wooden cross on top was repainted and the old furnace vent pipe was removed, making the roof more secure.

This completes any planned repair work or improvements at Holy Cross. Please plan to attend our annual service there on September 13th and see the changes.



Rector's Calendar

Sunday (June 7): Coverage: The Rev. Laura Dorsey

Monday, June 22 – Tuesday, June 29: Rector at CREDO II; Coverage: Bonnie Caudell

Tuesday, July 7: Rector at Shalem

Friday, August 14 – Friday, August 21: Rector Chaplain at Memorial House.
Coverage: Bonnie Caudell

Friday, Oct. 2 – Sunday, October 4: Rector away. Coverage to be determined.

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) April Meeting Summary

The ECW met on April 13, 2015 in the Parish Hall after desserts shared by members. Betty West, President, chaired the meeting after a prayer.

If members would like to donate their own flowers for the altar, note this on the sign-up chart and contact Betty West to coordinate the date.

Bea Adkins will chair the Holy Cross reception in September. Food donations will be needed.

A motion was made and approved to maintain a \$100 balance in the savings account so that Nelson Payne can deposit the CPC monies.

Ann Gibb shared a concern about the Jackson family who had lost everything in a fire. Stephanie proposed that the ECW make a monetary donation. More detail to follow.

It was proposed that the Jackson family, Samaritan Shelter, Worcester County Gold, WE CARE, Discretionary Fund, and the Food Pantry each be given a donation from our outreach funds. A motion was made and approved.

Kathy Fisher stated that the UTO will be at the end of April.

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

The Episcopal Relief and Development chairman Stephanie Clayville distributed materials during Advent and Lent and was successful in collecting \$110 in donations.

The MAC Center Christmas party chairman Hazel Geesey announced the next party is scheduled for December 2015, date to be determined. Volunteers are always welcomed.

Alice Tweedy has purchased new linens for the Altar Guild. The carpet near the altar needs needle work repair.

A new chairman is needed for the Bake-less Bake Sale.

Nancy Blank sent out 46 cards from January through April 2015 to our Parish family.

Stephanie Clayville reported that the Food Pantry fed 266 families from January through March 2015. Items needed for May include canned fruit and rice, for June we need canned tuna and boxed Jell-O (any size or flavor).

The "WE CARE" items for the military can be placed in the blue bin in the Parish Hall. It was suggested that we pick up one item for this worthy cause for our military whenever we shop.

Stephanie Clayville did an outstanding job for the Pancake Supper against all the bad weather predictions. She reported that 422 tickets were sold, 391 meals were served, and 301 were take-out meals. The extra sausage sale brought in about \$100. In all, this was a very successful fund raiser for the ECW's outreach projects.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Bring a covered dish.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

We all enjoyed joining Nelson Payne for the celebration of his 90th birthday on May 24. Happy Birthday, Nelson!



For our celebration of Memorial Day, we were joined by the Snow Hill High School JROTC. Keith Donoway played Taps. As always, it was a solemn and beautiful remembrance of those who gave so much to maintain our freedom. Thank you to Harry Deitch for our pictures.



Congratulations to Betsy Gravenor, who will become director of the Snow Hill Library on June 21.

On June 6, Rev. Nanese, Ernie Gibb and Bonnie Caudell attended a special convention of the Diocese of Easton. The purpose was to determine the direction for the future of the Diocese. Much work had been done in preparation by the diocesan Standing Committee and the appointed Discernment Committee. The meeting was cordial with much discussion. With all that, the meeting which was scheduled to last 6 hours adjourned an hour early.

The following resolution was amended and passed as amended. In particular, the last paragraph was included after a great deal of discussion.

Resolved, That the Convention of the Diocese of Easton request the Bishop Provisional, with the advice and counsel of the Standing Committee, as required by Article V of the Constitution to call for the election of the 11th Bishop of Easton, and that the mission priorities, identified in our discernment process, serve as a guide for developing a vision for this Episcopate, including the continuing exploration of ways to collaborate in ministry and mission with neighboring dioceses.

Be it Further Resolved, That the Standing Committee be charged with assembling a representative Nominating Committee to conduct the election process during the twelve months after the election is called, and that the Finance Committee work with them to develop an adequate budget for this process and a sufficient financial plan for the diocese in 2016 and beyond.

Be it Further Resolved, That each Vestry shall provide to the Diocese a letter by September 1, 2015 that either commits to meeting 100% of the diocesan apportionment annually, or commits to working with the Listening Committee, as provided in Canon 606, to develop a plan to work toward meeting 100% of the apportionment annually.

(The Diocesan Apportionment is figured as 12% of a church's income for the previous year. Actually, the apportionment in Easton is lower than many other dioceses.) In Maryland, the apportionment is 18%. All Hallows has consistently given to the Diocese our full apportionment. The word "Episcopal" means "bishop," and this is our commitment to being part of the larger Body of Christ, His Church.

One proposal had been that we hire a part-time bishop, who would also serve as the part-time rector of a local parish. Several other dioceses had tried this, and it did not work for any of them. There were so many conflicting duties involved that none of these bishops had lasted more than 2 to 3 years, at the most.

There was also a proposal that Easton join with another diocese, thus sharing responsibility and expenses. (It pays to do your homework!) Bishop Parsley told us that when two dioceses join, the national Church requires that each have a bishop. Therefore, rather than cutting expenses, this would increase them as we travel to far-away places for meetings, etc. Also, although we would not join another diocese, we have much to learn from our neighbors. Therefore, we will pursue the possibility of cooperating in some programs.

The bottom line at the end of the Convention was that we have a positive future! But we also each have a responsibility to joyfully support this ministry.

Musings by Jim June 2015

Picking up where we left off in April—

October 23, 1909 – Corddry-Chapman: Mr. George H. Corddry, a prominent young business man of this town, and Miss Cecille E. Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Chapman, of Greenbackville, Va., were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride, by Rev. G. W. Townsend of Stockton. While many of Mr. Corddry's friends knew of his engagement, the marriage was a surprise to the general public. The bride is a general favorite in her native town and comes to her new home attended by the many good wishes of many friends. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Corddry, Sr., and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. and Mrs. Corddry came to Snow Hill Wednesday evening in an automobile, accompanied by Mr. Charles Corddry, a brother of the groom. The MESSENGER wishes Mr. and Mrs. Corddry a long and happy wedded life.

November 27, 1909 – A BEAUTIFUL FALL WEDDING: Miss Viola E. Smith and Mr. Harold D. Boehm married last Wednesday. Wednesday evening All Hallows' P.E. Church was filled with a large and fashionable assembly to witness the marriage of Mr. Harold Dennis Boehm to Miss Viola Elizabeth Smith. This was one of the prettiest weddings in the history of the old church, whose walls have echoed the marriage vows of many generations. A former rector of this

church – Rev. Purnell F. Smith – was great grandfather of the bride, having been called to the rectorship in 1817. The bride is the only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. W. F. Smith, and a grand-daughter of Mrs. Harriet Richardson, of this town, with whom she has resided since childhood. The groom is a son of the late Mr. Edward L. Boehm and Mrs. Louisa Hack Boehm, of this town, and is a native of Snow Hill, leaving here about ten years ago. He is now successfully engaged in the wholesale wall paper business in New York City.

All Hallows' Church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with cedar and chrysanthemums, in the midst of which burned many candles. Miss Lola Moore presided at the organ and rendered the wedding march from Lohengrin as the processional with Mendelsohn's wedding march as the recessional.

The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock by Right Reverend William Forbes Adams, Bishop of Easton.

The bride entered the church with her uncle, Mr. Asher Richardson, of San Antonio, Texas, by whom she was given in marriage, and was met at the altar by the groom attended by his best man, Mr. Asher Richardson Smith, of San Antonio, Texas, brother of the bride.

The bride was attired in a magnificent gown of white crepe meteor over white satin, trimmed with real lace and pearls. Her veil was caught up with pearls and lilies-of-the-valley. She carried orchids and lilies-of-the-valley.

The Maid of Honor, Miss Harriette Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asher Richardson of Texas and cousin of the bride, wore a handsome gown of net embroidered with iridescent beads over white crepe meteor and carried American Beauty roses.

The matrons of honor were Mesdames William C. Powell and John L. Riley of Snow Hill, and the bridesmaids were Misses Mildred Aydelotte of Snow Hill and Lola Smith of Baltimore, cousin of the bride, all of whom wore exquisite white lingerie gowns and black picture hats trimmed with plumes and carried American Beauty roses.

The ushers were Messers. Franklin Upshur of Snow Hill, Charles A. Townsend of Philadelphia, Lewis C. Boehm of New York City, and A. D. Irwin, Jr. of Philadelphia. The groom and his attendants were attired in full evening dress.

A wedding reception held immediately after the ceremony at the home of the bride on Church Street was attended by about 150 invited guests. The bride and groom stood to receive their friends beneath a canopy of evergreens and flowers, and the reception and dining rooms were beautifully decorated with foliage plants and flowers and lighted with a perfusion of candles. The wedding gifts were numerous and very handsome, including many articles of cut glass and silver. An elaborate entertainment provided by a caterer was served.

The bridal party was assisted in receiving by the following friends and relatives: Mr. and Mrs. Asher Richardson of Texas, Mrs. L. E. Boehm of Snow Hill, and Miss Lula Richardson of Texas.

Early in the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Boehm left for Pocomoke City, where they took the midnight train for the North on their way to Bermuda where they will spend the month of December. After January first, they will make their home at Bayside, Long Island.

The bride wore a going-away gown of raisin colored cloth with beaver hat to match trimmed with plumes.

The MESSENGER extends hearty congratulations and best wishes for the happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Boehm.

December 25, 1909: Mr. Boehm Remembered in His Aunt's Will: By the will of Miss Amelia E. Boehm, which was filed for probate in the Orphans' Court of Baltimore City last Tuesday, Deputy Postmaster Charles L. Boehm of this town, a nephew, will receive one thousand dollars, and his brother, the late L. Edward Boehm of this town was willed two thousand dollars. The account of the filing of the will appeared in the Baltimore Sun Wednesday, and was as follows:

The Church Home and Infirmary is given \$4,000 by the will of Miss Amelia E. Boehm, filed for probate in the Orphans' Court yesterday. The legacy is to be used for the maintenance in the institution of a bed to be known as the "Charles T. Boehm memorial bed."

Miss Boehm's nephew and niece, Lewis Edward Boehm and Alice H. Barnes, are each bequeathed \$2,000 and her nephew Charles L. Boehm \$1,000. Among the other surviving nephews and nieces of Miss Boehm, \$2,500 is to be equally distributed.

The residual of the funds is to be divided equally between Miss Boehm's nephews, George Herbert Boehm and Arthur Boehm.

Miss Boehm's nephew, George Herbert Boehm, is named as executor.

The will was made March 27, 1897. The first of two codicils to the will gives \$5,000 to Miss Boehm's nephew, George Herbert Boehm, and \$4,000 to her nephew, Arthur Boehm.

The second codicil reduces from \$2,500 to \$2,000 the legacy to certain surviving nephews and nieces of Miss Boehm and gives \$500 additional to her nephew, George Herbert Boehm, who is also given certain furniture.

This concludes the year 1909. We will begin with January, 1910 in the next issue of "The Hallowed Word."

Getting to Know Our Members ... Katherine Gordon

Katherine Gordon was born in Newport, Rhode Island. At the age of five, she and her younger brother were baptized at the same time in Trinity Church. This was the first Sunday School she attended. She moved with her Mother, Grandmother and brother to Washington, D.C. to join her father who was employed at the Navy Yard. She has lived in several places in Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia, and Texas. In each place, she attended the Episcopal church and participated in many activities.



When her mother was the Altar Guild Directress at the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene in Wheaton, Maryland, she learned how to dust, line up the prayer books and hymnals, put the foam kneelers back on the hook, and watch her mother arrange the flowers, measure the candles, to wear white gloves, and to help with anything else. When short, there were two flowering bushes outside the Parish Hall that found their way to the vases on the Altar. Many fund raisers consisted of holding a Rummage Sale at the local fire department, bake sales, and serving meals in the undercroft as waitress, of course. Katherine says that she really enjoyed all these activities and has very fond memories of all the ladies she worked with.

Besides attending Sunday School, she was active in the Girls Friendly Society and Youth Group. Later she taught Sunday School at St. Alban's in Glen Burnie, Maryland, and conducted the children's chapel service, moving on to serving as a Sunday School Superintendent, served on the Vestry, and was active in the Church Women's Group.

Katherine joined All Hallows after making the decision to move from Texas to Snow Hill. On one of her many house hunting trips, she drove down a long driveway expecting to find another disappointment, but instead she was surprised and impressed when she saw the house, and knew she had found a new home.

Being raised with parents who were involved in the Episcopal Church, Katherine and her brother did not question being involved in church activities. She did not view this as volunteering, but as her duty to serve God.

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June Calendar 2015

All Sundays

9:30 Church and Sunday School
(No choir until September)

6 Saturday: Special Convention meets in Miller Hall, Cathedral

20 Saturday: Burial for Phyllis E. Truitt

21 Sunday: Father's Day

25 Thursday: General Convention of The Episcopal Church begins in Salt Lake City

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