

# *The Hallowed Word*

All Hallows Episcopal Church

April 2019

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

## **Services for Holy Week**

Maundy Thursday 4/18, service at 6:45 **pm**

Good Friday Cross Walk, 11 am at the Christian Church

Good Friday Service at All Hallows at 1:45 pm

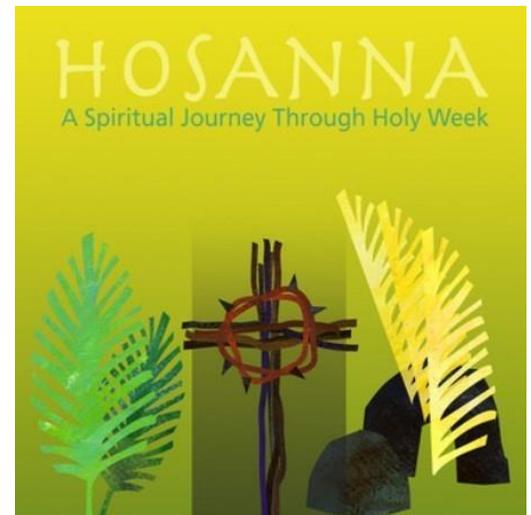
Ecumenical Good Friday Evening Service at Makemie – 7 pm

Saturday morning at 9:00 am, gather at the church to decorate for Easter

Easter Service at 9:30 am, Sunday, April 21

Kids Easter Egg Hunt after service!

**Honors to Jeanne Townsend!** In conjunction with Women's History Month, the General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) annually recognizes a woman who has made a difference in her community. This year, the chapter honored member Jeanne Donaldson Townsend for being the first woman in the state of Maryland to occupy the position of supervisor of assessments in April 1977.



**We Care boxes will be going out the first of May.** (Do you remember how every week Barbara Merritt would remind us of this special ministry?) These boxes are sent to our military serving in other countries and bring great joy when received. Toiletries, snacks, microwave popcorn, candy bars, canned spaghetti (with flip top lids) are popular. There is a basket in the parish hall for collection.

There will be an ECW meeting on Monday, April 29. Desserts will be served at 6:30 pm with the meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr Budget Summary – a report by Ron Geesey, Parish Treasurer

A few comments might clarify some of the numbers (see next page).

Starting with the Income section. One should notice that our pledged income at \$60,060 is significantly higher than that experienced in the past four years which averaged \$45,444 per year. ('All other' contribution income has not been tracked in the past and the finance committee did not want to over budget that number. Pledged income does tend to be higher early in the year so that with almost 1/3 paid only 1/4 of the year has elapsed. The "All other" number tends to be more even over time and at almost 1/3 indicates we may have increased contribution over budget from that source.

Use of investment funds is normally limited to the "Spend" which is calculated as 5% of the average investment balances over the past three years. This "spend" is used by most non-profit organizations in order to provide benefit to the program in a conservative manner and is based on a historic long-term investment return of 8%/yr less 3% for inflation. Note that we had originally budgeted an additional drawing on our investments but have not used any of that money in the first quarter which shows an excess of revenue over expense.

Expenses show variances related to the need to budget monthly numbers on an average basis so that in the winter months one sees savings in grounds maintenance and larger expenses in heating. Please note that one can look down the last column of this report and know that percentages over 25% show we are running head of budget on income and behind when it is an expense. The reverse is clearly true where we are over 25% in income accounts (and may have an opportunity) or behind in expenses and may have a risk to the full year's budget.

If anyone has a question on our finances they should feel free to ask me for an explanation.

**Bishop Marray invited each church in the diocese to take on a new ministry to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** The following is a report from Emmanuel Church in Chestertown.

### The Way of Love

Last summer our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, announced a program called The Way of Love. He wrote: “In the first century Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement. A community of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and committed to living the way of God’s unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial, and redemptive love. Before they were called “church” or “Christian,” this Jesus Movement was simply called “the way.” Today I believe our vocation is to live as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement ... The deep roots of our Christian tradition may offer a path ... a “Rule of Life.”

Emmanuel Church created “Laundry Love.” Laundry Love is a hands-on very personal outreach ministry that simply provides laundry service for our neighbors who, for one reason or another, have to go to a laundromat to provide clean clothes and bedding for themselves and their families. There’s no fanfare or publicity, just neighbors helping neighbors with one of the most basic necessities of life. Each month on a Thursday evening, five of us meet at Kent Town Laundry armed with soap, bleach, snacks, bottles of water, and LOTS of quarters to help all comers to wash and dry their laundry.

On Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, we held our fourth Laundry Love event. To that point we had washed and dried 126 loads of laundry and made lots of friends along the way. During the September wash-a-thon, we met our original goal of 150 wash loads as just one of Emmanuel’s responses to Bishop Marray’s challenge to celebrate Easton Diocese’s Sesquicentennial with 150 acts of kindness and love. Buoyed by the enthusiasm and gratitude that Laundry Love has generated, we have committed to keeping the ministry alive and thriving for as long as volunteers and economic support will allow.

Most of us probably do not realize just how expensive going to a Laundromat can be. For example, the smallest washing machine gulps ten quarters for one cycle. Larger machines swallow 16 and 22 quarters per load! The dryers eat a quarter for every six minutes of drying time. All in all, for planning purposes, we estimate that a single washer load (averaged out among small, medium, and large machines) costs \$3.50 (14 quarters).

If you would like to experience this ministry for yourself, please consider joining our Laundry Fold. Simply contact the church office or speak to a Vestry Rep after Mass on Sundays to be added to the list. Each month, we ask five volunteers (four is not enough and six makes it too crowded) to bring a snack and/or a roll of quarters and help us to help others in a very basic one-on-one manner. We think you'll be glad you did.

### **Musings by Jim April 2019**

April 21, 1923 – The First National Bank of Snow Hill advertised that you could purchase a new Ford for \$5.00 down and weekly payments at the current savings interest rate.

May 5, 1923 – Protestant Episcopal Church Convention at Easton, MD – Rev. Robert B. Matthews and Mr. William G. Kerbin represented All Hallows Parish at the 55<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Easton, in Trinity Cathedral, Easton, this week. Monday night, G. Warfield Hobbs, editor of The Sunday Sun, addressed a mass-meeting in the Cathedral, this being one of the special meetings arranged by Bishop George W. Davenport during the convention.

The session Tuesday morning began with the celebration of the Holy Communion. Following this, the annual address of the bishop was delivered. This showed that the diocese is in good condition; that many new ministers have been called here to all charges heretofore without a

rector, and further plans for the future were revealed for all branches of the church work.

Following the bishop's address the convention was organized for business. Adjournment for lunch prepared by the ladies of the parish followed. At 2:30 P.M., the session of the convention was held at Trinity Cathedral, while Miss Emily Tillotson, educational secretary for the Women's Auxiliary, had a conference at Christ Church with the women. At 7:45, a conference on rural work was led by the Rev. Oscar Myers, Jr., of Chenango County, New York.

The convention committee consists of the Rev. F.J. Rohanan, Dr. A. S. Cover, Mamsey Speer and S. F. Shannahan. The reception committee is composed of the Cathedral Council, Mrs. George W. Davenport, Mrs. F. J. Bohanan, Miss Josie P. Dawson and Mrs. S. F. Shannahan. S. F. Shannahan is secretary.

Also, May 5, 1923 – Episcopal Churches of Eastern Shore – The Old Home Prize Essay, Written by Miss Bessie Stagg Hayman, Class of 1923, Snow Hill High School. It is the purpose of this essay to trace the early development of the Protestant Episcopal Church of America – to bring before your minds a picture of the splendid efforts of the early settlers of this section and to call your attention to the early temples of faith erected on these shores as bulwarks of that civilization our forefathers were building.

To future historians I shall leave the development of the other denominations.

#### Old Home Prize Essay

In 1692, by an Act of the General Assembly, Maryland was divided into thirty parishes with territorial limits. "Snow Hill Parish" as it was then designated was one of the original Parishes.

One of the first (perhaps the very first) of the churches in this parish was in Snow Hill and was known as Snow Hill Church. Since 1710 the name has been "All Hallows Parish."

The FIRST House of Worship stood between the present location and the river. The present building was erected in accordance with an

Act of the colonial assembly bearing the date June 1738, providing that a brick Parish Church be built on the ground laid out in Snow Hill town.

The first minister, who preached in the parish, according to records was Rev. John White in 1698.

The Old Bible, which is kept under glass cover near the entrance, is one of the valuable possessions of the church and was dedicated to it by Queen Anne. The title page bears on it, "London, 1701."

To add to the singular beauty of this church, a wealth of green ivy grows over it, seeming to stretch out its many arms in protection of the inheritance from our forefathers.

The old bell is hung in a tree on the right side of the church and is rung by means of a long pole attached to the bell. How many years has this old bell sounded to "Ring out the old, Ring in the new!"

Worcester Parish was erected in 1731 from a part of Snow Hill Parish. Worcester Parish, also, has another old House of Worship at St. Martin's, which has been standing for very many years. St. Martins Church was built in 1756 near the spot where the first church stood,

In the early days of St. Martins, the parishioners kept the old English custom of burying the Rectors under the chancel. Three former rectors lie buried there. One of these was Rev. Edward Dingley; Rev. William McClenachan and Rev. Samuel Tingley are also interred there.

Here, Queen Anne was likewise benefactress. Her gift was a silver service. A part of this silver is now in use at St. Paul's Church in Berlin, and the remainder is in the Episcopal Church in Dagsboro, Delaware.

In Talbot County, there is a church of great historical value. It is known as Old White Marsh Church. Old White Marsh was, undoubtedly, the oldest church on the Eastern Shore in which public worship has been conducted in recent times. Today, there remains only the ruined brick walls of the church building, which was destroyed by fires as recently as January 12, 1897.

According to the Land Records of Talbot County, the original White Marsh was built about 1665, and remained a place of worship for nearly two hundred years. The new church building of White Marsh Parish was erected in Trappe and was dedicated in 1858, under the name of St. Paul's Church. The old communion silver was removed to St.

Paul's and is still in use. The long handled mahogany alms-box is kept as a relic by one of the parishioners. This box served the two-fold purpose of holding the collections and tapping people to keep them awake during the long services.

In a beautiful grove of Giant Oaks, "St. Luke's" has stood at Wye Mills for nearly two centuries. The old Wye Church has been repaired three times and today the interior is greatly changed from the original. The exterior is, doubtless, unchanged except to take on the marks of time. This old church is claimed to be one of the most perfect specimens of colonial architecture in Maryland. Old Wye seems to radiate some of the dignity of the polished vestrymen of its early history.

In Princess Anne, there stands another church of great interest. St. Andrews was built on or about 1870 on two lots bought by Robert Gaddis. This chapel at Princess Anne was successor to the original Chapel of Ease at Kings Creek and was known as "Kings Mill Chapel." This very church had a very high and imposing tower, the bell resting in open work at the top which was surmounted by a gift cross. In 1893 the beauty of this tower was in the minds of many, destroyed by taking off its upper stories and substituting the present spire.

These Episcopal Churches which I have mentioned – All Hallows in Snow Hill, St. Martins at St. Martins, Old White Marsh in Talbot County, Old Wye near Wye Mills and St. Andrews in Princess Anne have become antiquated with time alone. Some of them are standing in an almost devastated condition.

Their historic significance, their antique beauty, their attractive simplicity, and their dignified appearance make them an outstanding feature and a valuable asset in their own immediate communities, as well as to the entire peninsula. They have helped greatly in the establishment of our traditions of the Eastern Shore.

So great is the historic fame and beauty of these Protestant Episcopal Churches, that tourists marvel at their sight. In the heart of every Eastern Shoreman there bubbles a feeling of pride in claiming these churches as belonging to "The Land of Evergreens."