

# *The Hallowed Word*

*All Hallows Episcopal Church, Snow Hill, Maryland*

*January 2020*

## **So Long 2019 & Welcome 2020!**

One of the remarkable things in over two decades occurred on Christmas Eve: Attendance! As nearly every parish has seen, the trend away from a late night Christmas Eve service toward an afternoon service has become more popular. This is not to debate why or feel sad about that change, but to look at the **POSTIVES!** All Hallows certainly did Celebrate on 12/24/2019!



Officially 100 people were in attendance at the 4:30 service on Christmas Eve 2019. Amazing. Going back to church records, there have been Christmas Eve services (if counting “2” or multiple services) where 100 or more attended on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December. It’s been 8 years and took “3” services (*adding in the 3<sup>rd</sup> on Christmas Day in 2011*) to have a triple digit number of people. Looking all the way back to 1995, there has **never** been an afternoon Christmas Eve service with more than 76 (*in 2001*). That’s just amazing!

Added to the fact this increase over 2018 was 45% more. The service felt holy & flowed as nearly 20 children sang “*Go Tell it On The Mountain!*” with Annette Parker & Keith Donoway.

2019 ended on so many wonderful glass-full moments as the parish moves into 2020. Church work is just that → work. God’s abundance is only on a daily basis. *No Matter What: we* are the sheep who are entrusted with how a

parish moves ahead. Growing a parish includes coming to worship in whatever frequency one can and supporting the church in how you can.

Let's look for additional great things that will appear on the horizon here in Snow Hill where the Episcopal Church **has** a presence. Participate-- offer what gifts you can share, be it in serving on the altar, Altar Guild, as an acolyte, Sunday School (as a student or adult helper), greeter, and generous giver to the Body of Christ here at All Hallows! Many thanks to the *buyers* who used Shop With Scrip enabling the church to receive nearly \$1,700 in rebates during 2019. It's so easy. All Hallows has **begun** to help the SH Christian Nursery School and Snow Hill Middle School late in 2019. More to come!

May God bless us all in growing the kingdom! See you in church & at the Community Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:30 pm.

Peace,  
Chuck+  
Rector



**Let your smile change the world,  
but don't let the world  
change your smile.**

(Caption: Smiling parishioners!)



**All Hallows Cookbooks are still available.** To date we have cleared \$4,628.05, and the ECW used a portion of this money to buy a new (larger) grill and table for the kitchen. This should speed up the production of pancakes to ease the wait during Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 25.

As for the Pancake Supper, **your help is needed.** Folks will be prepping the food throughout the day, we will be needing servers, and we will be needing folks to clean up the kitchen after the Supper. However you can help, talk to Janet Simpson or Debbie Blackburn. You will be appreciated!

Last year Pancake Supper served 110 sitdown meals and 297 carryouts. The supper will be Tuesday, February 25, 4:30 to 7 pm, although those coming for carryouts usually arrive about 4:15.

**The special emphasis by the ECW on the Snow Hill Food Pantry brought in over 200 items in the 2 months.** However, this is a place of real need. We are helping one man whose Medicare Disability income is \$400 per month. Food Stamps were cut back by Trump this month, and he now gets \$29 per month. That does not buy very many beans to put in the soup! The Food Pantry meets a real need, and any non-perishable foods are welcome. Thank you for helping.

**Note: \*\*\* Please see Treasurer's Report at the end of this Newsletter \*\*\***

**The Celebration Eucharist of the Bishop's Institute was January 4 at St. Paul's Chapel in Hebron.** This Bishop's Institute is located at St. Paul's Chapel on Route 50 in Hebron, and will serve as an educational institute for lay members of the Diocese of Easton in the southern and middle parts of the Diocese. The two other locations will be Bray House in Easton, and St. Stephen's, Earlville. (You will be hearing more later about educational opportunities.)

Stephanie Clayville, our Deacon Postulant, was present for this installation.



The Deacon Postulants, standing left to right, are: Alisha King, member St. Alban's, Salisbury currently interning at Church of the Holy Spirit; Chris Sabas, member St. Alban's, Salisbury, currently interning at St. Mary the Virgin, Pocomoke, Stephanie Clayville, member All Hallows, currently interning at St. Peter's Salisbury, Jim Kamahachi, Barbara Coleman, and Laura McCarthy, member, St. Peter's Salisbury, currently interning at St. Paul's by-the-Sea. Laura is also the Co-Director of the Bishop's Institute!

**Message from Stephanie:**

*I have been thinking a lot about you lately. Hope all is well!?  
Off to the OC Youth Rally this weekend. Going with some youth from St. Peter's as a chaperone.... fingers crossed I survive. 😊 I am loving my internship at St. Peter's and all the new experiences I am getting. The cassock and surplice are getting put to good use...think about you each time I put them on!*

*All the best,  
Steph Clayville*

**Our Sunday School did a terrific job with the Epiphany Pageant. We are grateful for all the work the Gordys and Donoways do to “shepherd” our children, “angels” and “little lambs”.**



**We collect an offering for the UTO twice a year, in the Spring and Fall.** This is where the little blue boxes come in. They are to remind us of God's goodness to us. Whenever you feel that God has especially blessed you, put a few coins in the blue box, then on collection day put them in the special offering. You will be amazed at how the total rises, and we will be helping God's children around the world.

**Another way to help Operation We Care:** In addition two large mailings overseas twice a year, We Care sends about 40 boxes each month to addresses they have been given. They are now adding something new, puzzles – Scrabble-grams, Crosswords, Soduko, etc. You will find them in your newspaper. This adds no weight or bulk to the package but provides one more activity for someone far from home. Clip them and leave them in the basket in the Parish Hal, and we will deliver. Thank you.

**The “Twelfth Night” Epiphany Supper is likely to become an annual event.** No program – just enjoying each other's company while eating good food. A good time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who cooked, shopped for, brought food, and cleaned up! (Photos: Nick Haglich)



**Epiphany Night Supper**



## Musings by Jim

April 21, 1923 – MR. CORDDRY TELLS OF TIMBER INDUSTRY – Prominent Snow Hill Lumber Manufacturer Makes Address In Baltimore Telling The Story Of Loblolly Pine The following address was given by Hon. William D. Corddry, of Snow Hill, at the annual meeting of the Maryland Forestry Association at Baltimore, recently. Mr. Corddry is President of the Corddry Company, large manufacturers of lumber and building materials here. Mr. Corddry said:

“I esteem it a privilege and a pleasure as well to have been invited to take part in your meeting here tonight. I always feel at home in the company of men and women who are interested in Forestry or Forest Products. I want to tell these boys, on the front row, first of all, that the first money I ever earned was paid me for mailing up peach boxes at forty cents a hundred. In fact this was my first connection with the lumber or timber business. This was back in the late seventies and I worked during the vacation periods. It occurs to me now that I experienced the feeling at that time which I have not had since – the feeling of having all the money I needed or wanted.

The mill, where I nailed up these boxes was big. I say “Big Mill” advisedly, for this was what it was called when it was built and continued to bear that name until it was destroyed by fire in 1909.

The mill was built by Richardson, Moore and Smith, on the ashes of a mill that had been standing on the same site since before the Civil War. This marked the entry of Senator John Walter Smith in the lumber business. The mill was at first a saw mill or a log mill (and my peach box stuff was a by-product made of slabs and trim boards). It was later converted into a box shook mill. It was of course located at Snow Hill, in Worcester County.

I am not sure that all these boys know where Worcester County is and since I am Talking partly to them, I am going to locate it for them so they will remember it: It touches the State of Delaware on the north; the Atlantic Ocean

on the east; the State of Virginia on the south; the rest of the State of Maryland being to the west. It is the only state touched by the ocean on two states.

The mill was built on the banks of the Pocomoke River and its supply of logs were cut on the high land or forest along the river and floated up and down the stream. It had a cutting capacity of some six million feet a year and was operated as a saw mill for perhaps twenty years and ceased sawing logs only when the owners had cut all the viable timber.

The timber that they had been cutting was Virginia Pine – pine trees that the Lord had planted and caused to grow with no assistance or protection from man.

Our country was wonderfully blessed with natural resources and our state had its share. There was coal in abundance on the western part of the state and timber covered the land on the Eastern Shore. As I see it now, the timber lands were more valuable than the coal lands. When coal comes from the earth, nothing takes its place. Not so with timber lands. If properly treated timber will reproduce itself.

Now what I have said about Snow Hill and its “Big Mill” could have been said about practically every town on the Eastern Shore. They have all had their big mills and they have all been operated along the same general lines as the Snow Hill mill and have all had the same experience.

However, it can be said that these mills of fifty and sixty years ago cut practically all of our Virginia Pine, which they cut more wisely than they knew. They cut only the trees that would measure more than twelve inches at the stump, and I submit Mr. President, and Mr. State Forester, that when they stopped cutting, that a new Forest had already started to take place of the old. The cut over land of that period was a forest still. So far as I can recall, none of the timber land in our region has escaped a second cutting, and I regret to say that no thought was given to the on-coming generation when this was being done.

The policy of the Saw Mill man of fifty years ago, was to bring the timber to the mill; we take the mill to the timber now. He cut the trees that would measure twelve inches and more of the stump; we cut it all.

Hundreds of ground mills are operating all over the Eastern Shore today and have been for thirty years past. And the end is not yet. These have all been cutting second growth timber.

As already intimated, the present day saw mill man, is leaving the land devastated, taking little or no thought of tomorrow. This lack of consideration is more often our misfortune than our fault. The owner of timber lands in his desire to get the last dollar out of his timber, sells without reservation or to six to eight inches at the ground hoping that it will re-set itself in Pine without any effort or expense on his part. I find however, that much of our over-cutting grows up in Oak or other hardwood bushes, which absolutely prevent natural reseedling.

I quite agree with the thought advanced by the State Forester that it is better to clear the land by burning or other methods and see to it that our devastated lands are reset in Pine.

I am convinced that Pine timber will grow in this section to splendid saw timber in thirty-five to forty years. In fact our company is cutting a tract of timber now, splendid second growth timber, a part of which tract was in cultivation less than forty years ago. And it occurs to me to say that this tract of timber sold twenty five years ago for less than a thousand dollars and was sold by its present own for more than ten thousand dollars.

It may not pay to grow timber in Southern Maryland, as has been stated by the speaker who just preceded me, but my observation has been that timber can be grown from the seed profitably on the Eastern Shore.

The State Forester has asked me to touch upon the Planing Mill business on the Eastern Shore. This is a question that I am deeply interested in and am frank of say, that in the light of the knowledge that we are cutting more timber than we are growing in all counties except Dorchester and Queen Anne, that

the future does not look very bright. This is especially true I the three lower counties, where in response to a demand for timber in the coal mines of Pennsylvania, thousands of carloads of prop lumber have been cut and shipped in the round to this market. I am inclined to think that the mine prop operators have done more to devastate our forests in the last ten years than the saw mill man has done in a quarter of a century previous.

When timber is cut into lumber and that lumber manufactured into building materials, shooks for boxes and the like, then it is that we get the best returns for our natural resources and the most satisfactory results. Every thousand feet of timber, worked this way, pits ten dollars a thousand feet in the pockets of the wage earner of the vicinity.

There are some twenty planing mills on the Eastern Shore doing a general planing mill business and making shooks for boxes and crates. The capital invested in these enterprises will exceed two million dollars. Their annual payroll exceeds a half million dollars. Fifty million feet of lumber will not keep them running full time. They have depended largely upon local timber.

Pine timber has grown rapidly in the past, is still growing and I think it is entirely possible and probable that the cut-over lands of today will produce another harvest. But I am bound to say that the future of our industries demand that we "Stop, Look and Listen."

I believe that the Planing Mill people of the Eastern Shore are in heavy sympathy with the activities of your Association and ready to co-operate with the State Forestry Board.

I want to urge intelligent systematic reforestation. The protection of our timber land is of the greatest importance. Our laws should be so well enforced that persons owning adjoining cleared land could not afford to be careless with fire. The State Game Warden will do well to co-operate with the State Forestry Board in a campaign of education, looking toward fire

prevention; for I am quite sure more game is destroyed by forest fires than is bagged by the hunters.”

### The Eastern Shore Business Journal

May 5, 1923 – Protestant Episcopal Church Convention At Easton, Md. Rev. Rubert B. Matthews and Mr. William G. Kerbin represented All Hallows Parish in the fifty-fifth 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 of 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. Bohanan, Dr. A. S. Cover, J. Mamsey Speer and S. E. Shannahan. THE reception committee is composed of the Cathedral Council; Mrs. George W. Davenport, Mrs. F. J. Bohanan, Mrs. Victor Mathews, Mrs. A. S. Cover, Miss Josie P. Dawson and Mrs. S. F. Shannahan. S. E. Shannahan is secretary.

NOTE: \*\*\* Three page Treasurer’s Report Follows \*\*\*

## **All Hallows Budget/Actuals Dec/Full Year Variance Analysis 2019**

### **Summary**

The enclosed Income/Expense report for December and all of 2019 YTD has a somewhat different look to it. I adjusted the line Endowment Reserve Income to include correctly the budgeted loss of \$6,460 increasing the budgeted number from \$18,000 to \$24,460. This recognizes the fact that the budgeted loss would have had to be covered by a transfer from the endowment to show a breakeven budget which frankly I should have done when we originally approved this budget. You may recall that I had already used some of the Endowment Reserve in October and November and I believed that a further transfer would have been necessary to cover a small loss in December. As it turned out, our All Hallows contribution in December was at \$15,356 the largest December income in at least the last 10 years. I therefore had to adjust the Endowment Reserve line to show that we only needed to use \$4,492.87 to achieve a breakeven result for 2019. See the last line on p.2. This represents a significant improvement on the original budget which called for a use of additional endowment in order to break even. Instead of using some \$24,460 from the endowment we used only \$4,482 almost a \$20,000 improvement over the original budget.

### **Income**

The largest contribution to this excellent result was in Contribution income where we exceeded our budget by almost \$9,000 from the budgeted \$68,000 to the actual achieved of \$76,930.14.

### **Expense**

The major expense item of Building Maintenance contributed a little more than \$7,000 to the improved result and Utilities added about \$1,500. Our reduced Diocesan allocation helped for this year and the only major line item over budget was Maintenance of Grounds.

Ron Geesey, Treasurer  
January 7, 2020

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**Income and Expense Statement**  
 All Hallows Financials for 2019

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	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Percentage
<b>INCOME</b>					
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>					
All Hallows	\$15,356.00	\$76,930.14	\$68,000.00	\$68,000.00	113.13 %
Exchange Income	0.00	250.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	16.67 %
Subtotal Contributions	15,356.00	77,180.14	69,500.00	69,500.00	111.05 %
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>					
Endowment Reserve Income	4,482.97	4,482.97	24,460.00	24,460.00	18.33 %
Endowment "Spend" 5%/year	5,034.00	60,408.00	60,350.00	60,350.00	100.10 %
Subtotal Investment Income	9,516.97	64,890.97	84,810.00	84,810.00	76.51 %
<b>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME</b>					
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	823.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	82.30 %
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>24,872.97</b>	<b>142,894.11</b>	<b>155,310.00</b>	<b>155,310.00</b>	<b>92.01 %</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>PERSONNEL</b>					
Rector	\$4,118.00	\$48,823.24	\$48,206.00	\$48,206.00	101.28 %
Rector SECA Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00 %
Rector Equity Allowance	84.00	1,134.00	1,008.00	1,008.00	112.50 %
Rector Trav. & Related Exp	0.00	2,273.44	892.00	892.00	254.87 %
Rector's Discretionary Fu	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00 %
Rector's Health Insurance	1,005.50	11,670.00	11,640.00	11,640.00	100.26 %
Rector's Pension Cont.	1,606.86	13,270.53	12,250.00	12,250.00	108.33 %
Rector Continuing Educ.	0.00	197.50	1,008.00	1,008.00	19.59 %
Supply Priest	100.00	896.56	1,200.00	1,200.00	74.71 %
Organist	541.66	6,523.91	6,500.00	6,500.00	100.37 %
Secretary	346.95	3,730.11	4,104.00	4,104.00	90.89 %
Soc. Sec. & Medicare	67.98	784.44	1,995.00	1,995.00	39.32 %
Payroll Taxes	0.00	318.75	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
Subtotal Personnel	7,870.95	89,622.48	90,653.00	90,653.00	98.86 %
<b>INSURANCE</b>					
Church Insurance Agency	0.00	7,009.00	7,200.00	7,200.00	97.35 %
<b>BUILDING MAINTENANCE</b>					
All Hallows Bldg Maint	369.89	6,679.76	12,000.00	12,000.00	55.66 %
Rectory Bldg Maint	0.00	370.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	18.50 %
Capital Additions	0.00	(145.72)	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
Subtotal Building Maintenance	369.89	6,904.04	14,000.00	14,000.00	49.31 %
<b>UTILITIES</b>					
Gas & Electric	0.00	3,920.53	6,500.00	6,500.00	60.32 %
Heating Oil	2,285.09	8,026.66	7,000.00	7,000.00	114.67 %
Water & Sewer	0.00	461.29	500.00	500.00	92.26 %
Subtotal Utilities	2,285.09	12,408.48	14,000.00	14,000.00	88.63 %
<b>MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS</b>					
All Hallows Grounds Maint	0.00	3,399.65	3,500.00	3,500.00	97.13 %

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	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Percentage
Holy Cross Grounds Maint	0.00	1,615.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	134.58 %
Rectory Grounds Maint	0.00	753.25	750.00	750.00	100.43 %
Subtotal Maintenance Of Grounds	0.00	5,767.90	5,450.00	5,450.00	105.83 %
<b>DIOCESE OF EASTON</b>					
Other Diocese	995.54	10,977.56	11,947.00	11,947.00	91.89 %
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>					
Church School	0.00	291.47	200.00	200.00	145.74 %
Conferences & Vestry Retr	0.00	2,266.05	1,500.00	1,500.00	151.07 %
Liturgical Supplies	30.00	1,810.25	2,000.00	2,000.00	90.51 %
Organ Purchase & Related	0.00	340.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
Musical Inst Maint	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00 %
Office Equipment	0.00	184.13	500.00	500.00	36.83 %
Copier Costs	141.75	1,424.91	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
Computer Software	455.00	910.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
Office Supplies	0.00	539.47	2,250.00	2,250.00	23.98 %
Food Service Supplies	19.86	144.50	200.00	200.00	72.25 %
Outreach	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00 %
Parish Gatherings	0.00	457.90	750.00	750.00	61.05 %
Postage & Delivery	110.00	110.00	480.00	480.00	22.92 %
Telephone	180.50	1,073.97	1,030.00	1,030.00	104.27 %
Miscellaneous	0.00	252.00	200.00	200.00	126.00 %
Funds Transferred Out	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
Furnishings	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00 %
Equipment	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00 %
Exchange Expense	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 %
Subtotal Other Expenses	937.11	10,204.65	12,060.00	12,060.00	84.62 %
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>12,458.58</b>	<b>142,894.11</b>	<b>155,310.00</b>	<b>155,310.00</b>	<b>92.01 %</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$12,414.39</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>