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Ordination and Confirmations in Maryland: *By the Rev'd Tom Burr and Mr. Jack Wyatt*

April 28th and 29th proved to be an exciting and eventful weekend at St. Paul's Church in Crownsville, Maryland. On the 28th the Most Rev. Walter H. Grundorf, DD, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Province of America, and Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Eastern United States, ordained Mr. Thomas Houghton to the Sacred Order of Deacons. Fr. Dcn. Thomas will serve at St. Paul's, Crownsville, as deacon.

Then on Sunday, April 29th Bishop Grundorf administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to Angela Connors and Kacie Welch on Sunday. He also received seven new members: the Hilton family (George, Laura, Annalise and Victoria), John Johnson, Kathleen Simmons, and Helena Walpole.

Special guests of honor at both services were Saint Paul's rector-emeritus, the Rt. Rev'd Bob Loiselle, and his wife Emily, who flew in from Florida for the occasion.

Saint Paul's always considers it an honor and great pleasure to have Bishop Grundorf and his wife, Dr. Mary Grundorf, with them. £



Top left: Bp. Grundorf and confirmands. **Top right:** Bp. Grundorf and Dcn. Thomas with deanery clergy. **Bottom center:** Fr. Tom Burr, rector of St. Paul's Church, with Dcn. Thomas and Bp. Grundorf

Episcopal Visit in North Carolina: *By Mr. Philip Murph*

On Saturday, April 14, 2018, the Rt. Rev. Chandler Jones, SSC, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of the Eastern United States Anglican Province of America, was welcomed with a home cooked meal provided by Bob and Corkie Schrecenghost, members of the mission parish of All Souls Anglican Church located on Purgatory Mountain in Asheboro, North Carolina. On Sunday, Bishop Jones, with warm Episcopal welcome, received into All Souls Church two new members: Wayne Jacobs (see photo below) and Steve Seaboch. Bishop Jones also blessed a new prie-dieu and two crucifix stands, both of which were locally handcrafted. Members thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship and teaching of Bishop Jones.

All Souls Church is a small mission parish with thirty-five dedicated, Christ loving members. Over the past several months, the members have enjoyed fellowship with each other during repainting and cleaning several rooms, repositioning a hand carved Italian crucifix over the altar (see photos below) and updating the memorial garden. There are plans for members to have the opportunity to spread Christ's love by participation in a local fair and fellowship trips. All Souls Church is led by Deacon in Charge, Rev'd Mr. Arthur W. Walker. ✠

Top left: Dcn. Walker, Mr. Jacobs, Bp. Jones, and Fr. Emerson; Bottom left: Dcn. Walker, Bp. Brewer, Bp. Jones, Fr. Emerson, and Fr. Bakley; Top and bottom right: the beautiful crucifix being installed in the church.



Building Expansion in North Carolina: *By the Ven. Erich Zwingert, SSC*

During recent years, the men and women of All Saints Church in Mills River, North Carolina, have undertaken a number of impressive improvements to their church facility. All of these efforts have been directed at deferred maintenance or an overdue need to refresh the condition of the church and grounds. Recent examples include the kitchen and fellowship hall renovation, landscape retaining wall replacement, parking lot repaving and striping, and bathroom renovations. The church family has grown to the wonderful point that they frequently run out of seating at special events, meals, and productions. They also saw the need to address the means of greeting visitors, both physically and aesthetically, and enhance facility safety during times when few people or children are present in the building.

The convergence of several factors led the Vestry to recommend a modest capital campaign to make strategic improvements in the church facility. They have a noted church architect as a parishioner, interest rates are quite low but are already rising as the economy improves, low-cost improvement options are possible, and a member

of the parish, who is a building contractor, has agreed to spearhead construction, which will ensure the “personal” touch in making these improvements. The Vestry identified three goals:



1. Expand the capacity of the parish hall
2. Add dedicated office space appropriate to expanding staff needs
3. Elevate arrival and worship experience with a new bell tower and rock façade on church.

A capital campaign was launched in February of this year and the

\$275,000 goal was reached in two months. The ceremonial groundbreaking was held on March 4, 2018, and construction began on March 23, 2018. Once the new office space is completed, parish hall



renovations will begin. Due to unfortunate weather delays, the roof has not yet been installed on the new office space. The bell tower is nearing completion at the steel fabrication company. Three bells for that tower have been ordered from Meeks & Watson Company and the rock on the front wall will be the last item to be installed. Anticipated

completion of all the construction projects is the end of September 2018. The progress of this project can be viewed on the All Saints Church Website news feed at www.allsaintschurch.us/news. ✠

Helping Cancer Patients in Maryland: *By the Very Rev'd J. Gordon Anderson*

On Saturday May 12th, “Team Saint Alban’s” of St. Alban’s Church in Joppa, MD, (pictured below) participated in the Amanda Hichkad CCA Celebration Walk in Bel Air, Maryland. This annual walk raises money to support Cancer LifeNet, an organization in Harford County, MD that offers support for cancer patients and their families and friends. St. Alban’s Senior Warden, Kristi Sjolholm-Sierchio, herself a cancer survivor, organized the parish team and spearheaded the fundraising. Each person who signs up to walk on a team pays a fee that is donated to Cancer LifeNet, and they can raise additional funds as well. While she would have been happy to raise \$500 and have eight or ten walkers, Team Saint Alban’s ended up raising over \$3,000 and having a team of thirty-nine people! Team Saint Alban’s was the third largest team walking in terms of size and fundraising! It was amazing to see what God accomplished through our “small but mighty” parish, and network of family and friends! Kristi is currently in the process of organizing a cancer support prayer and ministry group out of the church with other parishioners and friends who are battling various types of cancer.

“Cancer LifeNet, based at the Kaufman Cancer Center at the University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Center in Bel Air, is a free-of-charge nurse navigation and supportive care program offered to cancer patients and their loved ones in Harford and Cecil counties, regardless of where they receive their cancer treatment. The program provides nurse navigators, volunteer navigators, oncology social workers, support groups and specialized classes, including tai chi, yoga, healthy cooking and group programs for children who have a parent or loved one with cancer. Last year, Cancer LifeNet provided these free-of-charge services to approximately 1,500 cancer patients and family members.” (from *The Aegis*, June 3, 2017) ✠

