

Bicentennial Bulletin

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 2, 2018

1:00 p.m. Parishioner Sidney Lawrence on the theme and process of his 1818–2018 commemorative painting in Keith Hall.

Sunday, December 16, 2018

10:00 a.m. Virginia Theological Seminary Professor Rev. Robert Prichard, Ph.D. speaks on the history of the Episcopal Church, 1918–2018, in Keith Hall.

Sunday, January 6, 2019

5:00 p.m. Evensong for the Feast of the Epiphany, followed by a festive reception in the Parish Hall Auditorium.

History Snapshot

Christ church did considerable outreach to military personnel during World War I and even rented the house diagonally across 31st Street from the church to have more space, since at that time Keith Hall was still a chapel. That actually added momentum to the slightly later expansion of the church building and deconsecration of the chapel to form what is now Keith Hall.



Christ Church
Georgetown
200 years

William Hayman (1785–1842)

William Hayman subscribed to eight shares, worth \$200, in the initial subscription for Christ Church, placing him in the middle range of financial supporters. He went on to become one of the 26 committed pew purchasers, to purchase pew No. 4 and to serve as a Warden. He was also a master brewer and member of the Masonic Lodge.

Hayman was from Chester County, PA, southwest of Philadelphia. It is not known when he came to Georgetown, but in 1813 Daniel Bussard, the owner of Georgetown's first brewery, the Georgetown Brewery (established 1809), invited William Hayman into partnership with him. During the 1820s Hayman acted as purveyor of ale to General Andrew Jackson (the receipts still exist). Following Bussard's death in 1830, Hayman constructed a new three-story brewery, known as Hayman's Brewery, at what is now the northeast corner of 27th and K Streets on the east side of Rock Creek. The creek supplied the water for making the beer. The brewery produced up to 6,000 barrels annually. Following Hayman's death in 1842, the Orphan's Court ordered the sale of its equipment, fixtures and inventory to pay off Hayman's debts.

According to one source, Hayman "was held in high esteem by his fellow citizens for his uprightness and generosity, and for his amiable and affectionate nature."

Hayman married Julianna Lane (1795-?), who was also from Pennsylvania. They had eight children, seven of whom survived to adulthood: daughters Mary Elizabeth, Anna B., Julia, Adelaide G. and Kate Wayne, and two sons, William and Samuel Lane. William Hayman was a patron of learning, and his children received thorough educations.

Hayman died in 1842 at age 67. His funeral was held September 21, 1842, at Christ Church. He is buried, with his wife, in the Falling Spring Presbyterian Church cemetery in Chambersburg, PA, which was her home town.

1885 Time Capsule

On July 10th this year, a stone mason tediously removed the 1885 cornerstone at the church building's base on the 31st and O Street corner to excavate the original time capsule hidden behind it.

In September, a small group including staff and clergy opened the box and discovered its contents were far more numerous and interesting than had been anticipated. Very quickly it became obvious these treasures deserved their own exhibit for the parish. Since then, the Bicentennial Education Committee has been focused on not only sharing the old time capsule, but also preparing new items to add to represent the year of the Bicentennial so that all can be blessed and buried together in January 2019.

On Sunday, October 14, the chapel converted to a gallery as it had been a year earlier at the opening Bicentennial Founders Festival. At that time the history of Christ Church was told through items from the vault alongside current research. This time, documents, photographs, newspapers, and currency were revealed alongside their original container which measured only 11.5 x 7 x 6 inches.

Most of the oldest items date to 1867, including a report stating the number of communicants: 209; baptisms: 18; marriages: 9; funerals: 8, and contributions to charities: \$2,228.00. One Indian Head penny dates to 1860; postage and Confederate money include an 1864 \$2 bill, and an 1864 \$100 bill. A few coins from the church's founding date from 1817. Also of value are two original M.B. Brady and Company photographs of the building in 1867.

Visitors were drawn to two fragments of the Washington Monument, one from the cornerstone dated 1848 and one from the capstone dated 1884. This reminds us that the third building, our current church building, was erected right after the Washington Monument was completed. One curious very large document that was not on display that day appears to be a commission by US President Andrew Johnson and Secretary of the Navy Gideon Wells appointing David Farragut to Navy Admiral on July 25, 1866. Perhaps one of our esteemed Navy parishioners will shed some light on this and why it belongs at Christ Church. A complete list of the 34 items along with photographs of each has been recorded and will be on the website for detailed review very soon.

The new time capsule contents will also include significant items from our Bicentennial celebration, and it will be secured in a specially-redesigned cabinet in Keith Hall in January after the final celebration on Epiphany.

For more on William Hayman and the 1885 time capsule, visit the Bicentennial page of the parish website: www.christchurchgeorgetown.org/bicentennial

Excerpt from the Oral History Project

What follows is an excerpt from a collection of interviews for the Oral History Project of the Bicentennial Celebration of Christ Church, Georgetown. Conducted by fellow parishioners, they highlight memories of several decades and provide individual perspectives on the life of the church. These oral histories will be available soon on the website. Read and listen to lively stories about our outstanding rectors, liturgy, outreach and much more.

Outreach

Rita asked me to get involved with SOME, (So Others Might Eat), which was serving breakfast only five times a year when there was a fifth Tuesday of the month...I remember at the early point.... Bill Burns and I would meet over at some disgusting food place in Virginia that had Wonder Bread—one-day-old Wonder Bread. That was one of our servings. Thank goodness, after a while, they moved to healthier food. They had eggs, and sausage, and biscuits or something good. —Tooyey Cameron

KIDS' CORNER

Eyes on 200 Find Your Leaf



On the first day of Sunday School in September this year, children and teens from every class joined in the creation of 200 colorful flowers and leaves to represent 200 years of our church's history. The project was conceived and gifted by Katherine Brown, a member of the Bicentennial Committee and the mother of Ryan, Alexander, and Abigail. Hours of tedious work was involved. The leaves were each numbered 1818–2018 then arranged artistically on fabric which now hangs on a wooden cross.

On All Saints Sunday, November 4th, the completed banner debuted during the processional at the 9:00 a.m. service and led all our young saints around the church. While Reverend Gardner held up the creation "The Children of Christ Church Georgetown Celebrating 200 Years," Reverend Keeler gave the homily using a prop of a paper line with a beginning and end, then she turned it into a circle to express the eternity of God in our lives and the life of our church. She explained to the children seated at her feet that their banner will be carried through our sanctuary for the next 100 years and beyond. That Sunday the children and youth also gathered in the Auditorium to celebrate and share their classes' contributions to the time capsule, specifically records of their collective answers to questions like what are their favorite hymns, favorite foods and ways to spend free time.

The banner will be permanently displayed in the education building, brightening and welcoming families every Sunday morning. See if your children can show you the petals or leaves she or he contributed.