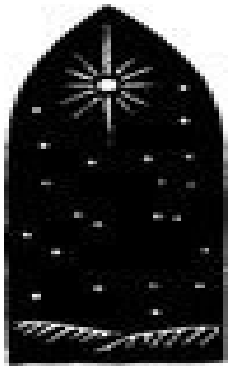

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

# THE STAR

April 2019

## FROM FATHER ANDREW…

As I write this, it appears that spring has finally sprung. I am sure you have noticed, as I have, that we have had what feels like several false starts to spring. Somehow, this seems appropriate for the season of Lent. It has been a reminder that we are still in this time of preparation.

Bishop J. Neil Alexander writes this about time. "In Christian practice, and that of our Jewish forebears, time in ritualized – marked – by prayer. It is by prayer, both public and personal, that time is made holy, set apart for divine purposes. The effect of such prayer is not to change time, but to more clearly recognize God at work within it. We praise God in time, for time, in recognition that the short space of eternity we inhabit is a gift of God's mercy and grace. We bless God for all that has been even as we anticipate all that will be, both in the long narrative of redemption and in the glimpse of that short story that is our own lives. We glorify God in the full confidence that the only future worth betting on is God's future and that our only hope to share that future is to be in relationship with God, a relationship that is nurtured daily by prayer."

I have found my daily prayers enriched by this odd weather of ours. I keep looking forward to Easter, and the flowers, and the warm sunlight. Every morning, God reminds me to slow down. It is still Lent, it is still dark, and many mornings there is still frost on the ground. I am reminded that I am still in need of fasting, self-reflection, repentance, and prayer.

My prayer for you all is that as time continues to move ever forward, you can mark it with prayer. You can bless it with prayer. You can see how holy and sacred your time is through prayer. God is with us in this present moment, and through prayer we can be a part of God's future.

WHO WE ARE:

The Church of the Epiphany is one of 181 parishes of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, which is one of 110 dioceses in The Episcopal Church (USA), one of 44 member churches in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

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# Easter-to-Easter Campaign

The Legacy project stands at 39,005 which is 87% of the $45,000 matching gift. That makes $5,995 to go for and only have about 3 weeks left! There is a brochure in the back of the church that explains the Legacy Fund in detail. All contributors to the Legacy Fund will be recognized in the main hallway. A replica of the cross behind the altar on the wall will be given to all contributors to the Legacy Fund for gifts of $2,500 or more during the Easter-to-Easter campaign. The cross replica is given as a 'thank you' gift by Master Woodworker, Harrison Higgins.

## ***Bible Study***

Come join the discussion at our new bible study.

**On April 10th** we will be looking at chapters 7 and 8 of the gospel of Mark.

**On April 24th** chapters 9 and 10.

Sessions begin at 6:30 pm.

*All are welcomed!*

# Diaper Ministry

Our next distribution day **Saturday, April 20th,** from 9:30 to 12:30. Come and be a part of this exciting new ministry.

Donations of diapers, wipes and paper bags with handles are always appreciated!

# Children's Choir

We are starting a Children's Choir here at Epiphany! We would love all children through 5th grade to be a part of this fun opportunity to show our love in Christ! No musical background needed—just a happy heart!

Questions??

Please contact **Brooke Cable** & **Stephanie Norris** at: sfnorris@henrico.k12.va.us or call or text 804 658-7588.

# Beale Armstrong

## *Memorial Endowment Fund*

Is a scholarship that is available for advancement of Christian religious education. This scholarship is available to members of the parish who have demonstrated financial needs, a long standing commitment to the Church of the Epiphany and a commitment to serve a larger Church upon graduation. Please see the brochure in the back of the church for more information.

# April Parish Calendar

April 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2<br>7:00 PM JRRingers | 3<br>12:00 PM H.E. with Healing Prayers<br>7:00 PM Alnon Board Mtg. | 4<br>9:30 AM Lamb's Basket Volunteers Clients<br>6:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal<br>7:30 PM Handbell Rehersal | 5 | 6<br>8:30 AM Outreach Bag Lunch Program Chapter 4 Team |
| 7<br>8:15 AM H.E.<br>9:30 AM Adult Forum<br>10:15 AM Sun. School<br>10:30 AM H.E. | 8 | 9<br>7:00 PM JRRingers | 10<br>12:00 PM H.E. with Healing Prayers<br>6:30 PM Bible study | 11<br>9:30 AM Lamb's Basket Volunteers Clients<br>6:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal<br>7:30 PM Handbell Rehersal | 12 | 13 |
| 14<br>8:15 AM H.E.<br>9:30 AM Adult Forum<br>10:15 AM Sun. School<br>10:30 AM H.E.<br>Blood Pressure clinic in Parlor<br>Palm Sunday | 15<br>7:00 PM Chapter 4 meeting in parlor | 16<br>6:00 PM Vestry Meeting<br>7:00 PM JRRingers | 17<br>12:00 PM H.E. with Healing Prayers<br>6:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 18<br>9:30 AM Lamb's Basket Volunteers Clients<br>7:00 PM H.E. Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar<br>Maundy Thursday | 19<br>12:00 PM Good Friday Service<br>Good Friday | 20<br>10:00 AM -12:00 PM Diaper Ministry |
| 21<br>8:15 AM H.E.<br>9:30 AM Adult Forum<br>10:15 AM No Sun. School<br>10:30 AM H.E.<br>Easter Egg Hunt<br>Easter Sunday | 22<br>Office Closed | 23<br>7:00 PM JRRingers | 24<br>6:30 PM Bible Study<br>No Noon Service | 25<br>9:30 AM Lamb's Basket Volunteers Clients<br>No Choir or Handbell Rehearsal | 26 | 27 |
| 28<br>8:15 AM H.E.<br>9:30 AM Adult Forum<br>10:15 AM Sun. School<br>10:30 AM H.E.<br>Lunch Bunch - Metro Diner @ Libbie Place W. Broad | 29 | 30<br>7:00 PM JRRingers | | | | |

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May 2019

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*Save the Date: Sunday, May 5th*

# *Women's Breakfast*

Our Annual Women's Breakfast will be held Sunday, May 5th. Please join us between the 8:15 and 10:30 services to enjoy a wonderful breakfast —-compliments of the men of Epiphany. Following the breakfast, **Natalie May** of "*Change the World RVA*" will speak.

This organization addresses the needs of local high school and college students who face homelessness and housing instability. Through a network of volunteer students they are provided tutoring, use of a food pantry, clothing closet, phones, assistance and most importantly - friendly faces to connect with.

Please call Lucy in the church office 266-2503 to sign up or sign the sheet on the table in the hall.

*Looking forward to seeing you!*

# "Voice from the Pew"

From Crystal Sarvay

## *Care Notes:*

The Church of the Epiphany is starting a Parish Nurse Ministry. What does a Parish Nurse do? A parish nurse ministry provides health education and advocacy and promotes healing of body, mind and spirit. The mission of the parish nurse ministry is to promote a healthier faith community through spiritual support and healthier life choices. A Parish Nurse DOES NOT perform invasive procedures, such as wound/dressing changes, blood draws, injections, etc.

On April 14th, following the 10:30 a.m. service, there will be a blood pressure screening and educational event during the coffee hour in the church parlor. Did you know that according to the Centers for Disease Control (2014) that "1 in 3 American adults" have high blood pressure and that there are 1,000 deaths that occur daily that high blood pressure is a contributor of?

If there are any registered nurses in the congregation who are interested in being part of the parish nurse ministry, please contact Crystal Sarvay at crystalsarvay@gmail.com or (804) 313-5261.

*Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." ----Matthew 11:28*

# Host Families needed in July

Spanish & French students need Host families! Share your heart and home this summer and host a student from Spain or France (ages 13 –17) in your home for 3 –4 weeks. Learn about their culture while he or she learns about living in an American family just being a part of what you regularly do. We have a variety of programs to suit your family's work or non-working schedule. Families receive stipends to help out with expenses. We can help work out transportation or vacation concerns. This will be a treasured memory for your family!

Contact Debbie Hardy @ 909-3190 or debbiehardy2003@yahoo.com

# Church Family your HELP is NEEDED!

Working in the Henrico County School System I see children daily who have wide ranging needs. As a community service project I am seeking support in seeing that children in need of a change of clothing while in school have this available. Missing instruction time can be very detrimental to our little ones and this is such an easy fix. Children who have those needs most frequently are those in Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade.

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**Clothing needed: Sweatpants, underwear and socks.**

These items can be gently used and need not be new. If you are interested in helping with these children, please bring your donations to the church office.

Thank you!
Robin Gilbert

# *Holy Week Schedule*

**Sunday, April 14—-**Palm Sunday

**Thursday, April 18—**Maundy Thursday, Washing of Feet, and Stripping of the Altar

**Friday, April 19—**Good Friday service @ 12 noon

**Sunday, April 21—**Easter and children's Easter Egg Hunt

# Vestry Meeting April 16th

# @ 6:00 pm

## Sympathy

The prayers & sympathy of the congregation are extended to Jennifer Jefcoats & family on the death of her mother, **Penelope "Penny" Jefcoats.** A Memorial Service will be held here on Saturday, May 4th at 1:00 pm.

Also, sympathy and prayers to Rejoice Wani and family on the death of her father, **Jonah Iodu** who passed away in Kenya.

*May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

## Easter Flowers

Time to order your Easter Flowers to decorate the Church for Easter. Cost is $15.00. Please let me know who they are in memory of or in thanksgiving for. Deadline to order is Sunday, April 14.

## Fellowship Activities

Want to go to Brunch in April?

**Sunday, April 28th,**

the 'lunch brunch group' will be going to lunch at **Metro Dinner**, (Libbie Place)

5625 W. Broad Street.

If you are interested, please contact

**Jean Riddick,** 264-0935,

or call Lucy in the office, 266-2503.

## Sunday School Teachers

would like members of the parish to contribute candy for Easter egg hunt for Easter Sunday, April 21—**no chocolate please**—don't want it to melt!

## Chapter 4

will meet on Monday, April 15th at 7:00 PM in the parlor.

If any one is interested in getting involved with a chapter, please come and check it out.

Visitors are always welcome!

# Worship Leaders for April

Counters: Gray Corbett, Becky Card

| | April 7 — Lent 5 |
|---|---|
| Altar Guild: | Kathy Jimerson, Carol McElhinney, Kathy Nicholas |
| **8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist** | |
| Usher: | Chuck Strabley |
| Reader: | Lauryn Boyd |
| **10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist** | |
| Ushers: | **Team 1:** Scott, Milton, Palmer, Paul, Brian |
| Lessons: | Gray Corbett, Cheri Blackwell |
| Prayers: | Cheri Blackwell |
| Chalice: | Randy Holden, Stacy Mitchell |
| Acolytes: | Gift Elionai, Camryn Whittlesey, Jason Ludwig, Austin White |
| Greeters: | Herb Williams, Tad Blackburn |
| Nursery: | Gail Wood, Dwight Ludwig, Scott Blackwell |
| S.S. Helper | Kim White |

| | April 14 — Palm Sunday |
|---|---|
| Altar Guild: | Karen & Randy Holden, Cheryl Lineberry |
| **8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist** | |
| Usher: | Tad Blackburn |
| Reader: | Lauryn Boyd |
| **10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist** | |
| Ushers: | **Team 2:** Brent, Karen, Billy, Bob, David |
| Lessons: | Jennifer Jefcoats, Jeri Anne Townley |
| Prayers: | Jeri Anne Townley |
| Chalice: | BJ Mills, Herb Williams |
| Acolytes: | Nick Ludwig, Ellianna Cloyes, Elizabeth Nolan, Kayleigh Gilbert |
| Greeters: | Laurie McIntosh, Patty White |
| Nursery: | Gail Wood, Melanie Skinner, Heather Hollister |
| S. S. Helper | Kathy Jimerson |

| | April 21 — Easter |
|---|---|
| Altar Guild: | Dottie Strabley, Lucy Whitlock, Lauryn Boyd |
| **8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist** | |
| Usher: | Mike Nicholas |
| Reader: | Tad Blackburn |
| **10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist** | |
| Ushers: | **Team 3:** Eddie, Cory, Frosine, Herb, Becky |
| Lessons: | Stacy Mitchell, Randy Holden |
| Prayers: | Randy Holden |
| Chalice: | Gray Corbett, Buddy Dunn |
| Acolytes: | All Acolytes |
| Greeters: | Carol McElhinney, Karen Holden |
| Nursery | Gail Wood, Karen Holden, Mary Kenyi |
| S.S. Helper | Easter—-No Sunday School |

| | April 28 — Easter 2 |
|---|---|
| Altar Guild: | Jean Riddick, Melba Shumaker, Crystal Sarvay |
| **8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist** | |
| Usher: | Chris Tignor |
| Reader: | Sam Craver |
| **8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist** | |
| Ushers: | **Team 4:** Chuck, Kim, Mike, Lee, Richard |
| Lessons: | Clement Wani, Buddy Dunn |
| Prayers: | Buddy Dunn |
| Chalice: | Herb Williams, Stacy Mitchell |
| Acolytes: | Austin White, Avery Craver, Sam Tucker, Will Craver |
| Greeters: | Dwight Ludwig, Carol Cullinan |
| Nursery: | Gail Wood, Carol Campus, Aggie Gallagher |
| S.S. Helper | Carly Nolan |

# Episcopal Church Women

# Diocese of Virginia

# Save the Dates

## Saturday, May 11, 2019

*ECW Spring Diocesan Meeting*

*The Fork Episcopal Church*

*12566 Old Ridge Road*

**May 31—June 2, 2019**

**Annual Women's Retreat at Shrine Mont with Lauren Winner**

**https://shrinemont.com/event/womens-retreat/**

## Saturday, October 19, 2019

129th ECW Fall Diocesan Meeting

And 130th UTO Ingathering

Pohick Church

9301 Richmond Highway

Lorton, Virginia

## Days of Blessing in April!

# Happy Birthday

April 1 Gareth Mitchell
April 2 Jeff Campus
April 4 Tom Gilbert
April 5 Grant Ruder
Jordan Skinner
April 8 Peyton Erica Brunt
April 10 Mary Rawlins
Anna Rawlins
April 11 Michael Young, Jr.
April 15 Jeannette Donovan
April 16 Leslie Lineberry Guyer
April 17 Rebecca Poates Mitchell
April 18 Lucas Couturier
April 19 Catherine Tuck Turner
April 20 Wren Blackwell
Betty Jo Mills
April 23 Benjamin Holden
April 24 Walker Williams
Dwight Ludwig
Robin Gilbert
April 25 Paul Jones
April Craver
Gerald Craver
April 26 Caroline Couturier
April 27 Avery Drew Craver
April 29 Rebekah Donovan Ewbank
April 29 John Stone, Jr.

# Happy Anniversary

April 15 David & Ellie Tuck
George & Joy Baynes

## Standing in the Need of Prayer

### Those who are ill or have special needs:

**New to the Prayer List:**

**Parishioners:** Dottie Strabley, Mike Young, Lydia Callaway, Bob Jimerson, Irene Morris, Chip Dunn, David Skinner, Wayne Whitlock, Jan Lawrence

**Homebound:** Sarah Fore, Ray Hampton, Dot Hudson, Charlotte Lovelace, Jackie Martin, Connie Neal, Ina Stickel, Juliet Wynne;

**Family & Friends:** **Family & Friends:** Dave Holsapple—Stacy Mitchells friend, Sawyer Perkins—friend of Maura & Cora Whitlock, Andy Holden—Randy Holden's Dad, Ritchie Wasiluk—brother of Susie Wasiluk, Geoffrey Gonyo—friend of Jay & Sam Tucker, Robert Hoffert—Diana Stone's Dad, Richard Adams—friend of Karen Holden, John Bryden, friend of Father Andrew, Robert Powell, Sr.—cousin of Lauryn Boyd, Miles Booker Vinson—great-grandson of Sarah Fore; Sherrie Bogie—friend & coworker of Marty Shephard, Mydina Thabet—-Denise Russell's cousin, Marvin Blizzard—friend of Mike Nicholas, Craig Balderson—Carol Cullinan's son-in-law, a friend of Jeri Anne Townley's , Cyndi Dambacher & family — family friend of Sandy & Chris Tignor, Judy Marriott & Luke Brody—friends of Jenn Whitlock, David Neale—friend of Ellie Tuck

**Those Serving in the Armed Forces especially:** Benjamin Hoffert, Patrick Lineberry, Caitlin Mitchell Wurster, Bryan Murphy, Billy Tucker, Andrew Smith and Tyler Watts.

**Those expecting a Child:** Joseph & Sydney (Strabley) Melton, Thomas & Lizzie Campus

**Prayers for the departed:** Penny Jefcoats, Jonah Iodu

# Just the Facts:

# Leadership and Contact Information at Church of the Epiphany

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Lucy Whitlock, Office Administrator lucy.whitlock@epiphanyepiscopal.com

Anita Williams, Music Director

Timon Kenyi, Sexton

## Vestry

Karen Holden, Senior Warden

Patty White, Junior Warden

Marty Shephard, Treasurer

Tad Blackburn, Register

Karen Holden (2019) Clement Wani (2019)

Patty White (2019)

Tad Blackburn (2020) Carol McElhinney (2020)

Laurie McIntosh (2020)

Carol Cullinan (2021) Dwight Ludwig (2021)

Herb Williams (2021)

Office Hours :

Lucy is in the office Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm.

Call before stopping by to make sure someone is here to let you in.

***May the light of God's blessing, like the Epiphany star, always guide you on the path toward Him.***