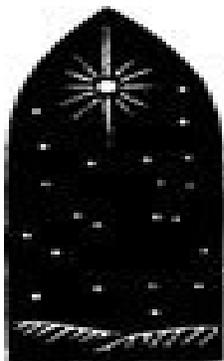


THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

THE STAR

December 2013

THE VIEW FROM MY WINDOW...



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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After the long green season of Ordinary Time, that period following the feast of Pentecost, we return again to the old and beautiful story of Christ's birth, the ultimate gift from our Heavenly Father. Christ was sent to us as a way for us to understand who our God is and how much God loves us, and he was sent as a tiny, vulnerable baby in a difficult time and place. Not necessarily what God's people might have expected...

...and yet is there anything that bids us into love and joy quite as much as a little baby?

Around here, whenever a newborn baby comes to church, it is a given that every woman of a certain age in the parish will want to hold the little one. Even the toughest men will chuckle at her and the children always want to play with her. That's our very human reaction to babies – they open our hearts.

So God was wise in sending his only-begotten son not as a fully-formed adult, but as a baby. It's easier to open our hearts to a baby.

But it also challenges us. Can we see how this baby grows into the adult who teaches and preaches and performs miracles? Can we see him as the incarnation of the Creator God? Can we see his power and wisdom?

The story of Advent, of the waiting for this blessed child, is the story of preparation for possibilities. We see the baby, we thank God...and then what? Do we like to keep him as little baby Jesus, a la Ricky Bobby in "Talladega Nights?" Or are we willing to see the possibilities turn into reality, as we see the adorable blessed infant grow into our savior? Can we see how he prods us out of our comfortable ways into serving all of God's people, even the ones who are different than us? Can we accept his message of radical love and hospitality, and forswear the values that the world thinks are more important?

Can we not only love the baby, but love the man, who loved us so much that he was willing to die for us?

Prepare for the coming Christ by remembering not only the beautiful infant, but the grown man, and the message he gave us.

Peace,
Mary+

Vestry Highlights

The Vestry met on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 pm. Unfortunately, several Vestry members were absent due to illness or scheduling conflicts, so there was not a quorum. Nevertheless, those who were in attendance heard a report from Scott Blackwell, representing the Finance Committee, discussing the challenges we may face in the coming years now that the special funds set aside to guarantee rector compensation are nearly depleted. The parish has come to rely in recent years on those additional funds, but must now make sure that sufficient income is realized in pledges to cover our expenses. Those present agreed to call parishioners to ensure that all pledges have come in so we can construct a realistic budget, and we will continue to explore ways in which we can make sure our fiscal house is in good order.

The next Vestry meeting will be on Monday, December 16th (N.B.: this is a change from our normal practice of meeting on the second Tuesday of every month) at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

Senior Warden Report

In November we had the annual congregational meeting and luncheon. Although I was unable to attend, I heard that it was a wonderful event. New vestry members Buddy, Meghan, and Irene were elected and we were able to celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month and thank Mary for all her hard work and the great care she gives our parish. We also celebrated Joyce and her many years of service as the parish hostess.

Epiphany continues to operate with fiscal responsibility and we are doing good things. The Finance Committee has been hard at work on the budget for 2014. If you have not turned in your pledge card yet please do so as soon as possible so that they can know what funds will be coming in and how best to spend them. As you are making your pledge please consider upping your tithing over last year. Even a few dollars can make a big difference in what Epiphany can do. A few years ago I took Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University and one of Dave's favorite expressions is that a closed fist is not open to receive. Open your hand and be prepared to receive the blessings God has in store for you.

On November 17th those of us at the 10:30 service were delighted to see Canon Charles Poindexter and his lovely wife Judy. It was delightful to see them again and welcome them back.

I have been contemplating what to write about this month. Once again we have been besieged by natural disasters from the storm in the Philippines to the tornados in the Midwest. But I have already talked about where God is in disasters. And then as He always does God put the idea right in front of me. Most of you know about the condo disaster of 2011 with the water intrusion. For those that have not heard my story it is sufficient to say that the Home Owner Association (HOA) did the minimum repairs and walked away. So I have been in a dispute with the HOA since September 2011. On November 15th we were scheduled to go to court and the HOA through their lawyer decided to offer an out of court settlement on the 7th. So we began what I will call the dance of compromise with them offering and my attorney counteroffering until just before the court case on the 15th. Throughout the settlement portion we each had to determine a point at which we would either be satisfied and accept or walk away and move forward with the lawsuit. For me it was as much about two things, getting enough money to replace the carpet that was damaged and being able to say it was finally over. I was never asking for much from the very beginning but there were several repairs that were left undone that need to be finished and I had a lot of out of pocket expenses to put the condo back to a habitable state.

The HOA started with a ridiculously low offer which my attorney countered with a similarly high offer and that began a week of if you accept this we will do that or I will accept that if you waive this. I learned a lot about compromise and we reached an agreement that just about split the original amount requested in half. As I wrote this I heard from the lawyer that the HOA has now backed out of the agreement so we are back to square one. But then I remind myself that this too shall pass and that it is all in God's hand to work out. Since we came so close last time. I am confident the end is in sight so I will continue to look at ways we can compromise so that both parties walk away saying "I got just what I wanted".

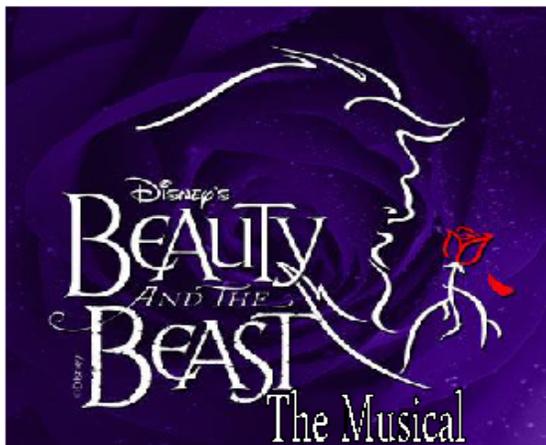
I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We all have so much to be thankful for.

December Parish Calendar

December 2013

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Jaguar Drama at Glen Allen High School presents...



**Thursday, December 12
7pm**

**Friday, December 13
7pm**

**Saturday, December 14
10AM**

**Saturday, December 14
7pm**

**Ticket Cost: \$6.00 in advance
\$8.00 at the door**

Reservation Form	# of Tickets	Performance	Payment
Name _____	_____	Thursday 12/12/13 @7pm _____	_____
Address _____	_____	Friday 12/13/13 @ 7pm _____	_____
Mail to: Glen Allen High School ATTN: HARVEY STONE 10700 Staples Mill Road Glen Allen, VA 23060	_____	Sat. 12/14/13 @10am *Morning Show*	_____
	_____	Sat. 12/14/13 @ 7pm	_____
		Total Payment	_____
Deadline for Show Only Ticket Advance Orders: December 10			
Show Tickets Available @ the Door			

Please Reserve Early!

For More Information, Please Call Harvey Stone @ 501-3300 or 339-4281

Or Email jhstone@henrico.k12.va.us

****TICKETS ARE NOT MAILED!**

****TICKETS MAY BE PICKED UP 1/2 HOUR BEFORE EACH SHOW**

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Confirmation Prep Weekend:

Our lock-in for the teen prep for confirmation (all children who will be at least 11 years old as of January 5, 2014 who have not been confirmed are eligible) will be from Friday, December 5 at 5:30 PM until Saturday, December 6 at 5:30 PM. We will be sleeping overnight at the church and will be learning, playing, eating, watching movies, playing some more, etc. So far we have four young people attending. Let Mary+ know if you want to join them!

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Five fantastic teenage girls and Diana Stone traveled to Shrine Mont on November 8th & 9th for a Sr. High event. We had a great time! We made some new friends and met up with some friends from Shrine Mont camps. We are excited to return again next fall.

Three amazing teenage girls, and two adults spent an evening at the church putting together 60 cookie mix in a jar to begin selling the first Sunday of December. Once again the jars will sell for \$8.00 a piece. The money will go towards next summer's mission trip. We appreciate your support.

In December, we will have our yearly Christmas party hosted by Karen & Randy Holden. Please be sure to watch our facebook page for dates and times.

Anyone in high school is welcome to join us for any of our activities.

Henrico Pops Chorus

Will be having their Christmas concert at the Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center in Glen Allen on Tuesday, December 17th at 7:30 PM. Tickets are free you just have to call to reserve a seat. The number is 501—5859. Diana Stone has been performing with this group since 2009. If you are interested Diana has four extra tickets if the performance is sold out, just let me know in advance.

Sit N Stitch Gathering — Will Not Meet in December,

Next gathering will be January 28, 2014

Want to learn how to crochet, knit, cross stitch, sew on buttons, etc.

(or share your talents, like tatting)?

Come join us in the parlor on the 4th Tuesday of the month @ 7:00 PM.

For more information call Joyce Whitlock, 262-3594 or call the church office, 266-2503

Congratulations!

Buddy Dunn, Megan O'Toole and Irene Temple who were elected to the Vestry for the next three years.

Welcome back, Charles and Judy!

The Rev. Canon Charles Poindexter, who served here as interim rector before Mary+ was called to be our priest, and his wife Judy have decided to return to Epiphany. Charles will serve as Priest in Residence and will periodically celebrate the Eucharist and assist in other ways in the life of the parish. We are honored to have Charles and Judy as a part of our parish family - if you haven't met them yet, please do go introduce yourselves to Charles and Judy. They are a blessing!

Communications Team:

We're looking for a few good men/women/teens who can help us with getting the word out about Epiphany on the web and in print. If you want to help us with posting stuff to the website, sending info about events to local news outlets, or helping with the newsletter, please talk to Mary+ about it.

The 'Warm-Fuzzy Tree'

is up in the hall and waiting to be decorated with your donations of mittens, caps, gloves, scarves, socks, etc. These items will be given to an organization that provides for the needy. This is an outreach project that we all can participate in. Let's cover the tree!

Shoes!

Friends of the Ludwigs are trying to adopt a 15 year old boy from Russia. As you can imagine, this is not an inexpensive proposition. They are raising money in an interesting way that has the added benefit of making some more room in your closet for Christmas presents. They are asking for donations of your no-longer-needed shoes. Here's what they write:

"We are CRAZY EXCITED to announce that we have found the fundraiser to beat all fundraisers. We gather up used shoes (no matter HOW OLD or beat down, no matter what kind - sandals, cleats, tennis shoes, dress shoes, whatever) and then we send them to this organization (amazing group started by the guy who started Soles4souls). We collect bags with 25 pairs of shoes each, and if we can collect 300 bags we can earn \$3000 towards our adoption fund!!! They send the shoes to poorer countries and use them to bless the folks there, both by providing shoes as well as jobs, since they will restore the shoes before they distribute them. THE ULTIMATE WIN-WIN!!!! I have flyers to hand out, bags to give out, huge collection boxes that can be placed anywhere you suggest, posters, etc, and now we just need your help . We would LOVE for you to ask your friends/neighbors/co-workers for shoes and gather up as many as you can. We are also looking for anyone who might have ideas of where we could collect larger amounts, like from an office/church/organization. If you would just take a few minutes to think through any ideas you might have for us/any people you know who might have shoes they could contribute/anyone you could share this with who might be able to help/anywhere we might be able to stick up one of our flyers/pray that this will be an amazing success, we would be SOOOO grateful!!!!"

If you have shoes to donate to this worthy cause, please bring them to the church. We will have a box in the Parish Hall labeled "Shoes for the Dowda Family." Help bring Sergey home!

Frog Shop

In mid-December, the Sunday School will open up the FROG Shop so that the kids can spend all those FROG dollars they raised by coming to Sunday School and doing good deeds. Once again we are looking for donations of small items they can buy, but this month it's different: the kids will be able to purchase things for parents and family members. So if you can donate little gifts that are suitable for parents, the kids will be able to do their Christmas shopping in the FROG Shop. FROG means "Fully Rely on God," but for the shop, we also need to rely on you! Thanks for your help.

Adult Forum for December

We've walked to Bethlehem, then meandered to Babylon to retrieve the Magi, and are now sauntering back to Bethlehem, and we will get there just before the arrival of the Christ Child, we think. Having done all that walking, it's time to do some talking and praying and thinking about the journey to Bethlehem.

There will be no Adult Forum on December 1st because of the Men and Boys' Corporate Communion and Breakfast, but here's the schedule for the rest of December:

December 8: Journey to Bethlehem. We will consider the ancient prophecy and the folks who lived in Bethlehem then. But where would we have fit into the story? What is it that drives us now?

December 15: How far to Bethlehem? We will consider those who made that journey, including members of their extended family. These were of the tribe of David, journeying together, including one couple in particular. How would we have received them? What would our own prejudices have been?

December 22: Companions to Bethlehem We will consider the other travelers, the ones who came from a foreign land. Who were they? What did they hope for on this perilous journey? What do we hope for in this Christmas time and for the year to come?

Share the journey by joining us for Adult Forum each Sunday at 9:30 am in the Parlor.

The Book Group

The Monday 11 AM Book Club: is reading "*Good Omens*," by Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman, a funny story about the End of Days...yes, it's hard to believe that there could be a funny story about the Apocalypse, but this one is truly that, and buried deep in the cleverness are some very interesting theological questions.

Men's Bible Class

Men's Bible study and bag lunch will meet this month on the Tuesday, December 3rd and Tuesday, December 17th. Join Mary+ in the parish hall @ 12:00 noon for bible study.

Worship Leaders for December

10:30 Ushers: Chuck Strabley, Kim Ruder, Lee Poates

Counters: Wayne & Lucy Whitlock

December 1 — Advent 1

Altar Guild:	Kathy Jimerson, Melba Shumaker, Pam Pegram
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8:15—Holy Eucharist & Men' & Boys Breakfast

Usher: Chuck Strabley

Reader: Gray Corbett

Chalice: Harrison Higgins

10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist

Lessons: Randy Holden, Lynne Eppes

Prayers:

Chalice: Buddy Dunn, Harrison Higgins

Acolytes: Alex White, Zack Nixon, Bailey Nixon,
Madison White

Greeters: Carole Noe, Brian White

Nursery: Scott Blackwell, Dwight Ludwig

December 8 — Advent 2

Altar Guild:	Betty Fore, Susan Josenhans, Barbara Johnson
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8:15—Holy Eucharist

Usher: Tad Blackburn

Reader: Lauryn Boyd

Chalice: Harrison Higgins

10:30—Holy Eucharist

Lessons: Gray Corbett, Stacy Mitchell

Prayers

Chalice: Sarah Fore, Harrison Higgins

Acolytes: Claudia Abernathy, Lucas Couturier, Logan Abernathy, Stephanie Holden

Greeters: Aggie Gallagher, Ann Henderson

Nursery: Carol Campus, Caroline Couturier

December 15— Advent 3

Altar Guild:
Joyce Melton,
Karen Holden

8:15—Holy Eucharist

Usher: Herb Williams

Reader: Harrison Higgins

Chalice: Harrison Higgins

10:30—Pageant/ Lessons & Carols

Lessons:
Pageant

December 22 — Advent 4

Altar Guild:	Dottie Strabley, Lucy Whitlock, Lauryn Boyd
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8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist

Usher: George Baynes

Reader: Lauryn Boyd

Chalice: Harrison Higgins

10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist

Lessons: Randy Holden, Gray Corbett

Prayers: Sandy Ruder

Chalice: Herb Williams, Harrison Higgins

Acolytes: Hunter Mitchell, Zack Nixon, Bailey Nixon,
Sara Lassiter

Greeters: Sandy Ruder, Sam Craver

Nursery: Sandy Ruder, Mary Kenyi

December 29 — Christmas 1

Altar Guild:	Jean Riddick, Charlotte Lovelace
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8:15—Holy Eucharist

Usher: Chris Tignor

Reader: Harrison Higgins

Chalice: Harrison Higgins

10:30—Holy Eucharist

Lessons:

Prayers:

Chalice: Harrison Higgins

Acolyte: Hana Elionai, Gift Elionai, Lucas Couturier,
Caroline Couturier

Greeters: Joyce Melton, Carole Noe

Nursery: Karen Holden, Jan Lawrence

Fellowship Activities

Want to go to Brunch in December?
Sunday, December 22nd, after the 10:30 service,
the 'lunch brunch group' will be going to
the **Brookside Grille**, on Brook Road.

If you are interested please contact **Jean Riddick, 264-0935**,
or call Lucy in the office, 266-2503

Soup & Bread Luncheon!

After the Children's Pageant on Sunday, December 15th we will have our annual 'Soup & Bread Luncheon'. Touch base with **Beth Lassiter** 756-1540 if you are willing to make a pot of soup or can bring some bread.

Hope to see ya'll here!

Congratulations to

*Evans & Rejoice Wani on the birth of their son,
Matthew Wani, born on Tuesday, November 5th.*

Leaf Raking—Reserve the Date!

All able-bodied volunteers are needed to rake leaves on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. We will be piling leaves curbside for pickup by the county. The church has a few rakes but it's best if you bring your own. Call Scott Blackwell if you have questions (868-6489).

HEARTH Thanksgiving Baskets

A Big *THANK YOU* to all who participated.

The Church of the Epiphany was able to provide 28 Thanksgiving Baskets for those families that are in need of help.

Thank you again for your generosity!

Change of Address:

Wayne & Lucy Whitlock

8441 Stumpy Road

Hanover, VA 23069

Phone cell: 804 402—4950 (Lucy)

804-402--4946 (Wayne)

Kevin, Jennifer, Maura & Cora Whitlock

8441 Stumpy Road

Hanover, VA 23069

Phone cell: 804 400-8961 (Kevin)

Days of Blessing in December

Happy Birthday

Dec. 1 Sandy Ruder
Cora Ann Whitlock

Dec. 3 Ava Whittlesey
Tad Blackburn

Dec. 6 Hunter Mitchell

Dec. 7 Betty Fore

Dec. 8 Rachel Young
Eli Nicholas Back

Dec. 10 Chris Tignor
Grace Gabriella Schulte

Dec. 12 Tim Shephard
Scovia Eluzai
Vivien Mitchell

Dec. 16 Kella Kiden Soro

Dec. 18 Sarah Jenkins

Dec. 19 Diana Stone
Linda Whitlock

Dec. 20 Emma Blackburn

Dec. 23 Hope Marie Schulte

Dec. 24 Pat Dunn

Dec. 25 Nancy Sonne

Dec. 28 Christine Williams

Dec. 30 Hana Elionai
Noel Elionai

Happy Anniversary

Dec. 6 Marty & Vivien Mitchell

Dec. 9 Ron & Paula Fitts

Dec. 19 Randy & Nancy Tucker

Dec. 27 Ray & Charlotte Lovelace
Cory & Jessica Isemann

Dec. 30 Chris & Sandy Tignor
Gray & Frosine Corbett

Standing in the Need of Prayer

Those who are ill or have special needs:

In Our Parish Family: Carl Burley, Ray Hampton, Peggy Adleman, Dot Hudson, Dottie Strabley, Walter Reid, Ray Lovelace, Bob Jimerson, Bertha Morgan, Peggy Wilson, Roseanne Stockwell;

Those in Care Facilities or Homebound especially:

Pat Dunn, Connie Neal, Marietta Spring, Roseanne Stockwell, Ruth Williams, Juliet Wynne

Those Serving in the Armed Forces especially:

Matt Guyer, Amanda Hoffert, David Hoffert, Patrick Lineberry, Dennis Miller, Caitlin Mitchell, Bryan Murphy, Billy Tucker, Andrew Smith, and Chris Tuck

Prayers for those expecting a child:

Ryan & Rebecca Poates Mitchell, Chris & Missy York, Cary & Jill Baynes.

Prayers for family & friends:

Prayers for Healing, Wholeness, Comfort, Guidance, and Safe Travel Kathryn Cook—friend of Connie Neal, Mary Stockdell—daughter-in-law of Susan Josenhans, Heather—friend of Melissa Durrer, Stuart & Jean Swink—sister & brother-in-law of Irene Morris, Becky Smith—friend of Melba Shumaker, Jeff Eppes—brother of Jim Eppes, Conrad Lawrence—Aggie Gallagher's brother, Anne Stockdell-Giesler—Susan Josenhans daughter, Gary Peper—Lucy Whitlock's brother-in-law, Patty Sue—niece of Ann Schaefer, Steve Farmer—neighbor of Betty Van Valkenburg, Debbie Williams—Herb Williams sister-in-law, Freda Bush—friend of Susie Wasiluk, Shirley Jamyson—friend of Lydia Callaway, Bucky Turner—friend of Jenn Whitlock, Meghan Thacker, daughter of Gray Corbett, Rick Lawrence—Jan Lawrence's son, Luke Murphy—Ray & Charlotte Lovelace's great-grandson, James McCoy—Sue Rasmussen's friend, Jack Patterson—grandfather of Jessica Isemann, Mike Marcial—co-worker of Cory Isemann, James Stillman—friend of Milton Jenkins, Virginia Hayward—friend of Ann Henderson, Betty Hall—friend of the Nicholas', Mary Brooks—mother of Anita Williams, Helen & David Hedrick—Mom & step-father of Diane Major, Collean McMurdo—daughter-in-law of Keith McMurdo, Jamie Callaway—great-grandson of Lydia Callaway, Bob Hoffert—Diana Stone's Dad, Bob Thornbloom—friend of Doug Thorpe, Bill Wells—friend of Sarah Jenkins, Braton Shewey, husband of Nancy Shewey, Bob Wordinger—cousin of Carole Noe, Cynthia Majewski—friend of Sue Rasmussen.

Prayers for the departed:

Blue Christmas Service

On Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30 pm we will hold a service of candlelight, prayer, quiet music and meditation for those for whom Christmas is not a season of joy this year. If your heart is hurting due to loss, illness or grief, please join us and ask for God's healing comfort.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN!

Epiphany's Children's Christmas Pageant & Lessons & Carols will be held during the 10:30 AM service on Sunday, December 15th.

Practice and costume fittings will take place during Sunday School on December 1st and December 8th.

A Soup & Bread lunch will be held for all after the Pageant!

Christmas Eve Lay Readers Schedule—December 24th

4:00 PM

10:30 PM

Lessons:

Sarah Fore

Prayers :

Sandy Ruder

Chalice: *Buddy Dunn*

Gray Corbett,

Harrison Higgins

The Bishop's Visit

Bishop Ted Gulick will come to Church of the Epiphany on **Sunday, January 5, 2014**, and it will be an exciting day. First, Bishop Ted will confirm Ian Carver in a St Giles' Gate ceremony at 9 a.m. Then he will join with us in a special adult forum where all are invited to meet with him and ask him questions of interest to individuals and to the parish. At 10:30 he will preside at our service of Holy Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. Between three and five infants will be baptized, one preteen will be baptized, two adults will be baptized, three teens will be confirmed, one adult will be received in the Episcopal Church, and one adult will reaffirm his confirmation promises. It will be an opportunity to see how God has worked in this place, filling the hearts and souls of adults and children alike. Plan on being there for a heart and soul-warming day.

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Office Hours :

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