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.

“Voice From the Pew” is a new regular feature of the newsletter. It will highlight experiences and events in the life of our parish. We will always be looking for more members to share their stories, so please talk to Lucy or Father Andrew if you think you would like to contribute.”

“Voice from the Pew” from Gray Corbett

Being involved with outreach projects like CARITAS, homeless lunches and Lamb’s Basket over the last few years has really made me feel so appreciative of all the blessings I have received over my life. By participating in these projects, I can give back a small portion of what has been given to me. It makes me feel good to see and hear how appreciative they are for what we just take for granted.

Help Wanted

The Outreach Committee needs at least four new volunteers to be on five-person teams to make and deliver 100 homeless lunches twice a year. Normally it takes 2 ½ hours to make and deliver the lunches to three shelters – two in downtown Richmond and one in southside. Our goal is to have six teams and we already have five teams. Contact Gray Corbett (683-5419) or Paul Jones. Volunteers would need to assist with driving chores on occasion.

A Bread Ministry has been started to make home-made bread to be delivered as a welcoming gift to newcomers to our congregation. Would like to have 4-5 members to make bread on an “as needed” basis. Contact Frosine Corbett (346-8910) if interested.
FROM FATHER ANDREW...

Remembering that it happened once,
We cannot turn away the thought,
As we go out, cold, to our barns
Toward the long night’s end, that we
Ourselves are living in the world
It happened in when it first happened,
That we ourselves, opening a stall
(A latch thrown open countless times
Before), might find them breathing there,
Foreknown: the Child bedded in straw,
The mother kneeling over Him,
The husband standing in belief
He scarcely can believe, in light
That lights them from no source we see,
An April morning’s light, the air
Around them joyful as a choir.

We stand with one hand on the door,
Looking into another world
That is this world, the pale daylight
Coming just as before, our chores
To do, the cattle all awake,
Our own frozen breath hanging
In front of us; and we are here
As we have never been before,
Sighted as not before, our place
Holy, although we knew it not.

By Wendell Berry
1987, VI, A Timbered Choir
# December Parish Calendar

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The stewardship committee did not meet in November. We will have a final meeting to wrap up the 2018 stewardship campaign in December.

The stewardship committee would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your pledge to the 2018 stewardship campaign. We could not continue to do the Lord’s work without your support.

If you have not turned in your pledge card it is not too late. You can drop it in the collection plate on Sunday, mail it in, or leave it on Lucy’s desk.

Ann Henderson – Stewardship Chair

Thank You!

This final stewardship note is being written with mixed emotions. I originally set out to be the stewardship chair for two years, but with the transition in ministry and some prompting from the stewardship committee I agreed to serve one additional year. That time is now coming to an end with December. While I know it is time to step aside, it has been an honor to serve as your stewardship chair.

Over the last three years I have had the honor to serve with a wonderful group of parishioners who stepped up to the challenge of the stewardship committee. Martin Mitchell and Jeff Pegram have served with me throughout the entire three years. Carol Campus and Claudia Abernathy served with us the first year, and Jessica Iseman stepped in and served two years when Claudia and Carol stepped down. I would like to thank each of you for your time and dedication to the stewardship committee and Epiphany. Your support and hard work was greatly appreciated.

I have received numerous compliments from all of you about stewardship over the last three years. While I appreciate them, the truth is that it was entirely a group effort and that most of the time the committee members kept me on track and were the guiding force. The most amazing part of selecting the committee members (although why I am surprised by how God works I am not sure) was that we all felt it was time to approach stewardship as giving from the heart and not as a requirement for a percentage of personal income. We have tried hard to move the focus off of the budget and onto what Epiphany means to each of us. The change was drastic the first year with enough of an increase to hire a full time rector, and it has continued to be successful for Epiphany.

Again I thank each of you for your support and dedication to Epiphany. I also wish to thank Marty, Jeff, Carol, Claudia and Jessica one more time.

Blessings, Ann
Altar Guild Meeting
& Polishing the Brass!
Saturday, December 16th @ 10:00 AM
in the parish hall kitchen!

We will answer any questions you may have. I urge all members to be here for this meeting. We will have coffee and donuts!

We are always willing to train anyone who is interested in this special housekeeping for God.

Just let us know!

Time to order Poinsettias or give to the Banner fund!
Cost is $15.00. Let me know who it is in memory of or thanksgiving for and whether Poinsettia or Banner Fund.

Deadline is December 20th

Leaf Raking Day
Mark your calendars for Leaf Raking Day at Epiphany — Saturday, December 9th — 9:00 am until noon.
Lots of help is needed so break out your rakes and gloves and come join in.

Children’s Pageant December 17th
Soup & Bread Luncheon!

After the Children’s Pageant, Sunday, December 17th, 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.
Ladies Christmas Tea!

Please join us for an afternoon of refreshment, fun and fellowship **Saturday, December 2nd at 3:30 pm.** We will have Carols, Christmas activities and music and an opportunity to wrap your presents while enjoying each other’s company. (Better get shopping so you have presents to bring with you to wrap!) Please bring a small plate of your favorite cookies, sandwiches or other teatime delights and some wrapping paper, ribbon, scissors, etc.

Feliz Navidad! We hope you can join us!

Christmas Eve Schedule

On December 24th we will be celebrating both Advent 4 and Christmas Eve. **The 8:15 am and 10:30 am service will be spoken Morning Prayer.**

**4:00 PM—Family Holy Eucharist**

Reader: Randy Holden, Cheri Blackwell

Prayers: Cheri Blackwell

Chalice: B.J. Mills

**10:30 PM—Festive Holy Eucharist**

Readers: Jeri Anne Townley, Buddy Dunn

Prayers: Buddy Dunn

Chalice: Herb Williams, Harrison Higgins

All Acolytes
Birthday Covered Dish Celebration

**Friday, January 19, 2018 @ 6:30 PM,** we will have our Epiphany All-Parishioner Birthday Celebration. This great potluck event will be a chance for everyone to share their special day all together.

Bring your favorite dish to share — cake and ice cream will be provided. All ages are welcome, and we promise not to ask what year you were born.

**Mark Your Calendars for this Celebration Bash!**

Mitten Tree, Ect.

The mitten/glove and hat tree is already up and needs some donated items to fill its branches. Gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and socks would make many have a warmer winter season this year. Let’s cover the Tree!

**Deadline for getting them on the tree is December 17th.**

Youth Group

will be selling 'Cookie Mix in a Jar’ for $10.00 a jar, each Sunday after the service, until they are gone. This is one of their Fund Raiser that they do.

*These make nice gifts for your Christmas giving!*

Thank you in advance for all of your support!

**Merry Christmas!**

Database Update!

The new database is up and running. You should have received an email from Karen Holden and Realm with a link to sign on.

If you have not, please let Lucy or Karen know and we can resend! I know you would love to check it out!

Congratulations!

Tad Blackburn
Carol McElhinney
Laurie McIntosh
who were elected for a 3 year term on the Vestry starting in January 2018!

Acolyte Practice

For Christmas Eve, followed with pizza on Saturday, December 23rd @ 6:00 PM.
## Worship Leaders for December

**Counter:** Karen Holden

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| **December 10—Advent 2** |  |
| **Altar Guild:** | Karen & Randy Holden, Cheryl Lineberry |

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Fellowship Activities

Want to go to Brunch??

Lunch Bunch will not be going out to lunch in December.
We will start back up the third Sunday, in January,

Change of Address:

(Temporary for 3—4 months)

**Randy & Karen Holden**
12006 Appling Road
Glen Allen, VA  20359
Karen cell (804) 840-7356

Thank You!

Thank you to all the members of Epiphany who contribute to the UTO (United Thank Offering) on October 22. We were able to send $190.00 to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and the United Thank Offering Board to be given in UTO grants.

Congratulations!

Matt & Leslie Guyer on the birth of their daughter, **Jordan Grey**, born Monday, November 6. The very proud grandmother is Cheryl Lineberry.

Drew & Sarah Kathryn Stahling on birth of their daughter, **Kathryn Reynolds Stahling** born November 21. The very proud grandmother is Irene Temple.

Augustine & Loyce Kiplagat on the birth of their son.

Chapter 4

will not meet in December but will have their `Christmas Dinner Outing` in January when it is not so hectic!

Date & Place TBD.

Thank You!!

Due to your kindness and generous support Epiphany was able to provide 25 Thanksgiving boxes to HEARTH to distribute a thanksgiving meal to those who would not be able to have one otherwise. Thank you again for your generous support!
Days of Blessing in December

Happy Birthday

Dec. 1  Sandy Ruder
     Cora Ann Whitlock
     Pierce Carter Mitchell
     Mick Whittlesey
Dec. 3  Tad Blackburn
Dec. 6  Hunter Mitchell
Dec. 8  Rachel Young
     Eli Nicholas Back
Dec. 10 Chris Tignor
     Grace Gabriella Schulte
Dec. 12 Tim Shephard
     Vivien Mitchell
Dec. 15 Drew Gilbert
Dec. 19 Diana Stone
     Linda Whitlock
Dec. 20 Emma Blackburn
Dec. 23 Hope Marie Schulte
Dec. 25 Nancy Sonne
Dec. 28 Christine Williams
Dec. 30 Hana Elionai
     Noel Elionai
Dec. 31 Ava Whittlesey

Happy Anniversary

Dec. 6  Marty & Vivien Mitchell
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:

New to the Prayer List: Tillie Freeze, Bob Jimerson, Juliet Wynne, Chuck Strabley
Parishioners: Dottie Strabley, Mike Young, Lydia Callaway, Caroline Hager
Homebound: Sarah Fore, Ray Hampton, Dot Hudson, Ray & Charlotte Lovelace, Jackie Martin, Connie Neal, Juliet Wynne;
Those Serving in the Armed Forces especially: Benjamin Hoffert, Patrick Lineberry, Caitlin Mitchell, Bryan Murphy, Billy Tucker, Andrew Smith and Tyler Watts.
Those expecting a Child: Cory & Jessica Isemann, Palmer & Heather Hollister
Prayers for the departed:
Just the Facts:

Leadership and Contact Information at
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Father Andrew Reinholz, Rector          804 266-2503  office  (Pastoral care) 1 610-780-1420  (cell)
The Rev. Deacon Harrison Higgins, IV, Deacon
Lucy Whitlock, Office Administrator     lucy.whitlock@epiphanyepiscopal.com
Anita Williams, Music Director
Timon Kenyi, Sexton

Vestry

Gray Corbett, Senior Warden
Mary Sam Abernathy, Junior Warden
Marty Shephard, Treasurer
Karen Holden, Register

Jeff Pegram (2017)
Carol Campus (2018)
Patty White (2019)

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.