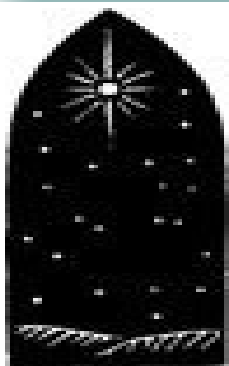


THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

THE STAR

July 2017

FROM FATHER ANDREW...

**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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It has been a year since I joined you all here at the Church of the Epiphany. This past year has gone by fast. It has been a year filled with many blessings, and a year filled with many joys. Chief among them has been the opportunity to get to know you all better, and to learn more about Epiphany's rich history. As I reflect on the past year, there are so many things that stand out, and that I am grateful for.

The one thing that stands out most vividly is this parishes' dedication to its members. I have time and time again been moved, when a member of our community is in need, many join in helping them.

The needs will vary - transportation to a job, meals when someone is sick, holding a funeral that honors the memory of the departed and gives comfort to those who mourn - the response is always the same. The people of this parish come out to support their brothers and sisters in Christ. With donations, with volunteered time and talents, with a loving and caring presence. Again and again, I have seen the love of God made real in this place. I have seen the Holy Spirit living and moving through the people of this parish. I have seen the Gospel of Jesus being made known, and continued to be told by the lives of the people who make this place their parish home.

It was an honor and a blessing to be called as your rector. It continues to be an honor and a blessing to serve you all, to work beside you, and to lead you in worship. I look forward to continuing the work, and the relationship we have begun together. Please know that my door is always open.

Stewardship Committee:

The Stewardship Committee met June 14, 2017 to discuss plans for the 2018 Stewardship Campaign. We will be using the Diocese stewardship program entitled “All Hearts Are Open”. This will be Cornerstone Two and the stewardship committee is developing activities that will help us to lay the second cornerstone in our Sure Foundation this in 2018. More information will be sent out once we confirm the plans for the coming campaign.

The committee will meet on July 12th and August 11th to continue planning for the 2018 stewardship campaign. We have tentatively scheduled the kick off to be September 24th.

Ann Henderson – Stewardship Chair

Stewardship

Stewardship

Living a generous life

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

2 Corinthians 9:6

The “Vomit Comet” is the affectionate name given by U.S. astronauts to the airplane that allows them to experience half a minute of weightlessness. The plane climbs to 30,000 feet then dives nearly straight down, momentarily allowing passengers to defy the law of gravity. It’s a lot of trouble, but it’s the only way to break this *law*. That’s what a law is—a constant, inviolable principle.

There is a similar law in Scripture called the law of sowing and reaping, or the law of the harvest. Paul explained it to the Corinthians after stating it more succinctly to the Galatians: “For whatever a man sows, that he will also reap” (Galatians 6:7b). Sow sparingly, Paul wrote the Corinthians, and we will reap sparingly. And vice versa with generous sowing. When we live a generous life—generous not only with time, talent, and treasure but also with love, forgiveness, and friendship—that generosity will be returned to us in a harvest of God’s choosing.

The motivation for generosity is God’s limitless grace to us. As He has been generous toward us, let us be generous toward others.

Blessings, Ann

July Parish Calendar

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:15 AM H.E. 9:30 AM Adult Forum 10:30 AM H.E.	3	4 Office Closed - 4th of July	5 12:00 PM H.E. with Healing Prayers 7:00 PM Alnon Bd. Mtg.	6 9:30 AM Lamb's Basket Volunteers (Clients) 6:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00 PM JRRinger Rehearsal	8 JRRingers Concert
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Bring Food for Lamb's Basket!

The shelves are almost empty! Let's remember to bring some canned items each Sunday. With the schools out for the summer they are in need of food geared toward children's lunches. Let's help them out by bringing a can or two each Sunday.

New Vestry Initiative— Shepherding Ministry

As part of the "Invite, Welcome, Connect" program which has been adopted by the Vestry to enrich our parish life, we are please to introduce a Shepherding Ministry.

The purpose of this ministry is to partner new parishioners with current ones based on similar demographics, to facilitate a richer connection for newcomers and encourage a faster integration and prolonged membership for all. We have lots of ideas about how to accomplish this and we will be offering training to help participants better understand their roles and ensure they are comfortable in their new partnerships. We believe this is a really important part of parish inclusion and hope to see this ministry grow and evolve over time.

We are looking for volunteers to participate in this endeavor, so please consider letting Father Andrew know of your interest, or if you would like more information, please see Vivien Mitchell or Scott Blackwell.

The Vestry appreciates your volunteering in this new and important ministry and hope it will enrich your own connection with Epiphany.

Friendly Reminder

The work on the sidewalk and bricks is still ongoing.

Please be careful when entering and exiting the church, There may be loose sections of brick along the curb.

Volunteers Needed!

Timon Kenyi, our Sexton is traveling to Africa to visit his family. We are recruiting volunteers to cover the cleaning of the church while he, Mary and Kiden are away. Each week there are two opportunities to help out. The first is on a Monday or Tuesday to straighten-up after Sunday activities. The second opportunity is on Friday or Saturday to prepare the facilities for the upcoming Sunday. If you are interested in taking one or more of the slots (one visit) beginning the last week in June through July, please contact **Scott Blackwell** at (804) 868-6489 or email rsblackwell88@gmail.com

LAMB's Basket

FUN FUNDRAISER

LAMB's Basket volunteers and guests
are invited by the LB Board of Directors
to meet other volunteers and enjoy

Home-grown tomato sandwich on white or wheat loaf bread

Ice cold beverages

Potato chips/ Assorted desserts

DOOR PRIZES!!!

July 15 and August 19, 2017

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Serving the first 50 people to sign up for either of these two dates.

Sign-up sheet at LAMB's Basket or call Nancy Yeary (262-7655)

We ask for only a \$5.00 Donation to LAMB's Basket

Thank You

*The family of Harry Goode Wood
would like to extend their gratitude
to parishioners and friends for all of
your support during this difficult
time.*

*Continued prayers are welcomed,
especially for Harry's daughters.*

*Sincerely,
Gail Wood*

Please note the "kids worship bags"
hanging in the Narthex—they are for
use in church for our little ones who
want to hang with Mom & Dad during
the service.



Let's all remember to wear our **name-
tags**—they really are so helpful for
everyone, newcomers and oldtimers!
If you need a nametag, there is a sign
-up sheet in the hallway. Thanks!

Thank You

*Marty Shephard would like to thank the
congregation for all of your prayers, cards,
calls and concern during her father, John
Jorstad's illness and passing. Your caring
means so much.*

Worship Leaders for July

10:30 Ushers: Scott Blackwell, Paul Jones, Brian White

Counter:

	July 2 — Pentecost 4		July 23 — Pentecost 7	
Altar Guild:	Karen & Randy Holden, Cheryl Lineberry	July 16 — Pentecost 6	Altar Guild:	Karen & Randy Holden, Cheryl Lineberry
8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist			8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist	
Usher:	George Baynes		Usher:	Paul Jones
Reader:	Lauryn Boyd		Reader:	Sam Craver
Chalice:	Harrison Higgins		Chalice:	Harrison Higgins
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist			10:30 AM— Holy Eucharist	
Lessons:	Clement Wani, Cheri Blackwell		Lessons:	B.J. Mills, Stacy Mitchell
Prayers:	Cheri Blackwell		Prayers:	Stacy Mitchell
Chalice:	Gray Corbett, Harrison Higgins		Chalice:	Buddy Dunn, Harrison Higgins
Acolytes:	Ava Whittlesey, Makenzie Lawrence		Acolytes:	Logan Abernathy, Eric Ludwig
Greeters:	Vivien Mitchell, Gray Corbett	Greeters:	Scott Blackwell, Patty White	
Nursery:	Gail Wood, Dwight Ludwig, Scott Blackwell		Nursery:	Gail Wood, Jennifer Axselle, Mary Kenyi
	July 9 — Pentecost 5	Prayers: Buddy Dunn		July 30 — Pentecost 8
Altar Guild:	Jean Riddick, Melba Shumaker		Altar Guild:	Dottie Strabley, Lucy Whitlock, Lauryn Boyd
8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist			8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist	
Usher:	Mike Nicholas		Usher:	Lauryn Boyd
Lessons:	Tad Blackburn		Reader:	Tad Blackburn
Chalice:	Harrison Higgins		Chalice:	Harrison Higgins
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist			10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist	
Lessons:	Jeri Anne Townley, Randy Holden		Lessons:	Cheri Blackwell, Gray Corbett
Prayers:	Randy Holden		Prayers:	Gray Corbett
Chalice:	Stacy Mitchell, Harrison Higgins		Chalice:	Herb Williams, Harrison Higgins
Acolytes:	Austin White, Nick Ludwig	Acolytes:	Lucas Couturier, Gift Elionai	
Greeters:	Karen Holden, Mary Sam Abernathy		Greeters:	Vivien Mitchell, Jeff Pegram
Nursery:	Gail Wood, Karen Holden, Sandy Ruder, Heather Hollister		Nursery:	Gail Wood, Carol Campus, Aggie Gallagher

Chapter 11— Men's Group

The Men's group meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 25, @ 6:30 pm.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Congratulations

To Zack Nixon, son of Megan Nixon, who is graduating this year and we wish him the very best as he continues his education at Longwood.

Fellowship Activities

Want to go to Brunch in July?

Sunday, June 16th,

the 'lunch brunch group' will be going to lunch at

the **Carrabba's Grille**, W. Broad Street.

If you are interested please contact **Jean Riddick, 264-0935**,

or call Lucy in the office, 266-2503

The Prayers and Sympathy of the congregation are extended to:

Gail Wood & family on the death of her husband, **Harry Wood**, who died on Tuesday, June 13. A memorial service was held on Friday, June 16 at 1:00 PM. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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

Adult Forum

*Sundays at 9:30 am
in the parlor
Join them at 9:30 am.*

Days of Blessing in July

Happy Birthday

July 1 Patty White
 July 2 Peggy Wilson
 Jessica Isemann
 July 4 Gail Wood
 July 5 Julia Campus
 July 6 Jennifer Whitlock
 July 10 Debbie Jones
 July 14 Carol Campus
 July 15 Matthew Holden
 July 17 John Stone IV
 Anne Hampton
 July 19 Brent Crawford
 July 20 Kiden Joye Kenyi
 July 21 Carol York
 July 25 Karen Whitlock Sheppard

July 26 Madison White
 Stark Gallagher
 July 27 Jeff Whittlesey
 July 31 Chuck Strabley

Happy Anniversary

July 1 George & Suzanne Elmore
 Hugh & Rosemary Rawlins
 July 16 Brian & Kim White
 July 18 John & Diana Stone
 July 20 Mike & Kathy Nicholas

Standing in the Need of Prayer

New to the Prayer List: Ava Whittlesey

Parishioners: Dot Hudson, Dottie Strabley, Mike Young, Lydia Callaway, Caroline Hager

Homebound: Peggy Adleman, Betty Fore, Sarah Fore, Ray Hampton, Ray & Charlotte Lovelace, Connie Neal, Juliet Wynne;

Family & Friends: Michael Abraham—cousin of Sandy Ruder & Denise Russell, Dave Holsapple—Stacy Mitchells friend, Norma Hanko—Lucy Whitlock's mother, John Stone IV—John Stone's father, Sawyer Perkins—friend of Maura & Cora Whitlock, Sara Mateyka—friend of Megan O'Toole's, Rev. Mitties DeChamplain—friend of Fr. Andrew Reinholz, Andy & Carolyn Holden—Randy Holden's parents, Sydney Dunn—Chip Dunn's daughter.

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

For the Birth of a Child: Matt & Leslie Guyer, Grant & Ashley Ruder

Prayers for the departed: Harry Wood, Sarah Jenkins

Just the Facts: Leadership and Contact Information at Church of the Epiphany

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Anita Williams, Music Director

Timon Kenyi, Sexton

Vestry

Gray Corbett, Senior Warden

Mary Sam Abernathy, Junior Warden

Marty Shephard, Treasurer

Karen Holden, Register

Gray Corbett (2017) Vivien Mitchell(2017)

Jeff Pegram (2017)

Mary Sam Abernathy (2018) Scott Blackwell (2018)

Carol Campus (2018)

Karen Holden (2019) Clement Wani (2019)

Patty White (2019)

Summer Office Hours : June — August

Lucy is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9 am to 12 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.*