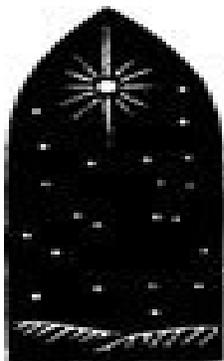


THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

THE STAR

June 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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We're past Memorial Day, so it's now considered apropos to wear white.

Some of us wear white every Sunday regardless of the season: I wear an alb, as does our deacon, our summer seminarian, our chalice bearers, our acolytes. Even the choir wears some white year-round in the form of cottas (overblouses) over their black choir robes.

We wear distinctive garments as a reminder of the special work that we do when we participate in the liturgical life of the church. Whether we are members of the order of priests, of deacons, or of the laity, we all have the possibility of doing special work in worship, and we wear garments that mark us as participants in the sacramental work of our parish.

Well, that's the shorthand of what those garments mean. It's just as important to know what they don't mean: that the wearer is more holy or more special than those who do not wear those robes. We are all, regardless of the work we do in worship, as prone to the failings that are a part of human nature as anyone else. But we feel called to serve in some way, and so we wear those garments which connect us to all who have ever worn such garments, going back to the earliest days of the church.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to wear such a garment, to serve as a chalice bearer, for example? If you ask the folks who serve in that ministry, you'll hear what a joy and a privilege it is to do so. You'll hear that there are moments of humility and grace (and occasional laughter) as we bring the gift of the consecrated bread and wine to those who come forward to receive them.

To be a chalice-bearer, one must be a confirmed Episcopalian who has been trained to do this work. To bring communion to shut-ins (no white garment required!), one must also undergo training, including some additional training regarding the prevention of sexual misconduct. Upon completion of the training, we apply to the Diocese for a license for you to do the work.

If you would like to take the training for being a chalice bearer or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor (to bring communion to shut-ins), please let me know. We will have a training/retraining session in the near future, and we would love to have you share this ministry.

Blessings

MARY+

Vestry Highlights

The Vestry met on Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 pm, beginning with a Bible study.

We were glad to note that the deficit, which increased due to quarterly payments in this quarter, is still well within the bounds we set in the budget.

We reaffirmed that the Stewardship campaign will once again be led by Christine Couturier and she and Mary+ will pin down the dates for the kick-off and ingathering. T

he Vestry also discussed a request we received to use the Parish Hall for a wedding reception.

Our summer seminarian will participate in a brainstorming session on curricula for Christian Ed for next year as well as working with Lauryn Boyd on the Lay Pastoral Care ministry.

We discussed the July CARITAS event which will be done in partnership with Emmanuel Brook Hill. This has been a very effective partnership.

We also noted that the Youth will clean up the Memorial Garden and are planning their mission trip.

Harrison is starting a yoga group as something that contributes to our spiritual and physical wellness; this may also be an outreach opportunity for the neighborhood.

The meeting ended with prayer at 8:20 pm . Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 11th, at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Carver, Register.

Senior Warden's Report ~ Ann Henderson

In January I felt called to become the Senior Warden, but as usual I answered the call with a lot of fear and "what ifs". After six months I am happy to say that thanks to the work of the previous Senior Wardens and vestry, The Church of The Epiphany runs like a well oiled machine. We are in great financial health and the church is growing in new members. It is an exciting time at Epiphany and we have such a wonderful congregation that being Senior Warden has been a blessing to me.

This past month has set my philosophical mind to wandering. As we watched the horrific news of the devastation in Moore, Oklahoma we saw whole neighborhoods totally destroyed. People were pulled from the piles of debris, made their way out of storm cellars and shelters and we got a glimpse of the people of this small town just outside of Oklahoma City. Watching the news I saw person after person standing in front of what used to be their home, store, school, or church and all that was left was piles of wood, siding, roofing material and pieces of their lives. Sometimes a person held up a picture, or some token of their previous life from the rubble and showed it to the camera. Yet time after time we heard the phrase "I/We are so thankful to God that the family was spared, we can replace all this".

Our hearts go out to people caught in devastation. If you are like me you most likely shed some tears as you watched. As a pet lover who thinks of her cats as her children, I was especially touched when a lady was reunited with her dog during a news segment. But deep down inside I kept hearing a little voice asking how can these people be grateful when they have lost virtually everything they own? Then I remember the break-in at my condo a few years ago when I was so thankful not to have been home when the burglars broke in, or many other times something bad has happened and I was so thankful that the situation turned out the way it did.

When tragedy happens the first reaction of many is where was God when this happened? He was the teachers that shielded the children in the classrooms, the mothers and fathers that gathered families in shelters; He was holding the hand of each person that he walked into Heavens Gates. But mostly He was that strong voice inside each of those people reminding them our treasures are not of this earth. Yes we all like to have nice things, but if they were all gone tomorrow but we still had our families and faith wouldn't that be enough. I think it would.

Blessings Ann

June Parish Calendar

June 2013

Monthly Planner

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A Greeting and Words of Introduction from our Summer Seminarian

Hi, new Epiphany friends!

I am so grateful and excited about spending my summer with you at Epiphany. I am a postulant in the Diocese of Virginia and a rising senior at Virginia Theological Seminary. Originally from Charlotte, NC I have made Richmond my home for twenty-eight years. My husband, Doug and I have two adult children – Grace and Thomas. Grace lives here in Richmond and is a kindergarten teacher at St. Andrew's School. Thomas is in his final year of college, studying art curation and fashion in London, England. I enjoy working around our home and garden. After a nine months of commuting and seeing each other on weekends – Doug and I are looking forward to spending time together this summer!

Prior to entering seminary, I worked for many years with the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys planning their continuing education programs. Most recently, moving towards my calling, I worked with folks dealing with chronic pain as a massage therapist. I am a "cradle" Episcopalian and long-time member of St. Stephen's where I served in various capacities including youth group and worship leader and founder of their healing prayer ministry. One focus of my stay with you all will be the development of a lay pastoral ministry program. Working alongside Mary and with all of you is an important part of my formation and living into the calling of the priesthood. Thank you for walking this journey with me!

----Judy Davis

Summer Office Hours :

Lucy is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am to 12 noon. Call before stopping by to make sure someone is here to let you in. Mary+ is usually in the office Monday through Thursday, unless she is out visiting parishioners or attending meetings. She can always be reached on her cell phone (221-3421).

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The youth group worked on cleaning out the Memorial Garden on May 25th.

We are still working out the details for the upcoming mission trip. If you are 14 years of age or older and are interested in joining us this year please let Mary+ or Diana Stone know as soon as possible.

Sit N Stitch Gathering!

will be taking a break during the summer months, starting back in September the 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm.

Watch for more details later this summer.



Save the Dates!!! August 4—8

This year Lakeside Summer Nights is going to *Athens* to learn about Paul's adventures. It will take place Sunday, August 4th — Thursday, August 8th from 6—8 PM. Dinner will be served. Ages 5-12 are welcome. Please consider volunteering by helping with crafts, games, music or providing a meal. Sign up sheets will go up in early June and registration forms will also be available at that time.

Hope to see you there—it is always a lot of fun!

Jessica Isemann





HONORING OUR VETERANS

We have traditionally collected items for the veterans at Hunter McGuire Veterans Medical facility between Memorial Day and the 4th of July. There will be a box in the hallway near the narthex for you to place your donations.

Suggested are: Toiletry items, (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shaving cream, mouth wash [non-alcoholic], paper back books, socks, etc.) are able to be used by our veterans.

Please **do not place travel size items in the collection**. They do not have a use for them. If you have any, place them in the basket for LAMB's Basket, as they will be glad to give them to those in need.

Items will be delivered to the hospital after the 4th of July. Thank you for your contributions.

Occasional Choir

Are you interested in singing, unable to commit to a weekly rehearsal or interested in other opportunities to do more singing? If so, the "*occasional choir*" could be for you. Or you may be new to the Episcopal Church and want to learn more of our hymns, both old and new. All ages are welcome.

We will plan to have an organizational meeting on July 14th. Please talk to Anita, Diana or Mary+.

Adult Forum for June

“Iced Tea Talking Circles” Join us in the parlor on Sundays at 9:30 am for some conversation on a range of topics big and small.

June 2: “Stump the Priest” Bring all your questions for Mary+. Have you got burning questions that are theological, ecclesiological, soteriological, educational, personal, or just plain old curiosity-driven? She promises to answer all the questions she can...(gulp!)

June 9: “Going to Court” Our diocese, like several others, has been involved in litigation regarding the property of parishes that have left the Episcopal Church. What is the status of the litigation? Is it a good idea for churches to sue over church business? Are Christians told not to sue? Let’s talk about it.

June 16: “Living the Christian Life” Christianity is not just something we do on Sunday mornings. Let’s talk about the myriad ways we live our faith on a daily basis. Some are big things, some small, some visible, some invisible. All are important! Let’s talk about it.

June 23: “Pastoral Care: Not Just Work for Priests” Our summer seminarian, Judy Davis, invites you to learn about her summer project, helping us develop a comprehensive lay pastoral care ministry. How do we live Matt 25:31 as a family of faith? Let’s talk about it together.

June 30: “Local or Global/Local and Global” What should our priorities be in supporting mission work? Do we tend to needs in our own community first and then attend to needs further afield? Do we see the troubles in developing nations as so much greater than those in our own community that we focus on them first? Or do we try to find a middle way? Let’s talk about it.

The Book Group

The Monday Book Group has started a new book, “The Screwtape Letters”, by C.S. Lewis. It is a fascinating funny book, constructed as a series of letters from a senior devil to an apprentice devil, helping him in his evil work of turning humans from God toward evil. Join them on Monday’s @ 11:00 AM in the parlor.

Men’s Bible Study

Men’s Bible Class will meet with Mary+ on the 4th Tuesday, June 25th. Bring a bag lunch and convene in the parish hall at noon.

St. Giles Gate Program

Will meet on Saturday, June 15th

@ 10:00 AM in the parish hall.

Worship Leaders for June

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

Counters: Wayne & Lucy Whitlock

June 2 — Pentecost 2

Altar Guild: Jean Riddick, Charlotte Lovelace

8:15—Holy Eucharist

Usher: Chuck Strabley

Reader: Ann Schaefer

Chalice: Harrison Higgins

10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist & Baptism

Lessons: Ann Schaefer, Stacy Mitchell

Prayers:

Chalice: Gray Corbett, Harrison Higgins

Acolytes: Stark Gallagher, Ava Whittlesey, Camille Wood, Megan Tignor

Greeters: Aggie Gallagher, Brian White

Nursery:

June 9 — Pentecost 3

Altar Guild: Kathy Jimerson, Melba Shumaker, Pam Pegram

8:15—Holy Eucharist

Usher: Tad Blackburn

Reader: Judy Davis

Chalice: Harrison Higgins

10:30—Holy Eucharist

Lessons: Randy Holden

Prayers

Chalice: Harrison Higgins

Acolytes: All Acolytes

Greeters: Sam Craver, Christine Couturier

Nursery:

June 16— Pentecost 4

Altar Guild:
Betty Fore,
Susan Josenhans

8:15—Holy Eucharist

Usher: Walter Reid

Reader: Harrison Higgins

Chalice: Harrison Higgins

10:30—Holy Eucharist

Lessons:
Gray Corbett

Prayers: Randy Holden

Chalice:
Herb Williams
Harrison Higgins

Acolytes:
Sara Lassiter,
Zack Nixon,
Bailey Nixon,
Claudia Abernathy

Greeters:
Carole Noe,
Joyce Melton

Nursery:

June 23 — Pentecost 5

Altar Guild: Joyce Melton, Karen Holden

8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist

Usher: Herb Williams

Reader: Judy Davis

Chalice: Harrison Higgins

10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist

Lessons: Randy Holden

Prayers: Herb Williams

Chalice: Harrison Higgins

Acolytes: Stephanie Holden, Hana Elionai

Greeters: Brian White, Sandy Ruder

Nursery:

June 30 — Pentecost 6

Altar Guild: Dottie Strabley, Lucy Whitlock, Lauryn Boyd

8:15—Holy Eucharist

Usher: George Baynes

Reader: Harrison Higgins

Chalice: Harrison Higgins

10:30—Holy Eucharist

Lessons: Buddy Dunn

Prayers: Gray Corbett

Chalice: Harrison Higgins

Acolyte: Hunter Mitchell, Caroline Couturier

Greeters: Ann Henderson, Kristin Carver,

Nursery:

Fellowship Activities

Want to go to Brunch in June?

Sunday, June 23rd, after the 10:30 service,
the 'lunch brunch group' will be going to
lunch at Aunt Sarah's Restaurant, Route 1.

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

Change of address:

Lauryn Boyd

8197 Carter Lane

Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Home phone: 804 730-6319; Cell phone: 804 852-8102

Email: lolly3pups@gmail.com

Flying Squirrels Ballgame!

We will have our annual parish outing to see the Flying Squirrels, Richmond's minor league baseball team, on Saturday, June 1st. The price is \$10 per ticket—if you haven't paid yet.

Sympathy

The prayers & sympathy of the congregation are extended to Sarah Jenkins on the death of her brother, **Kent Jenkins**, who died on Tuesday, May 14th in Tampa, Florida. May his soul and souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Congratulations...

...to Emily Durrer on the birth of her daughter, Norah Julianne Lauterbach who was born on May 2nd. The very proud grandparents are Preston & Diane Durrer and the very proud aunt is Melissa Durrer.

...to Virginia Van Valkenburg who has been installed as President of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association for the upcoming year. We wish you much success, Virginia.

Graduates

Megan Eleanor Tignor, daughter of Chris & Sandy Tignor, will graduate from JR Tucker High School. She will be attending VCU in the fall.

Stark Gallagher, son of Darel & Aggie Gallagher, will graduate from Glen Allen High School. He will be attending VCU in the fall for Bio Medical Engineering.

Garrett Mitchell Russell, son of Ron & Denise Russell, will be graduating from Glen Allen High School on June 13th. Garrett plans to attend J. Sargent Reynolds Community College in the fall

Wren Blackwell, daughter of Scott & Cheri Blackwell, graduated Doctor of Physical Therapy, Columbia University—College of Physicians & Surgeons.

Melissa Durrer, daughter of Diane and Preston Durrer, will graduate from Hanover High School in Hanover, Virginia. She will be attending Christopher Newport University in the fall

Sarah Elionai daughter of Joseph and Alice Elionai, will graduate from Varina high school in Varina, Virginia. She will attend Norfolk State University in the fall.

Tyler Watts, nephew of Susie Wasiluk, will graduate from Magna Vista high school in Ridgeway, Virginia. He has been appointed to VMI.

Days of Blessing in June

Happy Birthday

June 6	Camille Wood Kim Ruder
June 7	Megan Tignor Betty-Shannon Prevatt
June 9	George Elmore William Craver
June 10	Ellie Tuck
June 11	Brian White
June 12	Austin White
June 13	Michael Kenyi Soro
June 15	Beth Lassiter
June 19	Alex Tignor
June 20	Maura Whitlock
June 21	Ramsey Shepardson
June 22	Meghan Skinner Barger
June 27	Leslie Shakespeare
June 28	Karen Holden

Happy Anniversary

June 6	Lee & Ann Poates Randy & Karen Holden
June 7	Darel & Aggie Gallagher
June 8	Jason & Christine Williams Mike & Kristene Schulte
June 15	Tilghman & Virginia Buchanan Paul & Josie Dolci
June 16	Scott & Cheri Blackwell Jamal & Erica Brunt
June 19	Blake & Karen Sheppard
June 25	Mike & Patty White
June 27	Michael Wurster & Caitlin Mitchell
June 29	Bob & Kathy Jimerson

Standing in the Need of Prayer

Those who are ill or have special needs:

In Our Parish Family: Carl Burley, Ray Hampton, Peggy Adleman, Dottie Strabley, Dot Hudson, Walter Reid, Ray Lovelace, Bob Jimerson, Kathy Jimerson;

Those in Care Facilities or Homebound especially:

Pat Dunn, Connie Neal, Marian Noe, Mary Ruder, Marietta Spring, Roseanne Stockwell, Ruth Williams, Juliet Wynne

Those Serving in the Armed Forces especially:

Matt Guyer, Amanda Hoffert, David Hoffert, Daniel Keefe, Patrick Lineberry, Caitlin Mitchell, Bryan Murphy, Billy Tucker, Andrew Smith, Ryan Casey, and Chris Tuck

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, Spalding Garlinghouse—Kristin Carver's uncle, Patty Sue—niece of Ann Schaefer, Steve Farmer—neighbor of Betty Van Valkenburg, Debbie Williams—Herb Williams sister-in-law, Rev. Jon Dephouse—friend of Mary+, Christi Byrd—co-worker & friend of Diane Durrer, Freda Bush—friend of Susie Wasiluk, Shirley Jamyson—friend of Lydia Callaway, Karen Botha—friend of Doug & Mary Thorpe, Bucky Turner—friend of Jenn Whitlock, Joan Fuess—friend of Herb & Anita Williams, Jeff Whittlesey—Kathy Jimerson's son, Elsa Francisco—friend of Diana Stone, Robert Jimerson, III—son of Bob Jimerson, Brandon Corbett & Meghan Thacker, son & daughter of Gray Corbett, Charlie Jones—Marian Noe's brother, Rick Lawrence —Jan Lawrence's son.

Prayers for the departed: Kent Jenkins (Sarah Jenkins brother)

Thank You!

Dear Church of the Epiphany,

I just wanted to thank everyone for all ya'll did for us on Easter Sunday for Brody, Harley and Jaxon's baptism. It was such a special day and one we all will surely NEVER forget! 😊 We are thrilled to be a part of your church family.

Love, Matt & Jessica Colvin

Dear Friends,

I thank you for all the attention shown me during my recent 'incarceration' in the hospital. Your caring is amazing. I am humble in my gratitude.

Betty Van Valkenburg

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Vestry

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Summer Office Hours :

Lucy is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am to 12 noon. Call before stopping by to make sure someone is here to let you in. Mary+ is usually in the office Monday through Thursday, unless she is out visiting parishioners or attending meetings. She can always be reached on her cell phone (221-3421).

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