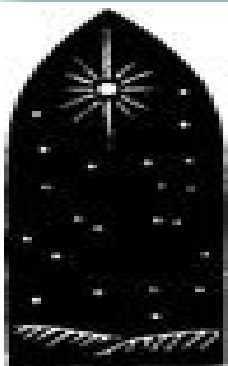


THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

## THE STAR

June 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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## Invite, Welcome, Connect

On February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, the vestry held its retreat at The Roslyn Center. Lead by the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining, we explored the program "Invite, Welcome, Connect." This is a multifaceted program, designed to help parishes assess and evaluate how they build relationships with visitors and new members.

Broadly speaking the program had us ask the questions: How do we invite people into the doors of the church? How do we welcome them once they have stepped through the doors? How do we connect them with the life of the parish? We looked at some larger guiding principles to these questions. We then began to examine some real-world examples of how communities answer them. Ultimately, we spent a substantial amount of time exploring The Church of the Epiphany. Small groups and the group as a whole discussed what we have tried and have not, what has worked and what has not, but most importantly what future we envision for the parish and its people.

Each one of these questions feeds into and supports the others. It is a comprehensive approach to how we take those first steps in creating disciples of Jesus Christ. You may have already begun to notice some new things and some changes. These will continue not only in the months ahead but for some time to come. Our hope is to conditionally evaluate and hone how we invite, welcome, and connect with the world. All of this is so that we as a parish can continue the work that has been done here for decades; to give people the opportunity to enter into a deeper relationship with God and with their neighbor.

I am personally excited for the opportunities this will bring to us. I am more excited for the work it will lead us to undertake together, as we answer God's call to our parish home.

## ***Stewardship Committee:***

The Stewardship Committee will meet in June to start planning the 2018 Stewardship Campaign

Ann Henderson – Stewardship Chair

### ***Stewardship***

This month we conclude the 10 Biblical Reasons to Give 10% or More of Your Income to the Lord's work. Here are reasons six through ten.

#### **10 Biblical Reasons to Give 10% OR MORE of Your Income to the Lord's Work**

*6. It will encourage your spiritual growth and trust in God.* There will be times when you will decide to be a faithful giver of what is in your hand, even when you have no idea how you will make it through the coming day, week, or month. But by going ahead and giving to God, your trust in the Lord will grow and you will grow in your ability to see Him provide. Scriptures:

Deuteronomy 14:23, Proverbs 3:5-6, Malachi 3:8-10, Haggai 1:4-11, 2:15-19; 2 Corinthians 8:5

*7. It will ensure you of treasure in heaven.* Jesus encourages you to store up treasure in heaven. The only way to do this is to live generously now. Someone once said, "We can't take it with us, but we can send it on ahead." Scriptures: I Timothy 6:18-19, Matthew 6:19-21, Hebrews 6:10, III John 8, I Samuel 30:22

*8. It will strengthen the work of your local church.* Many churches struggle for lack of finances. However, when people in a congregation gain a vision for being faithful givers to God at their local church, the whole spirit of a church begins to change -- needs are met, people are cared for, more outreach begins to take place, and long-awaited improvements start to happen. God-given momentum builds as people honor the Lord through their giving at church. Scriptures: Acts 2:42-47, 4:32; 2 Corinthians 9:12, 13

*9. It will help provide the means to keep your pastor(s) and missionaries in full-time Christian service.* It has always been God's plan that his servants are taken care of by his people. Across America and the world, many pastors and missionaries are struggling financially or are even leaving the ministry because of a lack of adequate finances. Your faithful giving can make sure this doesn't happen among the pastors or missionaries you know. Scriptures: I Corinthians 9:9-11,14; I Timothy 5:17-18, III John 5-8, Philippians 4:15-19, Galatians 6:6, Luke 8:3, II Kings 4:8-10

*10. It will help accomplish needed building projects and renovations.* Some of the most exciting times in the life of a church or ministry occur when facilities are being improved or expanded. But for building projects to succeed, large extraordinary gifts are needed. Building projects only happen well with special gifts that are "above and beyond" people's normal giving. Scriptures: 2 Chronicles 24:4-14, Exodus 35,36; II Kings 12:2-16, Ezra 1:4-6, I Chronicles 29:2-19

Blessings, Ann

## June Parish Calendar

June 2017

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |
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| <b>4</b><br>8:15 AM H.E.<br>9:30 AM Adult<br>Forum<br>10:30 AM H.E.<br>PENTECOST<br>Wear Red   | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br>5:30 PM<br>YOGA<br>7:00 PM<br>JRRingers                                   | <b>7</b><br>12:00 PM H.E.<br>with Healing<br>Prayers<br>7:00 PM Alton<br>Board Mtg. | <b>8</b><br>9:30 AM<br>Lamb's<br>Basket<br>Volunteers<br>Clients  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>6:30 PM<br>Planned<br>Giving Pot<br>Luck Dinner |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |
| <b>11</b><br>8:15 AM H.E.<br>9:30 AM Adult<br>Forum<br>10:30 AM H.E.<br>12:15 PM Lunch<br>Bunch--Pickle<br>Barrel<br>Acolyte<br>Graduation   | <b>12</b><br>6:00 PM<br>Chapter 4<br>Peking<br>Restaurant           | <b>13</b><br>5:30 PM<br>YOGA<br>7:00 PM<br>JRRingers                                  | <b>14</b><br>12:00 PM H.E.<br>with Healing<br>Prayers                               | <b>15</b><br>9:30 AM<br>Lamb's<br>Basket<br>Volunteers<br>Clients | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b>  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |
| <b>18</b><br>8:15 AM H.E.<br>9:30 AM Adult<br>Forum<br>10:30 AM H.E.<br>Happy<br>Father's Day  | <b>19</b><br>5:00 PM -9:00<br>PM Jackson<br>Hewitt Mtg. &<br>dinner | <b>20</b><br>5:30 PM<br>YOGA<br>6:30 PM<br>Vestry Mtg.<br>7:00 PM<br>JRRingers        | <b>21</b><br>12:00 PM H.E.<br>with Healing<br>Prayers                               | <b>22</b><br>9:30 AM<br>Lamb's<br>Basket<br>Volunteers<br>Clients | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b>  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |
| <b>25</b><br>8:15 AM H.E.<br>9:30 AM Adult<br>Forum<br>10:30 AM H.E.   | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b><br>5:30 PM<br>YOGA<br>6:30 PM<br>Chapter 11<br>Mtg.<br>7:00 PM<br>JRRingers | <b>28</b><br>12:00 PM H.E.<br>with Healing<br>Prayers                               | <b>29</b><br>9:30 AM<br>Lamb's<br>Basket<br>Volunteers<br>Clients | <b>30</b><br>5:00 PM -7:00<br>PM Visitation<br>for Sarah<br>Jenkins in the<br>Parlor.<br>Memorial<br>Service July 1<br>@ 11:30 AM |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |

Mark your calendars!!

## *Planned Giving & Potluck dinner*

Planned giving is a vital part of the Diocese's stewardship program. It can generate current gifts to support your church's annual operating budget and capital campaigns as well as long term gifts. Planned giving is simply creative giving in that it helps people make gifts they did not think they could make using assets they had not thought of using. Join us on June 10 for a Potluck dinner at 6:30PM and to learn more about creative giving with Deal Tompkins.

**The Speaker: Deal Tompkins** —A native of the Roanoke Valley and a graduate of Randolph-Macon College, Deal has over thirty years of experience in higher education and healthcare philanthropy. He has worked in planned giving and capital campaigns at Randolph-Macon, Sweet Briar and Emory & Henry Colleges among others. Deal retired in April, 2012 as Executive Director and CEO of the Virginia United Methodist Foundation. He now serves as the planned giving officer for the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia and is a member of St. James the Less Episcopal Church in Ashland.

## *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.

## *Acolyte Graduation*

June 11<sup>th</sup> is a special day for our acolytes. We will be honoring **Zack Nixon** who is graduating this year. It is a tradition that all our acolytes serve that day as a way of celebrating the service Zack has given to our acolyte program. You are encouraged to attend to wish Zack the best as he continues his education at Longwood. It will truly be a kite flying day!

Cheri Blackwell

## *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](mailto:rsblackwell88@gmail.com)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> 7:00 PM – 9:00?**

*All the women of the church are invited for a relaxing, fun event. Bring a sweet or savory snack to share. We will be providing beverages. Casual dress.*

*PLEASE JOIN US FOR A*

*Ladies*  
Night Out

*For more info call Kathy Jimerson 804-651-2559  
or Vivien Mitchell 804-262-8732*

## Worship Leaders for June

10:30 Ushers: Eddie Johnson, George Baynes, Herb Williams, Cory Iseman

### Counter:

|                                | June 4 — <b>Pentecost —Wear RED!</b>              |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Altar Guild:                   | Dottie Strabley, Lucy Whitlock, Lauryn Boyd       |
| <b>8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist</b>  |   |
| Usher:                         | Lauryn Boyd                                       |
| Reader:                        | Sam Craver  |
| Chalice:                       | Harrison Higgins                                  |
| <b>10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist</b> |   |
| Lessons:                       | Jeri Anne Townley, Cheri Blackwell                |
| Prayers:                       | Cheri Blackwell                                   |
| Chalice:                       | Buddy Dunn, Harrison Higgins                      |
| Acolytes:                      | Zack Nixon, Sam Tucker, Eric Ludwig, Bailey Nixon |
| Greeters:                      | Mary Sam Abernathy, Gray Corbett                  |
| Nursery:                       | Gail Wood, Jennifer Axselle, Mary Kenyi           |

|                                 | June 18 — Pentecost 2                                    |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Altar Guild:                    | Kathy Jimerson, Carol McElhinney                         |
| <b>8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist</b>   |  |
| Usher:                          | Chuck Strabley   |
| Reader:                         | Gray Corbett   |
| Chalice:                        | Harrison Higgins   |
| <b>10:30 AM— Holy Eucharist</b> |  |
| Lessons:                        | Stacy Mitchell, David Tuck                               |
| Prayers:                        | David Tuck   |
| Chalice:                        | B.J. Mills, Harrison Higgins                             |
| Acolytes:                       | Lucas Couturier, Gift Elionai, Will Craver, Camille Wood |
| Greeters:                       | Clement Wani, Karen Holden                               |
| Nursery:                        | Gail Wood, Kim White, Mary Sam Abernathy                 |

|                                | June 11 — Trinity Sunday  |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Altar Guild:                   | Jean Riddick, Melba Shumaker                                      |
| <b>8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist</b>  |   |
| Usher:                         | Kim Ruder   |
| Lessons:                       | Lauryn Boyd   |
| Chalice:                       | Harrison Higgins  |
| <b>10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist</b> |   |
| Lessons:                       | Randy Holden, Clement Wani  |
| Prayers:                       | Clement Wani  |
| Chalice:                       | Stacy Mitchell, Harrison Higgins                                  |
| Acolytes:                      | Jay Tucker, Camryn Whittlesey, Makenzie Lawrence, Logan Abernathy |
| Greeters:                      | Patty White, Carol Campus   |
| Nursery:                       | Gail Wood, Carol Campus, Aggie Gallagher                          |

|                                | June 25 — Pentecost 3                                       |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Altar Guild:                   | Karen & Randy Holden, Cheryl Lineberry                      |
| <b>8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist</b>  |   |
| Usher:                         | Tad Blackburn   |
| Reader:                        | Tad Blackburn   |
| Chalice:                       | Harrison Higgins  |
| <b>10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist</b> |   |
| Lessons:                       | Buddy Dunn, B.J. Mills                                      |
| Prayers:                       | B.J. Mills  |
| Chalice:                       | Herb Williams, Harrison Higgins                             |
| Acolytes:                      | Austin White, Kayleigh Gilbert, Nick Ludwig, Ava Whittlesey |
| Greeters:                      | Jeff Pegram, Scott Blackwell                                |
| Nursery:                       | Gail Wood, Patty White, Christine Couturier, Loyce Kipligat |



## “Illuminating the Liturgy”

*A new semi-regular column that will explore our worship*

You may have noticed that recently we have not been saying a confession together on Sundays. During Lent, we utilized the rubrical option of beginning our services with a penitential order. This brought with it some of its own elements, and moved a very familiar one (the confession) to the start of the liturgy. This made confession one of the first acts we did together during the season of Lent; helping to emphasize the self-reflective and penitential nature of the season.

For the Easter season, we have taken advantage of the rubric (or the quid lines and directions of our Book of Common Prayer) on page 359, which allows for the confession, on occasion, to be omitted. The occasion, in this case, is the joyful and triumphant nature of the Easter season. After having the confession front and center for Lent, instead of moving it back to its regular place, it is being omitted, for a time, to help draw our attention to the celebration of eternal life we have all received through the Resurrection.

## Thank You

**Sandy Tignor** appreciates the congregation's prayers during her dad's illness and the continued prayers and cards at his passing. Her Epiphany family has been a great comfort to her during this difficult time.

**Irene Morris** would like to thank Father Andrew, and her church members for all the prayers, cards, calls and the delicious luncheon provided for her family and friends after the passing of her son, Bruce Michael Matchunis.

**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!

## *Cru* (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ)

Hello! My name is Melissa Durrer. I was baptized and grew up at Epiphany. This past May, I graduated from Christopher Newport University with a degree in History. While at CNU I became involved with a Christian ministry called Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ). Cru is a caring community passionate about connecting people to Christ. Next year I get the opportunity to intern with Cru and be a missionary to college students in the Tidewater region of VA. I would love to share more with you all, and invite you to partner with me. I will have a table set up during coffee hour on June 11<sup>th</sup> with more information. Can't wait to see you there!

For your reading enjoyment! Happy Father's Day!

## *When God Created Fathers by Erma Bombeck*

When the good Lord was creating fathers He started with a tall frame.

And a female angel nearby said, "What kind of father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending, or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping."

And God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child-size, whom would children have to look up to?"

And when God make a father's hands, they were large and sinewy.

And the angel shook her head sadly and said, "Do You know what You're doing?" Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on ponytails or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats."

And God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets at the end of a day...yet small enough to cup a child's face in his hands."

And then God molded long slim legs and broad shoulders.

And the angel nearby had a heart attack. "Boy, this is the end of the week, all right," she clucked, "Do you realize You just made a father without a lap? How is he going to pull a child close to him without the kid falling between his legs?"

And God smiled and said, "A mother needs a lap. A father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle, or hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had ever seen when the angel could contain herself no longer. "That's not fair. Do you honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the guests?"

And God smiled and said. "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to 'ride a horse to Banbury Cross,' or scare off mice at the summer cabin, or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."

God worked throughout the night, giving the father few words, but a firm, authoritative voice; eyes that saw everything, but remained calm and tolerant.

Finally, almost as an afterthought, He added tears. Then He turned to the Angel and said, "Now are you satisfied that he can love as much as a mother?"

The angel shuteth up.



## Chapter 11— Men's Group

The Men's group meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 27 @ 6:30 pm.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

## Chapter 4

Our end of year June meeting will be held at the Peking Restaurant, 8904 W. Broad Street on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM. For reservations, let **Nancy Sonne** know if you are able to attend. This will be the last meeting for the summer and we will meet again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of September at 7:00 PM in the parlor.

### Fellowship Activities

#### Want to go to Brunch in June?

Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>,

the 'lunch brunch group' will be going to lunch at the Pickle Barrel restaurant, 12912 Plaza Drive.

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:*

Irene Morris & family on the death of her son, Michael Matchunis who died on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Sandy Tignor & family and Marty Shephard & family on the death of their father, John Jorstad, who died on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> in South Hill.

Rev. Deacon Harrison Higgins & family on the death of his mother, Emily Peyton Higgins who died on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

The family & friends of Sarah Jenkins who died on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. A Memorial Service will be held for Sarah on July 1 @ 11:30 with visitation on Friday evening June 30 from 5:00—7:00 PM.

*May their souls 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 June

### Happy Birthday

|         |                                       |
|---------|---------------------------------------|
| June 1  | Justin Crawford                       |
| June 6  | Camille Wood<br>Kim Ruder             |
| June 7  | Megan Tignor<br>Betty-Shannon Prevatt |
| June 9  | George Elmore<br>William Craver       |
| June 10 | Ellie Tuck                            |
| June 11 | Brian White                           |
| June 12 | Austin White                          |
| June 15 | Beth Lassiter                         |
| June 19 | Alex Tignor                           |
| June 20 | Maura Whitlock                        |
| June 21 | Ramsey Shepardson                     |
| June 22 | Meghan Skinner Barger                 |
| June 28 | Karen Holden                          |

### Happy Anniversary

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| June 6  | Lee & Ann Poates<br>Randy & Karen Holden              |
| June 7  | Darel & Aggie Gallagher                               |
| June 8  | Jason & Christine Williams<br>Mike & Kristene Schulte |
| June 16 | Scott & Cheri Blackwell<br>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

**New to the Prayer List:** Harry Wood, Andy & Carolyn Holden—Randy Holden's parents, Sydney Dunn—Chip Dunn's daughter

**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, Pam Melton—friend of Karen Holden, John Stone IV—John Stone's father, Sara Mateyka—friend of Megan O'Toole's, Rev. Mitties DeChamplain—friend of Fr. Andrew Reinholz

**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

**Prayers for the departed:** Sarah Jenkins; Emily Higgins — Rev. Deacon Harrison Higgin's mother; Michael Matchunis — Irene Morris' son; John Jorstad—father of Sandy Tignor & Marty Shephard

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Marty Shephard, Treasurer

Karen Holden, Register

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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.*