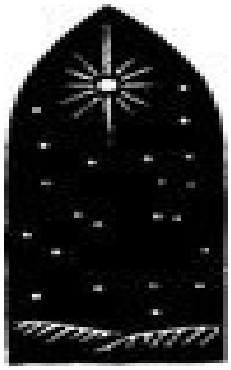

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

THE STAR

Novemberr, 2015

FROM OUR INTERIM RECTOR…

Dear Friends,

Several things come to mind as I write to you for this month.

On Sunday, October 18th, we had our annual service of the Blessing of the Pets. Planned for the outdoor chapel we moved to the circle where the sun provided some warmth on that crisp fall morning. Over 30 animals brought their owners (cats brought their staff). We had dogs and cats and one horse, all beautiful animals and dearly loved. As one of you had pointed out recently, among the first to welcome the infant Jesus in a manger were the animals. It was fitting that we gave thanks for the companionship and loyalty out pets give to us. It is unconditional love. The expression on your pets' faces was something to behold. If you haven't done so already, do check out our Epiphany Facebook website. Stacy Mitchell took some great pictures and I don't think she missed a single pet. Thank you Stacy! And thank you all who brought your pets and all who came to be there as well.

Then on November 1, we will be celebrating the Feast of All Saints. For a number of reasons, this is a day that for many of us, myself included, has as special meaning as we remember loved ones who have died and have entered into the Communion of the Saints. It is a time to remember that in the sacred mystery of the Communion of Saints, we are all connected with those who have gone before us. I invite you, as you come to communion this Sunday, to bring with you in your hearts the memories of your loved ones. May you feel their presence, for as we sing in hymn 279, "Thine earthly member fit to join thy saints above, in one communion ever knit, one fellowship of love."

In our worship, we will be paying special attention to the opportunities for moments of silence after the readings, the sermon, before the confession, and in the Prayers of the People where indicated. These silences give us time to pause and meditate wherever God might lead us. In our worship as well,

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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 will try as best we can to select hymns that are familiar as well as occasional new hymns. There is such a wealth of hymnody in our various hymnals and I am reminded of the words of Ellen Johnston of the Center for Liturgy and Music at Virginia Seminary who was with us for a hymn sing in September and who continues to work with us, that there are still many beautiful hymns to discover in our hymnal. A joyful congregation is a singing congregation. Let us praise God with a voice of singing!

On Sunday, November 8, we will have the ingathering of our pledge cards. I invite you to bring yours to be placed in the offering plates and they will be blessed at the altar. May our pledges for the coming year reflect our gratitude to God for God's many blessings to us and may they reflect our confidence in the future of the mission and ministry of this parish as at some point in the coming year, you will welcome a new rector with whom you will share in a mutual ministry in this part of God's Vineyard. May God's peace and blessings be with you.

Gratefully yours,

David

The Book Club is reading *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. They read about 50 pages a week and have pretty lively discussions. If you would like to join them, they meet on Monday's at 11:00 AM in the parlor.

Veterans Day

A quick question - How will you be spending Veteran's Day?

Here's an idea….how about participating in a Virtual 5 K to raise money for the Wounded Warriors Project.

As many of you know our daughter Caitlin is in the military and to raise awareness of this worthy cause she is encouraging friends and family on Nov 11 th to get out and "race" a mere 3.1 miles! There are two twists - this is virtual, so all the money goes to the Fund without having the $$$ go to race fees/organizing groups/t-shirts etc. and you can accomplish the miles any way you choose.

Below is her GoFund connection if you choose to participate OR feel free to donate directly to the Wounded Warriors Project….again, her aim is awareness building of this organization dedicated to helping our Veterans and recognizing their service and sacrifice.

https://www.gofundme.com/vetsvirtual5k

Maybe we'll see you out there running/biking or whatever ……
Thanks,

Vivien and Martin Mitchell

November Parish Calendar

November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:15 AM H.E. 9:30 AM Adult Forum 10:30 AM H.E.	2 11:00 AM Book Club	3 5:30 PM YOGA 7:00 PM JRRingers	4 12:00 PM H.E. with Healing Prayers	5 9:30 AM Lamb's Basket Volunteers (Clients) 6:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal NO Beginner Bells	6	7 Outreach Feeding Program - The Vestry Team
8 8:15 AM H.E. 9:30 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Sun. School 10:30 AM H.E. Ingathering -Bring Pledge Cards back Worship Committee Mtg.	9 11:00 AM Book Club	10 5:30 PM YOGA 6:30 PM Vestry 7:00 PM JRRingers	11 7:00 AM -11:00 AM Free Breakfast for all Veterans & First Responders @ Imperial Plaza NO NOON SERVICE Office Closed - Veterans' Day	12 9:30 AM Lamb's Basket Volunteers (Clients) 6:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal	13	14
15 8:15 AM H.E. 9:30 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Sun. School 10:30 AM H.E. 2:00 PM -5:00 PM JRRingers Congregational Mtg. & Vestry Elections	16 11:00 AM Book Club 7:00 PM Chapter 4	17 5:30 PM YOGA 7:00 PM JRRingers	18 12:00 PM H.E. with Healing Prayers 6:00 PM "Wills & Trust" Seminar & dinner	19 9:30 AM Lamb's Basket Volunteers (Clients) 6:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal Thanksgiving Boxes due back!	20	21 10:00 AM Col. Dames Mtg. & luncheon
22 8:15 AM H.E. 9:30 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Sun. School 10:30 AM H.E. Lunch Bunch-O'Charley's Pie Sale	23 11:00 AM Book Club	24 5:30 PM YOGA 7:00 PM JRRingers	25 12:00 PM H.E. with Healing Prayers	26 Happy Thanksgiving Day!	27	28
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Youth Group News

The middle and high school youther would like to thank Harrison and his wife Susan for their hospitality on Friday, October 16. We enjoyed our time at their home with hiking and a campfire with lots of fun and laughter. Thank you again.

This month's calendar:

Nov. 6-8: Sr. High Weekend at Shrine Mont

Nov. 15: Youth grou coffee hour, please bring something to share

Nov. 22: Hiking down by the James River, pack a lunch

Nov. 29: At 6:00 PM cookie mix-in-a-jar making

Cookie Mix-in-a-jar:

We are trying something new this year, we are hoping to do ordering of cookie mix. Please look for the order form next to the youth group bulletin board in the hall. We will have five varieties to choose from: **Merry Mint, Super Chocolate Cookie, Oatmeal Raisin, Butterscotch Chip, and Sand Art Cookies**. After we fill the orders we will make a few extra of each variety so be sure to order in advance to get the ones you want.

If you have any questions about youth group please contact Diana Stone at *iwaspogo@hotmail.com* or 804 264-8087.

Beginner bells will not meet on Thursday, November 5 and Thanksgiving evening.

Fund Raiser for Outreach Donation:

A donation of 20 Bamboo Cutting boards has been made to Epiphany as a fund raiser for the Outreach program. The cutting boards are made in the US and are engraved with *"Give us this day our daily bread"*. The boards are $20.00 with all the proceeds going to Outreach. Get yours before they run out! Have only 3 left! Lucy will have them available in the office.

Worship Committee

November is a perfect month to celebrate our blessings and to share them with others. Please participate in the Thanksgiving food baskets, Second Sunday Lambs Basket offering and of course, your pledge to the Stewardship of our church.

Some have asked about the pauses and periods of silence that are now in our service. To explain, the moments of silent time that where indicated in the prayer book may be used to add your personal prayers or for you to reflect on prayers, we now complete the gospel hymn prior to the reading, allowing silence to reflect on the gospel prior to the sermon.

WHAT WE STILL NEED: Choir members, acolytes, and input from the congregation!

Members: Gray Corbett, Cheri Blackwell, Kathy Jimerson, Herb & Anita Williams, Lauryn Boyd, David Knight, Susan Josenhan.

Epiphany Search Committee Prayer:

O God, who is always with us, especially in time of transition, God of love and patience and giver of every good gift, guide us, we pray, and awaken in us a sense of your presence, as we journey together in search of our new rector. We pray for the priest whose name is yet known to you alone, that he or she be open to your call. All this we pray in the name of the Father who created us, the Son who redeemed us and the Holy Spirit who sustains us. Amen.

Search Committee

The vestry has unanimously approved our profile. The next step is to get the Bishop's approval. When that is finished the profile will go on the Epiphany website and we will begin receiving names of those who are interested in becoming Epiphany's rector. We'll let you know when the profile is on the website and hope you will take a look at it.

CARITAS 2016

UPDATE:

The Church of the Epiphany will sponsor CARITAS next year from July 16th thru July 23rd. Please keep these dates in mind as help and generosity will be needed. More information to follow early next year!

Wills & Trusts" Seminar with a Free Spaghetti Dinner!

Know that your assets are protected through your lifetime—and when the time comes, they will be properly transferred to your loved ones with no probate or delay.

Join us at a FREE "Wills and Trusts" seminar conducted by a leading estate planning attorney Melanie M. Lee, on ***Wednesday, November 18, 2015 @ 6:00 PM.*** at the ***Church of the Epiphany*** and learn how to:

PROTECT your assets from nursing home costs!

SAVE estate taxes—give your money to your family!
PRESERVE your money for your children and charitable causes!
DECIDE what **you** want with a Living Will and Health Care Directives

All attendees earn a ***free*** consultation valued at $350!

FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER

(Donations to the church will be appreciated!)

Seating is limited, multiple ways to Register!

Reserve now with Lee Law Office at (804) 204-1500 or online www.mleelaw.com; or call the Church of the Epiphany at (804) 266-2503 or signup at Church!

Ingathering Sunday

Your Pledge cards have been handed out or mailed to you—-Please bring them back for our **Ingathering Sunday, November 8th**. Seriously consider other GIFTS you have (time and talent) that can continue and grow the great success of Epiphany. If you did not receive a pledge card, please let us know in the office and we will be glad to get you one.

Congregational Meeting & Vestry Elections

*Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 15th**. That is when the Congregational Meeting and Election of Vestry will take place. Please come to be apart of this Sunday as we look forward to the eschaton!*

Worship Leaders for November

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

Counters: Scott & Cheri Blackwell

	November 1— All Saint's Day
Altar Guild:	Kathy Jimerson, Melba Shumaker, Pam Pegram
8:15—Holy Eucharist	
Usher:	Chris Tignor
Reader:	Gray Corbett
Chalice:	
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist	
Lessons:	Gray Corbett
Prayers:	
Chalice:	Herb Williams
Acolytes:	Hana Elionai, Gift Elionai
Greeters:	Buddy Dunn, Jeff Pegram
Nursery:	Christine & Caroline Couturier

	November 8—Pentecost 24
Altar Guild:	Betty Fore, Susan Josenhans, Barbara Johnson
8:15—Holy Eucharist	
Usher:	Paul Jones
Reader:	Randy Tucker
Chalice:	Harrison Higgins
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist	
Lessons:	Gray Corbett
Prayers:	
Chalice:	Gray Corbett, Harrison Higgins
Acolytes:	Camille Wood, Nick Ludwig, Cameron Whittlesey, Ava Whittlesey
Greeters:	Irene Temple, Kristin Carver
Nursery:	Dwight Ludwig, Scott Blackwell

November 15— Pentecost 25
Altar Guild: Joyce Melton, Karen Holden, Randy Holden
8:15 Holy Eucharist
Usher: Lauryn Boyd
Reader: Lauryn Boyd
Chalice: Harrison Higgins
10:30—Holy Eucharist
Lessons: Randy Holden
Prayers:
Chalice: David Tuck, Harrison Higgins
Acolytes: Zack Nixon, Kayleigh Gilbert, Drew Gilbert, Bailey Nixon
Greeters: Joyce Melton, Gray Corbett
Nursery: Karen Holden, Sandy Ruder

	November 22—Last Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild:	Dottie Strabley, Lucy Whitlock, Lauryn Boyd
8:15—Holy Eucharist	
Usher:	Kim Ruder
Reader:	Gray Corbett
Chaliice::	Harrison Higgins
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist	
Lessons:	B.J. Giannini
Prayers:	
Chalice:	Stacy Mitchell, Harrison Higgins
Acolytes:	Claudia Abernathy, Sam Tucker, Eric Ludwig, Logan Abernathy
Greeters:	Sam Craver, Susan Josenhans
Nursery:	Joy Baynes, Peggy Wilson

	November 29—Advent 1
Altar Guild:	Jeannie Riddick, Debbie Crawford, Charlotte Lovelace
8:15—Holy Eucharist	
Usher:	Chuck Strabley
Reader:	Sam Craver
Chalice:	Harrison Higgins
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist	
Lessons:	Jeri Anne Townley
Prayers:	
Chalice:	Buddy Dunn, Harrison Higgins
Acolytes:	Lucas Couturier, Morgan Green, Jay Tucker, Austin White
Greeters:	Patty White, Irene Temple
Nursery:	Jennifer Axselle, Mary Kenyi

Fellowship Activities

Want to go to Brunch in November?

Sunday, November 22nd,
the 'lunch brunch group' will be going to lunch at
O'Charley's, corner of Horsepen & Broad Street.
If you are interested please contact **Jean Riddick, 264-0935,**
or call Lucy in the office, 266-2503

Epiphany Leaf Raking Day

Saturday, December 5, 9:00 am—1:00 pm.

In keeping with one of Epiphany's longstanding traditions, we will be raking leaves again this year! Lots of help is needed so please mark your calendars. Bring a rake and gloves if you have them. There will be some extra rakes available if needed. In the event of steady rain, we will postpone until December 12.

Sympathy

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to Vivien Mitchell and family on the death of her mother, Pauline Hunt, who died on Wednesday, October 28th in Barnt Green, England.

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

Did someone say PIE?

Pie Sale

Mark your calendar—November 22 is

Chapter 5's Annual Pie Sale!

We will have all of your past favorite……Apple, Pecan, Pumpkin and Chocolate Coconut (Lucy's favorite), just to name a few! If you have a favorite that you would like to be there or if you like to preorder/reserve a pie—there will be a sheet on the bulletin board in the hall by the office or let one of us know! Lol

Showing their Appreciation to Veterans and First Responders!

Brookdale Imperial Plaza (formerly Imperial Plaza)

will honor local heroes with an appreciation breakfast.

Serving our country and helping our citizens are two valued and respected jobs. We'd like to show our gratitude by inviting veterans and first responders to attend our appreciation breakfast. You'll enjoy a delicious breakfast of bacon, eggs, pancakes, sausage, French toast, biscuits, orange juice, coffee and iced tea. Motivational speaker **Clarence Singleton**, a retired U.S. Marine, Vietnam War veteran and Purple Heart medal recipient, will share his journey from Vietnam to the World Trade Center bombing and 9/11 tragedy. We hope you can join us.

Wednesday, November 11—-7 to 11 a.m. For reservations or more information, call 264-1380.

A little birdie told me that **Darel Gallagher** would be there!

Days of Blessing in November

Happy Birthday

Nov. 1 Connie Neal
Nov. 4 Trevor Isemann
Nov. 5 Kristin Carver
Nov. 8 David Skinner
Nov. 9 Sarah White
Blake Sheppard
Nov. 10 Patrick Hampton
Nov. 13 Cory Shepardson
Nov. 16 Cheryl Lineberry
Nov. 17 Paul Dolci
Nov. 19 Nick Ludwig
Nov. 20 Carole Noe
Nov. 21 Wayne Whitlock
Nov. 22 Kristene Schulte
Sara Lassiter
Nov. 23 Joyce Melton
Nov. 24 Milton Jenkins
Nov. 25 Christopher Tuck
Nov. 26 Melba Shumaker
Nov. 28 Kim Ludwig
Peggy Adleman
Nov. 29 Skyler Strabley

Happy Anniversary

Nov. 10 Kim & Dwight Ludwig
Nov. 11 Karen & Billy Tucker
Nov. 27 Kim & Sandy Ruder
Nov. 29 Ralph & Jackie Martin

Standing in the Need of Prayer

Those who are ill or have special needs:

In Our Parish Family: Dot Hudson, Dottie Strabley, Bob Jimerson, Carol Burley, Robin Gilbert, Pat Clarke; Sarah Jenkins, Ann Schaefer;

Those in Care Facilities or Homebound especially:

Peggy Adleman, Carl Burley, Sarah Fore, Ray Hampton, Ray Lovelace, Connie Neal, Marietta Spring, Juliet Wynne;

Those Serving in the Armed Forces especially:

Matt Guyer, Amanda Hoffert, David Hoffert, Patrick Lineberry, Caitlin Mitchell, Bryan Murphy, Billy Tucker and Andrew Smith.

Prayers for family & friends:

Prayers for Healing, Wholeness, Comfort, Guidance, and Safe Travel: Mary Stockdell—daughter-in-law of Susan Josenhans, Becky Smith—friend of Melba Shumaker, Conrad Lawrence—Aggie Gallagher's brother, Gary Peper—Lucy Whitlock's brother-in-law, Bucky Turner—friend of Jenn Whitlock, Rick Lawrence —Jan Lawrence's son, Luke Murphy—Ray & Charlotte Lovelace's great-grandson, James McCoy—Sue Rasmussen's friend, Bill Wells—friend of Sarah Jenkins, Carl Powell—brother of Shirley Hughson, Mary Anna Phillips—friend of Sue Rasmussen, Braton Shewey—husband of Nancy Shewey, Elsie Corbett—Gray Corbett's mother, Karen Clements—friend & coworker of Anne Hampton, Jay Poston — friend of Susie Wasiluk, Mary Lou Scary—Chuck Strabley's sister, Karen Rood—sister of Jeri Anne Townley, Andy & Carolyn Holden —Randy Holden's parents, Robyn Morris—friend of Karen Holden, Joe Serrano—John & Diana Stone's nephew, Nancy King—Saundra King's sister-in-law, Phoebe Huskins—Mike Nicholas' cousins granddaughter, Hope Lineberry—Cheryl Lineberry's granddaughter, Carroll Wade—friend of Karen & Randy Holden, Suzanne Scary— Chuck Strabley's niece, Charles McKann—friend of Mike Nicholas, Dawn Fenwick—aunt of Jeri Anne Townley, Leslie Gilbert—cousin of Jeri Anne Townley, Lelo Russell—Denise Russell's mother-in-law, Penny Hodge—friend of Carole Noe, Jeremy Allen —friend of Mike Nicholas, Dave Holsapple—friend of Stacy Mitchell., Ricky Simmons—friend of Mike Nicholas, Tim Blackburn—Tad Blackburn's father.

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Prayers for the departed:

Just the Facts:

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Anita Williams, Music Director

Timon Kenyi, Sexton

Vestry

Buddy Dunn, Senior Warden Irene Temple, Junior Warden

Marty Shephard, Treasurer

Sam Craver, Register

Kristin Carver (2015) Sam Craver (2015)

Joyce Melton (2015)

Buddy Dunn (2016) Patty White (2016)

Irene Temple (2016)

Gray Corbett (2017) Susan Josenhans (2017)

Jeff Pegram (2017)

Office Hours :

Lucy is in the office Monday through 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.