

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

THE STAR

November 2016

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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You may have noticed in the last few weeks that the acolytes and the altar party have been doing a few different things around the altar. I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight and explain some of the changes.

Just about everything we do within a worship setting has symbolic power and meaning. Perhaps the most symbolically rich are the Eucharistic Prayer and the sacrament of Holy Communion. With the help of Deacon Harrison, Cheri Blackwell, and the acolytes, we have made some changes that carry with them theological meaning.

When the offering is presented it is now placed on the altar for the Eucharistic Prayer. When we implore God to bless the gifts we have placed on the altar, specifically bread and wine, this now includes our offering of pledges. Just as we pray for God to change ordinary bread and wine into spiritual food, we also pray that our early treasure presented on the altar can be transformed and used to build the Kingdom of Heaven.

After communion has been received the altar is now left bare. Two considerations went into this. First, Communion is also known as the Lord's supper, and after a meal, the table is not normal reset. Second, we as baptized Christians are the Living Body of Christ. We come together on Sunday to be nourished by the Sacramental Body and Blood of Christ. By leaving the altar bare after communion we are emphasizing that Christ's presence is no longer at the altar, but is in and among us, ready to go out into the world.

As with much of what we do in our worship, it is not so much a choice of right and wrong, but a choice of what we are trying to say by our actions. My hope is that these slight changes will help to point our attention to the miraculous gift that God is giving us every Sunday. Along with that gift is an invitation. An invitation to allow Jesus to transform us and our lives so that we can accomplish the work he has given us to do. If you have any questions or thoughts on the liturgy, I am always eager to talk about it.

Ingathering Sunday

Your Pledge cards have been handed out or mailed to you—Please bring them back for our **Ingathering Sunday, November 6th** at both services. 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 20th** @ 9:00 AM, between the 2 services for the Congregational Meeting and Election of Vestry that will take place.

We will have pastries, donuts and coffee for you to enjoy!

Please come to be apart of this Sunday as we look forward to a great year ahead!

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 6th!

Saturday evening,

November 5th,

*be sure and set your clocks
BACK one hour before you
go to bed.*

Youth December Lock-in

On December 2nd to the 3rd, we will be holding a lock-in at the parish. This event is open to all teenagers of the parish. For those wanting to be confirmed in January when the Bishop visits, attending the overnight lock-in is required.

The program will center on what our Christian faith means to us as individuals, and what it means to be a part of a church family. A sign-up sheet will be in the office. The last date to register will be November 20th.

November Parish Calendar

November 2016

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Vestry Elections for 2017

We will be electing three new Vestry members to a 3 year term at the November 20th, congregational meeting. Nominations will be accepted up to the time of the vote provided the person being nominated has agreed to accept the nomination. Please contact the office or a current vestry member if you have a nomination.

The following people have accepted nominations.

Karen Holden — A life-long member of Epiphany, Karen is the daughter of Dottie and Chuck Strabley, married to Randy, and mother to Matthew, Benjamin and Stephanie. Most recently, Karen served as a member of the Search Committee. She is a long-time member of the Altar Guild and helps decorate the church for Christmas and Easter. In recent years, Karen has substituted in the church office when Lucy Whitlock was away.

Clement Wani — Clement was born in what is now South Sudan. After spending most of his adolescent years in refugee camps in Kenya and Uganda, he was granted refugee status in 2001. He was relocated to the Lakeside area and immediately began attending Epiphany, having been raised in the Anglican Church in Sudan. For the first few years in America he worked two jobs while attending Reynolds Community College. One of those jobs was as Epiphany's Sexton until he completed his degree and got a full time job.

Patty White —It has been a long time since I first walked in the doors of Epiphany, and from the very beginning I knew it was a special place. Everyone was so NICE, and I felt welcome from the start. That was back in 1994 and its' a tradition that we continue to this day—something to be proud of! I have worshipped, laughed, cried and made life-long friends here. I have worked, played and prayed side by side with wonderful people, and it has added a richness to my life that I am thankful for every day.

I was involved in a number of activities in my years at Epiphany, Sunday School class when my daughter was young, from handbells to the Shrine Mont committee, Chapter 5 and Vestry. One of my favorite things about Epiphany is the openness and willingness to let folks try their hand at things and to let us be involved in the 'doings' of the church! The richness and sense of belonging that comes with not only attending but working with others to do God's work, is a gift. With the addition of Father Andrew, looking forward to where we're going as a church family!

Annual Congregation Meeting

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on November 20th at **9 AM** in the parish hall. Coffee & “Danish” will be available. There are three vacancies on the vestry that must be filled. (Please note that Patty White is eligible for re-election since she is filling an unexpired term). Nominations should be submitted to Lucy Whitlock. Permission from the nominee must be obtained before nomination. Nominees should submit a brief bio (one or two paragraphs) to Lucy no later than November 9th. Nominations may also be made from the floor during the meeting. Again, nominees must consent to their nomination in advance.

Worship Committee

would like to let you know that you are invited to announce requests for prayers during the service, just before the Prayers of the People begin.

This is one more way to help us know who may need help and prayers, especially those that come up after the bulletin has been printed.



Thanksgiving Food Box Project!

It's that time of year again for the Henrico Thanksgiving Food Box Project. This project provides food for the Thanksgiving Holiday for families and individuals receiving services through the Henrico Department of Social Services. These food boxes provide a Thanksgiving meal that many would not be able to have otherwise.

There is a sign up sheet along with a list of suggested contents for these boxes on the Outreach bulletin board in the hall if you are interested in getting a box together.

All boxes must feed a family of six and have a gift card for a turkey or ham —about \$20.00 – \$25.00.

We need all boxes back to the church parish hall by Friday, November 18th.



Thank You!

Thank you for all of the thoughts, prayers, cards and phone calls during my recent hospitalization and recovery. I think all of the prayers were answered. My recovery is going very well. Thanks again,
Mike Young

A Tip of the Hat to Denise Russell and her helpers!

*A big thank you to Denise and her helpers for the wonderful time everyone had at the **6th Annual Heritage Dinner!** There was good food and great fellowship! Thanks again Denise for your hard work putting everything together!*

Everything You Wanted to Know About the Episcopal Church

Are you interested in reaffirming your faith, being formally received into the Episcopal Church or just interested in learning more about the Church?

We will be holding a series of "**Everything You Wanted to Know About the Episcopal Church**"

on the first Sunday of the Month,

November 6;

December 4;

from 9:15 am—10:15 am

in the parlor.

Let Father Andrew know

if you are interested!

Thank You!

***Caroline Hager** would like to thank the congregation for all their many prayers, cards, calls and concern during her recent knee replacement & recovery. She is so grateful for her church family at Epiphany!*

Counters are needed!

Would you be interested in counting the collection money either Sunday after church or on Monday mornings? If so please check with the office and see what months we have available and what the duties would entail. We are in need to get 2 unrelated people doing the counting each Sunday or Monday.

“Stewardship”

The Stewardship Committee met on Oct. 11th and 19st. Plans were finalized for the Stewardship Coffee Hour and presentations. Plans for the stewardship campaign are finalized and cards will be blessed October 23rd with ingathering on November 6th. Our next meeting will be November 9th at 7 pm.

You may have noticed the large jar in the parish hall. This is our blessings jar. If you have a blessing that you would like to share we are asking that you write it down and drop it in the jar. This can be anonymous if you so choose. We would like to have the jar full on New Year's Eve.

Ann Henderson
Stewardship Chair

Blessings

Merriam-Webster's simple definition of blessings is:
~ approval that allows or helps you to do something
~ help and approval from God
~ something that helps you or brings happiness.

Just for a minute sit back and close your eyes and think back over this year. Can you think of one time you were not blessed? Do you have a roof over your head, food in the fridge/cabinets and clothes to wear? You are richer than 75% of the world. Do you have money in your wallet, the bank, and maybe spare change in your car? Then you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

Did you know over 780 million people do not have access to clean drinking water? Over 500 million are suffering from hunger, torture, imprisonment or war. Three million people would not be able to read this newsletter.

Sometimes we forget how fortunate we are. Yes we all have our struggles and crosses to bear. Jesus said He will walk with us through this life, but he did not say it would always be sunshine and roses. Just reading the New Testament shows how the disciples were treated as they followed Him. The point is that we sometimes forget how richly blessed we are. Riches are not just the coins and bills in our pocket or wallet. It is the family and friends in your life and how we choose to view our circumstances. So as you prayerfully consider your pledge for 2017 think about all the blessings you have received this year and how you can share some of that with others.

Blessings,

Ann

PS: If you would write down just one blessing you received this year and put it in the jar we could fill the jar by New Years.

**Remember to bring your pledge cards back on Sunday,
November 6th for our Ingathering at both services!**

Henrico Foster Children Christmas Program

Epiphany will again participate in sponsoring several foster children during the county's Christmas giving program. As soon as names, ages and needs are identified by Henrico county, the Outreach Committee will notify the congregation of those needs. The county should let us know what is requested by the first week in December.

Epiphany filled each one of the three children's wish list within 24 hours of notification last year and I know we will again be generous to the less fortunate in our community in 2016. We plan on asking for an additional foster child this year.

Leaf Raking Day

Saturday, December
3rd

We need all the help we can get to rake leaves for county pick-up. We will start at 9:00 am and will be finished by 12:30 pm. Bring a rake if you have one.

Volunteers needed for the St. Francis Memorial Garden

When the St. Francis Memorial Garden was established by the Church of the Epiphany's Vestry in the mid-1980s, a founding goal was to keep the Garden "maintained in keeping with its natural settings." Cool, windy weather is fast approaching with its abundance of falling leaves, limbs, and twigs, and volunteers are needed to help maintain that natural setting. If you would like to volunteer to help keep the Garden neat and clean, please sign-up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hall way or call Jan Lawrence at 804 393-1170.

Updates to Epiphany's Prayer List

Those on Epiphany's Prayer List are included in the weekly bulletin and the newsletter. We are making the following improvements to the way this list is managed. First, we are adding a section to the beginning of the Prayer List —"**New to the Prayer List**". This is being done to improve awareness within the parish when someone has very recently suffered and injury, illness or loss. Names will remain on the "New" portion of the list for two weeks and then will move to the main body of the list. **NOTE** that the remainder of the Prayer List is organized with **1)** Parishioners, **2)** Epiphany's Home-bound, and **3)** Family & Friends. The second change will keep the overall list current by having names on the list for only two months unless the original person requesting a name be added lets the office know that prayers are still needed. This will keep the list fresh and assures that we know that prayers are still needed.

What an important way we all work to "Make God's Love Real!"

Worship Leaders for November

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

Counter: Scott Blackwell

November 6— Pentecost 25	
Altar Guild:	Dottie Strabley, Lucy Whitlock, Lauryn Boyd
8:15—Holy Eucharist	
Usher:	Tad Blackburn
Reader:	Tad Blackburn
Chalice:	Harrison Higgins
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist	
Lessons:	Buddy Dunn, Gray Corbett
Prayers:	Gray Corbett
Chalice:	Buddy Dunn, Harrison Higgins
Acolytes:	Camille Wood, Mackenzie Lawrence, Kayleigh Gilbert, Jay Tucker
Greeters:	Irene Temple, Scott Blackwell
Nursery:	Gail Wood, Joy Baynes, Peggy Wilson

November 13—Pentecost 26	
Altar Guild:	Jean Riddick, Debbie Crawford
8:15—Holy Eucharist	
Usher:	George Baynes
Reader:	Sam Craver
Chalice:	Harrison Higgins
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist	
Lessons:	Jeri Anne Townley, Gray Corbett
Prayers:	Gray Corbett
Chalice:	Herb Williams, Harrison Higgins
Acolytes:	Logan Abernathy, Will Craver, Sam Tucker, Lucas Couturier
Greeters:	Carol Campus, Gray Corbett
Nursery:	Gail Wood, Jennifer Axelle, Mary Kenyi

November 20—Last Sunday after Pentecost	
Altar Guild:	Kathy Jimerson, Melba Shumaker, Pam Pegram
8:15—Holy Eucharist	
Usher:	Mike Nicholas
Reader:	Lauryn Boyd
Chalice:	Harrison Higgins
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist	
Lessons:	Randy Holden, Cheri Blackwell
Prayers:	Cheri Blackwell
Chalice:	David Tuck, Harrison Higgins
Acolytes:	Austin White, Camryn Whittlesey, Gift Elionai, Ava Whittlesey
Greeters:	Mary Sam Abernathy, Susan Josenhans
Nursery:	Gail Wood, Carol Campus, Aggie Gallagher

November 27—Advent 1	
Altar Guild:	Susan Josenhans, Barbara Johnson
8:15—Holy Eucharist	
Usher:	Chris Tignor
Reader:	Gray Corbett
Chalice:	Harrison Higgins
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist	
Lessons:	Stacy Mitchell, B.J. Giannini
Prayers:	B.J. Giannini
Chalice:	Stacy Mitchell, Harrison Higgins
Acolytes:	Jay Tucker, Sam Tucker, Nick Ludwig, Logan Abernathy
Greeters:	Patty White, Irene Temple
Nursery:	Gail Wood, Kim White, Mary Sam Abernathy

Fellowship Activities

Want to go to Brunch in November?

Sunday, November 20th,

the 'lunch brunch group' will be going to

Olive Garden, 7113 W. Broad Street.

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

or call Lucy in the office, 266-2503

Book Club !!

The Book Club meets on Mondays, @ 11:00 am
in the church parlor.

They are reading *Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette
Walls.

Come join them for some interesting discussions!

Congratulations!

*To B.J. Giannini and Denny
Mills on their marriage ,
Saturday, October 8th.*

*May their household always be
a haven of love.*

November Vestry Meeting
will be held on November 15th @ 6:30
PM in the parlor.

Lay Pastoral Care!

*If you or someone you know is in need
of non-emergency pastoral care, please
call the church office, 266-2503 and
leave a message for Lay Pastoral
Care—Phone Mail Box 5.*

*Please include your name and phone
number and your call will be returned
within the next day or two.*

Update from Martha Jenkins

In 2014, I had both knees replaced, right one in January and left one in September. In 2016, I had a difficult time walking. After a fall in July, I was told that I had a problem with my right knee. I will have surgery on my right knee on Friday, October 14, and hope to be back at Sunday Services some time in November. Until then I thank God for Father Andrew and the Wednesday Noon Services.

Sincerely,
Martha Jenkins

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. 13 Cory Shepardson
 Nov. 16 Cheryl Lineberry
 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

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:

New to the Prayer List: Patricia Barber—friend of Karen Holden, Chuck Strabley

Parishioners: Dot Hudson, Dottie Strabley, Bob Jimerson, Carol Burley, Sarah Jenkins, Betty Fore, Mike Young, Carolyn Hager, Michael Whittlesey, Lydia Callaway, Charlotte Lovelace, Ina Stichel, Jeannie Riddick, Gray Corbett, Tillie Freeze, Martha Jenkins, Kathy Nicholas;

Homebound: Peggy Adleman, Sarah Fore, Ray Hampton, Ray Lovelace, Connie Neal, Marietta Spring, Juliet Wynne;

Family & Friends: Mary Stockdell—daughter-in-law of Susan Josenhans, Rick Lawrence —Jan Lawrence's son, Luke Murphy—Ray & Charlotte Lovelace's great-grandson, James McCoy—Sue Rasmussen's friend, Mary Anna Phillips—friend of Sue Rasmussen, Karen Rood—sister of Jeri Anne Townley, Andy & Carolyn Holden—Randy Holden's parents, Joe Serrano—John & Diana Stone's nephew, Hope Lineberry—Cheryl Lineberry's granddaughter, Suzanne Scary—Chuck Strabley's niece, Lelo Russell—Denise Russell's mother-in-law, Dave Holsapple—friend of Stacy Mitchell, Tim Blackburn—Tad Blackburn's father, Erica—friend of Patty White, Murielle Bazuzi—sister-in-law of Frosine Corbett, Raymond Wodarski—friend of Johnny Stone, Kitty Jones—neighbor of John & Diana Stone, Bonnie Perdue—friend of Anne Hampton, Macy F. Doherty—Mom of Megan Nixon, Sawyer Perkins—friend of Maura & Cora Whitlock, Cass Lawrence—Aggie Gallagher's brother, Ricky Simmons—brother-in-law of Mike Nicholas, Michael Abraham & Lila Mickel Fischer —cousins of Sandy Ruder & Denise Russell, Mary Meyer—friend of B.J. Giannini, Paul Brooks—Anita Williams nephew, Darlene Swink—niece of Irene Morris .

Those Serving in the Armed Forces especially:

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

Prayers for the departed:

Just the Facts:

Leadership and Contact Information at Church of the Epiphany

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Lucy Whitlock, Office Administrator lucy.whitlock@epiphanyepiscopal.com

Anita Williams, Music Director

Timon Kenyi, Sexton

Vestry

Buddy Dunn, Senior Warden Irene Temple, Junior Warden

Marty Shephard, Treasurer

Scott Blackwell, Register

Buddy Dunn (2016) Irene Temple (2016)

Patty White (2016)

Gray Corbett (2017) Susan Josenhans (2017)

Jeff Pegram (2017)

Mary Sam Abernathy (2018) Scott Blackwell (2018)

Carol Campus (2018)

Office Hours :

Lucy is in the office Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and 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.*