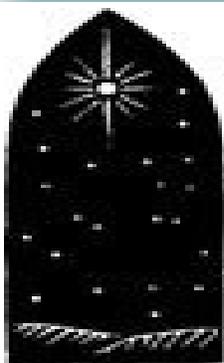


THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

THE STAR

October 1, 2012

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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It's that time again! No, not the time when we look at the lovely leaves changing color (although that is happening). It's the time when we invite you to support the life-changing work of this parish by pledging your support.

And before you start groaning, I want to talk to you not about what YOU give, but what I give. And not just the "what" but the "why" and the "how." For each of us, our giving to God's work is connected to a story, and I hope you will explore your story as you read mine.

I grew up in a tradition that called for giving to the church, but we didn't get any guidelines, practical or theological, to tell us what to give. I had no idea how my parents figured out what they gave out of their modest income. And as an adult, I felt equally clueless, so I just guessed at a number that I thought would suffice when I was asked to pledge. It was a pretty small number.

Later in my faith journey, I started to hear about tithing, the biblical call to give ten percent off the top, the "first fruits" of my labors, to the church. Ten percent of my income. Okay, I thought. Net or gross? I was hoping for net of course, but just like the IRS, it's about the gross income. Unlike the IRS, there are no exemptions to play with.

It will come as no surprise to you that ten percent was a whole lot more than I was pledging. It seemed like a scary number. And then a friend said "if you can't live on 90 percent of what you earn, you've got bigger problems than you think." And another friend said, "think of it like your savings account. If you have an automatic debit from your account when your paycheck comes in and you don't even see it, you don't miss it."

It took me a couple years to work up to the biblical tithe – that ten percent of my gross income – but that is what I pledge this church. You pay me a salary and housing allowance that is \$60,000. I actually pledge a teensy bit more than ten percent, because I put some in the building fund, for a total of \$6600 a year.

Could I do other things with that money? Of course. I have a house, and tuition loans to pay, and a car that should probably be replaced in the next year, and other things that require attention. But I keep thinking back to the good things we do here, the lives that we change in ways that we might not always be aware of, the goodness that God has shown us. Planning to give ten percent for that might mean I can't get the next model up in the new car, or I can't do the rehab of the basement just yet, but the money is going to something infinitely more important than the car or the basement: it is bringing Christ's love to others in ways both practical and spiritual. I want to be a part of making that happen, so I give.

And how do I give? I set up my pledge through our E-Giving page (http://www.epiphanyepiscopal.com/Resources/E_Giving/) and it is automatically charged to my bank account every month. No checks to worry about. An utterly secure system. A way to help the church have a smooth cash flow throughout the year. If you are in the habit of paying your bills online, it will feel quite familiar; if not, you will find it easy to use and there are several of us around who can help you set it up if you would like. I could think of this as money that I'd rather use for other stuff, but I choose to think of this as my thanksgiving to God for all that has been given to me. I choose to think of it as my thanks for the other 90% that God bids me to keep and use wisely, and especially for the gift of salvation that I know because I know Jesus Christ.

You know, I haven't missed the 10% at all.

Blessings

Mary+

Vestry Highlights

The Vestry met on Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30 pm. After a Bible study and check-in, we worked through the agenda. The Treasurer's Report showed that although we continue to run a deficit, we are in better shape than we had budgeted for. The vestry also approved a proposed budget for 2013, based on budgetary requests that the various committees and commissions sent her. We added a line for prospective maintenance (what we'll fix up this year so it doesn't break next year) and modified the cost of the database software. The proposed budget will be included in the pledge campaign packet. It reflects an overall 7% increase over 2012. We discussed the photo directory project and the campfire outreach project, both of which are moving forward nicely. We affirmed our support for the Lire Parish Project, a proposal for a community agriculture project that will use the remainder of the funds already raised for Lire Parish. We noted the great work being done by all of the groups in the parish – God is clearly doing wonderful old and new things in this place. The meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be on October 23rd, rather than the normal 2nd Tuesday, due to the Diocesan Clergy Conference and Mary+'s doctoral work in Georgia. As always, all are welcome to come and see our Vestry at work.

FROM YOUR SENIOR WARDEN

ARE WE LOSING TOUCH WITH OUR COMMUNITY ?

All of our lives seem to be busy doing things we think are important to us. As I get older, and start to think of retirement, my focus seems to be changing. I have been looking back at the programs and projects I have been involved in at Epiphany for the past 10 years - teaching middle schoolers, directing Lakeside Summer Nights, ushering, reading, chaliceing, vestrying, senior wardening – and one by one, I am slowly passing the reins onto someone else.

During the past few months, I have been trying to get more involved in our outreach programs. The committee has been struggling with getting people to participate in some of these programs. Participation in many of the programs has been limited to those who are retired or work part-time since they are mainly "day time" activities. The committee is currently being revitalized as we identify new ways to help our community.

The committee is trying to get back in touch with some of our community partners to see if a true need still exists. In the future, organizations who request a donation are being asked to give us a financial statement or a copy of their current budget. This way we can determine which groups have a genuine need. We are also looking at other ways to assist these organizations, other than just giving them a check.

I recently visited the Coal Pit Learning Center to learn more about their program needs. I presented the group with our check for \$700, but also gave them four backpacks. Parents bringing their children to the learning center often are struggling to make ends meet. Many are single parents, working at low income-producing jobs and can't afford extras such as a backpack to keep their children's belongings organized as they bring the children back and forth to the center.

I found out there were other items the center could use and projects Epiphany could assist them with in the immediate future. These projects could be worked on by our youth groups and adults. We could even get our "Guerrilla God Squad" to complete some much needed projects at the center.

As the committee moves forward, we will be asking the congregation members to assist in not just mailing a check to our partners in the community, but take a long, hard look at how we can make a difference with our hands and minds. Now is the time to reconnect with our community!

Gray Corbett, Senior Warden

Parish Calendar

Don't Forget the Blessing of the Animals on October 7th!

October 2012

Monthly Planner

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Wondering What God Has In Mind For You In This Place? Try this handy menu:

You Might Want to Pick 1 from Column A, 1 from Column B, and 1 from Column C!

COLUMN A

Worship

Sunday 8:15 am

(quiet and contemplative)

Sunday 10:30 am

(music, families, a festal celebration)

Wednesday noon

Celtic Eucharist with

Healing Prayer and Anointing

A quiet place in the midst of a busy week, an informal service with a brief homily.

COLUMN B

Learning About God (Adults) Learning About God (Kids)

Adult Forums

Sunday 9:30 am Parlor

A variety of interesting topics that help us wrestle with the “big questions” and address the challenges of the Christian life.

Men’s Bible Study

2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the Parish Hall—noontime

We gather and enjoy a bag lunch as we read and study God’s Word.

Women’s Retreat

A Friday and Saturday in February each year

The women go to a retreat center such as Roslyn to rest, pray, learn, and laugh together.

Episcopal 101

Wednesdays at 7 pm in September and October

A six-week series of classes for adults who want to prepare for confirmation or reception, and for those who just want to learn more about our tradition, approach to scripture, history, liturgy, and response to the challenges of the world.

Sunday School for kids ages 3 to 11

Sunday 10:15 am in the Sunday School Wing

The children start off downstairs, learning about Jesus and the Bible. They join their parents in the church after the passing of the Peace so they can participate together in the Holy Eucharist.

Girls’ Journalling Group

The middle school girls have their own special time to get a handle on the challenges that middle school and high school will bring and to enjoy without giving in to peer pressure.

Middle School Program

Middle schoolers do a variety of activities, usually after church on Sunday, to live and learn their Christian Faith in a hands-on way.

Youth Group

High schoolers participate in a variety of fun activities together. They also work to raise money for their annual mission trip through Book and Bake Sales.

COLUMN C

Serving God By Serving in Worship

You can help out in our worship in many ways.

The Altar Guild sets up the altar for all worship services.

The Chancel Choir sings special songs called anthems and supports the folks in the pews as they sing hymns and service music.

The Handbell Choir provides special music periodically throughout the church year.

Acolytes are teens who assist in worship. They may carry the cross, or candles, or the Gospel Book, or they may help out in setting the table or bring the offerings.

Chalice-bearers assist in the serving of communion by offering the wine after Mary+ distributes the bread.

Readers share God's Word by reading the Old Testament, Psalm, and New Testament passages for the day from the lectern.

Ushers greet folks as they enter, distributing the bulletins. They help people find seats, take up the collection, and assist people going to and from the communion rail.

Serving God By Helping Others

We help our neighbors by participating in **Lamb's Basket**, a food pantry that serves the hungry here in Lakeside, in partnership with other Lakeside Churches. You can donate nonperishable food items to the baskets in the hall near the entrance to the church, or you can volunteer to help stock the shelves

or assist folks receiving food, at the Lamb's Basket facility.

A couple of times a year, we host **CARITAS** (Churches Around Richmond Insuring Temporary Access to Shelter), and 20-30 folks without permanent housing come and spend the night for a week in our parish hall. We provide meals, transport to Laundromats and showers, and a warm, safe place to lay their heads.

We knit and crochet hats, scarves and mittens for our "**Warm Fuzzy Tree**" each Christmas to help children stay warm in the winter months.

We collect gifts for the veterans at the Hunter Maguire Veterans Hospital to make their lives a little more comfortable.

We raise money to support orphans in South Sudan. We also provide funds for several area charities that assist those in need.

We make up **Thanksgiving baskets** of food for needy families through Interfaith Services of Henrico so no one misses out on Thanksgiving Dinner.

We donate generously through the **ECW (Episcopal Church Women)** to the charities they help.

We help parishioners in need of a hand in challenging times with meals, rides, and other support and assistance as necessary.

Serving God By Celebrating Our Lives Together

We particularly enjoy the parish's

annual retreat at **ShrineMont**, the diocesan center in Orkney Springs, VA. On the last weekend in October each year, we pray, we play, we learn, and we eat in this special place.

Throughout the year, there are fun **fellowship events** sponsored by the ShrineMont Committee that raise money for the retreat so that we can cover the cost of the weekend for children of the parish.

In January, we enjoy a **parish birthday celebration**, where we sit at different tables depending on what month we were born, enjoy play, conversation, raffles for fun gifts, and of course, cake!

In times of joy and sadness, we offer **hospitality**. ECW Chapter 4 takes the lead in providing delicious food for receptions when the Bishop comes, when there is a special event, or after memorial services.

The **Memorial Garden** Committee makes sure that St Francis Memorial Garden is kept beautiful—they also prepare spaces when someone is to be interred there.

The **Building and Grounds** team keeps our parish looking beautiful and running smoothly.

....and there are more ministries, some a one-time thing, some longer term. Please think about how God is calling you to serve as a part of this faith community!

Worship Leaders for October

10:30 Ushers: Chris Tignor, Randy Holden, Jeff Pegram, James Eppes

Counters: Chris & Sandy Tignor

October 7 — Pentecost 19	
Altar Guild:	Kathy Jimerson, Melba Shumaker, Pam Pegram
8:15—Holy Eucharist	
Usher:	George Baynes
Reader:	Harrison Higgins
Chalice:	Harrison Higgins
10:30—Holy Eucharist —Blessing of the Pets	
Lessons:	Gray Corbett
Prayers:	
Chalice:	Sarah Fore, Harrison Higgins
Acolytes:	Stephanie Holden, Hana Elionai, Ava Whittlesey, Megan Tignor
Greeters:	Christine Couturier, Ann Henderson
Nursery:	Carol Campus, Caroline Couturier

October 21 — Pentecost 21	
Altar Guild:	Joyce Melton, Karen Holden
8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist	
Usher:	Chuck Strabley
Reader:	Harrison Higgins
Chalice:	Harrison Higgins
10:30 AM —Holy Eucharist	
Lessons:	Sarah Fore, David Tuck
Prayers:	Sandy Ruder
Chalice:	David Tuck, Harrison Higgins
Acolytes:	Hunter Mitchell, Catherine Cadavid, Camille Wood, Stark Gallagher
Greeters:	Carole Noe, Tad Blackburn
Nursery:	Sandy Ruder, Mary Kenyi

October 14 — Pentecost 20	
Altar Guild:	Betty Fore, Marietta Spring, Susan Josenhans
8:15—Holy Eucharist	
Usher:	Chris Tignor
Reader:	Lauryn Boyd
Chalice:	Harrison Higgins
10:30—Holy Eucharist	
Lessons:	Randy Holden, Stacy Mitchell
Prayers:	Herb Williams
Chalice:	Sarah Fore, Harrison Higgins
Acolytes:	Sara Lassiter, Zack Nixon, Bailey Nixon, Melissa Durrer
Greeters:	Brian White, Kathy Jimerson
Nursery:	Karen & Stephanie Holden

October 28 — Pentecost 22	
Altar Guild:	Dottie Strabley, Lucy Whitlock, Connie Neal
8:15—Holy Eucharist	
Usher:	Tad Blackburn
Reader:	Harrison Higgins
Chalice:	Gray Corbett
10:30—Holy Eucharist	
Lessons:	Randy Holden, Cheri Blackwell
Prayers:	
Chalice:	Herb Williams, Harrison Higgins
Acolyte:	Sarah Elionai, Caroline Couturier, Lucas Couturier, Garrett Mitchell
Greeters:	Patty White, Gray Corbett
Nursery:	Scott Blackwell, Dwight Ludwig

New Playground!

If you haven't taken a look recently, peek behind the nursery to see the beautiful new playground area and set. No more splinters or scary bolts! This was an Eagle Scout project led by Garrett Russell, a member of Troop 763 in Glen Allen, with assistance from many of our parishioners who are handy with tools. It was completed despite challenges with the weather, missing play set parts, broken parts and our incredibly concrete-like soil. Many thanks to Garrett and to all who helped.

Lamb's Basket

Lamb's Basket has been given a print, "Maymont in the Spring" by well-known local artist, W. Baxter Perkinson, Jr. to use for our annual fundraiser. It is a framed, matted and signed print highlighting the lovely gazebo. A local organization will match up to \$800 of amount raised through this endeavor. Traditionally, when his prints are donated to a charity auction, there is a reserve of \$500, but he hasn't placed a reserve on Lamb's Baskets' print. I have been told we already have surpassed this amount due to previous showings at other local events, such as Glen Allen Days.

The tickets will be available throughout October and November, with the drawing on December 4, 2012. They may be obtained any Sunday from Tillie Freeze or Chuck Strabley.

Also, we are moving to a new location, moving into the new location at the end of November. And opening the first week in December. We can access the building now for renovations, and will do as many as possible jobs with volunteers. Some of the work will have to be contracted, also. If you would like to help with the packing, actual move, or donate items such as paint or tile, please let Tillie or Chuck know.

Our new location will be 8419 Oakview Ave. It will be more accessible for those with disabilities (1 small step upon entry), and will have more available parking for volunteers (fenced area in back) and clients will have closer street parking areas. There will be a larger waiting room area, so clients do not have to endure unfavorable weather. We all excited about the upcoming new facility!

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

September found us busy with putting together the mission trip presentation for the church, setting up and doing a Book 'N Bake sale, and spending a day at the State Fair of Virginia.

On October 13th we will be putting on our presentation of the mission trip for the church. On October 21st after church we will be heading to Charlottesville to pic apples , weather permitting.



You are invited: Saturday, Oct. 13th @ 6:00 PM

The Sr. High Youth would like to invite you to a free dinner and presentation of the mission trip that we took to Wyoming, PA. Please use the sign up sheet on the youth bulletin board if you plan to attend so that we have enough food for everyone.

The menu will be our very own

Chicken Wyoming, vegetable, bread, drink and dessert.

We hope to see you there.



St. Giles Gate Program—October 13th

Our Christian Ed and worship program for children with special needs will meet on Saturday, October 13th at 10:30 AM. We are in need of a few new teachers. The curriculum is a very simple one, all scripted for you, with visual aids that help the children understand the story and learning how to teach this way is not difficult. We could also use some “shepherds” (teacher’s aides) to help as well. Please let Mary+ or Kristin Carver know if you are interested and would like to know more.

Pictorial Directory

On November 1-3, Lifetouch will be taking pictures for our new Pictorial Directory. In the coming weeks, we will give out more information on how to register for a time to have your portrait done. You are under no obligation to purchase pictures, although some of us find they are great Christmas gifts for faraway family and friends. Please keep an ear out for announcements telling you how to register for a time to have your picture taken.



Thank You

Sue Rasmussen and her family would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy after her father's death. Even though he was not a member of Epiphany, Mary+ was a great comfort to the family during his final weeks and her words during the funeral service were uplifting.

I would also like to thank my church family for their prayers and support during my recent illness.

Again, thank you all for your thoughts and prayers. —*Sue*

ECW — Save the Date



Episcopal Church Women

Diocese of Virginia

121st Annual ECW Meeting

123rd United Thank Offering Ingathering

“MANY PATHS ~ ONE JOURNEY...
WALKING WITH GOD”

Keynote Speaker: Renee Cobb

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2012

8:30 a.m. registration

Cost: \$25.00 (lunch included)

Christ Church, Episcopal

5000 Pouncey Tract Road

Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

FULFILLING YOUR DESTINY OF GREATNESS

Many people seem to grow up knowing they were destined for greatness, while others struggle to know, or even to believe they have a destiny. This presentation will encourage you in your journey, whether you have made your important personal discoveries or not. Topics are:

- The power of your magnificent brain
- The 7 P's to Success
- The Life Changing (&World Changing) Challenge
- Her Personal Story Leading to WOVEN

Call or e-mail **Kathy Jimerson** for more info or to discuss car pooling.

Phone: 651-2559

E-mail: katiesj2007@comcast.net

The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston and the Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick will be in attendance. The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff will be preaching.

A Closer Look At...E-Giving

How many times have you come to church, remembered that your pledge was due, and reached into your wallet or purse only to discover that you had no checks with you? How many times have you come back from vacation and realized that you had not fulfilled your pledge all summer, and now had to play catch-up?

There is a quick and easy solution to staying on top of your pledge commitment and making sure that the parish's cash flow is relatively smooth: E-Giving.

E-Giving is short for electronic giving. It is an automatic transfer program which allows you to make contributions without writing checks. You can go online to a SECURE site through our parish website and arrange for your pledge to be charged to your credit card or to be debited from your checking or savings account. You can do a one-time donation, or you can set it up to automatically take care of your donation on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. If you are used to paying your utility bills or credit card bills online, this will feel very familiar to you.

Isn't online payment just for large companies?

Not at all! National Envelope Services, the company that services Epiphany's e-giving, specializes in providing electronic payment solutions to small organizations. They have been doing this since 2004 and are one of the most cost-effective and efficient providers of e-giving solutions. They are also a very security-conscious provider.

Why do people request e-payment for their giving?

Many people request online payment through e-giving because it takes the hassle out of paying bills and keeping up with charitable offerings. Also, individuals who receive their pay or benefits via direct deposit and who already pay many other bills online are already familiar with the convenience and safety of online transactions through a highly secure site such as the one we use.

How will I know the dollar amount that will be charged to my credit card or deducted from my checking or savings accounts?

For a fixed recurring transaction, the dollar amount deducted is the same amount that was initially authorized.

How will I know the date the payment will be deducted from my checking or savings accounts?

Payments are deducted on the date you indicate in the initial authorization unless that date is a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, in which case it is deducted on the first business day following that date.

How much does it cost me to use this service?

It costs you nothing. There are transaction fees that are charged to the church for the convenience of this service, however. They vary depending on the number of transactions which occur per month, but generally, the fees per bank transaction are between 20¢ and 50¢, and approximately 2.5% of the total for credit card transactions. In exchange for the convenience of this service, we ask that you increase your offering a small amount to cover these transaction costs.

As we enter into the annual pledge campaign, please consider using e-giving. Click on the E-Giving Login at the left. Then, click the "Not signed up yet" link on the login page to complete a short member profile. At this point you can use the system for credit or debit card transactions. However, if you want to take advantage of the Electronic Fund Transfer option (EFT) to have your donation come from your checking or savings account, you must complete a member ACH form online. Click on "Checking/Savings Authorization" to provide your bank routing number and account number to complete the process. You can always modify what you give, or stop using the system altogether, by logging into the system. You can also use the system to make donations for special ministries, or in memory of someone who has passed. Please feel free to ask Mary+, Herb Williams, Gray Corbett, or Ann Henderson if you have questions or need a hand setting up your e-giving donation.

Adult Forum for October

Grab a cup of coffee and join us!

In the month of October, Harrison Higgins will continue his series on “The Meaning of Jesus,” a way of looking at the pivotal events in the life of Jesus that speak to us about our relationship with God and our mission in the world. Please come to the Parlor on Sundays at 9:30 am for this rich conversation.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Class will meet with Mary+ on Tuesday, October 23rd. We bring a bag lunch and convene in the parish hall at noon.

The Monday Book Group: We will begin a new book, “*Sabbath in the Suburbs*”, on Monday, October 22nd @ 11:00 AM.. This is a thoughtful and fun book about finding Sabbath in our busy lives. Please let Mary+ know if you want her to order a copy for you. The cost will be \$14.00 each.

Sit N Stitch gathering

Join us on the 4th Tuesday, October 23rd @ 7:00 PM in the parlor.

Fellowship Activities

Want to go to Brunch in October?

Sunday, October 14th, after the 10:30 service,
the 'lunch brunch group' will be going to

lunch at **Calabash Seafood**, 7514 Lee Davis Road, Mechanicsville .

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

2nd Annual Heritage Dinner

On Saturday, October 20th at 6:00 pm at the church, we are planning a fun potluck dinner centered on our diverse heritage and international tastes as well as famous family dishes. In addition, we are including a community service project to support the Lamb's Basket—bring a can of food along with your famous dish.

All you have to do is cook your favorite family dish from your heritage and bring it to share. The dish can be a main course, side dish or dessert. A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the main hallway. Please indicate which category you will be bringing, but you can also make it a surprise. Labels for your dish will be provided.

Please send me your recipes ahead of time and I will provide copies to everyone.

The important thing is to get some fun people together and share some interesting food and good conversation! We would also like to have music and games from your heritage. Please let us know if you can provide a game or music for this event.

Contact **Denise Russell** at 261-6575 or rondenrus@comcast.net with questions.

Bon Appetite! May you have your meal with gladness and

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to **Sue Rasmussen** on the death of her father, Ed Hall who died on Tuesday, September 4th. **Also to Carol McElhinney** on the death of her father, Frederick Quinn who died this past week in Pennsylvania. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Days of Blessing in October

Happy Birthday

Oct. 3 Edward Fore
 Oct. 4 Cary Baynes
 Kim White
 Oct. 6 Carol McElhinney
 Oct. 8 Meg Burley
 Oct. 9 Denise Russell
 Oct. 10 Melissa Durrer
 Oct. 11 Roberta Boyles
 Oct. 14 John Dolci
 Oct. 11 Roberta Boyles
 Oct. 15 Patrick Lineberry
 Sam Tucker
 Oct. 19 Herb Williams
 Cory Isemann
 Oct. 20 Ray Hampton
 Nancy Rojas
 Davy Van Valkenburg
 Oct. 22 Virginia "Ginny" Tucker
 Oct. 23 Mike Young

Oct. 25 Ralph Martin
 Lee Poates
 Judy Poindexter
 Oct. 26 Buddy Dunn
 Oct. 27 Eddie Johnson
 Oct. 28 Emily Durrer
 Oct. 29 Andy Rutledge
 Oct. 30 Stephen Jones

Happy Anniversary

Oct. 2 Matt & Leslie Guyer
 Oct. 6 Jeff & Betty Shannon Prevatt
 Oct. 9 Chuck & Dottie Strabley
 Preston & Diane Durrer
 Oct. 12 Doug & Mary Thorpe
 Oct. 14 David & Melanie Skinner
 Oct. 16 Ashby & Kristin Carver
 Oct. 17 Davy & Stacy Van Valkenburg

Standing in the Need of Prayer

Those who are ill or have special needs:

In Our Parish Family: Carol Burley, Carl Burley, Ray Hampton, Peggy Adleman, Dottie Strabley, Dot Hudson, Marietta Spring, Jackie Martin, Walter Reid, Michael Lineberry;

Those in Care Facilities or Homebound especially:

Pat Dunn, Mary Ruder, Roseanne Stockwell, Ruth Williams and Juliet Wynne

Those Serving in the Armed Forces especially:

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

Prayers for those preparing for the birth of a child: Matt & Leslie Guyer, Matt & Jessica Colvin, Cary & Jill Baynes, Bryan & Catherine Tuck Turner

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, Kent Jenkins—brother of Sarah Jenkins, Becky Smith—friend of Melba Shumaker, Jeff Eppes—brother of Jim Eppes, Gayla Jones—Karen Holden's sister, Conrad Lawrence—Aggie Gallagher's brother, Anne Stockdell-Giesler—Susan Josenhans daughter, Gary Peper—Lucy Whitlock's brother-in-law, Ellen & Spalding Garlinghouse—Kristin Carver's aunt & uncle, Brenda Dawkins—Bertha Morgan's daughter, Rob Lockridge—friend of Carole Noe, Bev & Bob Thornbloom—friends of Doug Thorpe, Brandon Leach—Diana Stone's step-brother, Seletha & Patty Sue—nieces of Ann Schaefer, John Shilan & Dave Latham—friends of Shirley Hughson.

Prayers for the departed: Ed Hall, Frederick Quinn

Fundraiser for ISH (Interfaith Services of Henrico)

KEEP THE DATE: ISH has signed up for another fundraiser with *California Pizza Kitchen* at the Short Pump Town Center Mall. **The date is Tuesday, November 13.** The fundraiser is for all day! We will have flyers available and you can present it to your server and 20% of your check will be donated to ISH.

A flavorful FUNdraising event @ California Pizza Kitchen

Congratulations

Matt & Leslie Lineberry on the birth of their daughter, Emmaline Elizabeth Guyer, born Friday, September 21, weighting 7 lbs. 14 oz. The very proud grandparents are Michael & Cheryl Lineberry.

Shrine Mont Family Retreat Weekend!!

As we start a new church year, keep our Church Retreat at Shrine Mont in mind. There is no better way to get to know your fellow parishioners! There is time for reflection as well as lots of fun and games! And who can beat Shrine Mont in the Fall for beauty! Here are the basics:

Dates: October 26– 28 (Friday—Sunday)

Cost: Adults—\$150.00; Non-Epiphany Children—age 13 or older—\$150.00, ages 8-12—\$95.00, ages 4-7—\$45.00, 3 & under free; All Epiphany children are paid for by the funds raised by the Shrine Mont Committee

What's included: two nights lodging, all meals, (dinner Friday through lunch Sunday)

The cost is based on two nights stay and can be adjusted if you are staying for only one night

Sign up sheets are in the parish hall. Sign-up deadline is Sunday, October 7th.

All funds must be received by Sunday, October 21st.

More details will be in future Sunday Bulletin inserts.



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Gray Corbett, Senior Warden Patty White, Junior Warden

Marty Shephard, Treasurer

Ann Henderson, Register

Tad Blackburn (2012) Gray Corbett (2012)

Kathy Jimerson (2012) Patty White (2012)

Carole Noe (2013) Sandy Ruder (2013)

Brian White (2013)

Christine Couturier (2014) Aggie Gallagher (2014)

Ann Henderson (2014)

Office Hours :

Lucy is in the office Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm. 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.