

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sunday, January 1st

8:15 AM— Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM—No Adult Forum
10:15 AM—No Sunday School
10:30 AM— Holy Eucharist

Monday, January 2nd

Office Closed

11:00 AM—No Book Club
6:45 PM—Women’s Study Group
7:00 PM—No JRRingers

Wednesday January 4th

12:00 noon —Holy Eucharist with healing Prayers
7:00 PM—Al-Anon
7:00 PM—Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, January 5th

9:30 AM—Lamb’s Basket Volunteers (Clients)
7:00 PM—Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 6th Epiphany

6:30 PM—Service of Lights, Readings & Eucharist— Pizza to follow in the parish hall

Saturday, January 7th

8:30 AM—Outreach Feeding Program
10:30 AM—St. Giles Gate Program

Sunday, January 8th

8:15 AM— Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM—Adult Forum
10:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM— Holy Eucharist & Confirmation with Bishop Johnston

Adult Forum: Our Sunday Adult Forum will resume next Sunday, January 8th at 9:30 AM, with “Ask the Bishop”, a chance for you to ask all those questions you’ve been itching to pose to Bishop Shannon Johnston in an informal setting. In the month of January we will also look at proposed resolutions for Diocesan Council and do a debriefing on what will have happened at Council (Herb Williams and Mary+ are our delegates) and possibly a presentation on the vocational diaconate. Watch this space to see what’s next, and plan on joining Mary+ and the Bishop next Sunday for a lively conversation in the Parlor at 9:30 AM.

Monday Book Club: Our Monday morning book group will resume on January 9th. We will start a new book, Barbara Brown Taylor’s “An Altar in the World”. Please let Mary+ know ASAP if you are participating so we may order the right number of copies of the book. The cost of the book will be \$10.

E-Giving: As part of your pledging, you may find it easier to keep up with your giving by using our simple E-Giving online system. Talk to **Gray Corbett** or **Herb Williams** if you have any questions. It’s safe, secure and simple, and saves you remembering your checkbook!

Printer Cartridges? Please bring your used printer cartridges in and drop them off in the marked box in the office. With the parish's Staples Rewards card, we can get credits from recycling them, and that will reduce our cost of office supplies.

Attendance, December 25, 2011
8:15 am: 10:00 am: 38

Join us for the Feast of the Epiphany—a service of Readings, Lights and Eucharist on Friday, January 6th @ 6:30 PM, followed with Pizza in the parish hall.

First Three Minutes: After our services, please spend three minutes greeting someone to whom you’ve never spoken before. It may be a newcomer, or someone whom you just don’t know. Share that hospitality that this parish is famous for, and make a new friend.

Men’s Bible Study —See you on the second & fourth Tuesday of the month, January 10th & 24th @ noon. Bring a bag lunch and your Bible, and let’s get to work!

We need you to sign up for Coffee Hour. All you need to bring is some cookies and make the coffee and Kool-aid. We all enjoy this time of fellowship but it does take all of us to help with this ministry!

Women’s Retreat @ Roslyn: Mary+ will once again lead our retreat, which will be held on February 17-18, beginning with dinner together on Friday evening and adjourning in the late afternoon of Saturday. Rates are \$125.00 + tax for single occupancy rooms and \$95 + tax for double occupancy. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the Adult Spiritual Formation Bulletin Board across from the office.

Save the date: On Friday, January 13th @ 6:30 PM, we will have our Epiphany All-Parishioner Birthday Celebration. This great potluck event will be a chance for everyone to share their special day all together. Bring your favorite dish to share — cake and ice cream will be provided. All ages are welcome, and we promise not to ask what year you were born!

Want to go to brunch in January? after the 10:30 AM service on January 15th the ‘Brunch Group’ will be going to **Yen Ching**, 9033 West Broad Street, for lunch. If you are interested in going, contact **Jeannie Riddick**, 264-0935 or call **Lucy** in the office, 266-2503.

Pick up your 2012 Envelopes that are on the table in the hall. If you haven’t received one and would like envelopes. Please let us know in the office.

Stewardship Scripture: “For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?”. (Mark 8:36)

COMMUNICATION CARD

January 1, 2012

Our Communication Card is for **all people at The Church of the Epiphany** so that you can share your thoughts and prayers, and request information.

If you are new, please complete the opposite side so we also have your contact information.

I’d like more information about an upcoming event or program

I am RSVPing or signing up for:

I am interested in learning more about how to be part of the following ministries or programs:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office help | <input type="checkbox"/> Readers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Ed | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chalice Bearer | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Prayer Requests / Comments

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Welcome! You have blessed us with your presence. Please tell us how we can best serve you by completing the Communication Card.

Please place in the offering basket, hand it to an usher, or place on the table in the vestibule.

- I'm looking for a church home
- I'd like to speak with a clergy member
- I'm ready to become a member
- I'm just visiting today

Name & Address Please update

Phone _____

Email _____

Children's names and ages

Please give me more information about:

- Children's / Youth Programs
- Social events
- Outreach opportunities
- Classes and Small Group Studies
- Baptism or Confirmation
- How I can get involved

How did you hear about Epiphany?

(over)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the church: We pray for the church of the Epiphany the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, the Episcopal Church (USA), and the Anglican Communion, for all clergy and laypeople, and those whom we will welcome today.

In The Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia

In The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: the Diocesan Staff

In the Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer we pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: For racial reconciliation and healing in Metropolitan Richmond; for an end to all racial prejudice and discrimination, beginning with what is in our own hearts.

In the Lakeside Churches Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Lakeside Presbyterian, Richard Mahlmann, Pastor.

Prayers for our Service Men and Women: Matt Guyer, David Hoffert, Daniel Keefe, Patrick Lineberry, Caitlin Mitchell, Bryan Murphy, Michael Stone, Billy Tucker, Matthew Smith, Ryan Casey, and Chris Tuck.

Prayers for those expecting a child: Patrick & Deb Lineberry

Prayers for Healing, Wholeness, Comfort, Guidance, and Safe Travel: Carol Burley, Dave Van Valkenburg, Carl Burley, Charles McMurdo, Ray Hampton, Jean Craver, Peggy Adleman, Sarah Jenkins, Dottie Strabley, Marian Noe, Bea & Francis Byrd, Elizabeth Davis, Roseanne Stockwell, Ruth Williams, Juliet Wynne, Kathryn Cook—friend of Connie Neal, John Renner—friend of Dot Hudson & Carol York, Eric Schardt & Steve Bazemore—friends of Scott Blackwell, Katie Phillips—friend of Kristin Carver, Gloria Jones—mother of Kim White, Rebecca Miller—friend of Marietta Spring, Leah & Terri—friends of Aggie Gallagher, Dorothy Hoffercker—aunt of Diana Stone, Donna Dumas—friend of Sarah Jenkins, the extended Kenyi family in Sudan, Leslie Wildman—friend of the Holden's, Jeremy Smith—sister-in-law's son-in-law of Herb Williams & Melba Shumaker, Jay—husband of Jill Mitchell, Rona Fisher—friend of Jessica Ruder, Lisa Binmoeller—friend of Diane Major, Mary Stockdell—daughter-in-law of Susan Josenhans, Rose Woodell—friend of Kathy & Bob Jimerson, the Apel family—friends of the Nixon family, Harvey Young—father of Mike Young, Heather—friend of Melissa Durrer.

Prayers for the departed: Herman Melton

We pray for all these and those who have asked for prayers in confidence.



CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Today's Ministers

Weekly Worship

Sundays at 8:15 a.m. (meditative service)
& 10:30 a.m. (with choir)
Wednesday at noon: Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers and Laying On of Hands

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8:15 No Service

Usher: Chuck Strabley

Reader: Ann Schaefer

Chalicer: Ann Schaefer

10:00 Service Only

Ushers: Beth Lassiter, Aggie Gallagher, Shirley Hughson

Acolyte:

Readers:

Prayer Leader:

Chalicer: Ann Schaefer

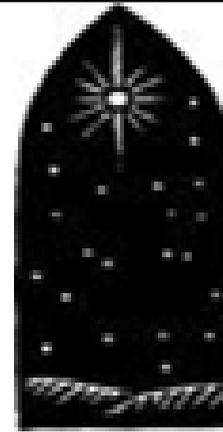
Vestry Greeters: Brian White, Tad Blackburn

Altar Guild: Kathy Jimerson, Melba Shumaker, Pan Pegram

Nursery: Scott Blackwell, Dwight Ludwig

Coffee Hour:

Counters—Wayne & Lucy Whitlock



The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Years Day

January 1, 2012

Welcome—we are glad you are here! Know that whoever you are, and where ever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place here. If you are new, or haven't yet given us your contact information, please complete the attached communication card and place it in the plate so that you can learn more about Epiphany's community.

Nursery care is available from 10:15-11:45 a.m.

From Mary's Desk:

Merry Christmas! No, that isn't a typo, because we are still within the 12 days of Christmas. The Christmas season begins on Christmas Eve and ends on Epiphany, so we've got lots of time to revel in the joy of the season, even after we've cleaned up the scraps of wrapping paper and ribbon and eaten the last of the cookies.

In fact it is the best time of the season, because all of the high energy of the tree and gift-giving has abated a bit, and we can sit back and reflect on all that we have been given. Gifts from family and friends, of course, but also the gift of time with those we love, quiet conversations, time playing games together or going for a walk.

It is also a time to give thanks for the opportunity to remember the gift of the Christ child in our worship life. These past several days have been filled with special services: Blue Christmas on the 20th, two very different and very beautiful services on Christmas Eve, a lovely low-key Sunday Eucharist on Christmas Day, and this chance today to welcome in the New Year with prayers for a better year for all.

The hope we feel reborn in us when we remember the birth of the Christ Child should only be reinforced by the story of those three Magi who hopefully searched for the Child, guided not by GPS but by the light of a star. They hoped with nothing but their skills, their patience and the gift of that bright star. Let's start out our new year with the same sort of hope, knowing that such hope will require skill, patience, and faith that the Holy Spirit will give us the same guiding light in our hearts.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mary+