

**On the Calendar and Coming up**

**Sunday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:15 AM— Holy Eucharist  
9:30 AM—Adult Forum  
10:30 AM— Holy Eucharist

**Monday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Office Closed—Labor Day  
11:00 AM— No Book Club  
7:00 PM—JRRingers

**Wed. Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 Noon —H.E. Service with Healing Prayers  
7:00 PM—Al-Anon Meeting

**Thursday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM—Lamb’s Basket Volunteers (Clients)  
6:30 PM—Handbell Rehearsal  
7:30 PM—Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 AM— Holy Eucharist  
9:30 AM—Adult Forum  
10:15 AM— Sunday School Begins  
10:30 AM— Holy Eucharist  
12:00 PM—Subs & Sundae Luncheon—sponsored by the Shrine Mont Committee

**Adult Forum:** is offered each Sunday at 9:30 am in the parlor, in between the 8:15 and the 10:30 services, and covers a wide range of topics over the course of the year. All are welcome, either to sit and listen or to engage in lively conversation. **Today is Stump the Priest!** Come with your questions, one and all...Mary+ will answer just about anything (except for her weight) as best she can. No-holds-barred session.

**Next Sunday, The “E” Word:** Harrison Higgins, our diaconal candidate, will lead this discussion about how we reach out to others to invite them to know Christ. As much a brainstorming session as a teaching session, we will work together to find ways that work for us as individuals and as a parish to bring new members into our church family

**Monday Book Group:** Next meeting will be on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, when we will continue with the final chapters of “*Falling Upward*”. If we do not complete the book on that date, we will do so on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. We will begin a new book, “*Sabbath in the Suburbs*” on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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. Cost is \$14 each.

**Lamb’s Basket is always in need of these food items:** Jelly, Tuna and or canned meats, canned pasta (spaghetti O’s, Mac & Cheese), snacks for kids’ bags, crackers, soups, peanut butter, etc. Other items they can use are personal care items, anything you would use in your home can always be used. They always need paper and plastic bags!

**Attendance, August 26, 2012**  
8:15 am: 13 10:30 am: 51

**Blessing of the backpacks:** next Sunday we will bless backpacks, briefcases, and other signs of our work in this coming year. Please bring your backpack up to the altar before the 10:30 service. We will bless them after the offertory.

**Subs & Sundae Luncheon:** The Annual Subs & Sundae Luncheon will be held next Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 am Service. Come fix your own sub & sundae! Cost is \$5 for those 12 and over; \$3 for those between 4 & 12; 4 and under are free. Sponsored by the Shrine Mont Committee.

**St. Giles Gate:** we are resuming our Christian Ed and worship program for children with special needs on **Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 10:00 AM and 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.

**Want to go to brunch in September?** Sunday, September 16, after the 10:30 AM service, the ‘Brunch Group’ will be going to lunch at Tanglewood Restaurant. If you are interested in going, contact **Jeannie Riddick**, 264-0935 or call Lucy, 266-2503.

**Sunday School helpers wanted:** Our children’s Sunday School will begin next **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** at 10:15 AM and we are fortunate to have a fine group of teachers...but they could use some helpers. You don’t have to sign up for every Sunday, but if you could volunteer for a few Sundays during the program year, that would be a help. There will be a sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board in the hall near the parish hall.

**Episcopal 101:** Are you an adult interested in being confirmed in your faith, or if you were already confirmed, in being received officially into the Episcopal Church? If so—or if you just want to learn more about our history, approach to the Bible, theology and liturgy—let Mary+ know. We will begin our preparation series, Episcopal 101, on Wednesday evenings in mid-September.

**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! It’s not up to the hostess to provide this service every Sunday!

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Anne Hampton in loving memory of her mother, Sandra Hampton.

**COMMUNICATION CARD**

September 2, 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"/> _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers         |                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chalice Bearer |                                        |

**Prayer Requests / Comments**

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## COMMUNICATION CARD

September 2, 2012

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

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Phone 

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Email 

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Children's names and ages

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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?

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## 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 Episcopal Church of the Sudan

**In The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:** For all the baptized in their daily life and work.

**In the Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer we pray for Schools and Educational Institutions of Metropolitan Richmond:** For all Superintendents, School Boards, School Administrators, PTAs, teachers, students and staff.

**In the SAMS Prayer Calendar:** We pray for the Dennison family in Uganda, the Dohn family in the Dominican Republic and Shaw and Julie Mudge in New York.

**In the Lakeside Churches Cycle of Prayer we pray for:** Overbrook Presbyterian, Charles Philips, Pastor.

**Prayers for those expecting a child:** Matt & Leslie Guyer, Matt & Jessica Colvin, Cary & Jill Baynes, Bryan & Catherine Tuck Turner

**Prayers for our Service Men and Women:** 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 Healing, Wholeness, Comfort, Guidance, and Safe Travel:** Carol Burley, Carl Burley, Ray Hampton, Peggy Adleman, Dottie Strabley, Dot Hudson, Marietta Spring, Jackie Martin, Walter Reid, Freeland Mason, Michael Lineberry, Fred Bales; Pat Dunn, Mary Ruder, Roseanne Stockwell, Ruth Williams, Juliet Wynne; 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, Maya Fitts—granddaughter of Ron & Paula Fitts, Nick McDaniel & family—friend of Rebekah Donovan, Josie—wife of Paul Dolci, 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, Iria & her family—friends of Jeri Townley, Ellen & Spalding Garlinghouse—Kristin Carver's aunt & uncle, Brenda Dawkins—Bertha Morgan's daughter, Tommy Hodge & family, Rob Lockridge—friends of Carole Noe, Ed Hall—Sue Rasmussen's dad, Bev & Bob Thornbloom—friends of Doug Thorpe, Brandon Leach—Diana Stone's step-brother.

**Prayers for the departed:** Sandra Hampton

### 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 Holy Eucharist

**Usher:** Chris Tignor

**Reader:** Harrison Higgins

**Chalicer:** Ann Schaefer

#### 10:30 Holy Eucharist

**Ushers:** Tillie Freeze, Lucy Whitlock, Frosine Corbett, Diane Durrer

**Acolytes:** Megan Tignor, Ava Whittlesey, Camille Wood, Stephanie Holden

**Readers:** Sarah Fore

**Prayer Leader:**

**Chalicer:** Sarah Fore, Harrison Higgins

**Vestry Greeters:** Ann Henderson, Carole Noe

**Altar Guild:** Kathy Jimerson, Melba Shumaker, Pam Pegram

**Coffee Hour:** Jim & Lynn Eppes

**Counters:** Randy & Karen Holden



## The Church of the Epiphany

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 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.

**Hymns for this Sunday: 423, 213, 707, 694, 436**

#### *From Mary's Desk:*

As we begin a new program year and our children begin a new school year, prayer is more important than ever!

*Oh God of wisdom, as our children are headed back to school and college to learn anew, help us pass on to them the wisdom that has been given down to us from the generations before us. Help our children as they learn their daily lessons to listen and learn. Help their teachers have the patience and knowledge to teach well. Help them as they learn life's lessons of dealing with other people around them. Help us as we guide them through those lessons. We ask for your wisdom to discern your ways and path for our own lives. We ask for your wisdom that not only enlightens us but transforms us and guides us in our daily walk with you. Amen.*

We might remember how we were both thrilled and terrified at the beginning of a new school year when we were children. It is wise to be aware of those memories, and be gentle with our children as they face similar feelings. But there is no need to be nervous: God is with us, and with them. Remind them of that and remind yourselves of that, as we begin again.

Blessings,

Mary+