

**On the Calendar and Coming up**

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 AM— Book Club  
  
6:45 PM—Women’s Study Group  
  
7:00 PM—JRRingers

**Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

11:15 AM—Chapter 1  
  
12:00 noon—Men’s Bible Class  
  
6:30 PM — Vestry Meeting—open to all members of the parish

**Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 noon—Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayers  
  
7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal  
  
7:00 PM—Episcopal 101 Class

**Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM—DAC meeting & Lunch  
  
7:00 PM—Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM—Chapter 5 at the home of **Rosemary Rawlins**, 6204 Joseph Way, Glen Allen 23060

**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 AM— Holy Eucharist  
9:30 AM— Adult Forum  
10:15 AM—Sunday School  
10:30 AM— Holy Eucharist & Congregational Meeting—**Covered dish lunch**—Epiphany will supply the meat & beverages— bring a side dish or two — Vestry elections

**Adult Forum:** Today, we will have a discussion and demonstration of our St. Giles Gate ministry with special needs. Following that, we will begin a series on “Preparing to Prepare: the Traditions and Spiritual Practices of Advent”. In this series, we will explore the ways that we can distinguish the season of Advent—watchful waiting for the One who is to come—from the commercial season of Christmas that surrounds us at every turn. To appreciate the gift of Christmas, we must live into the anticipation of that gift. We meet in the Parlor on Sundays at 9:30 AM.

**Book Club:** We are reading in our Monday book group; Kate Braestrups “*Marriage and Other Acts of Charity*”. We meet at 11 am each Monday, and we talk about the book and all sorts of other interesting topics. Join us and join the fun!

**Men’s Bible Study** - We will meet twice a month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. This will begin on November 8<sup>th</sup>, at noon, in the parish hall. Bring a bag lunch and your Bible, and let’s get to work!

**Lamb’s Basket is in dire need of food, paper products & personal hygiene items.** ESPECIALLY—**PEANUT BUTTER**, buy before the prices go up!

We are once again participating in the **ISH Thanksgiving Basket’s**. There is a sign up sheet on the Outreach Bulletin board if you will participate and get a basket together. Also, there is a list of suggested items that can go in the baskets. Look for this info on the Outreach Bulletin Board. Baskets are due by November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Congregational Meeting:** Our annual congregation meeting will be held next Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 service. We will start off with a potluck lunch—**meat & beverages will be provided, so everyone is ask to bring a side dish or a dessert**—then we will review the past year, talk about finances, outline hopes for the coming year and elect new Vestry members. Please plan on being here—your voice and your vote count!

**Mark your calendars:** Free Spaghetti Dinner and Mission Trip presentation for the congregation on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 5—7 PM. Come one, come all to support our youth!

**Women’s Bible Study & Prayer Group:** The Women’s Bible Study and Prayer Group meets from 6:45—8:00 pm each Monday evening. We will be using the *Journey Through the Bible series*, beginning with a study of the gospel of Luke. Please join us—and bring a friend!

**Chapter 5 will be having their annual Pie & Bake Sale**, after the 10:30 service on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Pies of all kinds will be available for your ‘Thanksgiving gathering’ and will cost \$7.00. There will also be other baked goods for sale. Don’t miss it!

The Virginia Interfaith Center is hosting a **FREE** documentary film, *Gospel Without Borders*, at the Byrd Theatre in Carytown on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 pm. This film presents a Christian perspective on immigration policy in America. Panel discussion & interaction with the audience will follow the showing. It will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by producer Robert Parham. The panel will include: Dr. Jim Somerville (of First Baptist, Richmond); Claire Gastanaga (Virginia Immigration Policy Expert); Rev. Shay Auerbach (Sacred Heart Catholic Church) and Rabbi Ben Romer (Congregation Or Ami, Richmond).

**Lamb’s Basket Fundraiser—A beautiful quilt** has been donated to Lamb’s Basket by the Friendship Quilters Club. This quilt is hand-pieced and hand-bound, with machine quilting. One ticket—\$2 donation, 3 tickets—\$5. See **Tillie Freeze** for tickets. The drawing will be held December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*The Whitlock family would like to thank the members of the parish for all their prayers, cards, calls, food and generous concern during the illness & death of Pete Whitlock. The comforting words & concern from our church family is greatly appreciated during this difficult time. God Bless each & everyone of you!*

**Want to go to brunch in November?** after the 10:30 AM service the ‘Brunch Group’ will be going to **Famous Dave’s Bar-B-Que**, 7009 W Broad Street. If you are interested in going, contact **Jeannie Riddick**, 264-0935, or the Sunday before you can sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

**Stewardship Scripture:** *“For I have learned to be content, whatever the circumstances may be. I know now how to live when things are difficult and I know how to live when things are prosperous. In general and in particular I have learned the secret of eating well or going hungry of facing either plenty of poverty. I am ready for anything through the strength of the One who lives within me”.* (Philippians 4:11-13)

**COMMUNICATION CARD**

November 6, 2011

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:**

- Music
- Altar Guild
- Office help
- Christian Ed
- Outreach
- Ushers
- Chalice Bearer
- Greeters
- Pastoral Care
- Readers
- Prayer Team
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**Prayer Requests / Comments**

**Attendance, October 30, 2011**  
**8:15 am: 6    10:30 am: 31**

## COMMUNICATION CARD

November 6, 2011

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** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**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:** Nigeria

**In The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:** Good Shepherd of the Hills, Boonesville; Messiah, Chancellor; St. John the Baptist, Ivy.

**In the Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer we pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond:** For the unemployed and underemployed, for suitable work, living wages, and fair benefits for all workers in this metropolitan city. For sufficient employment to make healthy family life possible.

**In the Lakeside Churches Cycle of Prayer we pray for:** Our Lady of Lourdes, Robert Spencer, Pastor.

**Prayers for our Service Men and Women:** Ashby Carver, 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, Harry Wood, Ray Hampton, Jean Craver, Peggy Adleman, Sarah Jenkins, Dottie Strabley, Marian Noe, Bea & Francis Byrd, Elizabeth Davis, Roseanne Stockwell, Ed Williams, Ruth Williams, Juliet Wynne, Kathryn Cook—friend of Connie Neal, Denise Hornberger & John Renner — dear friends 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 Hoffecker—aunt of Diana Stone, Donna Dumas—friend of Sarah Jenkins, the extended Kenyi family in Sudan, Leslie Wildman—friend of the Holden's, Carey Gauzens—friend of Doug Thorpe, 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, Dr. Roger Thorpe—Doug's father, Patricia Hardy—ECW friend of Kathy Jimerson.

**Prayers for the departed:** Charles & Peggy Ratcliff

**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 Service

**Usher:** Tad Blackburn

**Reader:** Ann Schaefer

**Chalicer:** Ann Schaefer

### 10:30 Service

**Ushers:** Eddie Johnson, George Baynes, Herb Williams, Cory Isemann

**Acolyte:** Sarah Elionai, Hana Elionai, Alex White, Madison White

**Readers:** Cynthia Miller, Stacy Mitchell

**Prayer Leader:** Cynthia Miller

**Chalicer:** Gray Corbett, Stacy Mitchell

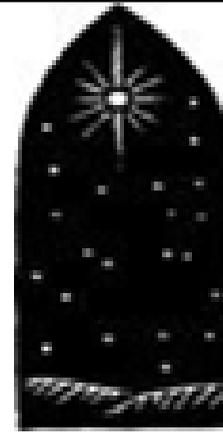
**Vestry Greeters:** Sandy Ruder, Patty White

**Altar Guild:** Joyce Melton, Karen Holden, Carol York

**Nursery:** Carol Campus, Mary Kenyi

**Coffee Hour:** Christine Couturier, Sandy Ruder, Denise Russell

**Counters—**Scott & Cheri Blackwell



## The Church of the Epiphany

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost:  
All Saints Sunday  
November 6, 2011**

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:

Today we celebrate the saints, all the saints. We recognize those who came before us, whether they are named as saints by the institutional church or are cherished as saints because we know how they lived their lives among us.

So who are the saints among us? Some are named today as we list all the persons who passed this year. We hear their names and we think, "Yes, of course. Remember the time when....?" Others may have touched us in a way that we never realized – the person who guided your father to his chosen career, or the woman who held your grandmother's hand when she was dying in the nursing home.

You don't need to have a parish named after you, or a story in a holy book to be a saint. You simply have to live in a loving and meaningful way, sharing the way of Christ in your actions and words.

I see people who meet the definition of "saint" around me every day in this parish. St Paul called all the faithful followers of Christ "saints" simply because they were believers who tried to build community together. Isn't this what we experience in this place, whether it is in church on Sunday or in a Bible study or book group or at Lamb's Basket?

We celebrate saints because we ourselves strive to live the saintly life. You and I usually aren't candidates for martyrdom, or missionary work in a foreign land, or high leadership in the church. We are simply Christians, in community together. And part of that sainthood is committing to the work of this faith community by pledging our financial support as we are able.

Does pledging make us saints? Not if we do it grudgingly, or out of guilt. But if we joyfully say yes to the request that is made to help continue the work, if we see this act one that goes hand in hand with serving in other capacities and other ministries, then we are on the road to sainthood. God asks for our heart and our hands and, yes, our resources to do the work ahead.

Today we remember the saints who went before us and we work to transform ourselves into saints, too, using every tool we can. As you bring your pledge card forward, know that this is one of the many ways that transformation occurs, and know that you, like those other saints, are blessed.

Faithfully,

Mary+