

**On the Calendar and Coming up**

**Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 AM— Holy Eucharist  
9:30 AM—Adult Forum  
10:30 AM— Holy Eucharist & Blessing of the Animals in the outdoor chapel  
12:00 PM—Sunday School is inviting everyone to join them and celebrate at the 'SWEET FROG' on Staples Mill Road

**Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Office Closed –Columbus Day  
7:00 PM—JRRingers

**Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 AM—Chapter 1

**Wed. October 10<sup>th</sup>**

NO Noon Service  
7:00 PM—No Episcopal 101

**Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM— Lamb's Basket Volunteers—(Clients)  
6:15 PM—Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 PM— Handbell Rehearsal

**Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 AM—St. Giles Gate Program  
11:30 AM—Memorial Service for Michael Lineberry with burial in the Memorial Garden  
6:00 PM— Dinner & Youth Mission Trip Presentation

**Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 AM— Holy Eucharist  
9:30 AM—Adult Forum  
10:15 AM— Sunday School  
10:30 AM— Holy Eucharist  
12:00 pm—Lunch Bunch Going to **Calabash Seafood Restaurant**—7514 Lee Davis Road

**Adult Forum:** 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.

**Monday Book Group:** We will begin a new book, "Sabbath in the Suburbs"—a thoughtful and fun book about finding Sabbath in our busy lives, on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 11:00 AM. Cost is \$14 each.

**Men's Bible Class** will meet with Mary+ on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bring a bag lunch and convene in the parish hall at noon.

**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!

**Episcopal 101: No meeting on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>**  
We are meeting on Wednesday nights at 7 pm in the parlor— Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> (not on October 10). This serves as a great preparation for Adult Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church, or just to learn more about our tradition, history and theology.

**If you have not picked up your pledge card package, please do so after the service today. You will bring back your signed pledge card on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**The prayers & sympathy of the congregation** are extended to Cheryl Lineberry and family on the death of her husband, Michael Lineberry who died on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. A Memorial Service, with burial in the Memorial Garden, will be held on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Epiphany T-Shirts**—The Shrine Mont Committee is once again taking orders for Church of the Epiphany t-shirts. They will be Royal Blue in color and will have "Church of the Epiphany" and a logo over the left breast. The cost is \$12.00. Order forms are on the Shrine Mont table in the parish hall. Orders must be placed by Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Shrine Mont Parish Retreat**—will be here before you know it! The **dates are October 26-28 (Friday—Sunday)**. Sign up sheets are in the parish hall. Sign-up deadline is TODAY October 7<sup>th</sup>. **Cost:** Adults—\$150.00; non-Epiphany Children—age 13 or older—\$150.00, ages 8-12 —\$95.00, ages 4-7—\$45.00, 3 and 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. **All funds must be received by Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**The Sr. High Youth** would like to invite you to a free dinner and presentation of the Mission Trip that they took to Wyoming, PA on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM. Please use the sign up sheet on the youth bulletin board if you plan to attend so that they have enough food for everyone. The menu will be their very own chicken Wyoming, vegetable, bread, drink and dessert. Hope to see you all there!

**Want to go to brunch in October?** Next Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 AM service, the 'Brunch Group' will be going to lunch at **Calabash Seafood**, 7514 Lee Davis Road, Mechanicsville. If you are interested in going, contact **Jeannie Riddick**, 264-0935 or call Lucy, 266-2503.

After the service today **Everyone is invited** to celebrate with the Sunday School at the *SWEET FROG*, on Staples Mill Road.

**The UTO Fall Ingathering** will be on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Blue boxes and envelopes are available on the table across from the nursery. If you have any questions about this important ministry, please contact Kristin Carver for more information.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Carol McElhinney's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday from her children.

**COMMUNICATION CARD**

October 7, 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**

**Attendance, September 30, 2012**

**8:15 am: 17 10:30 am: 87**

## COMMUNICATION CARD

October 7, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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:** Church of the Province of West Africa

**In The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:** Cristo Rey, Arlington; San Jose, Arlington; St. James', Warrenton; St. James-the-Less, Ashland; St. Luke's, Remington; St. Paul's, Hanover.

**In the Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer** we pray for public, non-profit and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For all in need of social services, all social service departments and caseworkers; for a partnership between the church and other institutions serving the needy.

**In the SAMS Prayer Calendar:** We pray for Ana Reid in Honduras and the Chaves family in Kenya.

**In the Lakeside Churches Cycle of Prayer we pray for:** Church of the Epiphany, Rev. Mary Thorpe, Rector

**Prayers for those expecting a child:** 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; 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, 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, Donna Dumas—friend of Sarah Jenkins, Peggy Turner—friend of Megan Nixon.

**Prayers for the departed:** Michael Lineberry

## 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:** George Baynes

**Reader:** Harrison Higgins

**Chalicer:** Harrison Higgins

### 10:30 Holy Eucharist

**Ushers:** Chris Tignor, Randy Holden, Jeff Pegram, James Eppes

**Acolytes:** Stephanie Holden, Hana Elionai, Ava Whittlesey, Megan Tignor

**Reader:** Gray Corbett

**Prayer Leader:**

**Chalicer:** Sarah Fore, Harrison Higgins

**Vestry Greeters:** Christine Couturier, Ann Henderson

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

**Nursery:** Carol Campus, Caroline Couturier

**Coffee Hour:** Chapter 5

**Counters:** Chris & Sandy Tignor



## The Church of the Epiphany

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 7, 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:*

For the past two weeks, we have been reflecting on our relationship with our animal companions in the Adult Forum series "Will I See my Dog in Heaven?" It seemed an appropriate run-up to our service of blessing of the animals today, and we had some rich conversations about the subject. One issue that came up was whether we should all be vegetarians – whether we should not eat animals. I know there are some folks who make that choice, believing that it is unethical. I can respect that. But I think we can also make a case for eating animals, based on how God made us. We have teeth and digestive systems that are designed to chew and digest such foods. We have records of Christ eating – fish for certain (Luke 24:41-43, John 21:5-6) and most likely lamb at the various Passover meals he ate during his life (in accordance with the Jewish Law: Ex 12:3-4.)

But having received the gift of food to eat in the form of animals given to the earth by the Creator, that does mean we have an obligation to treat that gift with respect. That means not being wasteful, treating animals raised for consumption with care and respect, slaughtering them in such a way as to minimize their suffering (this is at the heart of Jewish kosher laws and Islamic halal laws). It means being thankful for what they give us, and recognizing that there is something essentially sacramental about an animal giving up its life, Creation being broken open and consumed by us, as Wendell Berry reminds us, changes how we view that hamburger or that roast chicken. Thank God for it, thank the animal for it, and eat it, if you desire, knowing that we have a responsibility for it and for ourselves.

Be vegetarian. Be pescatarian. Be an omnivore. Whatever you do, do it thoughtfully, prayerfully, and mindfully.

Blessings,

Mary+