

**On the Calendar and Coming up**

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 AM —Chapter 1  
12:00 noon—Men’s Bible Class & Bag lunch  
6:30 PM—Vestry Mtg.

**Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM—Lamb’s Basket Volunteers (Clients)  
10:00 AM— DAC Mtg. & lunch  
7:00 PM—Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM—Birthday Party Covered Dish Supper—Everyone invited!

**Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

9—11:30 AM — JRRingers auditions in the parish hall

**Sunday, January 15<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 **Yen Ching** on W. Board St.

**Adult Forum:** Our Sunday Adult Forum today at 9:30 AM, is 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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**The prayers and sympathy** of the congregation are extended to Sarah Fore and family on the death of her dad, **Charles McMurdo** who was 105 and died on Saturday, December 31st. A memorial service was held yesterday with burial in Forest Lawn. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Save the date:** On Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> @ 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!

**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 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

**Want to go to brunch in January?** after the 10:30 AM service on January 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**COMMUNICATION CARD**

January 8, 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      |
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| <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**

**Attendance, January 1, 2012**  
**8:15 am: 11    10:00 am: 57**

## COMMUNICATION CARD

January 8, 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:** The Anglican Church of Australia

**In The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:** Epiphany, Richmond; St. Peter's, Richmond; Varina, Richmond; Immanuel-on-the-Hill, Alexandria; Epiphany, Oak Hill.

**In the Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer we pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism:** For the elimination of discrimination in living patterns, public education, employment, political jurisdiction, and churches in Metropolitan Richmond.

**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, 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 Holdens, 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, Harvey Young—father of Mike Young, Heather—friend of Melissa Durrer, Stuart & Jean Swink—sister & brother-in-law of Irene Morris.

**Prayers for the departed:** Charles McMurdo, Stewart Kuper (relative of Lib Ransom)

**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 Holy Eucharist

**Usher:** Tad Blackburn

**Reader:** Ann Schaefer

**Chalicer:** Ann Schaefer

#### 10:30 Holy Eucharist

**Ushers:** Beth Lassiter, Aggie Gallagher, Shirley Hughson, Diana Stone

**Acolyte:** All Acolytes

**Readers:** Sarah Fore, David Tuck

**Prayer Leader:** Kathy Jimerson

**Chalicer:** Herb Williams, Paul Dolci

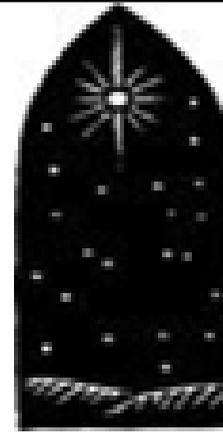
**Vestry Greeters:** Gray Corbett, Carole Noe

**Altar Guild:** Betty Fore, Marietta Spring

**Nursery:** Cheri Blackwell, Terri Cadavid

**Coffee Hour:** Reception

**Counters—**Wayne & Lucy Whitlock



## The Church of the Epiphany

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The First Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 8, 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:

Today is a day of affirmation and celebration. We are grateful for the eight individuals who are being confirmed or who are reaffirming their faith, since they remind all of us that we are called to do this every day. Confirmation is not about a single day, a single moment when the Bishop lays his hands upon your head. No, we confirm our faith, our belief in the Risen Christ, in how we live out our lives in the most clear and simple ways. Think of the promises that the confirmands make: they affirm their belief in the Trinity, in Holy Scripture as God's inspired Word, and then they say that they will "persevere in resisting evil," "proclaim God's Word" both in word and example, "seek and serve Christ in all persons," "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being."

That's a recipe for the Christian life in a nutshell, and it's also a pretty tall order. And this is why we have liturgies to call for the help of the Holy Spirit to live this way, because it isn't an easy way of life. This rite not only calls the power of the Spirit down on each of the eight who stand before the Bishop this morning so that they are strengthened and defended, it also reminds us that we also have the Spirit with us always, so we can find the strength within us to live as God asks us to live.

So as we pray for the eight persons standing in front of us today, as we say those "Prayers for the Candidates," we are also praying for ourselves. We are praying that we remember what we promised, to have faith, to serve, to respect, to teach. By ourselves, it is too difficult a responsibility. But with God, we know all things are possible, even that we can live as witnesses to the teaching and actions of Christ, and that we can model ourselves on Him. May we all be blessed with the power of the Spirit!

Mary+