

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sunday, December 16th

8:15 AM— Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM—Adult Forum
10:15 AM— Sunday School
10:30 AM— Children’s Christmas Pageant/Lessons & Carols
12:00 PM—Soup & Bread Luncheon

Sr. High Youth selling Cookie Mix in a jar

Monday, December 17th

11:00 AM—Book Club
7:00 PM—JRRingers

Tuesday, December 18th

6:30 PM—Blue Christmas Service

Wed. December 19th

12:00 noon — H.E. Service with Healing Prayers

Thurs. December 20th

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

Saturday, December 22nd

6:00 PM—Acolyte Practice

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Adult Forum: We are discussing "Embracing an Adult Faith" a series with noted theologian Marcus Borg. We will talk about *Community* today and *Practice* on December 23rd. No Adult Forum on December 30th. We meet in the parlor at 9:30 each Sunday—do join us!

Monday Book Group: Tomorrow, Monday, December 17th @ 11:00 AM in the parlor. We are reading "Sabbath in the Suburbs" a thoughtful and fun book about finding Sabbath in our busy lives.

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.

Warm & Fuzzy Tree is up in the hall near the entrance to the sanctuary. It’s covered not with the usual ornaments, but with hats, gloves, mittens, socks and other things that will help someone who is poor and cold to feel warming Epiphany love this season. This is a ministry we can all participate in. Items can be knitted or crocheted or you might pick up a 'warm fuzzy' as part of your other Christmas shopping. Let’s cover the Tree!

Printer Cartridges? Please bring your used printer cartridges in and drop them off in the marked box in the office.

Attendance, December 9, 2012
8:15 am: 19 10:30 am: 87

Chapter 5 Christmas Party, today December 16th @ 6:30 PM at the home of Denise Russell, 10609 Smith Point Way, Glen Allen, 23060. Any questions, contact Kristin Carver.

Blue Christmas service, Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30 PM. Join us as we have a quiet time of prayer, gentle music and candlelight and feel God’s loving embrace surround us.

Christmas Eve Services—Monday, December 24th

4:00 PM—will be family-friendly, with a puppet show telling the story of the Nativity, fun music and a chance for even the littlest angels to gather around the Lord’s Table.

10:30 PM—with candlelight, beautiful music of the season and the traditional liturgy that makes it natural for us to praise and thank God for the gift of Jesus.

All are welcome...bring a friend or neighbor who has no church to go to on this wonderful night!

Interfaith Services of Henrico is helping foster kids (who often do not receive gifts at Christmas from their foster parents) by asking churches to "adopt" them, much like the Christmas Angel program. Epiphany is adopting three of these children this year: a 4 year old boy, a 13 year old boy and a 20 year old girl. The lists of things they have requested are on the Outreach and Mission bulletin board in the hallway. **Need the gifts by December 16th.** Thank you for your generosity!

Want to go to brunch in January? Sunday, January 20, 2013 after the 10:30 AM service we will be going as a group to **Yen Ching**, 9033 W. Broad Street, If you are interested in going, contact **Jeannie Riddick**, 264-0935 or call Lucy in the office 266-2503.

Time to order a Poinsettia or give to the Banner Fund. Cost is \$15.00. Please let me know who they are in memory of or in thanksgiving for.

Congratulations to Pam Pegram who won the drawing from Lamb’s Basket—a print "Maymont in the Spring" by well-known local artist, W. Baxter Perkinson, Jr.

Have you taken Control of your Health Today? Life Line Screening will be at Lakeside United Methodist Church on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and to live longer for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these potentially life-saving tests today. Please refer to the flyer on the bulletin board in the hall to get more info about how you can sign up while receiving \$10 off any package priced above \$129—you can learn your risk of having a stroke or vascular disease. There is no time like the present to take action!

COMMUNICATION CARD

December 16, 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: Congo

In The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Santa Maria, Falls Church; St. Paul's (King George), Owens.

In the Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer we pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For persons who are lonely or have no family; for persons who are estranged from their families; for persons who are grieving the loss of a loved one; and for all who need to feel the love of God.

In the SAMS Prayer Calendar we pray for: the Miller family in Honduras, the Reid family in Uganda and Susan Morris in Uganda.

In the Lakeside Churches Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Lakeside Baptist Church, Dr. Becky Gunter, Pastor

Prayers for those expecting a child: Cary & Jill Baynes, Bryan & Catherine Turner, Emily Durrer

Prayers for our Service Men and Women: Matt Guyer, Amanda Hoffert, David Hoffert, Daniel Keefe, Patrick

Lineberry, Caitlin Mitchell, Bryan Murphy, 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, Walter Reid, Penny Johnson, Chuck Strabley, Connie Neal; 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, Patty Sue—niece of Ann Schaefer, Dave Latham—friend of Shirley Hughson, Peggy Turner—friend of Megan Nixon, Steve Farmer—neighbor of Betty Van Valkenburg, Debbie Williams—Herb Williams sister-in-law, Rev. Jon Dephouse—friend of Mary+, Ray Hodge—friend of Carole Noe, Christi Byrd—co-worker & friend of Diane Durrer, Freda Bush—friend of Susie Wasiluk, Joseph Elionai as he travels to Mundri.

Prayers for the departed: Alex & Nadine Mickel, David Mickel

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

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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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Today's Ministers

8:15 Holy Eucharist

Usher: Tad Blackburn

Reader: Harrison Higgins

Chalicer: Harrison Higgins

10:30 Holy Eucharist

Ushers: Chuck Strabley, Kim Ruder, Lee Poates, Randy Holden

Acolytes: Melissa Durrer, Sara Lassiter

Reader:

Prayer Leader:

Chalicer: Herb Williams, Harrison Higgins
Vestry Greeters: Patty White, Christine Couturier

Altar Guild: Kathy Jimerson, Melba Shumaker, Pam Pegram

Nursery: Jennifer Axselle, Melissa Durrer

Coffee Hour: Soup & Bread Luncheon

Counters: Wayne & Lucy Whitlock



The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 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:

Advent III

The fruit is ripening on the tree, almost ready for picking. The bow bends under the weight of it, gracefully arching toward the earth.

From earth this fruit comes, and it will return there in due course, having fulfilled its biological journey.

So too the baby in the womb. He is ripening, moving fitfully in the confined quarters, wanting to escape the dark into an unknown world.

This earthy creature (did we forget the ancient word for human – *adam* – has the same root as that of earth - *adamah*?) soaked in the coppery aroma of the blood and fluid around him, will go back to the earth one day, then break it open and lift up the world like a new fruit.

But first, he is poised for the next journey down the narrow street to the starlight that seeks him.

He does not yet know the cold tang of the air or the warm grassy whiffle of the breath of the sheep or the sweetness of his mother's milk. He knows only that soon he will go to what awaits. It is earth, and it is Earth, and it is as it always is and always will be, and it is good.