On the Calendar and Coming up

Sunday, Sept. 16th
8:15 AM– Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM—Adult Forum
10:15 AM– Sunday School
10:30 AM– Holy Eucharist

Monday, Sept. 17th
11:00 AM— Book Club
7:00 PM—JRRingers

Tuesday, Sept. 18th

12:00 noon—Men's Bible Class & Lunch in parish hall
6:30 PM—Vestry Meeting
7:00 PM—Lakeside Ecumenical Lectionary Bible Study in the parlor

Wed. Sept. 19th

12:00 Noon— H.E. Service with Healing Prayers
7:00 PM—Episcopal 101

Thursday , Sept. 20th

9:30 AM—Lamb's Basket Volunteers (Clients)
6:15 PM—Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM—Chapter 4 meeting at the home of **Lauryn Boyd,** 10033 Reedville Ave., Glen Allen
7:30 PM—Handbell Rehearsal

Saturday, Sept. 22nd

10:00 AM—St. Giles Gate Program
4:00 PM—Youth group setting up for Book N Bake sale

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Youth Book 'N Bake Sale featuring 'quiche'

Adult Forum: is offered each Sunday at 9:30 am in the parlor. All are welcome, either to sit and listen or to engage in lively conversation. **Today: Emergency Preparedness:** Gray Corbett will lead this session which will give you tips on how to prepare for hurricanes, snowstorms, etc. Also talk about how we are coming up with a plan for the parish, to keep this place that we love so much as secure & protected as possible. **Next two Sundays Sept. 23 & 30: Will I see my dog in Heaven?** What does the Bible have to say about our animal companions? In these sessions, we will explore a theology of creation that lays out the answer to that big question about whether or not there is some sort of Rainbow Bridge where our departed pets wait for us.

Monday Book Group: Next meeting will be tomorrow @ 11:00 AM, 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. 24th. We will begin a new book, "*Sabbath in the Suburbs*" on October 22nd, 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 us are personal care items, anything you would us in your home can always be used**.** They always need paper and plastic bags!

Attendance, September 9, 2012
8:15 am: 20 10:30 am: 96

Episcopal 101 will begin on September 19th. We will meet on Wednesday nights at 7 pm in the parlor on the 19th, the 26th, Oct. 3rd, 17th, 24th and 31st (not on October 10). Sessions will run about 90 minutes or so. Please email Mary+ to let her know how many will be attending. 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.

St. Giles Gate: we are resuming our Christian Ed and worship program for children with special needs next **Saturday, September 22nd** 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. We could also use some "shepherds" (teacher's aides) to help as well. Please let Mary+ or Kristin Carver know if you are interested

(Note: Change of date) Want to go to brunch next Sunday? September 23rd, 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.

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 next Lakeside Ecumenical Lectionary Bible study will be on Tuesday September 18th, @ 7 PM here at Epiphany in the parlor. (Note: usually it is the 4th Tuesday of the month). Anyone interested in Bible study based on our common Sunday lectionaries please attend! Questions? Call Bob or Jane @ 756-6054.

Sunday School is launching a new project this year—F.R.O.G. (Fully Rely On God) Dollars. The children can earn 'FROG Dollars' by coming to Sunday School/ Church—Bring a friend—Bring a food donation—Bring your Bible with you—Bring a monetary donation or Bring a donation for the FROG Shop. They get to spend their earned 'FROG Dollars' in the FROG Shop on the 5th Sunday, October 7th. (After the service on the 7th, to further celebrate this event they are meeting at *SWEET FROG*, Staples Mill). **Now here is where the congregation comes in**—we need items to supply the Frog Shop! So we need you to donate items that girls & boys would enjoy buying with their 'FROG Dollars'. Can you help us out?? Thank you in advance for helping put items in the Frog Shop.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Sarah Jenkins in loving memory of her grandparents, Lee & Marie Whitfield.

COMMUNICATION CARD
September 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**

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❑ **I am RSVPing or signing up for:**

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❑ **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

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COMMUNICATION CARD
September 16, 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 _____

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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 Church of the Province of Uganda
In The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Congregations and clergy of St. Mark's, Alexandria; St. Peter's, New Kent; Westover, Charles City.
In the Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer we pray for Schools and Educational Institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all private and religious schools, pre-schools and daycare centers, and for children in home schools.
In the SAMS Prayer Calendar: We pray for Kym McDaniel and the Hill family in Perú and Janine LeGrand in Uganda.
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, 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, 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.
Prayers for the departed: Lee & Marie Whitfield

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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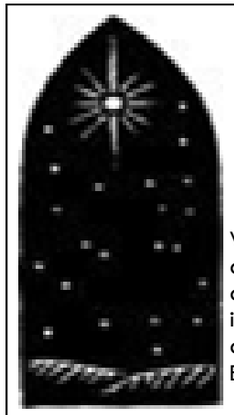
Today's Ministers

8:15 Holy Eucharist
Usher: Tad Blackburn
Reader: Harrison Higgins
Chalicer: Ann Schaefer

10:30 Holy Eucharist
Ushers: Tillie Freeze, Lucy Whitlock, Frosine Corbett, Diane Durrer
Acolytes: Hunter Mitchell, Caroline Couturier, Lucas Couturier, Melissa Durrer
Reader: Jeri Townley
Prayer Leader:
Chalicer: Sarah Fore, Harrison Higgins
Vestry Greeters: Kathy Jimerson, Tad Blackburn
Altar Guild: Betty Fore, Marietta Spring, Susan Josenhans
Coffee Hour:
Counters: Randy & Karen Holden



The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 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.

Hymns for this Sunday: 409, 136, 655, 312, 484

From Mary's Desk:

I have been away for a few days this week, in Decatur, Georgia, As I begin my work on the Doctor of Ministry degree. Some folks have asked why I would embark on another course of study (the unspoken words being "at your age.") It's a fair question. In fact, I am doing this because it is important to the work that I do as your rector to continually be learning: testing old assumptions, trying new ideas, exploring creative possibilities. I cannot be the most effective priest that I can be if I simply continue doing the same things the same way indefinitely.

If I learn new things to serve you and the church better, it is equally important that I learn new things to keep myself energized and growing. Near the end of his life, Michelangelo is said to have said "Ancora imparo," meaning "I am still learning." It kept his work fresh and new - his late sculptures are even more full of life than his earlier ones. Although I will never take up the hammer and chisel and create a "David," my hope is that by continuing to study and to "still learn," I will invite you to learn new things as well and to grow in new understanding of your relationship with Christ.

So please keep me in prayer as I do this work, and please consider how you can be "still learning" no matter how long ago you received your last diploma.

Blessings,

Mary+