

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sunday, March 17th

8:15 AM— Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM— Adult Forum
10:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist
12:15 PM - lunch bunch going to **Red Lobster**—8009 W. Broad Street
Youth Group going to a movie

Monday, March 18th

11:00 AM—Book Club
7:00 PM—JRRingers
7:00 PM—Chapter 4

Wed. March 20th

12:00 Noon—Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers
5:45 PM—Lenten Meal & Program @ Christ Lutheran

Thurs. March 21st

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

Saturday, March 23rd

10:00 AM—Altar Guild workshop for polishing brass

Sunday, March 24th

Palm Sunday
8:15 AM— Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM— NO Adult Forum
10:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist

Youth Group Book ‘N Bake Sale featuring “Soup”

Adult Forum: This week marks the final session of the series on Good and Evil. We will take a brief hiatus, and then after Easter, we will begin a new series on discerning God’s call for us as a parish in mission and ministry. Watch for the April newsletter for news about this exciting series! Meet us in the parlor at 9:30 AM.

Monday Book Group: will meet in the parlor tomorrow March 18th @ 11:00 AM.

Men’s Bible Class will meet with Mary+ on Tuesday, March 26th @ noon. Bring a bag lunch and convene in the parish hall.

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.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

March 28: Maundy Thursday - 7:00 PM - Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar here

March 29: Good Friday service here @ 12:00 noon

2:00 PM—Stations of the Cross @ Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 PM—LARCUM Interfaith Service @ Lakeside United Methodist

March 30: Easter Vigil here @ 7:00 PM

Bad weather reminder: If we have a problematic weather situation (snow or ice or such), Sunday services might be cancelled. If we cancel, it will be listed on the parish website (www.epiphanyepiscopal.com), we will send an announcement to Channel 8 and we will post it on FaceBook. Do check on the status of services before you set out in difficult weather conditions.

Zebra Raffle: Last chance to get your raffle tickets for Zebediah O’Zebra. The raffle drawings will be **Today, during Coffee Hour**, for this unique Irish Zebra. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and are available in the Church Office.

Lenten Series—Each Wednesday, in Lent, we meet with our Lutheran, Roman Catholic and Methodist brothers and sisters for a simple meal, worship and meditation on the people who were present at Christ’s crucifixion. Join us at Christ Lutheran Church on Woodman Road at 5:45 PM for the supper and 6:35 PM for the program.

Survey for Shrine Mont: Please respond to the quick little survey that can be found here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/X8722QB> The Shrine Mont Committee is reviewing the various fundraising activities to see what people enjoy the most and what other activities you might enjoy. The Committee’s focus this year will be on programming for our parish weekend and they are rethinking the fundraising aspect of their work. Every voice counts, so let us hear from you about your preferences.

Shrine Mont Yard Sale: You can start bringing ‘*unloved items*’ to the church for the April yard Sale. They are storing things in the Youth Group room—If you will just note Yard Sale on the items and leave in parish hall, they will move them downstairs. Also, if you need large items picked up, you can contact a committee member and they can come and get it from you. Remember when you start your spring cleaning—save your ‘*white elephants treasurers*’ for the Shrine Mont yard sale.

Want to go to brunch today? after the 10:30 AM service, we will be going as a group to **Red Lobster**, 8009 Broad Street. If you are interested in going, contact **Jeannie Riddick**, 264-0935 or call Lucy at the office, 266-2503.

Easter Flowers or Banner Fund: Time to get your order in for Easter Flower or give to the Banner Fund—cost is \$15.00. Please be sure to include both your name and the names of those you want to remember.

Attendance, March 10, 2013
8:15 am: 12 10:30 am: 70

COMMUNICATION CARD

March 17, 2013

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: Mississippi

In The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Trinity, Manassas; St. Paul's, Haymarket; St. Matthew's, Richmond; Christ Ascension, Richmond; and Holy Cross, Dunn Loring.

In the Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer we pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For all the sick and their caregivers, doctors, nurses, hospice workers, home healthcare workers and all who minister to the health of others.

In the SAMS Prayer Calendar we pray for: Summer & Guy Benton in Cambodia, Veronica & Dennie Flowers in Honduras and Sharon McCririe in Paraguay.

In the Lakeside Churches Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Overbrook Presbyterian, Charles Phillips, Pastor

Prayers for those expecting a child: 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, Dot Hudson, Walter Reid, Penny Johnson, Connie Neal, Irene Morris, Tillie Freeze, Ray Lovelace, Wayne Whitlock, Bob Jimerson, Pat Dunn, Marian Noe, Mary Ruder, Marietta Spring, 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, 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, Brandon Leach—Diana Stone's step-brother, Patty Sue—niece of Ann Schaefer, 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+, Christi Byrd—co-worker & friend of Diane Durrer, Freda Bush—friend of Susie Wasiluk, Shirley Jamyson—friend of Lydia Callaway, Karen Botha—friend of Doug & Mary Thorpe, Bucky Turner—friend of Jenn Whitlock, Andrew Monsalve—friend of Stephanie Holden, Joan Fuess—friend of Herb & Anita Williams, Jeff Whittlesey—Kathy Jimerson's son, The Rev. Roger Robillard & wife, Lydia—friend of Mary+.

Prayers for the departed:

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: Chris Tignor

Reader: Harrison Higgins

Leader: Harrison Higgins

10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist

Ushers: Tillie Freeze, Clara Reduto, Frosine Corbett, Diane Durrer

Acolytes: Sara Lassiter, Ava Whittlesey, Sarah Elionai, Stark Gallagher

Lessons: Sarah Fore, Gray Corbett

Prayers: Cynthia Miller

Chalice: Sarah Fore, Harrison Higgins

Vestry Greeters: Carole Noe, Sandy Ruder

Altar Guild: Dottie Strabley, Lucy Whitlock, Lauryn Boyd

Nursery: Joy Baynes, Peggy Wilson

Coffee Hour: Shrine Mont Committee

Counters: Wayne & Lucy Whitlock



The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2013

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:

The great English spiritual writer Evelyn Underhill once wrote: "I look for the life of the world to come, and find hints of it everywhere." There must be no greater proof of her statement than this time of year.

Look around you. In the garden, daffodils are blooming, fiercely waving their yellow heads in the breeze. Leaves are pushing up through the ground, buds are swelling on the branches, and the days are now growing longer. And in our lives as Christians, we feel the inexorable pull toward the Cross and beyond as we enter these final weeks of Lent.

We know what is coming: the story of Christ's betrayal by one of his closest associates, the joyful welcome of the people, then their crushing turnabout as they cry "Barabbas, give us Barabbas!" The slam of nails through flesh and sinew, the thorns, the spear, the blood and pain...and then the death and the words of a despairing broken man: "why have you forsaken me?" But no sooner than we sit in our pain and shame than we suddenly find something has turned, something has bloomed, a lily, perhaps...

...and then Easter is here, and our recognition that there is a new day, and a new life. Christ has conquered death.

But we are not there yet. There are still two weeks to go. They would be unbearable – just hearing the story again would be unbearable – if we did not know that "the life of the world to come" is almost here. There are signs, in our hearts and in the garden. Watch. Wait. Pray. It is coming. There are hints of it everywhere.

Blessings,

Mary+