

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sunday, November 20th

8:15 AM— Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM— Adult Forum
10:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM— Holy Eucharist
12:00 PM—Baby Shower for Scovia

Monday, November 21st

11:00 AM—Book Club
6:45 PM—Women’s Study Group
7:00 PM—JRRingers

Tuesday November 22nd

12:00 noon—No Men’s Bible Class
7:00 PM—Community thanksgiving Service @ Our Lady of Lourdes

Wednesday November 23rd

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

Thursday, November 24th

HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!
7:00 PM—No Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 27th

8:15 AM— Holy Eucharist—Men & Boys Corporate Communion & Breakfast
9:30 AM—No Adult Forum
10:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM— Holy Eucharist
7:00 PM—Youth Group putting cookie jar mix together

Adult Forum: We are in a series on “Preparing to Prepare: the Traditions and Spiritual Practices of Advent”. In this series, we will explore the ways that we can distinguish the season of Advent— watchful waiting for the One who is to come—from the commercial season of Christmas that surrounds us at every turn. To appreciate the gift of Christmas, we must live into the anticipation of that gift. We meet in the Parlor on Sundays at 9:30 AM.

Book Club: We are reading in our Monday book group; Kate Braestrups “*Marriage and Other Acts of Charity*”. We meet at 11 am each Monday, and we talk about the book and all sorts of other interesting topics. Join us and join the fun!

Men’s Bible Study — will be cancelled for Tuesday, November 22nd. Mary will be at a Lakeside Clericus Meeting. Next meeting will be held December 13th @ noon. Bring a bag lunch and your Bible, and let’s get to work!

Lamb’s Basket is in dire need of food, paper products & personal hygiene items. ESPECIALLY—**PEANUT BUTTER**, buy before the prices go up!

Pledge Update: Thus far we have received 54 pledge cards, totaling almost \$126,000 for the general operations of the parish, and just over \$25,000 toward the Building Fund. Last year, we received 74 pledge cards. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so soon so we can create a reasonable budget for the coming year. If you have any questions or concerns, please touch base with **Gray Corbett**, Senior Warden or **Randy Holden**, Stewardship Chair.

The ‘Warm-Fuzzy Tree’ is up in the hall and waiting to be decorated with your donations of mittens, caps, gloves, scarves, socks, etc. These items will be given to an organization that provides for the needy. This is an outreach project that we all can participate in. Let’s cover the tree!

Today, November 20th, we will say farewell to our dear Scovia Eluzai, who will be moving to Baltimore as she awaits the birth of her first child with fiancé George Lupai. We will bless Scovia and George in our 10:30 church service, and then we will have a baby shower for the little one at our coffee hour.

Congratulations to: Christine Couturier, Aggie Gallagher and Ann Henderson who were elected to the Vestry and will begin their 3 year term in January 2012.

Women’s Bible Study & Prayer Group: The Women’s Bible Study and Prayer Group meets from 6:45—8:00 pm each Monday evening. We will be using the *Journey Through the Bible series*, beginning with a study of the gospel of Luke. Please join us—and bring a friend!

The Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving service will be on Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 8200 Woodman Road. **The Rev. Rita Callis** from Lakeside Methodist Church will be preaching and a joint choir from the participating Lakeside Churches. This event is sponsored by the Lakeside Ministerial Association.

Chapter 5 will be having their annual Pie & Bake Sale, TODAY after the 10:30 service. Pies of all kinds will be available for your ‘Thanksgiving gathering’ and will cost \$7.00. There will also be other baked goods for sale. Don’t miss it!

Men & Boys Corporate Communion—Next Sunday, November 27th. All men & boys are invited to attend the 8:15 AM service and then go to the parish hall where they will enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by the ladies and a presentation by **Doug Thorpe** on growing up as a “missionary kid” in the Congo. Plan on joining us for this wonderful event. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex for breakfast reservation!

Our preteens and teens who are preparing for confirmation will have a retreat weekend on December 16-17. If you haven’t been confirmed and want to be when the Bishop comes in January, this is your last chance to prepare for this sacrament, so touch base with Mary+ immediately. For everyone else, please pray for the seven young people who are readying themselves for an adult affirmation of their faith!

Got Costumes? Do you have animal costumes left over from Halloween that might work for our children’s pageant for the Advent and Christmas season (December 11th)? If you do, please let **Kathy Jimerson** know as we plan a new and exiting pageant for this year.

Want to go to brunch? Sunday, December 4, (Note: change of date) after the 10:30 AM service the ‘Brunch Group’ will be going to **Famous Dave’s Bar-B-Que**, 7009 W Broad Street. If you are interested in going, contact **Jeannie Riddick**, 264-0935.

The Altar Guild is in need of the large juice cans for the altar flower each Sunday that goes to our sick or homebound.

Stewardship Scripture: *“The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage, but everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty”.* (Proverbs 21:5)

COMMUNICATION CARD

November 20, 2011

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:

- Music
- Altar Guild
- Office help
- Christian Ed
- Outreach
- Ushers
- Chalice Bearer
- Greeters
- Pastoral Care
- Readers
- Prayer Team
- _____

Prayer Requests / Comments

Attendance, November 13, 2011

8:15 am: 10 10:30 am: 99

COMMUNICATION CARD

November 20, 2011

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: Virginia & West Virginia

In The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: St. Paul's-on-the-Hill, Winchester; Emmanuel, Alexandria; Falls Church, Falls Church; Meade Memorial, White Post; St. Clement's, Alexandria.

In the Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer we pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy marriages; for constructive, safe, and caring households for the bringing up and nurturing of children and caring for the elderly. For advocates who are willing to put their lives on the line for the sake of others; for all who fight for the rights of persons who cannot fight for themselves.

In the Lakeside Churches Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Our Lady of Lourdes, Robert Spencer, Pastor.

Prayers for our Service Men and Women: Ashby Carver, 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, Charles McMurdo, Harry Wood, 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, Denise Hornberger & John Renner — dear friends 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 Hoffecker— aunt of Diana Stone, Donna Dumas—friend of Sarah Jenkins, the extended Keny family in Sudan, Leslie Wildman—friend of the Holden's, 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, Patricia Hardy—ECW friend of Kathy Jimerson, Lisa Binmoeller—friend of Diane Major, Mary Stockdell— daughter-in-law of Susan Josenhans.

Prayers for the departed: Ed & Lou Giles

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 Service

Usher: Tad Blackburn

Reader: Gray Corbett

Chalicer: Gray Corbett

10:30 Service

Ushers: Eddie Johnson, George Baynes, Herb Williams, Cory Isemann

Acolyte: Garrett Russell, Caroline Couturier, Lucas Couturier, Sara Lassiter

Reader: Sarah Fore

Prayer Leader: Ann Schaefer

Chalicer: Sarah Fore, Ann Schaefer

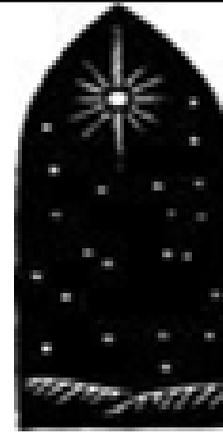
Vestry Greeters: Ron Fitts, Nancy Sonne

Altar Guild: Jean Riddick, Charlotte Lovelace

Nursery: Cheri Blackwell, Terri Cadavid

Coffee Hour: The Tucks

Counters—Scott & Cheri Blackwell



The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Last Sunday after Pentecost:

Christ the King

November 20, 2011

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:

I am grateful for all who made our congregational meeting such a wonderful event last week, and I am also deeply grateful that the Vestry has voted to transform my relationship with Epiphany from a time-limited contract as Priest-in-Charge to a Rectorship. We now await the Bishop's approval of this change.

What does this change mean to us as a parish? From a practical standpoint, very little. A Priest-in-Charge functions as a rector in all ways. The only difference is whether the call is for a fixed period of time or one whose duration is defined by the Holy Spirit. However, it feels different to know that your priest will remain here for the foreseeable future rather than for only three years. It is good to know that, barring unforeseen events, we will not have to enter into a search process any time soon. It is good for me as well, since I like to think of our work together as an organic process that may take us a while. For some people three years – the term of the original agreement – is a long time. For me, it is just a starting point in ministry together and I am grateful that we now have the time, should the Bishop concur, to discern where God will lead us together.

You faith in the process we have been engaged in, and in me as your priest, has inspired me, and I am looking forward to seeing what the years will bring.

Blessings,

Mary+