On the Calendar and Coming up

Sunday, February 26th

8:15 AM– Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM—Adult Forum
10:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM– Holy Eucharist
12:00 PM—Worship Committee Mtg.

Youth Lunch & Movie after the service

Monday, February 27th

11:00 AM— No Book Club
7:00 PM–JRRingers

Tuesday, February 28th

12:00 noon—Men's Bible class & lunch in the parish hall
7:00 PM—Sit N Stitch gathering in the parlor

Wednesday, February 29th

12:00 noon —Holy Eucharist with healing Prayers
Lenten Program here
5:45 PM—Light Supper
6:30 PM—Lenten program
7:15PM—Compline
7:15 PM–Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, March 1st

9:30—AM—Lamb's Basket Volunteers (Clients)
5:30 PM—Jackson Hewitt dinner (using the parish hall)- Aggie Gallagher
7:00 PM—Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 3rd

8:30 AM—Outreach Feeding program—**Chapter 4 Team**
10:30 AM —St. Giles Gate Program

Sunday, March 4th

8:15 AM– Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM—Adult Forum
10:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM– Holy Eucharist
12:30—2:30 PM—BARK WALK—the middle school Activity

Adult Forum: We begin our Lenten series today entitled *"Living Lent with Mary".* Although we are most used to hearing about Mary, the mother of God, during Advent and Christmas, she is as powerful presence at the end of Jesus' life as she is at the beginning. Each session will have a reflection on how Mary teaches us to be disciples, as well as questions for discussion. We will meet each Sunday at 9:30 AM in the parlor.

Monday Book Club: The Monday morning book group will resume our conversation about *"An Altar in the World"* on Monday at 11 AM in the parlor.

Men's Bible Study: Tuesday, February 28th @ noon. Bring a bag lunch and your Bible.

Resources in the Narthex: Did you know you can find copies of sermons, copies of the newsletter and sign-up sheets of various sorts in the entry hallway (narthex) to the church? Please pick them up and pass them along to a friend or neighbor who might enjoy them. There is currently a sign up sheet if you do not have a name tag—please add your name to the list if your name tag has gone missing or if you have never had one. It's a help for those of us who have senior moments and forget names sometimes (including your priest!).

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!

Attendance, February 19, 2012
8:15 am: 16 10:30 am: 87

A Worship Committee meeting is scheduled for today after the 10:30 AM service, in the parlor.

Shrine Mont Yard Sale—Doing some Spring Cleaning? Need to get rid of some slightly used, unbroken stuff? Well, the Shrine Mont Committee Yard Sale will be in the Spring this year—**Saturday, April 28th** from 8:00 AM to Noon. Please bring your items to the parish hall and make sure it is marked for the yard sale. Please no books or clothes.

You're Invited: to a 50th Wedding Anniversary party in honor of **Herb** and **Anita Williams**! It will be on March 17th 3-6 PM at the Hermitage Country Club. Please RSVP by March 2nd to their daughter Stephanie at aslsrutledge@verizon.net or call Christine @ 360-0402. *Please let your presence be their present!* Attire: Business casual.

Save the Date: Once again, we'll be forming a group to go to the Flying Squirrels ballgame on Faith and Family night—Saturday, June 2. This year, we will go for slightly more expensive tickets ($10.00 each as opposed to $5.00 last year) so we don't have to climb up to the highest reaches of the stadium to get to our seats. We had 70+ people last year—let's see if we can bring even more folks, not just our own parishioners, but friends and extended family. It should be, well, nutzy!

Want to go to brunch in March? Sunday, March 25th after the 10:30 AM service, the 'Brunch Group' will be going to **Nick's Roman Terrace,** @ the Westland Shopping Center, for lunch. If you are interested in going, contact **Jeannie Riddick,** 264-0935 or call **Lucy** in the office, 266-2503.

Suffragan Bishop to be Elected: the Nominating Committee announced a slate of six nominees for bishop suffragan in their Final Report, available on the diocesan Website. Nominees will participate in a series of walkabouts around the Diocese March 19-23, when all members of the diocese will have a chance to learn more about each of them. We will have one at St. James, March 23 from 7–9:30 pm. Questions will not be received from the floor during these walkabouts. Carpooling is recommended.

News for the newsletter is due by Monday, February 27th!

CARITAS returns to Epiphany! Once again, Epiphany will host a Caritas group in conjunction with the folks from Emmanuel Brook Hill. We will have our guests with us from Saturday evening May 12, through Saturday morning May 19. To make things move a bit smoother, Epiphany will be responsible for everything for the first 4 days and Emmanuel will take over for the final 3 days. There will be many opportunities to serve and we will have a sign up sheet early in April. Call **Paul Jones** 346-0492 with any questions.

COMMUNICATION CARD
February 26, 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
February 26, 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: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
In The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: St. Mary's, Fleeton; St. Matthew's, Richmond; St. Stephen's, Heathsville; Christ Ascension, Richmond; Trinity, Charlottesville.
In the Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer we pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in Metropolitan Richmond: For enhancement of our common life in Jesus' Name through the Holy Spirit and for the Resurrection of metropolitan Richmond as a modern metropolitan city of hope for the world.
In the Lakeside Churches Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Bethlehem Baptist, Rev. Mark Holland, Pastor.
Prayers for those expecting a child: Matt & Leslie Guyer
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, Dave Van Valkenburg, Carl Burley, Ray Hampton, Jean Craver, Peggy Adleman, Sarah Jenkins, Dottie Strabley, Marian Noe, Sue Rasmussen, Lynne Eppes, Bea 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 Hoffecker—aunt of Diana Stone, Donna Dumas—friend of Sarah Jenkins, the extended Kenyi family in Sudan, 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, Heather—friend of Melissa Durrer, Stuart & Jean Swink—sister & brother-in-law of Irene Morris, Jeniffer Sodill—friend of Karen Holden, Ethel Eule—friend of Ann Poates, Kent Jenkins—brother of Sarah Jenkins, Maya Fitts—granddaughter of Ron & Paula Fitts, Aubrey Phillips—friend of Bob & Kathy Jimerson.

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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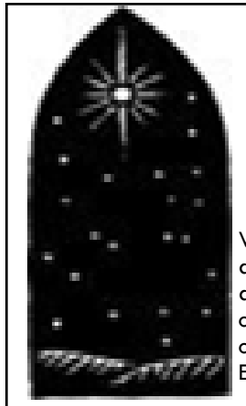
Today's Ministers

8:15 Holy Eucharist
Usher: Walter Reid
Reader: Ann Schaefer
Chalicer: Ann Schaefer

10:30 Holy Eucharist
Ushers: Scott Blackwell, Milton Jenkins, Paul Jones, Noel Elionai
Acolyte: Stephanie Holden, Zack Nixon, Bailey Nixon, Hunter Mitchell
Readers: David Tuck, Jeri Townley
Prayer Leader: Ann Schaefer
Chalicer: Herb Williams, Ann Schaefer
Vestry Greeters: Tad Blackburn, Ann Henderson
Altar Guild: Dottie Strabley, Lucy Whitlock, Connie Neal
Nursery: Cheri Blackwell, Terri Cadavid
Coffee Hour: Martha Jenkins, Tillie Freeze
Counters—Wayne & Lucy Whitlock



The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS
The First Sunday in Lent
February 26, 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:

During Lent, we are called to stop and think, to pray and study, to fast and to serve. We are preparing ourselves to walk alongside of our Lord and Savior as he turns to Jerusalem, to the week of his passion and death, and to his glorious resurrection. We do this preparation not because we have forgotten what happened during Jesus' life, but because we sometimes forget what it means in our own lives. To fully appreciate the glory that is Easter, we have to see what Jesus' life and death mean in our own life.

First and foremost, we are asked to stop. Stop running around like the incredibly busy and preoccupied people we are. Stop thinking that getting all the errands run is the most important thing. Stop thinking that if we get to the office a half hour earlier everything will get done and the boss will laud our efforts. Stop and sit still for a bit.
Only when we stop and catch our breath can we become aware of Christ's presence in our world and in us. And only when we are aware of him can we reflect on how our lives are (or are not) in accordance with what he taught us.

So the gift of this season is permission – indeed, it is almost a command – to stop what you're doing, sit down, and wait for the Lord. He will be there. He has been there all along, waiting for you to be quiet enough to be aware of him with you. Stop, and begin to live again!

Blessings

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