

**On the Calendar and Coming up**

**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 AM— Holy Eucharist  
9:30 AM—Adult Forum  
10:15 AM—Sunday School  
10:30 AM— Holy Eucharist  
2:00 PM—Memorial Service for Jean Craver

**Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 AM—Book Club  
7:00 PM —JRRingers!

**Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

12:00 noon —Holy Eucharist with healing Prayers  
7:00 PM—Al-Anon Meeting  
7:00 PM—Handbell Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:30 AM—Lamb’s Basket Volunteers (Clients)  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM—Outreach Feeding Program—**The Vestry Team**  
10:30 AM—St. Giles Gate Program

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 AM— Holy Eucharist— Women’s Corporate Communion & Breakfast  
9:30 AM—No Adult Forum  
10:15 AM—Sunday School  
10:30 AM— Holy Eucharist

**Adult Forum:** There will be no adult forum next week (May 6<sup>th</sup>) because of the Women and Girls’ Corporate Communion & breakfast, but we will begin a new series on caring for God’s creation on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The series will run for several weeks, meeting every Sunday at 9:30 in the parlor. Come and learn about what Scripture says about the created world and how we can live into our baptismal covenant by living lightly on the earth.

**Men’s Bible Study Please note: Next Bible Study Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Monday Book Club:** Our book group will begin anew on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM, with Richard Rohr’s *"Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life"*. We have ordered a small quantity of the books—if you are interested in getting one of them and participating in the book group, please reimburse us \$13.00 to cover the cost of the book.

**Save the Date:** Women & Girls Corporate Communion & Breakfast, Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the 8:15 AM Service. The breakfast, cooked & served by the men of the parish, will follow the service. **Doug Thorpe** will speak on "Congo Chronicle". There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex for your breakfast reservation.

**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!

**Baptisms:** We are planning a service of Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> (Father’s Day!) If you or your child are not baptized and would like to take this next step in your spiritual journey, please let Mary+ know as soon as possible.

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

**The prayers & sympathy** of the congregation are extended to Sam Craver & family on the death of his wife, Jean Craver, who died on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. A Memorial Service will be held this afternoon at 2:00 PM with burial in the St. Francis Memorial Garden. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Still Collecting Personal Care Products:** In May, we will be hosting CARITAS again, this time with an all-male client group. We want to gather more personal care products for these men without a permanent residence, so if you could donate things like disposable razors, shave cream, soap or body wash, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, they would be greatly appreciated. Please put them in the purple tub outside the parish hall.

**Welcoming New Members:** What made you feel most welcomed when you first came to Epiphany? Was it a warm greeting, an invitation to participate in an activity, the love bestowed on your children in Sunday School? How did you learn about all the things that we do and how we do them? We are planning a Newcomer Welcome Gathering in the very near future and we are looking for a warm-hearted person to head up that gathering, willing hands to help with it, and ideas for what can help folks become a part of our family most effectively. Let Mary+ or Gray Corbett know if you’re interested and/or have ideas.

**Want to go to brunch in May?** Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 AM service, the ‘Brunch Group’ will be going to lunch at **Yen Ching**, 9033 West Broad Street. If you are interested in going, contact **Jeannie Riddick**, 264-0935 or call **Lucy** in the office, 266-2503.

**Last day of Sunday School** will be May 20th. Certificates of attendance will be given out that day during the 10:30 service.

*My Dear Church Family,*

*I cannot find the words to express adequately our appreciation for your compassionate concern for our family during the time of Dave’s failing health and subsequent death. Knowing that you cared gave me great comfort these past few months. Thank you all who worked to make it a lovely reception after the Memorial Service. You are very special people to me.*

*Please keep our family in your prayers as we seek God’s peace.*

*Gratefully,*

*Betty Van Valkenburg*

**Attendance, April 22, 2012**  
**8:15 am: 21 10:30 am: 52**

**COMMUNICATION CARD**

April 29, 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      |
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| <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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## COMMUNICATION CARD

April 29, 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 

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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:** Kenya

**In The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:** St. Martin's, Doswell; St. George's, Fredericksburg; Hanover with Brunswick, King George; Christ Church, Middlesex.

**In the Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer** we pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For spiritual renewal, leading to prayer and care for all regardless of race, national origin, religion, income or neighborhood.

**In the SAMS Prayer Calendar:** We pray for Frank & Shawnee Lyons in Bolivia, Kym McDaniel in Perú and Janine LeGrand in Uganda.

**In the Lakeside Churches Cycle of Prayer we pray for:** Church of the Epiphany, Rev. Mary Thorpe.

**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, Carl Burley, Ray Hampton, Peggy Adleman, Sarah Jenkins, Dottie Strabley, Marian Noe, Sue Rasmussen, Lynne Eppes, Dot Hudson, Bea Byrd, Mary Ruder, Roseanne Stockwell, Ruth Williams, Juliet Wynne, Kathryn Cook—friend of Connie Neal, 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 Hoffercker—sister 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, The Rev. Charles Poindexter, Selethia Ann Riley—niece of Ann Schaefer, Shirley & Gary Peper—sister & brother-in-law of Lucy Whitlock, Nick McDaniel & family—friend of Rebekah Donovan

**Prayers for the departed:** Walke Truxtun Noe, Jean Craver

## 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 Holy Eucharist

**Usher:** Chris Tignor

**Reader:** Gray Corbett

**Chalice:** Gray Corbett

### 10:30 Holy Eucharist

**Ushers:** Chris Tignor, Randy Holden, Jeff Pegram, Jim Eppes

**Acolyte:** Megan Tignor, Caroline Couturier, Hana Elionai, Garrett Russell

**Readers:** Stacy Mitchell

**Prayer Leader:** Ann Schaefer

**Chalice:** Stacy Mitchell, Sarah Fore

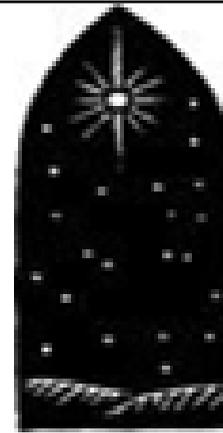
**Vestry Greeters:** Gray Corbett, Patty White

**Altar Guild:** Joyce Melton, Karen Holden, Carol York

**Nursery:** Joy Baynes, Peggy Wilson

**Coffee Hour:** Ellie & David Tuck

**Counters:** Darel & Aggie Gallagher



## The Church of the Epiphany

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 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:

What are your hot buttons? You know, the things that set your teeth on edge, that aggravate you, that make you just a little bit crazy. I had a hot button moment this past week trying to figure out what I really owed the City of Richmond for my personal property tax. I know mistakes happen, and I was happy to talk with a person at the tax office to try and sort it out...until she made me feel like I was stupid for not intuiting the office's mistake. The good news was that I owed less than the bill said. The bad news is that the exchange with her put me in a bad mood for a good two hours. And at the heart of it, I think I was upset because my expectations (proper addition and subtraction, professional demeanor on the phone, a clear answer that I trusted at the end of the conversation) were not met.

We are creatures of expectation. Often when they are not met, we are unhappy or annoyed, as I was. But I found myself thinking about the times when I have not met others' expectations, especially God's expectations of me. For me, annoyance about an incorrect tax bill raises my blood pressure a tad. But then I reflect on how I often fail to meet God's expectations of me, and I am grateful that He doesn't get just as aggravated with me!

In that moment, I realize that in this imperfect world, we may be disappointed. Our expectations may not be met. But if we can show the same grace to those who disappoint us as God shows us, perhaps we leave open the door for grace that will help the person improve. If God is gracious enough to do it for us, we might try to pass it on!

Blessings

Mary+