

**On the Calendar and Coming up**

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

8:15 AM— Holy Eucharist  
9:30 AM—Adult Forum  
10:15 AM—Sunday School  
10:30 AM— Holy Eucharist  
**Youth lunch & laser tag**

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

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

**Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 AM— Holy Eucharist  
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**Adult Forum:** Today’s Adult Forum will be on Diocesan Council: what happened, what didn’t, what it all means for us in this parish at this time. Next Week we’ll begin a new series on the apostles—what do we know about them, what role did they fulfill in Jesus’ ministry and in that of the early church, what are the traditions of the church about them? For some of them, we know a great deal. For others, very little. Why? Come and see for the next few Sundays at 9:30 am in the Parlor.

**Monday Book Club:** Our Monday morning book group has start a new book, Barbara Brown Taylor’s *"An Altar in the World"*.

**Men’s Bible Study:** Next month, Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup> @ noon. Bring a bag lunch and your Bible.

**E-Giving:** As part of your pledging, you may find it easier to keep up with your giving by using our simple E-Giving online system. Talk to **Gray Corbett** or **Herb Williams** if you have any questions. It’s safe, secure and simple, and saves you remembering your checkbook!

**Printer Cartridges?** Please bring your used printer cartridges in and drop them off in the marked box in the office. With the parish’s Staples Rewards card, we can get credits from recycling them, and that will reduce our cost of office supplies.

**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 28<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Teens:** If you are now in high school and have not become part of our youth group, please do let Mary+ or Diana Stone know. Lots of fun stuff going on (even the Book N Bake Sales are fun, you know) that you don’t want to miss.

**Giving is Good:** please continue to bring non-perishable food for Lamb’s Basket, your old cell phones which can be converted for victims of domestic violence, 2012 calendars for incarcerated men through the Kairos ministry, and used print cartridges which we use for Staples Rewards to get office supplies. Each of these small things helps many in big ways. The food goes into the baskets in the hallway just outside the sanctuary, the cell phones, calendars and the print cartridges go to the marked containers in the office.

**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!

**Got an event to schedule?** Please check the master calendar in the office on Lucy’s desk to make sure it doesn’t conflict with a previously planned event. We hope to have a way to have the whole year’s schedule online on our website, but for now, our traditional paper calendar will do the trick!

**Want to go to brunch in February?** Sunday, February 19, after the 10:30 AM service the ‘Brunch Group’ will be going to **Calabash**, 7514 Lee Davis Road, Mechanicsville, for lunch. If you are interested in going, contact **Jeannie Riddick**, 264-0935 or call **Lucy** in the office, 266-2503.

**Pick up your 2012 Envelopes** that are on the table in the hall. If you haven’t received one and would like envelopes. Please let us know in the office.

**COMMUNICATION CARD**

January 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:**

- Music
- Altar Guild
- Office help
- Christian Ed
- Outreach
- Ushers
- Chalice Bearer
- Greeters
- Pastoral Care
- Readers
- Prayer Team
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**Prayer Requests / Comments**

**Attendance, January 22, 2012**  
**8:15 am: 16    10:30 am: 78**

## COMMUNICATION CARD

January 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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 of Burundi

**In The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:** Diocesan Council

**In the Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer we pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism:** To experience the victory of Jesus' resurrection over all personal and institutional results of racism and racial inequality in this metropolitan city.

**In the Lakeside Churches Cycle of Prayer we pray for:** Lakeside Presbyterian, Richard Mahlmann, Pastor.

**Prayers for our Service Men and Women:** 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 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, Bea & Francis 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, 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, Lisa Binmoeller—friend of Diane Major, Mary Stockdell—daughter-in-law of Susan Josenhans, Rose Woodell—friend of Kathy & Bob Jimerson, Heather—friend of Melissa Durrer, Stuart & Jean Swink—sister & brother-in-law of Irene Morris, Jeniffer Sodill—friend of Karen Holden.

**Prayers for the departed:** Charles & Louise McMurdo

**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 Holy Eucharist

**Usher:** George Baynes

**Reader:** Ann Schaefer

**Chalicer:** Ann Schaefer

#### 10:30 Holy Eucharist

**Ushers:** Beth Lassiter, Aggie Gallagher, Shirley Hughson, Diana Stone

**Acolyte:** Hunter Mitchell, Ava Whittlesey, Camille Wood, Stephanie Holden

**Readers:** Sarah Fore

**Prayer Leader:** Sandy Ruder

**Chalicer:** Paul Dolci, Sarah Fore

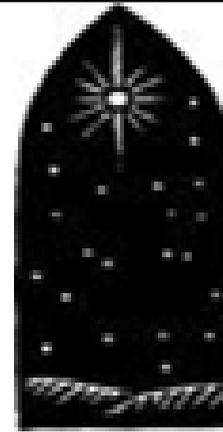
**Vestry Greeters:** Brian White, Gray Corbett

**Altar Guild:** Jean Riddick, Charlotte Lovelace

**Nursery:** Karen & Stephanie Holden

**Coffee Hour:** Joyce Whitlock, Lucy Whitlock, Dottie Strabley

**Counters**—Wayne & Lucy Whitlock



## The Church of the Epiphany

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 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:

Diocesan Council is one of those events that are a trial to us introverts – lots of wonderful things going on, but too much all at once! But in the midst of the busy-ness and the noise, there are moments of pure joy. Getting the chance to have a quiet conversation with a friend, seeing some of the amazing things our young people around the diocese are doing, prayer and worship services, singing in the diocesan choir.

It is often hard to peel away the stress of all the hundred things at come at us each day and see these little gems of beauty and peace underneath. We've been talking about this in our Monday book group – opening your eyes to be aware of the myriad little surprising joys that God leaves scattered like leaves on the ground, waiting for us to notice them. This week, mine was the startlingly red head of a woodpecker at our feeder, so bright on a gray damp day.

Think of the joys in your life: the moment you realize your head cold has gone away, the evening when your child does his homework without prodding, the smile on the face of the toddler in the cart ahead of yours on the grocery store checkout line, a hot cup of tea and a good book.

Our lives are a necklace constructed of the shimmering pearls of these moments, interspersed with the onyx beads of our challenges and trials. We may think the necklace is nothing but dark beads, but if we open our eyes and our hearts we might see the pearls around us. The wonderful thing is that the more we allow ourselves to look for them, the more we find. The pearls outnumber the onyx beads, if we only seek them.

Open your eyes. Open your hearts. Find the pearls in unexpected places and moments, and rejoice!

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