

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sun. August 20th

8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM—Adult Forum
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist

Lunch Bunch going to Lowery's in Tappahannock.

Tue. August 22nd

6:30 PM—Vestry Mtg.

Wed. August 23rd

12:00 Noon—H.E. with Healing Prayers

Thurs. August 24th

9:30 AM—Lamb's Basket Volunteers (Clients)
6:30 PM—Handbell Rehearsal

Sat. August 26th

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM—workday sprucing up the Sunday School rooms

Sun. August 27th

8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM—Adult Forum
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist

NO YOGA during August!

Stewardship verse: 1 Timothy 5:6:

The widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives.

Lambs Basket is in need of FOOD!

Their shelves are almost empty. Please help!!! Let's remember to bring some items each Sunday. With the schools out for the summer they are in need of food geared toward children's lunches. Let's help them out by bringing a can or two!

LADIES HOLD THE DATE!

For all those ladies who joined us for a good time in June, we've scheduled our next Ladies Night Out! And, if you missed the last event, this is your golden opportunity to join us for another fun filled evening! Just check with any of the attendees and they'll tell what a great time they had!

**SEPTEMBER 15TH
at 7 pm
in the Parish Hall**

Please bring a beverage and a snack to share and we will supply the music, creative activities, fun and fellowship!

Vestry Meeting Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:30 PM.

News for the September newsletter is due on Tuesday, August 29th. Please get your articles in ASAP.

This morning we welcome as our preacher, Friar John Ogle, SF. Please give him a hearty welcome during coffee hour in the parish hall!

The prayers & sympathy of the congregation are extended to Nancy Sonne on the death of her sister-in-law, Alice Carr, who died on Friday, August 11th. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Summer Office Hours : Lucy is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am to 12 noon. Call before stopping by to make sure someone is here to let you in.

Want to go to lunch today? after the 10:30 AM service the 'lunch bunch' will be going as a group to **Lowery's Restaurant**, 528 N. Church Lane, Tappahannock. If you are interested in going, contact **Jeannie Riddick**, 264-0935 or call the office, 266-2503.

Mike Nicholas has two 'Thank You' cards in the parish hall for all to sign, one going to *Allstate Chimney* and the other one going to *All American Power Washing* to acknowledge our appreciation for their work here at the church.

Let's get ready for the Church School Year! Could you help spruce-up the parish hall basement to get ready for the upcoming Sunday School year? We are having a workday from **9:00 am—12:30 pm on Saturday, August 26th**. Let's show our appreciation for the teachers and students by making their space sparkle. If you can help on the 26th or on another date, please contact **Scott Blackwell** at 804 868-6489 or rsblackwell88@gmail.com

A BIG Thank You to Gary Doughtery, owner of **SWIFT TREE SERVICE** for "dropping" the three large dead oak trees at the church parking lot and climbing the Chestnut tree behind the parish hall and dropping it. He also provided his team to grind all the limbs and haul away, at a significantly reduced price. This was at **NO COST to the church**. Gary has been in business for many years and is licensed and insured. He takes down trees that others turn away and at significantly reduced prices as compared to others. If you have a need for his services, please consider **SWIFT TREE SERVICE @ 804 614-4589**.

Many thanks to all who helped take care of the church buildings and grounds while I was visiting my family in Africa. It was comforting to know that things were well cared for while I was away. Timon Kenyi

Attendance: August 13, 2017

8:15 am 12 10:30 am 104

COMMUNICATION CARD

August 20, 2017

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

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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?

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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 Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Workplaces and Businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For economic development in depressed portions of the city, fir the establishment of businesses that will create new employment opportunities.

In the SAMS Prayer Calendar we pray for: the Hicks family in the Solomon Islands.

In the Lakeside Churches Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church

Prayers for our Service Men and Women: Benjamin Hoffert, Patrick Lineberry, Caitlin Mitchell, Bryan Murphy, Billy Tucker, Andrew Smith and Tyler Watts.

For the Birth of a Child: Matt & Leslie Guyer

New to the Prayer List: Marvin Blizzard—friend of Mike Nicholas

Parishioners: Dot Hudson, Dottie Strabley, Mike Young, Lydia Callaway, Caroline Hager

Homebound: Peggy Adleman, Sarah Fore, Ray Hampton, Ray & Charlotte Lovelace, Connie Neal, Juliet Wynne;

Family & Friends: Michael Abraham—cousin of Sandy Ruder & Denise Russell, Dave Holsapple—Stacy Mitchell friend, Norma Hanko—Lucy Whitlock's mother, John Stone IV — John Stone's father, Sawyer Perkins—friend of Maura & Cora Whitlock, Sara Mateyka—friend of Megan O'Toole, Rev. Mitties DeChamplain—friend of Fr. Andrew Reinholz, Sydney Dunn—daughter of Chip Dunn, Andy & Carolyn Holden—Randy Holden's parents, Roy Huskins—cousin of Mike Nicholas

Prayers for the departed: Herbert & Glenna Williams; Alice Carr —Nancy Sonne sister-in-law

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

Father Andrew Reinholz
Rector

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8000 Hermitage Road
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8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist

Usher: Tad Blackburn

Reader: Sam Craver

Chalice:

10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist

Ushers: Jeff Pegram, Karen Holden, Brent Crawford, Billy Tucker

Acolytes: Logan Abernathy, Nick Ludwig

Lessons: David Tuck, B.J. Mills

Prayers: B.J. Mills

Chalice: Herb Williams, B.J. Mills

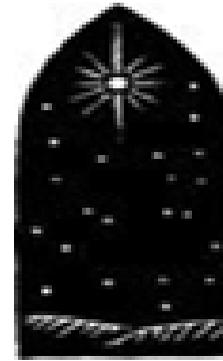
Vestry Greeters: Karen Holden, Vivien Mitchell

Altar Guild: Karen & Randy Holden, Cheryl Lineberry

Nursery: Gail Wood, Dwight Ludwig, Scott Blackwell

Coffee Hour: Vivien Mitchell, Mary Sam Abernathy

Counters: Gray Corbett, Jean Riddick



The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2017

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.

Introducing the Lessons

1st Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

Our Hebrew scripture lesson relates a decisive moment in the story of Joseph as he reveals himself to his brothers, who then journey home to tell their father Jacob that his son is still alive. The brothers are at first overwhelmed by the discovery that the brother they had sold into slavery is now Pharaoh's right-hand man. Joseph tells them not to be upset: this had all been part of God's plan to preserve Israel during the coming time of famine.

2nd Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

In this reading Paul sets forth his belief that God plans to bring Jews as well as Gentiles to salvation. This apostle to the Gentiles continues to wrestle with a difficult question: why is it that so many of Jesus' own people have not accepted him as the Christ? God has not rejected the Jewish people who were foreknown, yet now Jews and Gentiles are equal in that all have been disobedient to God. In the next step the Jewish people will see the mercy shown to the Gentiles and want themselves to share in it in their own way.

Gospel: Matthew 15:10-28

In our gospel Jesus teaches that the thoughts and intentions of the human heart are paramount. Jesus warns against such blind guides preoccupied with externals. He then travels beyond the boundaries of Israel to the territory of Tyre and Sidon and encounters a Canaanite woman who beseeches him to heal her daughter. The first Christians were unsure whether they were to offer the faith to non-Jews, and the give-and-take in this story may reflect their uncertainty. Jesus sees his own mission as confined to Israel, but the woman's faith causes him to give her the bread she asks for. Symbolically it is the saving food of the gospel which heals her daughter.