

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sunday, Dec. 11th
8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM—Worship Committee Mtg.
9:30 AM—Adult Forum
10:15 AM—Sun. School
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, Dec. 13th
5:30 PM—YOGA
7:00 PM—JRRingers

Wed. Dec. 14th
12:00 PM—H.E. with Healing Prayers

Thursday, Dec. 15th
9:30 AM—Lamb’s Basket Volunteers —Clients
6:15 PM—Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM —Handbell Rehearsal

Saturday, Dec. 17th
10:00 AM —Altar Guild Mtg. & polish the brass

Sunday, Dec. 18th
8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM—Last series of ‘Everything you wanted to know about the Episcopal Church’
10:15 AM—Sun. School
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist
6:30 PM —Chapter 5 Holiday Get-together at home of Mary Sam Abernathey

YOGA Tuesday!

Book Club is taking a hiatus til January.

Stewardship verse: Luke 16:11-13: (Jesus said) “So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.”

Lamb’s Basket is in need of constant donations. Please remember to bring a can or two each Sunday to help them out and keep their shelves filled.

Please Note: We have some large print Prayer Books on the table in the narthex.

Lay Pastoral Care: If you or someone you know is in need of non-emergency pastoral care, please call the church office, 266-2503 and leave a message for Lay Pastoral Care—Phone Mail Box 5. Please include your name and phone number and your call will be returned within the next day or two.

The Worship Committee would like to let you know that you are invited to announce requests for prayers during the service, just before the prayers of the people begin. This is one more way to help us know who may need help and prayers, especially those that come up after the bulletin has been printed.

Blue Christmas—For many people, the holidays can be a difficult time of year. They can remind us of loved ones we have lost and other tragic events that have happened in our lives. On Wednesday, December 21st at 6:30 pm we will be holding a “Blue Christmas” Eucharist. This will be a more reflective, and somber worship setting. All are welcomed.

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to Crystal Sarvay and Jessica Isemann & families on the death of their father/grandfather, Jack Patterson on Saturday, November 26th. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

The last series of **“Everything You Wanted to Know About the Episcopal Church”** has been rescheduled for Sunday, December 18th at 9:15 AM in the parlor.

Bishop is visiting on Sunday, January 8th. We will be celebrating the new ministry of Father Andrew as our rector and we will also be presenting some of our youth for confirmation. **We will be holding only one service at 2:30 PM.** The two regular services will not be held. We hope you all can attend this special day as we officially welcome our new rector and celebrate this important milestone for our teenagers.

Caroling at WMC — If you like to sing, join us following the soup & bread luncheon on December 18 as we leave to carol to our members at Westminster Canterbury. There will be sign-up sheet in the narthex to help us plan this event. Our youth choir will play handchimes, but all of our voices are needed to share in singing the carols. No talent needed—just the love of a good carol and of our Epiphany family at WMC.

The Annual Soup & Bread luncheon to follow the children’s pageant is next Sunday, December 18 after the 10:30 AM service. Get in touch with **Beth Lassiter, 754-1540**, if you can bring a pot of soup or bread.

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! Deadline for bringing items for the tree is December 13th.

Shrine Mont Committee is selling Epiphany Christmas ornaments for \$5.00 the next 2 Sundays.

Get your orders in for a poinsettia—\$15.00.

Chapter 5 Holiday Get-Together to be held on Sunday, December 18 at 6:30 pm at the home of Mary Sam Abernathy. Those interested could ask any Chapter 5 member for details.

Altar Guild meeting and polishing the brass is scheduled for Saturday, December 17th at 10:00 AM. I urge all altar guild members to be present. Father Andrew will be with us to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Of course, we are willing to train anyone who is interested in joining our team, men or women, come on and join us!

Christmas Service schedule:

Blue Christmas Eucharist —December 21st at 6:30 PM

Christmas Eve Dec. 24— 4:00 PM—Family Eucharist Service
10:30 PM—Festive Eucharist Service

Sunday, Christmas Day, December 25 will only be one service at 8:15 AM. No music.

Attendance: December 4, 2016
8:15 am 17 10:30 am 53

COMMUNICATION CARD

December 11, 2016

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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COMMUNICATION CARD

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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 families of Metropolitan Richmond: For persons who are lonely or have no family; for persons who are estranged from their families; for persons who are grieving the loss of a loved one; and for all who need to feel the love of God.

In the SAMS Prayer Calendar we pray for: the Whitaker family, the Benton family and the Blaine family in Cambodia.

In the Lakeside Churches Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Lakeside Baptist Church, the Rev. Dr. Becky Gunter, pastor

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

New to the Prayer List: Brian Rojas—son-in-law of George & Joy Baynes, Norma Hanko—Lucy Whitlock's mother

Parishioners: Dot Hudson, Dottie Strabley, Bob Jimerson, Carol Burley, Sarah Jenkins, Mike Young, Carolyn Hager, Michael Whittlesey, Lydia Callaway, Ina Stickel, Jeannie Riddick, Martha Jenkins, Kathy Nicholas, Chuck Strabley, Charlotte Lovelace;

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

Family & Friends: Mary Stockdell—daughter-in-law of Susan Josenhans, Rick Lawrence —Jan Lawrence's son, Luke Murphy—Ray & Charlotte Lovelace's great-grandson, James McCoy—Sue Rasmussen's friend, Mary Anna Phillips—friend of Sue Rasmussen, Karen Rood—sister of Jeri Anne Townley, Andy & Carolyn Holden —Randy Holden's parents, Joe Serrano—John & Diana Stone's nephew, Hope Lineberry—Cheryl Lineberry's granddaughter, Suzanne Scary—Chuck Strabley's niece, Lelo Russell—Denise Russell's mother-in-law, Dave Holsapple—friend of Stacy Mitchell, Tim Blackburn—Tad Blackburn's father, Erica—friend of Patty White, Murielle Bazuzi—sister-in-law of Frosine Corbett, Raymond Wodarski—friend of Johnny Stone, Kitty Jones—neighbor of John & Diana Stone, Bonnie Perdue—friend of Anne Hampton, Macy F. Doherty—Mom of Megan Nixon, Sawyer Perkins—friend of Maura & Cora Whitlock, Cass Lawrence—Aggie Gallagher's brother, Ricky Simmons—brother-in-law of Mike Nicholas, Michael Abraham & Lila Mickel Fischer —cousins of Sandy Ruder & Denise Russell, Mary Meyer—friend of B.J. Giannini, Paul Brooks—Anita Williams nephew, Darlene Swink—niece of Irene Morris, Patricia Barber—friend of Karen Holden.

Prayers for the departed: Jesse & Margaret Cook

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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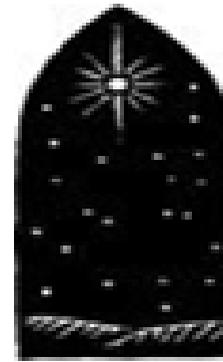
Today's Ministers

8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist

Usher: Lauryn Boyd
Reader: Sam Craver
Chalice: Harrison Higgins

10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist

Ushers: Jeff Pegram, Randy Holden, Brent Crawford
Acolytes: Austin White, Will Craver, Sam Tucker, Camille Wood
Lessons: Jeri Anne Townley, Cheri Blackwell
Prayers: Cheri Blackwell
Chalice: Herb Williams, Harrison Higgins
Vestry Greeters: Carol Campus, Susan Josenhans
Altar Guild: Dottie Strabley, Lucy Whitlock, Lauryn Boyd
Nursery: Gail Wood, Dwight Ludwig, Scott Blackwell
Coffee Hour: Diana Stone
Counter: Karen Holden



The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

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: Isaiah 35:1-10

In the reading from the Hebrew Bible the prophet envisions a time of abundance and healing for Israel. As when the people were led out of Egypt into the promised land, so this new return will be in the power of God. Retribution will fall upon the Lord's enemies, but there will be water in the wilderness for the redeemed. In words that are later used by Jesus to describe what is taking place in his ministry, the prophet foretells an age when the blind and deaf, the lame and dumb will be healed.

2nd Reading: James 5:7-10

This lesson is an exhortation to patient expectation in preparation for the coming of the Lord. One may learn from the farmer, who must wait for the crop to ripen, or from the prophets who bore suffering with patience. Such endurance excludes a grumbling blaming of one another. The Lord will come soon.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

In our gospel passage Jesus responds to a question from John the Baptist about his mission and then describes John's ministry. Jesus' answer to John's question suggests that people must make up their own minds about his role while observing the healings that are taking place in accordance with ancient prophecies. Those who hear Jesus are also to recognize that John is a prophet and more: he is the one who prepares for the Lord's coming.