

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sunday, Dec. 16th

8:15 am—**Holy Eucharist**
9:30 am—**Adult Education**
10:15 am—**Sun. School**
10:30 am—**Holy Eucharist**

Pageant practice & Pizza after the 10:30 service.

3:00—5:00 am— South Sudanese group

Monday, Dec. 17th

6:00 PM—Chapter 4 Christmas party at **Carol McElhinney**, 3409 Amburg Lane, Glen Allen, 23060

Tuesday, Dec. 18th

6:00 pm—Vestry Mtg.
7:00 pm—JRRingers

Wed. Dec. 19th

12:00 noon—H.E. with Healing Prayers

Thur. Dec. 20th

9:30 am—Lamb's Basket Volunteers (Clients)
6:15 pm— Choir
7:30 pm— Bells

Sunday, Dec. 23rd

8:15 am—**Holy Eucharist**
9:30 am—**Adult Education**
10:15 am—**Sun. School**
10:30 am—**Holy Eucharist**

Pageant & Soup & Bread Luncheon

3:00—5:00 pm — South Sudanese group

Come join the adult education forum

for the Advent and Christmas season. We will be using "Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas". This is a collection of short daily readings for reflection and prayer. Get a copy using Amazon Smile and support the Church of the Epiphany! We began last Sunday and will run to January 6th. All are welcomed!

The Lunch group will not be meeting during December,

we will be back with it in January. So mark January 20, we are going to the **Crazy Greek**, 3641 Cox Road. If you are interested in going, contact **Jeannie Riddick**, 264-0935 or call the office, 266-2503.

Time to order Poinsettias. Please let the office know who they are in memory of or in thanksgiving for. Cost is \$15.00. Deadline to order is Tuesday, December 18th.

Pageant practice today during and after church. They will have pizza after practice. **On Sunday, December 23,** children in the pageant need to arrive at 9:45 to get costumes on and practice once more before the pageant which starts at 10:30. We will have donuts and juice. After the pageant all are invited to the soup & bread luncheon with a special appearance from SANTA!

Bishop Ihloff will be here on Sunday, January 6th. If you are interested in having someone in your family baptized, renewing your faith, or formally being received into the Episcopal Church, please contact Father Andrew.

Due to the SNOW we just had, The Annual Christmas Pageant

will be next Sunday December 23rd during the 10:30 service, followed by the Soup & Bread lunch after the service.

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to

David Tuck & family on the death of his sister, Sandra Tuck Witten, who died on Sunday, December 2nd. Sandra was a former member of Epiphany. Details for the Memorial Service will come later. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Opportunities to Serve

Don't forget to sign up for Coffee Hour! Keep it simple — just some cookies, or fancy it up and add some grapes; plus coffee and lemonade for the kids. Please check the board outside of the kitchen—it is a wonderful time of fellowship. If you haven't done it before and are nervous about it, ask an "old hand" to partner with you!

Lighting Up Christmas Eve



If you are like me, the Christmas Eve service is a highlight of your holidays. This year, we would like to "light the way" to the service by putting luminaries all along the drive. To accomplish this, we will need money and volunteers (but don't we always). If you would like to volunteer some time to set up/take down the luminaries, please sign up on the table in the hall way. Set up will be before the 4:00 pm service and take down will be after the 10:30 pm service. If you would like to contribute to this process but are unable to volunteer, you can contribute money to the Luminaries Fund. Each luminary will cost about 55 cents. If you have any questions, please call **Lauryn Boyd**, 804.852.8102. Thank you.

The '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 TODAY, December 16th.

COMMUNICATION CARD

December 16, 2018

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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Attendance: December 2, 2018

8:15 AM 10 10:30 AM 69

COMMUNICATION CARD

December 16, 2018

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 the care and protection of infants, children and youth; and for the intimate knowledge that each one is a beloved child of God.

In the SAMS Prayer Calendar we pray for: Pray for April Sylvester in Ndola, Zambia, as she continues to mentor young adults through Bible studies and various exercise programs. Give thanks for her prayer and financial supporters.

In the Lakeside Churches Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Overbrook Presbyterian

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

For the Birth of a Child:

For those expecting a Child: Grant & Rachel Johnson Haywood, Russell & Elizabeth Jennette, Joseph & Sydney (Strabley) Melton

New to the Prayer List: Miles Booker Vinson—great-grandson of Sarah Fore; Jennifer White—Kim White's sister-in-law, Sherrie Bogie—friend & coworker of Marty Shephard

Parishioners: Dottie Strabley, Mike Young, Bob Jimerson, Lydia Callaway, Irene Morris, Chip Dunn, David Skinner

Homebound: Sarah Fore, Ray Hampton, Dot Hudson, Charlotte Lovelace, Jackie Martin, Connie Neal, Ina Stichel, Juliet Wynne

Family & Friends: Dave Holsapple—Stacy Mitchells friend, Sawyer Perkins—friend of Maura & Cora Whitlock, Andy Holden—Randy Holden's Dad, Jim Selfe—friend of Gray Corbett, Bucky Turner—friend of Jenn Whitlock, Ritchie Wasiluk—brother of Susie Wasiluk, Geoffrey Gonyo—friend of Jay & Sam Tucker, Hope Lineberry—Cheryl Lineberry's granddaughter, Robert Hoffert—Diana Stone's Dad, Jean Payne—Juliet Wynne's daughter, Richard Adams—friend of Karen Holden, John Bryden, friend of Father Andrew, Robert Powell, Sr.—cousin of Lauryn Boyd, Ruth Masso—friend of Kathy Jimerson

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

Father Andrew Reinholz
Rector
Phone: 610 -780-1420 (cell)

Contact info:
8000 Hermitage Road
804-266-2503

Today's Ministers

8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist

Usher: Lauryn Boyd
Reader: Tad Blackburn

10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist

Ushers: Team 3: Eddie Johnson, George Baynes, Cory Iseman, Frosine Corbett, Herb Williams

Acolytes: Nick Ludwig, Elizabeth Nolan, Ellianna Cloyes, Kayleigh Gilbert

Lessons: Gray Coarbett, Stacy Mitchell

Prayers: Stacy Mitchell

Chalice: Stacy Mitchell, Buddy Dunn

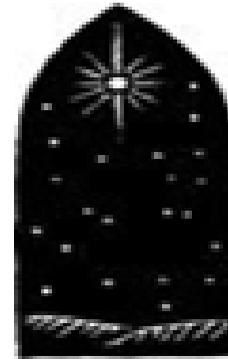
Vestry Greeters: Scott Blackwell, Patty White

Altar Guild: Dottie Strabley, Lucy Whitlock, Lauryn Boyd

Nursery: Gail Wood, Dwight Ludwig, Scott Blackwell

Coffee Hour:

Counter: Karen Holden



The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

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: Zephaniah 3:14-20

In the reading from the Hebrew Bible the prophet foretells a time when the judgment of Israel will be ended and the mighty Lord will bring victory and renewal to God's people. The city of Jerusalem and its holy Mount Zion may rejoice and sing. All enemies will be defeated and the crippled healed. The fortunes of Israel will be restored, and the nation will be praised by all peoples.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

In this New Testament lesson Paul invites the new disciples at Philippi to exult in the Lord, who is near at hand. In prayer and thanksgiving they need have no anxiety. God's peace, which is beyond human understanding, will keep their hearts and thoughts in Jesus. Even though Paul was experiencing his own troubles and may at this time have been in prison, this letter is often called "the epistle of joy".

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

In our gospel John the Baptist preaches repentance to all those who hear his call to baptism, and he tells them of the mighty one to come. It is not sufficient to claim to be children of Abraham. All who are to escape judgment must learn to share with others and to be just in their daily work. John himself is not the Christ but the servant of the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and a refining fire.