

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sunday, Jan. 13th

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

3:00—5:00 am— South Sudanese group

Tuesday, Jan. 15th

6:00 pm—Vestry Mtg.
7:00 pm—JRRingers
7:00 pm—Lamb’s Basket Board Mtg.

Wednesday, Jan. 16th

12:00 noon—H.E with Healing Prayers

Thursday, Jan. 17th

9:30 am—Lamb’s Basket Volunteers
6:15 pm—Chancel Choir
7:30 PM—Handbells

Saturday, Jan. 19th

10:00 am—Diaper Ministry

Sunday, Jan. 20th

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

Lunch Bunch going to **Crazy Greek Restaurant**, 3641 Cox Road.

3:00—5:00 pm — South Sudanese group

Come join the adult education forum. We meet in the parlor at 9:30 am. Grab a cup of coffee and join us. All are welcomed!

Dear Friends:

My sincere thanks to all who have been a part of the upkeep and additions to the memorial garden and the outdoor chapel. The work that is going on now to enhance the garden is beautiful beyond words. It is such a peaceful sacred place for those who are buried there and for all who will be there in the future. As a member of the committee that began this project, I could not be more pleased to see how gorgeous it has become and to know that it will always be cared for. Sincerely Charlotte Lovelace.

I have some open flower dates if anyone is interested. Cost is \$37.00.

Feb. 17 & 24; March 3; June 30; Aug. 11; Sept. 1, 8, 29; Oct. 27; and Dec. 22.

The Finance and Stewardship Committee has been working closely with the Treasurer and Vestry to provide a balanced budget for the 2019 calendar year. We want to remind everyone that if you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so before the end of the year. We have set a date of **January 27th for the Annual Meeting** (between the services at 9:00 AM) where the budget for 2019 will be presented and discussed. Thank you.

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to Brian & Kim White and family on the death of their sister-in-law, Jennifer White on Friday, January 4. May her soul and souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

New Bible Study Forming! First two meetings will be on February 13 and the 27 at 6:30 pm in the parlor. The study of scripture is an essential part of the life of faith. The Christian tradition encourages us to read a small portion daily along with our daily prayers. If you have any questions, please let Father Andrew know. All are welcomed!

Want to go to brunch next Sunday? January 20, after the 10:30 AM service we will be going as a group to the **Crazy Greek**, 3641 Cox Road. If you are interested in going, contact **Jeannie Riddick**, 264-0935 or call the office, 266-2503.

“Hear ye, hear ye! Let it be known throughout the parish that the Council of Gentlemen (men’s group) hath most graciously decided to honor and show our humble gratitude to our fair ladies by treating them to an evening of fine dining and entertainment fit for royalty (Big Night Out). The gathering for this most spectacular occasion shall commence at the 6th hour of the evening at the Church of the Epiphany on the 9th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Nineteen. Formal invitations shall be forthcoming.”

Congregational Meeting — Sunday, January 27th @ 9:00 am, between the 2 services. We will have pastries, donuts and coffee for you to enjoy! Please come to be apart of this as we look forward to a great year ahead!

Committee chairs: I need your year end report to be included for the Annual Congregational meeting by January 17th.

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!

Diaper Ministry: our next distribution day, **Saturday, January 19**, from **9:30 to 12:30**. Come and be a part of this exciting new ministry.

COMMUNICATION CARD

January 13, 2019

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: January 6, 2019

8:15 AM 11 10:30 AM 135

COMMUNICATION CARD

January 13, 2019

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?

(over)

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 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 SAMS Prayer Calendar we pray for: Pray for **Cathy Donahoe** in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic, give thanks for a restful home ministry assignment, and connections with Senders. As she returns to the mission field, give thanks for all her supporters.

In the Lakeside Churches Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Lakeside 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: Russell & Elizabeth Jennette, Joseph & Sydney (Strabley) Melton

New to the Prayer List:

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, Ritchie Wasiluk—brother of Susie Wasiluk, Geoffrey Gonyo—friend of Jay & Sam Tucker, 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, Miles Booker Vinson—great-grandson of Sarah Fore; Sherrie Bogie—friend & coworker of Marty Shephard, Mydina Thabet—Denise Russell's cousin, Marvin Blizzard—friend of Mike Nicholas

Prayers for the departed: Carl Whitlock Jennifer White—Kim White's sister-in-law

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)

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8000 Hermitage Road
804-266-2503

Today's Ministers

8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist

Usher: Mike Nicholas

Reader: Sam Craver

10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist

Ushers: Team 2: Brent Crawford, Karen Holden, Billy Tucker, David Tuck, Bob Scheuermann

Acolytes: Gift Elionai, Jason Ludwig, Sam Tucker, Logan Abernathy

Lessons: Jeri Anne Townley, Buddy Dunn

Prayers: Buddy Dunn

Chalice: Herb Williams, Randy Holden

Vestry Greeters: Laurie McIntosh, Karen Holden

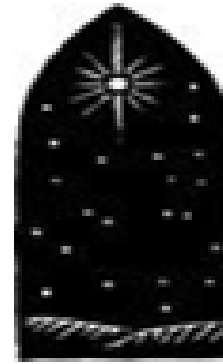
Altar Guild: Dottie Strabley, Lucy Whitlock, Lauryn Boyd

Nursery: Gail Wood, Dwight Ludwig, Scott Blackwell

Sun. School Helper: Mindy Cloyes

Coffee Hour:

Counter: Kim Ludwig, Jean Riddick



The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 13, 2019

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 43:1-7

In this prophetic reading the Lord assures Israel that they are God's chosen people. They are not to fear; God will save them. It is the time of the end of the exile, and God, who created the servant Israel, now promises to deliver the Lord's own out of all their troubles. Sons and daughters will be summoned from the ends of the earth—everyone called by God's name and formed for God's glory.

2nd Reading: Acts 8:14-17

In this New Testament account we hear of the spread of the early church as converts are received from among the Samaritans. Many Jews would have felt ethnic tension and even animosity toward Samaritans. Peter and John travel to Samaria and lay their hands upon the converts, that they might receive the Holy Spirit and know the fullness of God's presence and power. The Lord's Spirit continues to work in surprising ways, surmounting cultural barriers and traditional enmities as the gospel continues its progress.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Our gospel is the story of Jesus' baptism. Some people expected that John the Baptist might be the Christ, but he points to a yet mightier one to come whose baptism will be decisive. The Holy Spirit is then manifest and shows this one to be Jesus. A voice from heaven speaks to him in words that echo ancient oracles concerning the king and the calling of the Lord's chosen servant.