

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sunday, March 12th
8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM—Adult Lenten Program—reading *Bread & Wine*
10:15 AM—Sun. School
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist

Daylight saving time begins!

Tuesday, March 14th
5:30 PM—YOGA
7:00 PM—JRRingers

Wed. March 15th
12:00 PM—H.E. with Healing Prayers
5:45 PM—Joint Lenten Program at Our Lady of Lourdes

Thursday, March 16th
9:30 AM—Lamb's Basket Volunteers —Clients
6:15 PM—Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM—Handbell Rehearsal

Sunday, March 19th
8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM—Adult Lenten Program—reading *Bread & Wine*
10:15 AM—Sun. School
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist
12:15 AM—Lunch Bunch going to **O'Toole's Restaurant**

YOGA Tuesday!

Stewardship verse: Luke 15:13:
The younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

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 the Book of Common Prayer in large print for anyone who needs larger print. They are on the side table in the narthex.

A Lenten Journey 20 Years, a brochure provided by WMC, is on the table in the hall. It is a collection of Devotions written by residents, staff & volunteers. Our own Charlotte Lovelace has written an article in this brochure.

A brochure for the Community Lenten Series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church is on the table in the hall.

Updated Memorial Garden Brochure—New brochures are available on the informational table outside the church office. Please note that per the original and updated guidelines, memorabilia cannot be left permanently in the garden. Beginning April 1, 2017, all items having been placed 30 days or more prior will be removed. This will be repeated on a monthly basis ongoing.

Time to order Easter Flowers. Cost is \$15.00. Let me know who they are in memory of or thanksgiving for. Deadline for orders is April 5th.

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to family and friends of Marietta Spring who died on Sunday, March 5th. A graveside service was held Saturday, March 11th in the Memorial Garden. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Adult Education Lenten Program: During the Lenten season each Sunday, they are reading & discussing the book *Bread & Wine*. Join them at 9:30 AM in the parlor.

The joint Lakeside churches Lenten Program will be held on Wednesdays during Lent at 5:45 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. The theme is *"Our Need for Reconciliation"* — March 15—*In Our Nation and In Our World*, speaker Doug Johnston. Each evening is open to all and begins @ 5:45 pm with a simple meal provided and continues with the program and worship starting at 6:30 pm.

Want to go to lunch next Sunday? March 19, after the 10:30 AM service we will be going as a group to **O'Toole's Restaurant**, 4800 Forest Hill Ave. If you are interested in going, contact **Jeannie Riddick**, 264-0935 or call the office, 266-2503.

Chalice Bearer Training—on Sunday, March 26th at 9:30 am. If you are a long-time chalice bearer, this will be a chance to get a refresher on the importance of what chalice bearers do in our worship. If you have never been a chalice bearer before, but are interested, this will be a chance to learn about what it means to be a chalice bearer during our Sunday worship. If you are not sure being a chalice bearer is for you, but are still curious, please come. Attending the training is not a commitment to joining the chalice bearer team. If you have any questions, please ask Fr. Andrew.

Shrine Mont Volunteer Work Weekend—April 7—9 = Volunteers needed to spend a fun and giving weekend to help get Shrine Mont ready to open for the new year. Room and board provided. Projects to suit all skills and strength levels. Must be at least 16 years old. Sign up quickly, only 125 volunteers allowed. For more information please contact: Tom von Hemert = tomvonhemert@gmail.com or (434) 823-2331. *Peace to all....Hope to see you on the mountain!*

Mark your calendars! The Shrine Mont committee will be hosting the yearly yard sale on Saturday, May 13th from 8:00 AM—Noon. As you begin your spring cleaning bring your *'treasure donations'* to the church marked 'Yard Sale'. They can be stored in the back of the youth group room for now. If you need assistance for larger items, please contact **Aggie Gallagher** or **Patty White**. The money we raise will be used to pay for the parish youth to attend the annual Parish Retreat in October.

Attendance: March 5, 2017
8:15 am 12 10:30 am 95

COMMUNICATION CARD

March 12, 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 health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For all the sick and their caregivers, doctors, nurses, hospice workers, home healthcare workers, and all who minister to the health of others. For clinics, medical personnel and all institutions that serve persons who are uninsured or underinsured.

In the SAMS Prayer Calendar we pray for: the Miller family in Honduras, David & Mary Beth Alenskis in Belize and Eduardo & Hilda Monzon in Costa Rica.

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

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

New to the Prayer List: Bobby Tucker—Friend of Kathy & Bob Jimerson

Parishioners: Dot Hudson, Dottie Strabley, Sarah Jenkins, Mike Young, Lydia Callaway

Homebound: Peggy Adleman, Betty Fore, 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, Pam Melton—friend of Karen Holden, John Stone IV—John Stone's father, Lelo Russell—Denise's mother-in-law

Prayers for the departed: Marietta Spring

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

Phone: 610 780-1420 (cell)

Contact info:
8000 Hermitage Road
804-266-2503

8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist

Usher: George Baynes

Reader: Gray Corbett

Chalice: Harrison Higgins

10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist

Ushers: Jeff Pegram, Randy Holden, Brent Crawford

Acolytes: Zack Nixon, Sam Tucker, Eric Ludwig, Bailey Nixon

Lessons: Jeri Anne Townley, Cheri Blackwell

Prayers: Cheri Blackwell

Chalice: Herb Williams, Harrison Higgins

Vestry Greeters: Scott Blackwell, Vivien Mitchell

Altar Guild: Karen & Randy Holden

Nursery: Gail Wood, Kim White, Mary Sam Abernathy

Coffee Hour: Chapter 11—Team 3

Counters: Kim Ludwig, Billy Tucker



The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 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 12:1-4a

The opening lesson is the story of god's call of Abraham (who was then known as Abram) to leave his own country and become the father of a great nation. Trusting in the Lord, Abram and his family forsake all that is familiar to them to set out for an unknown land. This story is a primary illustration of the way God acts in history by calling individuals to venture forth in faith.

2nd Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In this passage Paul describes Abraham as an individual who through faith found a right relationship with God. He is the father of all who trust in the Lord. Paul uses the example of Abraham as a centerpiece for his argument that righteousness with God comes through faith and not by works of the law. The promise given to Abraham and his descendants was not made because of good works or legal obedience. It rest on grace alone.

Gospel: John 3:1-17

In our gospel story Nicodemus, one of the Pharisees, comes during the night to talk with Jesus. Nicodemus is a figure used by the evangelist to represent a type of person who wants to believe but has difficulty understanding spiritual realities. Jesus tells him that individuals cannot enter the kingdom of God unless they are born anew through water and the Spirit. The inner meaning of the passage partly turns on the fact that "born anew" can also be understood as "born from on high" and the same Greek word means both wind and spirit. Jesus then tells Nicodemus of the Son of man come down from heaven who will be lifted up, both on the cross to die for the world and to return to heaven in glory.