

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sunday, March 26th

8:15 AM—**Holy Eucharist**
9:30 AM—Chalice Bearer Training
9:30 AM—**Adult Lenten Program**—reading *Bread & Wine*
10:15 AM—**Sun. School**
10:30 AM—**Holy Eucharist**

Tuesday, March 28th

5:30 PM—YOGA
7:00 PM—JRRingers

Wed. March 29th

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

Thursday, March 30th

9:30 AM—Lamb's Basket Volunteers —Clients
6:15 PM—Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM—Handbell Rehearsal

Saturday, April 1st

8:30 AM—Outreach Feeding Program — **The Red Team** -Cory Isemann (team leader—519-7267), Shirley Hughson, Melba Shumaker, Jan Lawrence, Diana Stone

Sunday, April 2nd

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

YOGA Tuesday!

Stewardship verse: Hebrews 11:13-16: These men of faith...agreed that this earth was not their real home but that they were just strangers visiting down here...they were looking forward to their real home in heaven. If they had wanted to, they could have gone back to the good things of this world. But they didn't want to. They were living for heaven. And now God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has made a heavenly city for them. TLB

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

News for the April newsletter is due Tuesday, March 28. Please get your articles in ASAP.

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.

Due to the March Vestry Meeting being cancelled, a combined March & April Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4 @ 6:30 PM.

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 29—*Among the Races*, speaker is John Taylor. 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 in April? Sunday, April 23rd, after the 10:30 AM service the 'lunch bunch' will be going as a group to **Olive Garden**, 7113 W. Broad Street. If you are interested in going, contact **Jeannie Riddick**, 264-0935 or call the office, 266-2503.

Ushers Training—Sunday, April 30th at 9:30 am. If you are a long-time Usher, this will be a chance to get a refresher on the importance of what ushers do in our worship. If you have never been an usher before, but are interested, this will be a chance to learn about what it means to be an usher during our Sunday worship. If you are not sure being an usher is for you, but are still curious, please come. Attending the training is not a commitment to joining the usher 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.

From the Memorial Garden Committee: As a friendly reminder, On April 3 we will be cleaning up the Gardens for Easter. Please remove any items so we may complete this task. If you have any questions, please speak with Father Andrew.

Attendance: March 19, 2017
8:15 am 8 10:30 am 65

COMMUNICATION CARD

March 26, 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office help | <input type="checkbox"/> Readers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Ed | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chalice Bearer | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

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 a national health care system which promotes and encourages health, wellness, and well being for all people.

In the SAMS Prayer Calendar we pray for: Todd & Patsy McGregor in Madagascar.

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: John Jorstad—father of Sandy Tignor & Marty Shepard, Caroline Hager

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's friend, Norma Hanco—Lucy Whitlock's mother, Pam Melton—friend of Karen Holden, John Stone IV — John Stone's father, Lelo Russell—Denise's mother-in-law, Bobby Tucker—friend of Kathy & Bob Jimerson

Prayers for the departed:

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: Chris Tignor

Reader: Tad Blackburn

Chalice: Harrison Higgins

10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist

Ushers: Jeff Pegram, Randy Holden, Brent Crawford

Acolytes: Jay Tucker, Gift Elionai, Kayleigh Gilbert, Camille Wood

Lessons: David Tuck, Stacy Mitchell

Prayers: Stacy Mitchell

Chalice: Gray Corbett, Harrison Higgins

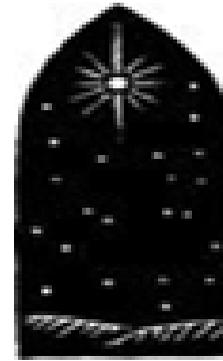
Vestry Greeters: Patty White, Jeff Pegram

Altar Guild: Kathy Jimerson, Melba Shumaker, Carol McElhinney

Nursery: Gail Wood, Dwight Ludwig, Scott Blackwell

Coffee Hour: Vivien & Martin Mitchell

Counters: Kim Ludwig, Billy Tucker



The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 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: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

In this Hebrew scripture story the Lord sends Samuel to anoint David to be the new king over Israel. God has rejected Saul as king but he remains in power and Samuel must go secretly on his mission. As so often happens in the Bible, one who seems least likely in the eyes of others is chosen by God to carry out the divine will.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

In this New Testament lesson disciples are called to be a people of the light, forsaking all the works of darkness. Their present life is to be in sharp contrast with their actions before they became Christians. All that is done is to be exposed to the light. The passage closes with what was probably part of an ancient hymn used at baptisms.

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Our gospel is the story of Jesus' healing of a man born blind. Jesus brings light into a dark world. Many people of the time regarded the man's blindness to be a result of sin, but Jesus helps him to see, at first physically, and then spiritually as well. The man withstands the criticism of the religious officials and worships Jesus as the Son of Man and his Lord.