

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sunday, March 8th
Daylight Saving Time Begins

8:15 am—**Holy Eucharist**
9:30 am—**Lenten Program**
10:15 am—**Sun. School**
10:30 am—**Holy Eucharist**

3:00—5:00 pm — South Sudanese group

8 – 9 pm—AA meeting in parish hall

Monday, March 9th
8—9 pm —AA meeting in parish hall

Tuesday, March 10th
7:00 pm—JRRingers

Wed. March 11th
12:00 noon —H.E. with Healing Prayers
6:30 pm—Bible Study

Thurs. March 12th
9:30 am—Lamb’s Basket Volunteers
6:15 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm—Handbell Rehearsal

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We welcome Marianne Crean to our organ bench again this morning. Today will be her last Sunday with us as Anita will be back from her vacation. Many, many thanks Marianne for providing us with your beautiful music talent while Anita was away.

Want to go to brunch in March? Sunday, March 15, after the 10:30 AM service we will be going as a group to **Bob Evans Restaurant**, 5431 Glenside Drive. If you are interested in going, contact **Jeannie Riddick**, or call the church office, 266-2503.

Lenten Program: Meeting in the parlor at 9:30 am. We will center around the book *The Great Divorce*, by C.S. Lewis. This is the starting point for an extraordinary meditation upon good and evil, grace and judgment. Won't you join us!

We have many Sunday openings for Coffee Hour! Check out the calendar by the kitchen door and help us out! We all enjoy this time of fellowship but it takes ALL of us to support this ministry!

Bible Study: Meeting at 6:30 pm in the parlor, the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. On March 11 we will be discussing chapters 21 & 22 of the gospel of Matthew and on March 25 we will be discussing chapters 23 & 24. Come join us!

Chapter 4 will meet on Monday, March 16 at 12 noon at O’ Charley’s Restaurant, Broad & Horsepen. If anyone is interested in getting involved with a chapter, please come and check it out. Visitors are always welcome!



Parish Nurse Ministry: Thank you to everyone who has been attending the parish nurse ministry monthly blood pressure screening events. The parish nurse ministry is always seeking opportunities to serve the church community. The mission of the parish nurse ministry is to promote a healthier faith community through spiritual support and healthier life choices, while supporting ministries already in place within the church. The next blood pressure screening event will take place on **March 22nd**, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the church parlor. If there are any health professionals in the congregation who are interested in being part of the parish nurse ministry, please contact Crystal Sarvay at epiphanyrvaparishnurse@gmail.com. Please, check out the Care Notes addition in the church newsletter for helpful health tips.

Beale Armstrong Memorial Endowment Fund: Is a scholarship that is available for advancement of Christian religious education. This scholarship is available to members of the parish who have demonstrated financial needs, a long standing commitment to the Church of the Epiphany and a commitment to serve a larger Church upon graduation. Please see the brochure in the back of the church for more information.

Opportunities to Serve

We need folks to sign up for Coffee hour! It can be very simple — just some cookies and some grapes or veggies, plus coffee and lemonade for the kids. Please check the board in the kitchen for a vacant Sunday, which is quite a few, and help us out! The hostess can not do it every Sunday! If you haven't done it before and are nervous about it, ask an "old hand" to partner with you!



Diaper Ministry: The diaper ministry continues to meet a need and serve new families. On February 15th the diaper ministry distributed diapers to 68 families. The diaper ministry is an awesome demonstration of how Epiphany continues to reach out to our community and show God’s love. The next diaper distribution day is March 21st from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., volunteers are asked to arrive at 9:30 a.m. for preparation on distribution days. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway. Donations of diapers are always greatly appreciated, sizes 4 through 6 are the greatest need. Please, bring your donations to the church. Additionally, if anyone would like to hold a diaper drive, the church website has a link to access information on holding one to support this ministry, or you can contact Crystal Sarvay for more information (epiphanyrvaparishnurse@gmail.com).

Attendance: March 1, 2020

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COMMUNICATION CARD

March 8, 2020

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 all the sick and their caregivers, doctors, nurses, hospice workers, home healthcare workers, and all who minister to the health of others.

In the SAMS Prayer Calendar we pray for: Pray for **Veronica Flowers** as she serves faithfully at Holy Trinity School in La Ceiba. Pray with **Jeannie Loving** for the the completion of Santa Maia Magdalena Church in San Lorenzo, and lift up the building crew, the congregation and the four teams coming this spring. Also, ask the Lord to provide a good growing season for the Honduran farmers and health for Jeannie's son John.

In the Lakeside Churches Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Lakeside Baptist Church

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: Adam & Rebekah Ewbank

New to the Prayer List:

Parishioners: Dottie Strabley, Mike Young, Bob Jimerson, Lydia Callaway, Irene Morris, Chip Dunn, Wayne Whitlock, Jan Lawrence, Nancy Shewey, Joyce Whitlock, Randy Tucker

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

Family & Friends: Dave Holsapple—Stacy Mitchells friend, Robert Hoffert—Diana Stone's Dad, Katherine Ballou—friend of Scott Blackwell, Robin & Ron Woods—Erica Facetti's parents, Johnny Hansen—friend of Cheryl Lineberry, Karen Little—friend of Jeri Anne Townley, Sherrie Bogle—friend of Marty Shephard, Joyce Matchunis—Irene Morris' daughter-in-law, Charlotte Lechlak, Mydina Thabet, Mike Abraham, and David Thabet—cousins of Denise Russell and Sandy Ruder, Dave Schulte—friend of Wayne & Lucy Whitlock, Nancy Baynes Rojas—daughter of George & Joy Baynes, Shannon Corbett—Gray & Frosine's daughter-in-law, Craig & Bonnijean Baggess—friends of Kim Ludwig, John Cullen—husband of Ginna Cullen,

Prayers for the departed:

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

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Today's Ministers

8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist

Usher: Tad Blackburn

Reader: Sam Craver

10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist

Ushers: Team 2: Karen Holden, Billy Tucker, David Tuck

Acolytes: Sam Tucker, Chase Johnson, Eric Ludwig, Jay Tucker

Lessons: Stephanie Norris, Stacy Mitchell

Prayers: Stacy Mitchell

Chalice: Herb Williams, Stacy Mitchell

Vestry Greeters: Herb Williams, Carol Cullinan

Altar Guild: Kathy Jimerson, Carol McElhinney, Fran LaVigne

Nursery: Gail Wood, Mary Kenyi

Sun. School Helper: Jennifer Jefcoats

Coffee Hour: Chapter 5

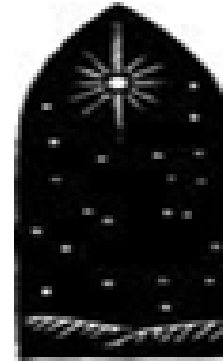
Counters: Kim Ludwig

The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020



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.