



April - May 2022

“Be Not Afraid!”



There is an old saying, “When it rains, it pours.” It’s certainly felt that way over the last month. Not only are we still dealing with COVID-19, but for the first time since I was in elementary school, there is a reason to be concerned about nuclear conflict.

I don’t have a lot of memories from the last time nuclear concerns were relevant in the mid-1980’s. Though, at one point I recall sending a request for information off to the Soviet Embassy for a school project. I received a nice packet of brochures in English from them that helpfully explained the nuclear tensions were all America’s fault (some things don’t seem to change).

So how do we face the fears we may have in times like these? I was reminded recently that Jesus has a clear command for us. “Be Not Afraid!” I particularly love how Jesus says it in John 14, verse 27. *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you... Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”*

The key thing about Jesus’ word to us is this. We have been given His peace, that is peace with God. Because we have that, we can know for sure that whatever happens to us, we will not be cut off from God. Along with that, we can count on His presence with us no matter where we are and what is going on.

Now, that said, do I hope and pray that the war in Ukraine ends and Russia’s leaders recognize that threatening the United States and much of the rest of the world with missiles and bombs isn’t useful in the end? I do.

At the same time, I plan to do my best to take Jesus’ words as words for me, *“be not afraid!”*
God bless,

Where Can We Find Wisdom?

Most of us desire to make wise choices, to have a sense of direction and purpose in a life that is in step with God's bigger purposes. Even when we recognize that wisdom comes from God, we know that we still need discernment when we recognize that we have presuppositions that might lead us astray. Let me explain through an illustration I happened upon recently.



Let's say you are a train enthusiast so you go to Metro Center in DC to watch the constant movements of the many trains passing through. You can see a lot going on from close up but there is also a lot you don't see. You will only be able to form a very rough and general idea of what is going on. On the other hand, let's pretend that you are privileged enough to be taken into the inner workings of the control center. You



could see where every train is, where they are going and how they do not crash into each other! You could see the whole situation through the eyes of those controlling it. The whys and wherefores of all these movements become plain once you can see the overall big picture.

Now, sometimes we may suppose that when God gives us wisdom, that we are given a deeper insight into the providential meaning and purpose of events going on around us. We guess that God's gift of wisdom is an ability to see why things are the way they are and what will happen next. We presume that once we are allowed into the upper tier of knowledge, like the control center of the train system, that we would be able to discern the real purpose of everything that happens. Life would all be clear about God's deep purposes.

But wisdom does not often work like that for us. Not that it never happens, mind you, just not often. As much as we might want to be invited into the control room, enjoying inside information directly from God is actually not necessary for us to live faithful Christian lives.

This is where humility and obedience come in. Not until we have become humble and teachable, standing in awe of God's holiness and sovereignty are we able to benefit from any wisdom that God may give us. We are called to trust God without knowing very much. Leave to God, the issues of the day by letting the Lord measure its ultimate worth. Your part is to use good sense and enterprise at your command in taking the opportunities that lie before you. That is the essence of letting go that we get from **Ecclesiastes 11:6** *"In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good."*

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Pittsburgh Bishop Election is April 30

Epiphany's rector, the Rev. Peter Frank, is one of three candidates on the ballot when the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh gathers to elect its next bishop on April 30.

The election will be held at St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Sewickley, PA. Lay delegates and clergy from each of the Diocese of Pittsburgh's 49 congregations will vote. The first candidate to receive a majority of votes from both the clergy and lay orders will become the bishop-elect. The election will then need to be confirmed by the Anglican Church in North America's College of Bishops on June 13.

Fr. Peter will communicate election results to Epiphany via email on April 30. If Fr. Peter is elected, he hopes to remain at Epiphany into the summer with the goal of transitioning to Pittsburgh by early August. If not elected, Fr. Peter plans to happily continue serving as Epiphany's rector.



Fr. Peter (center) with fellow candidates for Pittsburgh bishop - the Rev. Alex Cameron (left) and the Rev. Dr. Joel Scandrett (right) - during an evening meeting with Pittsburgh clergy in late March.

Holy Week and Easter at Epiphany - 2022

Walk the way of the cross and celebrate the resurrection at Church of the Epiphany, April 10-17

Palm Sunday: Palm Sunday services will be at **8:30 am and 10:15 am on April 10**. Children will participate in the Palm Sunday procession with the congregation and then attend Sunday School. There is no Sunday School for 3-5th graders. Instead, they are welcome in the Palm Sunday service.

Renewal of Vows: Diocesan clergy will be meeting at Epiphany to renew their ordination vows with Bishop John at 10:30am on Tuesday, April 12.

Maundy Thursday: We will remember the Last Supper and Jesus' commandment that we "love one another" with communion at **7pm on Thursday, April 14**.

Good Friday: This solemn service is at **noon and 7 pm on Friday, April 15**.

Prayer Vigil: Epiphany will be keeping a prayer vigil in the chapel beginning at the conclusion of the evening Good Friday service through to the start of the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday evening. For more information about participating in this time of watchful prayer, contact Mr. Brad Johnson (bravhorn22@aol.com).

Great Vigil of Easter: Epiphany begins our Easter celebrations with the Great Vigil of Easter service at **7:45 pm on Saturday, April 16**. As part of this service, Epiphany's clergy preach an ancient Christian Easter sermon that was originally delivered in Constantinople during the 4th century. This musical and traditional service tells the story of salvation and joyfully welcomes the beginning of the Easter season.

Easter Sunday: Easter worship at Epiphany is at **10:15 am on April 17**. Join us for this glorious and joyful service. There is no 8 am service on Easter Sunday.

A note about daily services during Holy Week. Epiphany's daily worship services will continue on a limited schedule during Holy Week. There will not be a Morning Prayer service on Tuesday (Clergy attending renewal of vows) or Friday.



Still Searching for Office Administrator

We learned at the end of March that our new office administrator, Nicole Yoon, was facing health issues that led her to decide to resign. While this was unexpected, we are grateful that Janice Monaghan, who was scheduled to retire on April 1, is willing to continue to work a couple of days each week. She will make sure Epiphany's financial operations in particular carry forward with professionalism while we search for a new office administrator.

To that end, here is a brief description of what we are looking for:

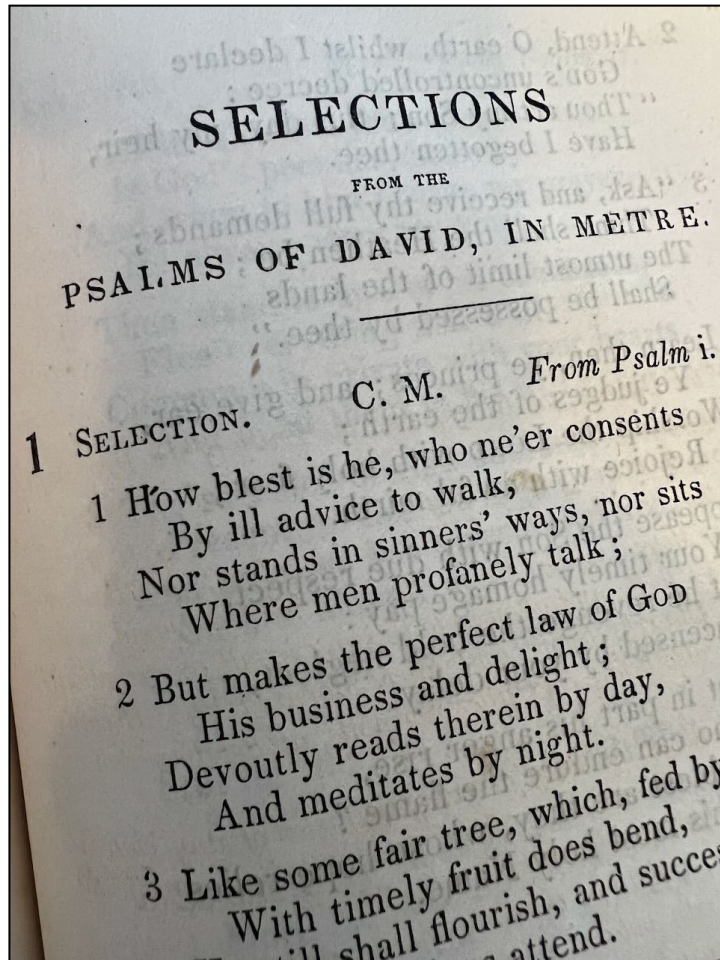
***Church of the Epiphany Anglican in Chantilly
is seeking a part-time office administrator.***

Wages are based on experience (\$22-25 an hour). We are seeking a detail-oriented person able to enter data into Quickbooks and ACS (church database), welcome guests to the church during the week, and take on other administrative tasks as needed. This job is compatible with school hours. While some remote work may be possible, regular in-office time will be required. To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to officeadmin@epiphanyanglican.net



Singing the Psalms the New Old-Fashioned Way

During the season of Easter, we are going to incorporate something both new and old into our Sunday worship. We will be singing the psalms. To do this, we will be relying on metrical settings from an 1830's printing of the Book of Common Prayer. The music will be provided by familiar hymn tunes that, hopefully, many of us will already know.



A metrical setting of Psalm 1 from the Book of Common Prayer of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America. These settings were approved for use in 1832. "This book of Psalms in Metre, selected from the Psalms of David, with Hymns, is set forth, and allowed to be sung in all congregations of the said Church..."



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why kids were either not coming to church or bored when they came. Young Life has been in Roanoke for over 30 years and has active groups at Hidden Valley, Cave Spring, Patrick Henry, Salem, Botetourt County Floyd County, Hidden Valley Middle, Cave Spring Middle and has a chapter starting up in Franklin County soon. They also have a Young Life group for kids with disabilities called Capernaum.

Yearbook Donations 2022

It has been 2 years since we helped fund yearbooks for sixth graders at Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary School for those who would not normally be able to afford a yearbook. They cost \$15 and every child in sixth grade gets one. We already have enough for 37 yearbooks, but we are just getting started collecting donations again. Look for the envelope in the fellowship hall. The best part though, is reading the thank you letters.

Sometimes they are brutally honest or make you laugh.

“Thank you so much for your generous (sic) donation of our yearbooks. I have been asking for a yearbook from my mom but she always said no.”

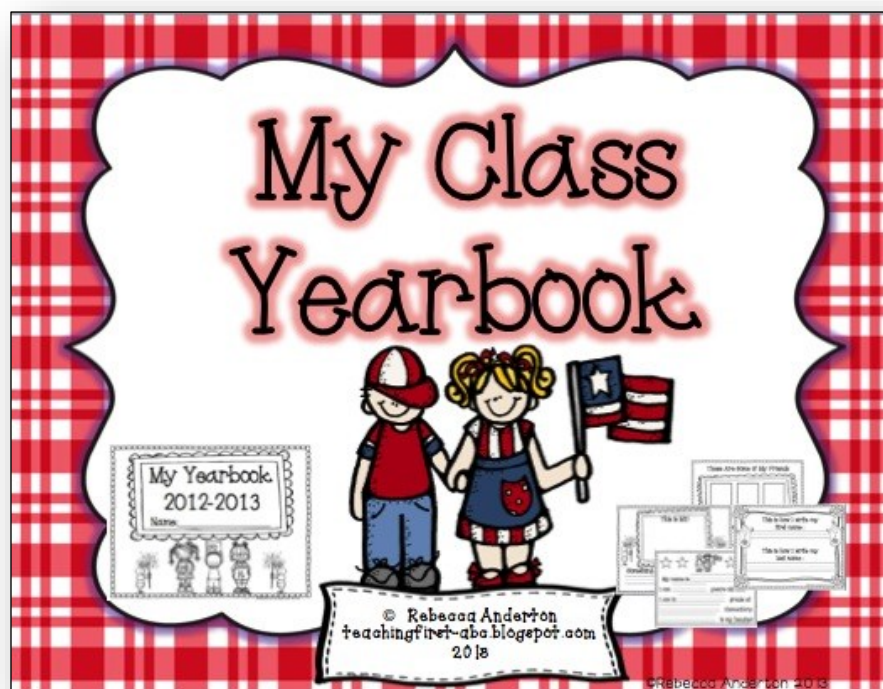
“From you buying me a yearbook, I now have memories. Thank you for wasting your money on me who you don’t even know!”

And most are just heart-felt sweetness.

“Dear Yearbook donor, Thank you for donating the yearbook. When you did that you put my feelings into consideration, which I appreciate very much. You thought about how I would feel when you did this. This was a very nice thing to do. You are a very kind person.”

“This was very kind of you to do this for someone you don’t even know. I just wanna give you a BIIIIIG hug!”

Ok, Epiphany, let’s show them our love! **Checks should be made out to Coates Elementary School. Deadline is April 24.**



Missions Update: Andy Fetzer

Andy Fetzer preached to us last fall, regaling us with stories about his Young Life ministry in southwest Virginia. Here is a newspaper account of a recent Young Life event in Roanoke Valley:

Over 300 Roanoke Valley teenagers attended last week's Young Life Dodgeball Tournament.

How do you get over 300 teenagers to sit quietly? Teach them a little bit about the love of God in Jesus and then let them wail away on each other with small red rubber balls for a few hours.

That's just what happened at the 6th annual Young Life Dodge Ball tournament held earlier this week where 36 teams (24 boy / 12 girl) from High Schools all across the Roanoke Valley competed for a trophy and "Valley Champion" status for a year.



The winning boys team was from North Cross, "Team North Cross Two" (there wasn't a North Cross One; don't ask). The winning girls team was from Cave Spring, "Team Kendall" (named in honor of Kendall Bayne and her fight with cancer).

Teams also had to come with a costume and there was an award for the best uniform.

After all teams had completed their first two matches, play was stopped and everyone gathered on the court. Josh Goodman, a Young Life leader at Patrick Henry High School spoke for about 5 minutes on "What is Young Life?"

"Young Life is about fun, friendships and a person," said Goodman. "We like to have a lot of fun... We meet people who become lifelong friends in Young Life... and we talk about Jesus. We think he's what life is about. So, in a non-threatening environment, we challenge kids to take a closer look at Jesus, no pressure. We're convinced he holds the key to living life to the full and with real purpose and meaning. And we believe kids have a right to hear who they are and whose they are. And the neat thing about YL is, kids can take or leave it. Young Life leaders still show up and think the world of them... We don't stop running after kids based on their opinions about Jesus..."

After the informational talk the games resumed and everyone enjoyed watching one another get pelted in the head with dodge balls.

Young Life has been around for over 70 years and is in every state and in about 80 countries. The group was started in Texas in 1941 by a youth pastor named Jim Rayburn who wondered

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At Epiphany we emphasize:

Encountering God through beautiful worship and believing prayer

Building a multigenerational congregation that loves children and families.

Equipping every member to publicly proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Intercessory Prayer Letter

Requests can now be submitted by email at a secure site,

prayer-request@epiphanyanglican.net

or written and left in the prayer request box in the Fellowship Area.

All prayer requests are collected after the Sunday morning services and prepared for Monday morning distribution. For more information or questions, contact Faith Fisler by email at mizfiz34@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Ladies Dining Out

First Wednesday of each month

7:00 PM

Piero's Corner Located in Franklin Farms Shopping Center



Debby Morris hosts this group for a casual dinner at Piero's Corner Italian Ristorante located in the Franklin Farms shopping Center, Herndon, VA. This small group offers the opportunity to get to know one another in a relaxed setting. There is no agenda except to enjoy the evening with friends.

Contact: Debby Morris epiphanyladiesdiningout@gmail.com



- 4 Rachel Easton
- Kyle Louis
- 7 Caitlyn Bender
- 10 Roger Miller
- 12 Stephanie Merrill
- 18 CJ Plummer
- 20 Debby Morris
- 21 Greg Harrison
- 22 Beth Monroe
- 24 Bill Hoover
- 25 Jimmy Crawford
- 27 Christopher Easton III
- Barbara Peake
- 29 Beverley Monroe
- 30 Robin Ridinger

- 1 Jan Reiter
- 2 Dave Welch
- 3 Andy Plummer
- 4 Debbie Hanger
- 5 Murray Black
- 7 Joshua Movius
- 8 Annette Rhoads
- 9 Bob Beckley
- Gabrielle McKenica
- 12 The Rev. Peter Frank
- Christopher Menzel
- 13 Brianna Meeks
- 14 William Stovall
- 15 David Meeks
- 16 Gregory Harrison
- 18 Virginia Murphy
- 20 Bethany McKenica
- 22 Jim Murphy
- Jacqueline Plummer
- 24 Alexis Tucker
- 27 Leslie Johnson
- 30 Ginger Black
- 31 Sam Fishburne

Happy Anniversary



April

May

- 2 VJ & Kent Johnson
- 4 Nancy & Bill Knight
- 12 Amie & Scott Boncher
Cathy & Gregory Trout
- 20 Ellen & Greg Harrison
Annette & David Rhoads
- 26 Ann & Zan Dial
- 28 Rachel & CJ Easton

- 5 Barbara & Tom Noble
- 13 Janice & Don Monaghan
- 14 Angela & Brett Bender
Melanie & Tom Miller
- 16 Tracy & Andy Plummer
- 22 Penny & Robin Rauh
- 24 Catherine & Jeff Zimmerman
- 27 Bea & Andrew Long
Randolph & Laurie Rash



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The **Epiphany STAR** is published bi-monthly and contains articles and information about what God has and is doing in us and through us as the Epiphany Family. It is intended to encourage each of us in our ministry and discipleship by relating how God is working in the midst of us.

The **Epiphany Candle** is published weekly by email, highlighting what is coming in the days ahead at Epiphany and other information that the staff and vestry feel is important to emphasize.

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APRIL

19	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
6, 13, 20, 27	12:00 PM	Simple Eucharist
3, 10, 17, 24	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist In-Person
3, 10, 17, 24	10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist - Livestream & In-Person
14	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Services
15	12:00 PM and 7:00 PM	Good Friday Service
15-16	12:00 PM	Prayer Vigil
16	7:45 PM	Great Vigil of Easter
10, 24	1:15 PM	Worship at Arbor Terrace
24	2:00 PM	Worship at Arbor Terrace

MAY

10	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
4, 11, 18, 25	12:00 PM	Simple Eucharist
1, 8, 15, 22, 29	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist In-Person
1, 8, 15, 22, 29	10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist - Livestream & In-Person
8, 22	1:15 PM	Worship at Arbor Terrace
22	2:00 PM	Worship at Arbor Terrace

