



June - July 2022

Deacon Dave – An Appreciation



Deacon David Welch is one of the first people I met at Epiphany when I came to interview at the church in 2010. After the service, a church member (who has since moved on) button-holed me in the vesting room, and started asking some pointed theological questions about hot-button issues. I did the best I could answering his questions, but was a bit flustered by the experience. Deacon Dave made sure I didn't stay that way. He saw what was going on, and quickly pulled me aside. "He wouldn't ask you those questions if he didn't think you might be a good priest for Epiphany," Deacon Dave told me. It helped. During that first

visit, Deacon Dave also made a point to give me one of the hand-carved wooden crosses that he and the Epiphany wood-working group produced. I still wear it at Epiphany today.

After ministering with Deacon Dave here at Epiphany for the last 11 years, I now know that these are the sorts of things Deacon Dave does for everyone. He makes people feel appreciated and comfortable. He offers practical care almost automatically to anyone and everyone he encounters. Deacon Dave loves to share our church with people, and in doing so, is a wonderful ambassador for our community of Christians.

In short, Deacon Dave fulfills his office. He is exactly the sort of deacon the apostles envisioned in Acts chapter 6 when they set aside the first deacons for ministry, "*Therefore brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom whom we will appoint to this duty*" (Acts 6.3).

Life without Deacon Dave in active ministry is going to be an adjustment for all of us. There are so many things he did, and so many pastoral relationships he built and maintained over the last 15 years. There is so much to be thankful for. Please plan to join in giving Deacon Dave our personal thanks on June 12 at 11:30am. Bring a dessert to share.

Training our Hunger

We commonly metaphorically speak about our heart & its desires as a hunger or a thirst, drawing heavily upon the role of our will and impulses. When we talk about our deep desires as something we hunger for, we can easily assume that our hunger just exists as a reality, something that is more like an impulse that is untrainable.



But some of us have experience with training our hungers away from what we may be accustomed to. I have. When my husband and I first moved to Turkey we missed eating pork. Then, we found that over time, we didn't miss it anymore. We had directed our hearts and our taste buds towards an alternative. We consciously aimed it elsewhere having decided that we were willing to change our hunger because it didn't serve us well to be distracted by an unfillable desire.



Hunger and thirst are a common metaphor in the Bible. For instance, turn to Psalm 42:1-2 *As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.* Are you in touch with what your soul really wants? Do you have words for yearning in your soul? As you might expect, it helps when we are made aware of and attend to whether we feed the desires or try to starve them. Some of us were young and moldable when we recognized a thirst for the living God. Maybe we were in a church setting that knew how to foster a yearning for God, teaching us that we only find satisfaction when we take our souls to God.

- Does it mean that it is too late to learn a new habit?
- Can we encourage new thirsts and hungers which are satisfied only by God's presence?

Of course, we can find joy and satisfaction in pleasurable life events apart from a walk with God. But we Christians believe that a truly fulfilling life is dependent on knowing the one who knows us best. Jesus has given us an example of a full life, one where our souls are aligned with God and our struggle, as adults, is to align our hungers in a Godward direction. Even if we did not get good habits established when we are young, it is not too late. Most of Jesus' first followers didn't start young. They met Jesus later in life. They were ordinary and everyday people, but they were attracted to Jesus and their lives were changed by being with him. It is work to teach our hearts to thirst and hunger for God but the pursuit of it is well worth the effort.

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Summer “Meet and Eat” Evenings at Epiphany

Epiphany has always been a church that likes to eat together, and a church where people build friendships with each other. The past two years of pandemic have made both of those things harder than they used to be.

This summer, we are looking to jump-start “meeting and eating” again at Epiphany. We will be gathering together on three Wednesday nights (June 29, July 27, and August 31) at 6:30pm at the church, sharing a simple meal, and then taking some time to get to know each other in our table groups. There will be a “kids table” and activities for younger children. Our goal will be to begin at 6:30 and wrap up by 7:30 every evening.

There will be a sign up at church, or you can send an email to Fr. Peter (pfrank@epiphanyanglican.net). While food will be provided, we do need some help to hold these events. Particularly, we need people to coordinate the meal, we need individuals or couples willing to be table group facilitators, and we need people willing to help with clean-up and set-up.

If you can help in any of these ways, please contact Fr. Peter (pfrank@epiphanyanglican.net).



Save the Date



Petrina Teoh Joins Epiphany Staff

Petrina Teoh has begun work as Epiphany's new office administrator. A part of the Epiphany family for a number of years, where she has served on the Altar Guild, our Sunday School and Sports Camp, Petrina has administrative experience in a variety of industries, ranging from hospitality, education to non-profit organizations.

Born and raised in Malaysia, Petrina, and her husband, Alvin, immigrated to the United States 19 years ago. Petrina enjoys traveling, exploring international foods (though not necessarily cooking them) and live theater performances.

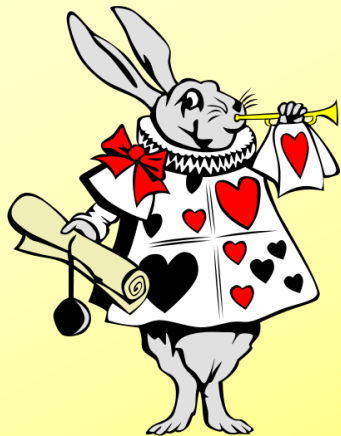
"We are so grateful to Petrina for stepping into this important role at Epiphany" said the Rev. Peter Frank, Epiphany's rector.



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A Summer Tea Party



June 18th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Plan to bring your daughters, granddaughters (8yrs+), friend, neighbor, sister or yourself.

Childcare available upon request. RSVP by June 12.

For more information or to let us know of allergies

Contact Amie Boncher
at reception@epiphanyanglican.net.

Missions Update: Daniel and Myriam Liberek

Among the missionaries Epiphany has supported for many years are Daniel and Myriam Liberek, who serve a local church in Belgium while Daniel also helps train ministers abroad. Here are excerpts from their most recent report:

Greetings valued partners,

For weeks Myriam had been saying that it would be great if, as every year, the church held a Kids' Festival during the Easter school holidays. While we were at the EuroConference text messages were furiously exchanged and it was decided that from 4/14 to 4/16 a Kids' Festival would be held. Rebekah searched for a story that could serve as the general theme and provide a bridge to Easter. In her library she found this great story about a member of the Air Force who had been captured during World War II and was a prisoner in a Japanese POW camp. Remembering what a friend had shared about Jesus and after reading the Bible several times he came to Christ. Things were different after his conversion for him and those around him. Myriam and Timothy (from Greece) agreed that the story could fit the bill and then talked about games, crafts, costumes, team members ... A plan had been hatched.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the Kids' Festival (KF) team gathered supplies, secured "combat, air force and POW" related costumes and props. I remember the Wednesday night vividly. Myriam and I were close to turning in for the night when Tim called. The pastor of a church close to Liège (about 25 kms away) had just called and asked if he could bring something like 20 Ukrainian kids to our KF. Would it be okay?

Questions and answers were shared rapid fire.

- Sure, we want to welcome them and minister to them.
- But we don't speak Ukrainian or Russian. The Pastor, who is originally from Ukraine, will come along as well as several mothers.
- That's when it hit us - **the theme!!** Could we focus on a war story with kids who have just escaped a war zone, who are refugees in a strange land and whose fathers, uncles are fighting still?

The Solution: Timothy offered to prepare a different teaching for the Ukrainians during the night. Oh yes, the team members would not don their feverishly prepared costumes. We reshuffled the tasks and everybody got more than before :-)

The KF went well and our special guests enjoyed themselves. Though not a member of the KF's team I came by a few times to check things out and had an interesting conversation with John, the Pastor who brought the kids. He shared several horror stories but also pointed to signs of hope and to the way God is working even in this dark season.

On the last day our special guests did not come which allowed our team members to wear their costumes :-)

When the curtain fell all I could say was "Well done KF team ! I was amazed and proud of the team: how quickly they had gotten a program together and how they flexed willingly when needed. Let me also thank YOU who prayed for this special effort.

Let's not forget to keep praying for our team in Ukraine. They have been joined by one of our US leaders for a few days to visit all the refugee hubs that UWM is operating with our local partners. Let's also pray for Moldova where apprehension is palpable and for Mary who is cautiously staying to serve.

We can't express our gratitude enough for the way you are there for us, for your prayers, your gifts. We feel so privileged to be team with you. We press on knowing that YOU have our backs.

In Him, Daniel (and Myriam) LIBEREK
Serving with United World Mission from Belgium



Clockwise from left:

- Local and Ukrainian children enjoying a good time together
- Football (soccer) needs no translation
- Timothy as our captain
- Rebekah with a prisoner's uniform
- Cathy had borrowed a friend's uniform ... it just about fit her



Deacon David Welch Retiring on June 1.

Epiphany's original parish deacon, David Welch, is retiring after many years of service at Epiphany. Deacon Dave has offered pastoral care to hundreds, assisted in countless worship services, staffed the church office, moved furniture, built furniture, put up with priests with a fraction of his experience, and loved the people of Epiphany with great faithfulness since he was ordained in 2007.

"Deacon Dave has given so much to Epiphany over many years. After Fr. Robin Rauh, Epiphany's retired rector, Deacon Dave is also the longest serving Epiphany clergy staff member, with 15 years of ministry," said the Rev. Peter Frank, Epiphany's rector. "We are going to miss his deep love and servant's heart toward all of us," he added.

The Welch's plan to remain part of Epiphany and join the Rauhs in the "retired-clergy" seats on Sunday morning. That said, Deacon Dave won't necessarily be at Epiphany every Sunday. He and his wife, Jan, plan on visiting other churches from time to time now that they will have a more flexible schedule.

Epiphany will briefly thank both Deacon Dave and Jan for their ministry on Sunday, June 12. Please bring a dessert to share.

Congratulations!

"When his time of service was completed, he returned home"

- Luke 1:23



- Deacon Dave reading the Gospel on Sunday morning at Epiphany.
- Building the GaGa Ball Court.
- Deacon Dave distributing communion on Sunday Morning.
- Deacon Dave on-site during the construction of our new church on Centerview Drive.



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.



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| 1 | Ted Hanger | 5 | Ann Dial |
| 5 | Tucker Hall | 7 | Carolyn Pantzer |
| 3 | Cindy Allbright | | Adam Rwegayura |
| | Evan Zimmerman | 10 | Tara Meeks |
| 5 | Merle Stromberg | | Carole Menzel |
| 7 | Alexa Reed | 12 | Andrew Coffee |
| | Catie Reed | | Nicole Rhoads |
| | Diane Reed | 13 | Zan Dial |
| 9 | Margaret Donovan | 15 | Don Holt |
| 10 | Cyndie Humenik | 17 | Kelly Derrick |
| 11 | Frank Cochran | 18 | Sally Hoover |
| | Jeff Zimmerman | | Barbara Oliphant |
| 14 | Tom Miller | 20 | Ann Guest |
| | Margaret Stromberg | | Derek Zimmerman |
| 18 | Jim Humenik | | Justin Zimmerman |
| | John Marriott | 28 | Jim McKenney |
| 19 | Tom Will | 29 | VJ Johnson |
| 21 | Jennie Beckley | | Donna Lea Louis |
| 22 | Maggie Cottingham | 30 | Sally Eckard |
| | Natalie Plummer | 31 | David Jewell |
| 26 | Cindy Newton | | |
| 27 | David Reed | | |
| 29 | Courtney Turner | | |

Happy Anniversary



June

- 2 Frances & Roger Miller
- 4 Judy & Bob Schulenberg
- 6 Abbie & Daniel Stovall
- 9 Ginger & Murray Black
- 11 Sally & Dennis McNeely
- 12 Wyndy & Ted Fredrick
- Sharon & Jim McKenney
- 19 Christina & Sam Fishburne
- 29 Judy & Gary Hall

July

- 8 Jessica & Russel Francis
- 9 Jane & Kelly Derrick
- 12 Stephanie & Jonathan Merrill
- 15 Donna Lea & Kurt Louis
- 17 Patricia & James Roberts
- 29 Sheila & Jim Todd
- 30 Malu & Shervan Torabi



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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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JUNE

14	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
1, 8, 15, 22, 29	12:00 PM	Simple Eucharist
5, 12, 19, 26	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist In-Person
5, 12, 19, 26	10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist - Livestream & In-Person
12, 26	1:15 PM	Worship at Arbor Terrace
12, 26	2:00 PM	Worship at Arbor Terrace
29	6:30 PM	“Meet & Eat” Supper

JULY

12	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
6, 13, 20, 27	12:00 PM	Simple Eucharist
3, 10, 17, 24, 31	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist In-Person
3, 10, 17, 24, 31	10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist - Livestream & In-Person
10, 24	1:15 PM	Worship at Arbor Terrace
10, 24	2:00 PM	Worship at Arbor Terrace
27	6:30 PM	“Meet & Eat” Supper

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