

God Heals



This past January during our vestry meeting, I shared some difficult news with the vestry. In the matter of a few weeks, four separate members of our family here at Epiphany had been diagnosed with life-threatening medical conditions. In a couple of cases, those diagnoses were very grim.

I don't share names or specific details unless I have clear permission to do so, and didn't do so then. But I did want the vestry to know that we might be facing some tough times in the month ahead, and I asked them to pray.

Epiphany's prayer ministries, led by Jan Reiter, were also there to offer confidential and consistent prayer support to the individuals and families as well.

Then, one-by-one over the last three months, I have watched each of these four people experience healing. In some cases, it's been dramatic, with diagnoses that sound like death sentence being reversed. In others the change has been subtler. Each person has told me that while they are grateful for the work of the medical professionals, they felt the power of prayer in their healing.

Friends, healings happen, not just someplace else, but here at Epiphany. In a few weeks, we will be celebrating Jesus' conquering of death. Be confident that God is still conquering death, and don't be afraid to ask God for physical, spiritual and emotional healing in the places in your life where you need it. If you want someone to pray with you we have people at Epiphany who would love to do that.

As I said a few weeks ago when I was preaching on John 9, Jesus heals people because they are sick, and in doing so, shows us something important about the character of God. God loves us. He wants us well. He made us not for disease and death, but for an eternity with him. While not every illness is healed, and before the return of Christ, we can all expect to die someday, I hope you can join with me in celebrating the signs of God's power at work among us here at Epiphany this spring.

God bless!

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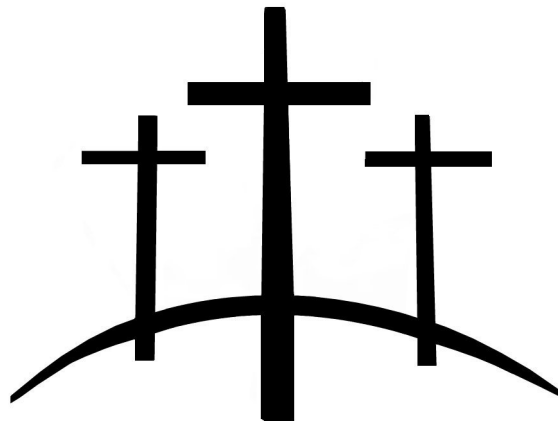
Epiphany Parking Arrangement Approved by County

Epiphany continues to explore relocating our church to a new location. At the same time, a vote by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on April 4 provided our church with the option of staying in place at our current location at 13515 Dulles Technology Drive if we need to.



The decision approved Epiphany's parking arrangement with the other two church's that share our building, and clears the way for Epiphany to apply for and receive a permanent occupancy permit from Fairfax County.

"I am grateful for everyone who has prayed about this over the last four years and 10 months. Getting to a solution that Fairfax County's Board of Supervisors could approve has been a long road," said the Rev. Peter Frank, Epiphany's Rector.



Here 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.



Children and Grace



A multi-generational congregation that loves families and children will be a growing church. It is not as if that is the only dynamic influencing churches that grow, but it is certainly a key component in a lot of vibrant churches. And for good reason. Even in our highly individualistic society, we still recognize the need for familial ties, knowing that we were made to be deeply relational. It would actually be strange if we did not want to offer hospitality to families with children. Nevertheless, let me take a few moments to outline the reason for ministry to children.

Welcoming children affirms a biblical worldview. See, the Israelites and the converted Christians recognized that children are blessings for the future, an icon of God's faithfulness surpassing the generations. We all know the future of any kind of movement depends on the ability and willingness to pass on our values and convictions to the next generation. The wonderful reminder, though, is that parents are not the only ones being held responsible for passing on the faith. We, as a whole community, share in this calling to recognize that God shows his faithfulness through children. Children are not the only icon God uses to communicate his grace but they are an easily recognizable one. When we remember that children are blessings for the future, we can overlook the challenges that children may bring.

The people of the Bible valued and welcomed children because they approached faith from the understanding of covenant. Children are full members of the covenant family of God. This understanding is one of the biggest reasons why we in the Anglican church baptize children. We see this displayed quite openly with Jesus' response to children. Jesus' gesture of hospitality is a potent example for all of us in our own response to children. If we ever asked ourselves: "What would Jesus do," we know that Jesus offered hospitality and welcome to the youngest.

Finally, "a child's vulnerability is the locus of God's grace" (David Jensen). We know that Jesus himself was vulnerable, as he opened himself to suffering. It is impossible to really understand Jesus without recognizing that the power that he could have used to avoid the cross was held in check. Instead we see Jesus' vulnerability. Children show us vulnerability as well. It is not children's innocence that Jesus encouraged his adult listeners to emulate. It was our raw vulnerability as children we are meant to embrace – to put it another way, our need for constant help, just like a child. Deep kingdom principles of the power of God's

Soccer Camp Dates Sunday School Teachers

Epiphany's ministry to children needs adults! Right now several more Sunday School teachers are needed. Also, this year's soccer camp is set for July 31- August 4. If you are interested in either of these ministries, please contact Mtr. Pamela Meeks (pmeeks@epiphanyanglican.net).

As a first step, both require attending a training called "Protecting God's Children" which will next be held here at Epiphany on April 29 from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

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grace for the vulnerable one only becomes clear when we embrace and welcome children. It is part of the Gospel message!

Putting this into practice is not something that only a few should do. We at Epiphany have the opportunity to understand vulnerability even now on an average Sunday morning. It is true that we would appreciate one or two more teachers, special people with a special calling, but it does not require much more than basic willingness to be a helper in the classroom. It is true that helping at Soccer Camp July 31-August 4 requires time, but even our working parishioners can contribute to a successful Soccer Camp experience.

Please consider attending a mandatory training to Protect God's Children here at the church April 29 from 9:30am-11:30am. Contact Pamela Meeks to sign up and for more detailed information at pmeeks@epiphanyanglican.net

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Build Your Marriage's Financial Health

This year's marriage enrichment program will be a six-week series. We will meet at the church on Sundays at 11:30. Each session will last about 90 minutes. Lunch and child care will be provided. Our first session will be Sunday, April 23.

Better Halves™ is a fun, interactive, small group program designed to equip couples with a new set of tools for financial health. We will explore the practical, emotional and spiritual relationships we have with money and how we can positively leverage this understanding. The program will guide couples to make lasting changes to their attitudes and behaviors around money, and provide practical skills and tips to improve your financial wellness.

Sign up in the fellowship area or by contacting Keith and Carole Menzel, 703-709-7612.



Epiphany Youth Enjoy a Spring Retreat



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Holy Week and Easter at Epiphany - 2017

Walk the way of the cross and celebrate the resurrection at Church of the Epiphany, April 9-16.

Palm Sunday: Palm Sunday services will be at **8 am and 10 am on April 9**. 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.

Maundy Thursday: We will remember the Last Supper and Jesus' commandment that we "love one another" with worship, foot-washing and communion at **7:30 on Thursday, April 13**. All are welcome to participate in the foot-washing ceremony.

Good Friday: This solemn service is at **noon and 7:30 pm on Friday, April 14**.

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 **7:00 pm on Saturday, April 15**. 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 am on April 16**. 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.



Missions Update: Andy & Becky Fetzer

Last July, Andy Fetzer came to Epiphany to preach and discuss his and his wife Becky's work in spreading the Gospel to high school and college students in the Roanoke area. We received the following update from Andy about their efforts:

Ministry to unreached middle school and high school students in Roanoke, VA is still going strong. February and March are busy months for us, as we are in the midst of volunteer leader recruitment from the area colleges (Hollins, Roanoke College and Virginia Western.) We know that if we increase the number of adult/ college volunteer leaders, we will have a much broader impact in Roanoke City and Roanoke County for the Christ.

We are also continuing to minister directly to kids through weekly clubs, Bible studies, small groups and one-on-one discipleship. Last night alone 60 Cave Spring High School kids packed into Gabby Parulis' basement and heard about Jesus calming the storm. They were then asked to consider that this same Jesus is still calming storms...

Each Sunday evening, seniors from Hidden Valley (student leaders for Young Life at their school) meet at my house for a co-ed Small Group that Becky and I lead. We have been focusing on Discipleship as a topic all semester; specifically the difference between "knowing facts about Jesus" v. "being transformed into his likeness." It has been an awesome experiment, as this is the first time in our 19 years on YL staff that Becky and I have ventured into this co-ed aspect of small groups.

On Fridays I co-lead a staff training time for the YL staff in Virginia who are in their first and second years.

This is also a busy season for summer camp sign-ups. This summer we plan on taking a few buses of high school students up to Saranac YL camp in NY and a bus of middle school students to CrossRoads, a YL rented camp in Virginia. By this Friday, we have to communicate to the camps how many we plan on bringing, and in turn, we will be financially responsible for bringing that number; so there is a little stress in the office as we try to figure out what a reasonable overage we can expect.

In two weeks, YL is flying me out to Missouri to speak to the Louisiana YL Regional staff. My expertise, they have surmised, is Discipleship - something near and dear to my heart. We want to be people who are disciples who make disciples for Jesus. Roanoke YL has been a place where we have seen the Lord raise up kids who go on to do great things for His Kingdom. Because of YL's impact in the Roanoke schools, small towns and cities all over VA and beyond are feeling the impact- kids in Botetourt County, Waynesboro, Staunton, Harrisonburg, Charlottesville, Va Beach, Blacksburg, King George, Lexington, etc. One of our alum is in an undisclosed Muslim African country ministering to indigenous people there. Another is planning on traveling the world in her gap year to share the Gospel in

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mostly hostile environments.

When a lost kid is found, the world is at risk of being changed.

Thank you for your continued support of kids being introduced to Jesus and growing in their faith!

In this Battle with you,

Andy and Becky Fetzer



Middle School kids at Winter Weekend. (Our son Cannan is in the front row second from the left; he brought the three guys around him, all who do not go to church and who don't know Jesus; after this winter weekend, all three are now seeking Christ, and the kid with the red "CS" on his sweatshirt - he surrendered his life to Jesus the day this picture was taken. His name is Matthew.

I am with some Hidden Valley HS football players. The kid with the beard (Jeremiah), he is loving his teammates for Christ. Because of that, Tavon (next to me) and Brant (next to him) are planning on coming to camp in July, where they will hear about Jesus' love for them!



Relocation Poll Still Open, Prospective Leadership for Effort Announced

Epiphany's vestry continues to explore relocating our church to 3863 Centerview Drive. Starting last Sunday, congregation members began to share their outlook on the potential move through a simple poll. That poll closes this Thursday, April 6, at midnight. All members and regular attenders should have received the latest information about the potential move as well as a link to enable them to vote online. If you did not receive the email and the link, please send Fr. Peter a note (pfrank@epiphanyanglican.net).

While we work on a lease and await a final decision by the vestry to move forward if that work is successful, the following people have agreed to serve as leaders of our relocation effort in the event we are able to move forward.

Beth Monroe: Beth has agreed to be the chair of our "Building Committee." The Monroe's have four generations at Epiphany, and Beth and Charlie have been members here since the church's founding.

David and Diane Reed: The Reeds have agreed to chair Epiphany's capital campaign. Diane Reed chaired our last successful campaign in 2012 that enabled us to leave our old facility debt-free.

Ross Cummings: The vestry has hired Ross as an hourly consultant to help us move the design and building process forward. Ross owns and operates RC Drafting Inc. and has many years of experience in the construction trades.



Epiphany is exploring moving to 3863 Centerview Drive near the intersection of Route 50 and Route 28 in Chantilly.

Publishing Information

The ***Epiphany STAR*** is generally published 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.

Articles and Subscription requests: star@epiphanyanglican.net
candle@epiphanyanglican.net
jcrawford@epiphanyanglican.net (for weekly bulletin)

Deadlines:

STAR: 21st of the month

Bulletin: Monday, 8 AM

Candle: Wednesday, 8 AM



BIRTHDAYS

1	Marilyn Tangonan	12	Stephanie Merrill	25	Jimmy Crawford
4	Rachel Easton	15	Charlie Westerman	27	Christopher Easton, III
	Kyle Louis	18	CJ Plummer		Barbara Peake
7	Caitlyn Bender	20	Debby Morris	30	Robin Ridinger
10	Roger Miller	21	Greg Harrison		
11	Mary Kendrick	22	Beth Monroe		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2	VJ & Kent Johnson	20	Ellen & Greg Harrison
4	Nancy & Bill Knight		Annette & David Rhoads
6	Lesley & Jeff Ermalinski	26	Ann & Zan Dial
12	Amie & Scott Boncher	28	Rachel & CJ Easton

Worship Schedule

Sundays

8:00 and 10:00 AM
 Eucharist and Healing

At the 10 am service:

Nursery available for infants through 2 years old
 Sunday School for children 3 years old through 5th grade

Weekdays

9:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

12:15 PM

Wednesdays: Holy Communion

Resources

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The Rev. Peter Frank, Rector	pfrank@epiphanyanglican.net	104
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 ChancellorDavid Reed

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 at 703-591-6645 or email her at mizfiz34@gmail.com.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April		
1-2		Youth Spring Retreat
5	7:00 PM	Women's Dining Out
9	8:00 & 10 00 AM	Palm Sunday Services
11	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
13	7:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
14	12:00 Noon & 7:30 PM	Good Friday Services
15	7: 30 PM	The Great Vigil of Easter
16	10 00 AM	Easter Worship
23	6:00 PM	Junior Connections
23	6:45 PM	Youth Connections
23, 30	11:30 AM	Marriage Mentors
29	9:30 AM	Protecting God's Children
May		
7, 21	6:00 PM	Junior Connections
7, 21	6:45 PM	Youth Connections
7, 14, 21, 28	11:30 AM	Marriage Mentors
9	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
25	9:30 AM	Provincial Taskforce on Marriage
June		
4	11:30 AM	Marriage Mentors
4, 18	6:00 PM	Junior Connections
4, 18	6:45 PM	Youth Connections
13	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
24	7:00 AM	Youth trip to Kings Dominion