

Gathering in God's Presence



One of the things that is true about Epiphany is that we are a loud church. We talk. We laugh. During coffee hour, our kids run around scattering cookie crumbs as they go by.

In a lot of ways, this is a sign of life and health. It is not a bad thing at all for the

family of Christ gathered at Epiphany to feel a bit like a family reunion every Sunday.

That said, one of the things I am clear about, and hope we can practice together is a certain quietness of heart (and of mouth) starting when the bell announces the beginning of our service and lasting until the deacon gives the dismissal. I also

know that some Epiphany members cherish an opportunity to privately say their prayers or listen to the prelude before the service begins. I would hope we all can help them do that by being aware of what is going on around us and how loudly we are talking, particularly when we are in the sanctuary area.

This is important because worshipping God is not just a joyful thing, it is an awesome thing. The stained glass behind the altar at Epiphany says "*Be still and know that I am God.*" The full verse (from Psalm 46.10) goes on "*I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.*" Friends, that is what we are doing when we come together, exalting God, lifting God up, in our worship, in our praise, and, most importantly, in His presence. He is here with us, because the Church is the body of Christ (Romans 12.5), and Jesus and his Father are one (John 10.30). This is a cause for

A Special Welcome To Parents and Their Children

I want to say a special word to parents with young children. Your kids are welcome in Epiphany's worship service all of the time. This includes when they scream, when they throw things, when they wriggle out of your arms and charge the altar, and when they color on the bulletins. Parenting is tough, and teaching "proper" behavior is tough (particularly if you single parent in church, like my wife does), but my firm belief is that Epiphany needs to be a safe place to do it. Thank you for bringing your kids, and know that you and they are always welcome in worship services at Epiphany.

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joy, which we are very good at here at Epiphany. It is equally a cause for awe and wonder and reverence. We are purposely gathering together to speak and be united with the Lord of Hosts, the Alpha and Omega, the One who Was, and Is, and Is to Come. Who could be more awesome and worthy of respect than that?

God bless,

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Children's Christmas Party

On December 24th immediately before the 5pm family Christmas Eve service, the children's ministry hosted a Christmas party for children and their families. It was a wonderful time of food, crafts, and a teaching about Jesus using Christmas candy canes. There were about 20 children in attendance in addition to their families and a tremendous team of volunteers from Epiphany. We had a number of new families participate and stay for the Christmas Eve service including two families from our Epiphany Sports Camp held in August 2014. It is exciting to continue to see the ministry of Epiphany and our members reaching out beyond our walls.





Altar Flowers

2015

Please **PRINT** the information below:

Attach a check made out to Church of the Epiphany with "flowers" in the memo.

Place **THE CHECK** in the Altar Flowers envelope.

Donation: \$35.00 for one, \$70.00 for both

DATE: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN THANKSGIVING FOR: _____

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Giving flowers for the altar is a special way to honor or remember loved ones. Please consider signing up on the list in the gathering area of the church. You may send your check, put it in the offering plate, or leave it in the envelope provided.



A Thank You To Fr. David and Dr. Stephenie Browning

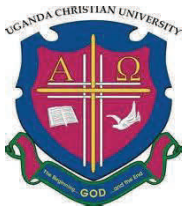
For the last year-and-a-half, we have been blessed by the presence and volunteer ministry of Fr. David and Stephenie Browning. This January, David let me know their time at Epiphany was coming to an end as he reevaluates his call to ministry within our denomination, the Anglican Church in North America.



I'm grateful to David and Stephenie for their time here, and their friendship to all of us at Epiphany. I ask that you join with me in wishing them Godspeed, and praying for God's guidance as they discern where and to what ministry in the church God is calling them to next. We will continue to pray for David on Sunday mornings as part of our prayers for "Epiphany's clergy" through the season of Epiphany. This is a way that we can support the Brownings with our prayers during this time.

Missions Update

Among the missions that Epiphany supports is Uganda Christian University. Here is a transcription of a hand-written note that we received from a student at UCU, expressing his appreciation for our assistance:



“When I enrolled in the bachelors of development studies at UCU, I was looking for a university whose teaching integrated a greater part of faith and learning. UCU was the perfect fit because it is a university that embraces holistic individual growth and development. This is a note to say thank you for your giving that has seen many students like me through their university education.

I am the third born in a family of seven and my parents are primary school teachers in the far western Uganda (Kyenjojo District). After my second semester of study at UCU I was looking for a way to pay my tuition when I learned about the Uganda Partners Achievers Award Scholarship. . . .

This may sound like an individual story but it's a reflection of hundreds of student stories at UCU who have benefited from this partnership. Thank you for your generosity and your commitment towards giving to student tuition needs whom you even have never seen or met.

Thank you for being a big part of students' success through your generous giving. I am challenged to give back to not only those I know but most importantly to those whom God may bring my way.

Thank you and God bless you.

Tumwebaze Jonathan”



Baptism(s) at Epiphany Feb. 15

We will be baptizing at Epiphany on Sunday, February 15, during the 10 AM service. Baptism is open to children or adults. Adults must desire to be baptized and be ready to publicly commit to follow Jesus Christ. Children must be supported by friends and family willing to raise them as Christians and in the church. For more information about baptism, please contact Fr. Michael Guernsey at mguernsey@epiphanyanglican.net.

Epiphany Vestry Leaders Elected

Epiphany's vestry elected its leaders for 2015 during their meeting on January 13.

Under Epiphany's bylaws, it is the rector's duty to appoint the Senior Warden. Fr. Peter has appointed Merle Stromberg, who was Epiphany's junior warden in 2014, to this important post.

The vestry nominated and elected Catherine Zimmerman to serve as Junior Warden and Ann Guest to serve as Registrar. Both of these offices have one year terms and are only open to vestry members.

In other business, the vestry appointed Scott Reiter to be the Small Group Ministry Coordinator. Sally McNeely was appointed to lead a forming "congregational health team" which is charged with responding to the results of Epiphany's recently completed "Natural Church Development" survey, and suggesting practical ways to address those results to the vestry by the end of this year.

"As always, leadership at Epiphany is a cooperative effort. Clergy have a role. Lay leaders, such as those selected by the vestry on January 13, have a role. Epiphany members have a role through our annual meeting. We all join together in looking to God for direction and guidance as we all ultimately serve under His authority.

Please join me in praying and supporting these new leaders, and giving thanks to God in calling them to take on these tasks here at Epiphany," said Fr. Peter.

2015 Vestry

Cynthia Aungst
Jan Coffee
Ann Guest
George Hamlin
Chris Johnson
Dan Johnson

Barbara Noble
Andy Plummer
Scott Reiter
Merle Stromberg
Carol Williams
Catherine Zimmerman

Women of Epiphany

News Update and Coming Events

Dear Ladies, welcome to a new year, a new agenda, and a new name for our women's activities. Our name change also comes with a new vision statement and the goal of bringing women of all ages together under the name ***Women's Fellowship***.

VISION: To build a strong community of women within the church united by our love of Jesus Christ and the desire to meet, work and "play" together ... as Sisters in Christ.

GOAL: To offer all the women of Epiphany with a range of fellowship opportunities that will promote friendship, personal renewal, and spiritual growth.

To help facilitate this vision, we are reuniting the four areas of women's ministry and forming a *Women's Fellowship Leadership Team* with Carol Williams as our Vestry Coordinator and clergy wives as associates. We encourage participation by women of all ages and as we grow we want to offer new leader and co-leader opportunities as appropriate. The four areas and leaders include:

Season's Renewed: Judy Schulenberg

Bible Studies: Gin Edmunds & Pat Meyer

Yearly Retreat: Maggie Marcum

Small Interest Groups: Debby Morris

Season's Renewed refers to 4 gatherings held at the church on Saturday mornings: Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall with guest speakers and baby-sitting provided. We are in the early planning stages for several events; however, we want to make you aware of some important dates:

Season's Renewed:

Winter Rector's Wife Tea: Saturday 31 January at 10:00am; guest speaker Andrea Frank; topic inspired from 1 Corinthians 12:27. *You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.*

Spring Season's Renewed: Saturday, March 21 at 10:00am; Desiree Barker is our guest speaker and her topic is "Anticipating an Epiphany ~ Come to the Women's Retreat!" Desiree is also this year's retreat speaker and a member/teacher from All Saints Anglican Church.

Summer Season's Renewed: Sat, July 11 at 10:00am: Rev. Meg Phillips Guernsey is our guest speaker and her topic is "Ministry from a Place of Peace!" Meg is wife of our Bishop, John.

September Season's Renewed: TBD so please provide suggestions.

Ladies Dining Out:

We are also excited to announce a new group led by Debby Morris: Ladies Dining Out. Debby scheduled the first event for Saturday, February 21 at 11:30 at the *Red Hot and Blue* restaurant near church. Please join Debby as she launches this new activity. Come expecting fun and fellowship over lunch with other ladies from Epiphany. And take this opportunity to invite your friends to join us for a “ladies day out.” Additionally, we will be out in our community as a group and who knows what opportunities God will put there for us! More information will be available soon!

Yearly Retreat:

This year we are making some changes to the Women’s Retreat in response to your comments following the 2014 retreat and conversations we have had with many of you. We will be re-treating close to home so that those of you with children will be nearer to your families. Some of you told us that the other facilities with all the steps were too difficult. Still others said you just couldn’t sleep in those beds. And many of you said May just didn’t work for you. So we have moved the date to 17 to 19 April and we will be staying at the Wingate by Wyndham in Chantilly while we look for new retreat centers for 2016. More information will be available in the next Star, however, if you have any questions please talk to Maggie Marcum or email her at: marcummaggie@gmail.com. For now—block your calendar for a weekend of we hope will bring an epiphany in your life!

Special Bible Study Opportunity:

Beth Moore and Travis Cottrell are holding a training conference at the Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall called “Join Us For Living Proof--Live”; March 13-14th, 2015. The cost is \$69 for reserved seating. A special session of Women’s Ministry Training will be held on March 12-13th as a pre-conference opportunity for leaders. Contact Pat Meyer for additional information: phm@phmlcsw.com

We are putting the finishing touches on other special interest groups and fellowship events so be sure to watch the Star and Candle for updates. The goal of the Women’s Fellowship is to provide opportunities for women of all ages to promote friendship, personal renewal, and spiritual growth.

If you have suggestions for fellowship opportunities, please contact us with those ideas.

We are Sister’s in Christ, laborers together with God...bringing forth fruit in His Season.

Judy Schulenberg and Maggie Marcum
Women’s Fellowship Leadership Team



Let's beat hunger.

Local food pantries need our help.

Join Fairfax County Government, Giant, Shoppers Food and Pharmacy, Walmart and MV Transportation, Inc. as we collect food donations to assist the most vulnerable in our community. Purchase food and other needed items at the cash register or at the special display in the store and drop your contribution by our bus. All donations for this event go directly to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries – a local nonprofit organization that helps to feed needy families and individuals in Fairfax County.



Look for a Fastran Bus

Saturday, February 7 ~ Clifton Giant
5740 Union Mill Road, Clifton, VA 20124

From 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(Benefiting Western Fairfax Christian Ministries)

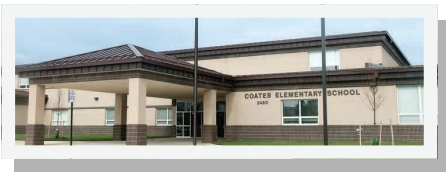


Help “Stuff the Bus!”

As you know, Epiphany has partnered with WFCM for years. Here is another great opportunity to help fill the food pantry, which has a real need at this time. This program brings a significant amount of food.

Please help!

Food for Coates Kids. Next Deadline February 22nd.



Coates Food Bags: Epiphany is blessed with wonderfully giving people. Your generosity went far beyond our expectations and we had many bags to take care of several months. We will be delivering 60 bags to Coates elementary School this week. Without you, these children would have gone hungry.

This ends our surplus and marks a time of needing you all to start bringing in food bags once more. As we look ahead, we will need to supply extra bags for Spring Break in April.

We need you to bring in one gallon Ziploc bags (ones with slide closings and flat bottoms work best), each filled with **2 Breakfast items, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners, and 2 Snacks .**

Having enough protein (in sizes that fit well in the bags) is our biggest challenge. There is a list of suggestions and a sample bag to look at in the back of the church.

Please help!

Calendar & Welcome Cards

By now, you have surely seen the annual calendar and the new Welcome Card in the seat-back pockets. Take the calendar home and put it on the refrigerator door. Watch the calendar on the back page of the STAR for updates throughout the year.

The new Welcome card is primarily for newcomers and visitors, but can be used to update your own information or show interest in a new ministry. Just complete it and drop it in the collection plate.

The collage features three documents from the Church of the Epiphany. On the left is a 'WELCOME!' card with fields for contact information and ministry interests. In the center is a 'I'd like to know more' form with checkboxes for various church ministries and a sign-up for the e-newsletter. On the right is a calendar for 2015, listing monthly events such as 'Teaching Series', 'Prayer Vigil', and 'WINGS'.



Requiem: Fr. William White

Fr. William (Bill) White, who with his wife, Susan, was a member of Epiphany for many years, died on January 20. Fr. Bill met Susan at Epiphany, and was sponsored by our church as he made his way through the ordination process and seminary. Since his ordination in 2006, Fr. Bill served as the Rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, in Diamondhead, Mississippi, and at Church of the Epiphany in Kingsville, Texas.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 31, at the Church of the Epiphany in Kingsville. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent in Father Bill's name to: The Reverend William R. White Perpetual Scholarship Fund, Church of the Epiphany Episcopal School, 206 North Third Street, Kingsville, TX 78363.

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: 15th of the month
Bulletin: Monday, 8 AM
Candle: Wednesday, 8 AM



BIRTHDAYS

1	Julie Kesterson	9	Larry Pantzer	17	Nancy Knight
2	Doug Greenwood	9	Laurie Rash	20	Alex Peake
2	Timothy Stromberg	10	Thomas Cummings	21	Aaron Rayo-Jones
3	Brody Hanger	10	Patricia Meyer	22	Jim Wolfe
4	Diana Pino	11	Jeffrey Rhoads	23	Gary Hall
6	Victoria Monroe	14	Cindia Hatfield	24	Pat Schreiner
7	James Derrick	14	Alyssa Noble	26	Allison Hammond
7	Barbara Noble	14	Faith Turner	26	Samuel Phillips
8	Thabie Melvin	14	Joy Vaughan	27	Molly Carey
9	Bethany Hait	16	Cynthia Aungst	27	Helen Norton

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5	Norma & Larry Davis	18	Beth & Charlie Monroe
14	Maggie & Ran Cottingham	18	Debby & Ralph Morris



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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2015 Vestry</u></p> <p>Cynthia Aungst Jan Coffee Ann Guest George Hamlin Chris Johnson Dan Johnson Barbara Noble Andy Plummer Scott Reiter Merle Stromberg Carol Williams Catherine Zimmerman</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Vestry Officers</u></p> <p>Senior Warden..... Merle Stromberg Junior Warden Catherine Zimmerman Registrar..... Ann Guest Finance Committee Chairman..... Dennis McNeely Treasurer Tom Miller Assistant Treasurer Charlie Monroe Chancellor David Reed</p>
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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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 Herndon Virginia 20171
 Main Number: 703.481.8601
 Prayer Line: 703.389.7292

Visit our website at www.epiphanyanglican.net

February

4	6 PM	How to Interpret the Bible (Adult Class)
7	9 AM - 3 PM	Marriage Enrichment Day
7, 14, 21, 28	3:30 PM/5PM	Youth Worship Team/Youth Group
18	12 Noon, 7:30 PM	ASH Wednesday Services

March

7, 14, 21, 28	3:30 PM/5 PM	Youth Worship Team/Youth Group
15	10 AM	WINGS
15	10 AM	Annual Meeting
29	8 AM, 10 AM	Palm Sunday Services

April

3-4	9 AM	Prayer Vigil
2	7:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
3	12 Noon, 7:30 PM	Good Friday Service
4	7:30 PM	Easter Vigil Service
5	10 AM (ONLY)	Easter Service
10-12		Youth Retreat
11, 18, 25	3:30 PM	Youth Worship Team
18, 25	5 PM	Youth Group
17-19		Women's Retreat
26		Stewardship Sunday
26		CHARGED!

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 at 9:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:
 Daily Morning Prayer
 Wednesdays: Holy Communion