

## Thinking about a Facility Move – What to Expect



This year, we have some facility-related milestones to work through as a congregation. The biggest one is the conclusion of the initial five-year and five-month lease here at 13515 Dulles Technology Drive.

We have a choice to make before our initial lease term ends in early November. Simply put, “is now the time to relocate Epiphany’s facility to a space that would better meet our needs and ministry goals for the long term?” As I said in last month’s newsletter, our basic options are: 1.

Leasing and remodeling another commercial space that is in the right place and is the right size to be our long-term home. 2. Renewing our current lease and remaining in our current location while: (a) saving to purchase land and build a church; or (b) exploring new leasing possibilities as they occur.

In order to choose a direction, this is what we are doing:

1. For the last year, the Joshua Committee (Tom Will - chair, Beth Monroe - vestry liaison, Ian Gross, Andrew Long, Jan Welch, Ross Cummings, and Catherine Zimmerman) have been exploring possibilities. As part of that they surveyed the congregation in October 2016. They then took what the congregation and Epiphany ministry leads told them and worked with a realtor to see what specific options we might have. On January 22, the Joshua committee presented what they learned to the vestry in the form of possible courses of action
2. Over the next month or so, the vestry and finance committee will be considering what the Joshua Committee presented. The questions they will be asking include: “Will any of these options help us better fulfill our emphases as a church,” as well as “do we have the financial and organizational capacity right now to move forward in one of these ways?”
3. If the vestry’s prayerful answer is yes to both of these questions, the next step will be to commend a specific plan of action to the congregation. We hope to then receive feedback from the congregation before the vestry takes a final vote deciding whether or not to move forward this year, ideally before the end of March.

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As we move through this process, I am working with the wardens and Epiphany's prayer ministries to make sure we do it prayerfully, that we do it carefully, and that we are able to move forward in unity both as a vestry and as a congregation. While the vestry and finance committee know specifics about what we are considering, I have asked them to keep those details private for now. At this point, all the options we have are "hypotheticals" and as such I think it is important for details to firm up before publicly sharing information that could be misunderstood and probably does not represent the final reality.

My own conviction is that if we say our prayers and think through the options, we will largely agree both as a vestry and then as a congregation on the course to take (or not take). A combination of facts on the ground and our own conversations will make the path clear.

In the meantime, we have been blessed with a functional place to worship and offer ministry here at 13515 Dulles Technology Drive. While the conclusion of our initial lease makes seriously considering our options an appropriate step, I'm grateful for this place and will see you here on Sunday (and other days) until God opens the door to what's next.

God bless,



### **What You Can Do Now: Pray**

I am convinced that a big part of Epiphany getting to the God's answer about whether or not this is the right time to begin shifting our location is your prayers. While it may seem hard to pray without specifics, the truth is that the things we most need prayer for are already known.

1. For real clarity about God's will for our church.
2. For wisdom as the vestry and finance committee look at specifics and then communicate with the congregation.
3. For favor and support from realtors, owners, planners, architects, permitting agencies and everyone else that we may need to rely on as we look at options.
4. For unity in our congregation as we make choices

Please make a point to pray for your Epiphany particularly as we work through this decision over the next couple of months. It is effective and appreciated.

## Thank You Ginger Black



In January, Ginger Black retired after many years of leading Epiphany's Prayer Corner ministry. The prayer corner provides teams of people available to pray on Sunday with anyone at church after communion. Ginger's ministry, and the ministry of the prayer corner teams is deeply appreciated. While the prayer corner ministry looks for a new leader, Mark Oliphant has agreed to coordinate and schedule prayer teams so that this ministry continues at Epiphany.

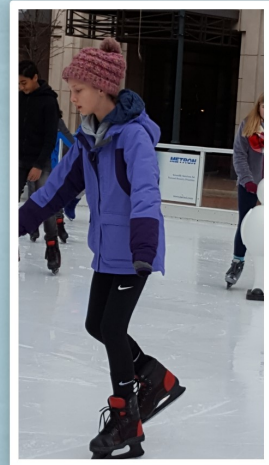
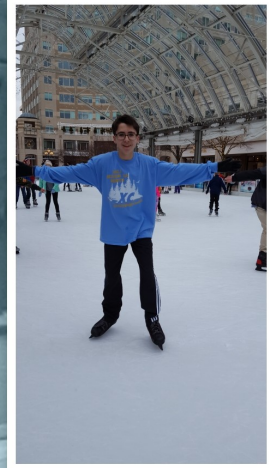
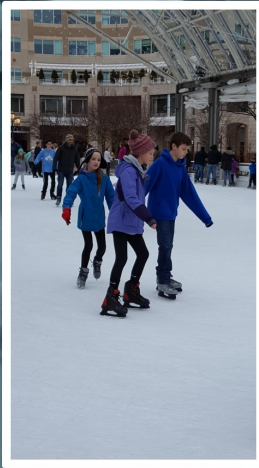


## Welcome!



Scott, Amie and Heather Boncher were received into the Anglican Communion during Bishop Guernsey's recent visit.

# Epiphany Youth



# Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

## Youth Update



Sometimes I forget that the whole congregation is not aware of what I am doing with the youth, although you are aware that our church loves children and families. Let me fix that right now. We meet regularly twice a month on a Sunday evening for discipleship. Youth Connections (high school age) has just finished a series and has started a new one, entitled “Sticky Faith: lessons for beyond high school.” Many of you know that we are graduating six students this year and I decided that we should spend concentrated time thinking about this critical transition period.

“How can my struggles, or my friends, help my faith stick? What about the party scene? How can I find a new church?” These are just a few of the issues we will be dealing with this spring in our Youth Connections. Naturally, our Junior Connections are following a different path as we interact with the life of Jesus. Our topics for junior high are geared toward making students think and articulate their thoughts. The best part is when the two groups overlap to share food and a fun activity.

Naturally, fun activities for students are a hallmark of youth ministry and I try to schedule at least one fun activity per month. Our tradition of ice-skating on Martin Luther King, Jr’s birthday at Reston Town Center is now solidified. We will gather for Super Bowl Sunday and I am looking at laser tag in the spring and a trip to King’s Dominion in June.

In addition to fun, we usually congregate with a sister church (All Saints Anglican) in Woodbridge for a Spring Retreat. Unfortunately, Watermarks Camp has overbooked the retreat this year. While it is possible that some of the seniors will be able to attend one last time with their friends at All Saints, we at Epiphany are not participating in an official capacity. I am looking into an alternative weekend getaway. In the summer last year, some of the youth and I traveled to Aliquippa PA for a local mission trip. It is likely that we will not do that again this year since so many of our folks are graduating but I am looking at summer discipleship opportunities. Finally, although it may seem like a long way off, I would be remiss if I did not mention our annual Soccer Camp where we offer a free, week-long opportunity for Coates Elementary students to learn soccer. Our youth have always been key volunteers for making that a success. Here at Epiphany we may not have the snappiest of programs, but our relationships go deep and we make discipleship a priority.

*Pamela +*

## Blessing a Marriage

On January 15, Epiphany was able to offer God's blessing on the marriage of Ragu Nadarajah and Shahmala Kamalanathan. Ragu and Shahmala have been married for 9 years, but desired to have their marriage blessed because they had not been married in a Christian ceremony. It is a great blessing to have these two committed followers of Jesus as part of our church and to celebrate this special day with them.



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## Coffee Hour Help Needed

Some of the best conversations at Epiphany happen after church on Sunday. After two years of leadership, Catherine Zimmerman is completing her time leading the Coffee Hour hospitality ministry this Sunday. Catherine has done a great job. Now we need a new leader and new volunteers to make sure that this important part of welcoming people to our church and facilitating our time together after worship continues. If you would like more details about leadership please contact Fr. Peter ([pfrank@epiphanyanglican.net](mailto:pfrank@epiphanyanglican.net)). If you are willing to sign up to help for a Sunday during this interim period, please contact Fred and Krystal Apelquist ([fredapelquist@aol.com](mailto:fredapelquist@aol.com)), who have agreed to take on scheduling coffee hour for the next few mont



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## Newcomer Ministry Leader Needed

Even as we search for a person with a hospitality inclination, we are looking for people who like to connect. Our Newcomer ministry needs a new leader as Jane Derrick and Fay Cochran step away from leadership. There have been some exciting changes and infusion of energy from the Barnabas team. Mtr. Pamela will be coordinating in the meantime and is happy to coach the new person along. Contact her at [pmeeks@epiphanyanglican.net](mailto:pmeeks@epiphanyanglican.net) or Jane at [jane\\_derrick77@comcast.net](mailto:jane_derrick77@comcast.net).



## The Barnabas Corner

### Friends Want to Know About Your Faith



Let that sink in for a minute and see whether it captures your imagination. Do you believe it? Do you think I am making this up?

Actually Lifeway, a Christian research who asked two thousand people, found that more than half of the respondents who don't go to church anymore, attended as a child and are open to attending a church activity. Admittedly, fewer are open to attending a church service but it is not because they are hostile to faith. This means that the fear we might have of broaching a topic on faith and even inviting them to church is unfounded. What this means is that is faith

is important to us, then our friends are open to hearing from us, not feeling being overwhelmed by a religious topic. What I think we have to understand about our unchurched friends is that if we have something authentic to share they will listen. Just as you would listen to them if they share a personal experience, so most of your friends are not as uptight about faith as you might think they are. Sharing is what friends do after all.

Be encouraged, Epiphany, to push back against the idea that there are two things we do not talk about: religion and politics. Actually, right now avoiding politics is probably still a good idea, but I would hope that we would have the boldness to share matters of faith with friends. And we are giving you an opportunity to act on the other issue: people being willing to come to non-worship activities. You may have heard that our contemporary band Cross-Over is doing a concert February 26th at 5pm. We are bringing our best chili recipe and voting on whose is best and we are bringing a canned or dry good to benefit Western Fairfax Christian Ministries. It is not unusual for food pantries to begin to get depleted after the influx at the holidays. We want to make the "cover cost" to be a can of food or two. Once you put all of that together, you have the name Rock 'n' Relief & Chili Cook-off.

If you want more details from the article: Christianity Today June 28, 2016 by Bob Smietana found here: <http://tinyurl.com/hszlr22>

## Missions Update: Fran Boyle

*We received an update from Fran Boyle, one of the missionaries Epiphany supports. Fran has toiled for years to improve the lives of children in South Sudan. Here are highlights from Fran's report:*



We are so thankful that the Answering the Call (ATC) team from Pensacola made it safely out of South Sudan with the help of Samaritans Purse. The team was stranded in Juba for five days, as we frantically tried to find a way to fly the team out. The airport and borders were closed after fighting broke out the night of the team's arrival in Juba, on their way out of the country.

The team had a wonderful time of ministry in our compound with the children and in several villages in the area. The team was able to see the progress on the children's dormitory.

Wherever the team went, hundreds of people showed up to hear the team preach. In one place over a thousand people came!

The situation in South Sudan is dire. Fortunately, our children at the orphanage in Akuak Rak have been safe, but there has been sporadic fighting in the region and one town nearby was completely leveled by fighting. Supplies are becoming scarce, and the things that are available are very expensive. It is not safe to travel the roads which may be guarded by one tribe or the other.

We are all sickened by the awful conditions that now dash the hopes of all who had expected much more after the hard fought freedom and independence which was celebrated in 2011. We have several students who will be graduating. They were hoping to go back to Sudan to work for a better future there, but for now that does not seem possible. We hope that we can send them for further training in Kenya until the conditions are such that they can return to South Sudan.

In late January, Scott and Sharon Thompson and I will travel over to minister through healing workshops. These will probably take place in Kenya or Uganda with the refugees pouring over from the most recent fighting.

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The Missions Committee is looking for additional members. We meet every three months or so, typically between services, to discuss the missionaries Epiphany supports and how best to fulfill God's directive on missions work. If you are interested in serving, please contact Gordon Coffee at [gordonacoffee@gmail.com](mailto:gordonacoffee@gmail.com) or call him (evenings or weekends) at 703.757.9550.



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Pastor Matthew is holding revival and healing services in Juba as they are still reeling from the traumatic events in that region. Just a few weeks ago, people were stepping over bodies in the road just outside the church, but Pastor Matthew and his team never take their eyes off the Lord, the only hope for South Sudan.

Ps 146:5 "Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them."

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- \* Peace and order in South Sudan which only the Lord of Lords can bring
- \* For true revival and peace in Juba as Pastor Matthew pours out through his ministry called "Elohim Shalom"
- \* Pray for our orphans in Akuak Rak (for safety and provision)
- \* Please pray for funds to continue to support the ongoing work and for student tuitions.

Love and Blessings, Fran



## Rock 'n' Relief & Chili Cook-off Feb. 26

Have you pulled out your calendar and checked for engagements for Sunday February 26 at 5:00pm? If there is nothing in that spot, we urge you to put in this crazy name for something that is sure to be a lot of fun. Now that this part is done, consider who you might invite: neighbor, friend, co-worker, anyone you have said to yourself, "We should hang out together." This event is purposefully low-key and relational. See you and your friend later this month!



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.

### 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.

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**Deadlines:**  
**STAR: 21st of the month**  
**Bulletin: Monday, 8 AM**  
**Candle: Wednesday, 8 AM**

#### BIRTHDAYS

1	Lyn Adams	9	Bethany Hait	16	Cynthia Aungst
	Julie Kesterson		Larry Pantzer	17	Nancy Knight
2	Doug Greenwood		Laurie Rash	22	Ragu Nadarajah
	Tim Stromberg	10	Thomas Cummings		Jim Wolfe
3	Brody Hanger		Patricia Meyer	24	Pat Schreiner
6	Victoria Monroe	11	Jeffrey Rhoads	26	Samuel Phillips
7	James Derrick	14	Alyssa Noble	27	Molly Carey Frost
	Barbara Noble		Faith Turner		Jonathan Meeks
8	Thabie Melvin		Joy Vaughan		Helen Norton

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

14	Maggie & Ran Cottingham	14	Molly Carey & Christopher Frost
18	Beth & Charlie Monroe	18	Debby & Ralph Morris

### 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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### Intercessory Prayer Letter

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

[prayer-request@epiphanyanglican.net](mailto: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](mailto:mizfiz34@gmail.com).



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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

February		
2-4	All Day	UCU Event
3	6:30 PM	UCU Dinner (RSVP)
5	6:00 PM	Youth Gathering for Superbowl
7	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
11	9:00 AM	AED Training
13-22	All Day	Holy Land Pilgrimage
19	6:00 PM	Junior Connections
19	6:45 PM	Youth Connections
26	5:00 PM	Rock n' Relief Chili Cook-off
March		
1	12:00 Noon & 7:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service 
5, 19	6:00 PM	Junior Connections
5, 19	6:45 PM	Youth Connections
14	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
22	6:30 PM	Epiphany Pilgrimage Report
April		
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	8:00 & 10 00 AM	Easter Services 