

## What's a Liturgy?



If you have been around church for a while, you have probably heard the way we worship called the “liturgy.” As church-words go, it’s probably one of the more obscure ones. In fact, I am not sure it is used by anyone else other than Christians (and not all of those) in English today.

But liturgy didn’t actually start out as a church-word, or even a word connected with the details of worship in general. Instead (and this seems vaguely appropriate as April 15 approaches) it was part of the tax code! Originally, when the state assigned a major project to a wealthy citizen, something like outfitting a warship or producing a drama, it was called a

liturgy.

And here is the interesting thing. Being assigned a liturgy was both an honor and an obligation. On one hand, if you were assigned a liturgy, you had to do it. On the other hand, it was an honorable thing to do, because by completing it, you were serving your fellow citizens. For instance, we often know who took on the “liturgy” of presenting some of the more famous Greek dramas, because they were celebrated along with the authors of the plays themselves.

When we use the word liturgy these days, we aren’t talking about building battleships or producing plays. At the same time, the sense that liturgy is both an honor and obligation continues. It really is an honor to be able to offer God the liturgy of worship and praise. He needs nothing from us, yet we know that worship is something He wants us to give back to Him. Jesus says in John 4.23 *“the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.”* That is us. We are the true worshipers, honored to perform the work, the liturgy, of worship to God every Sunday and at other times. At the same time, there is an obligation here. Worship isn’t just something we get to do, or can choose to do; it’s something that we “ought” to do. It is, as our Anglican communion service says, the liturgy of worship is *“our duty and our joy.”*

So, when you hear the word “liturgy,” remember it is not something we attend, it is something

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we do. Our liturgy is something we have the great honor of offering to God, our worship. It is a duty, and also our joy as his redeemed people.

God bless.,

## INTERESTED IN GOING TO GREECE?

Epiphany is going to Greece in 2019! Interest is high and 15 people have already committed to this special pilgrimage to Greece October 7-16, 2019. If you are interested in traveling in the footsteps of St. Paul with friends from church, information about the trip, including costs and a full itinerary is available in the fellowship hall publication rack or by talking with Fr. Peter.

For further information, please contact:  
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## Small Groups



Small groups have Biblical roots and are not just a passing fad in the church. It can be argued that churches *treated it* like a fad in the 1980's when organizing small groups became a focus. However, I would argue that small groups are biblical and can be found in the Old Testament most closely associated with households. When God called Noah to build the ark in Gen 7:1, God told Noah that it was for the purpose of saving him and his household. Remember that a household is bigger than our traditional nuclear family. Our New Testament example of a small group is none other than Jesus and his twelve disciples.

It is worth asking the question; why do churches have small groups? While worship is the primary focus of the church, that is not the only task a church has been given. Remember Jesus' last words urged us to make disciples of all nations. Once we have said yes to Christ, our job is not over! Discipleship is an important focus for churches.

- So, what is the most effective method that God uses to make a person more Christ-like?
- How can God use activities in our lives to teach us to walk in love?
- How does a person experience Christlikeness up close?

While small groups are by no means the *only* method, Jesus himself used small groups effectively with his band of twelve apostles. Jesus was the leader and discipler of his small group, which served as the key way the apostles learned what it meant to follow Jesus, even unto martyrdom for ten of them. In his travels, Jesus spent most of his time within this small group, although naturally, he ministered in larger contexts frequently as well. Jesus' motivation seemed to highlight relationships over organizations, systems or institutions. Jesus' small group was the context for teaching as well as training his new leaders, a context which is easy to reproduce.

I am not disparaging one-on-one meetings or meetings of larger groups of Christians, but there are special dynamics that a small group brings to the fore that make them especially attractive. Having a place to share burdens, celebrate victories, and share life at a deep level can inspire us all to take our faith to a deeper level. You may have heard my January 27th sermon on the central point of 1 Corinthians 12:18 that **God has arranged the members of the body as He chose**. Let us resist the temptation to disengage ourselves from the body here at Epiphany. Committing to a small group of believers who study God's word, pray for one another, and care for one another is one of the most significant decisions a believer can make to put us on a path of being conformed into the image of Christ.

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## Home Group News

We have 6 Home Groups within our Church. Our Goal in each is to know God better and know each other more closely outside of the Sunday Worship Service. We either meet weekly or twice monthly to study the Bible together and support each other prayerfully and socially. If you are interested in becoming a member of a Home Group, to lead the Biblical study, host the location in your home, or simply to participate contact:

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Members of Murray and Ginger Blacks' home group recently held a baby shower for the groups newest Grandma, Jan Reiter!

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*Ladies  
Night Out!*

### Ladies Dining Out

Wednesday, February 13, 7:00 PM  
Piero's Restaurant in Franklin Farm  
Please feel free to bring a friend or neighbor

## March for Life

By Catherine Zimmerman

The 46<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life was held in Washington DC on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

“This was an incredible experience. Hundreds of thousands of people marching to celebrate life, a gift from God, while at the same time recognizing the need in our society today to defend that life for those who have not yet been born”,  
*Catherine Zimmerman.*

Schools and youth groups from across the country traveled to DC for this event. Groups wore matching hats, scarves or carried signs displaying positive messages that inspired hope. A particular favorite sign read, “our salvation began with an unplanned pregnancy.”

On Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, Michelle Schmidt, who was a director of a crisis pregnancy center in Detroit, Michigan and who also happens to be Catherine’s sister, presented to the women of Epiphany a personal testimony of her experiences with counseling and assisting women in making pro-life choices. We greatly appreciated hearing Michelle’s heart on this subject, as she spoke openly and honestly about personal experiences and her 30 plus years of research on women’s health issues.

Catherine will be organizing a group to participate in the pro-life march for 2020. If you are interested please contact her with your information.



**March for Life**

Washington D.C.

## Epiphany Hosting Missions Roundtable

On March 9, a Mission Roundtable will be held from 9:00 a.m.-1200 noon, at Church of the Epiphany Anglican. It is open to all mission-minded parishioners and clergy in the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic. This is an opportunity for mission committees, clergy, folks running cross-cultural ministries locally and globally, and really anyone interested in what God is doing all over the world to expand His Kingdom to come together with our Anglican Global Mission Partners (AGMP) members to learn from one another, share ideas, stories and resources, and deepen relationships for the purpose of maximizing our global reach together.



Other info about what AGMP partners are up to regarding our Provincial Assembly Mission Track, New Wineskins Global Mission Conference, and our united efforts at Urbana might also be of interest to you.

All Epiphany members with an interest in mission are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Jenny Noyes at [jenny@newwineskins.org](mailto:jenny@newwineskins.org) or call at 336-684-4330.



**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.**

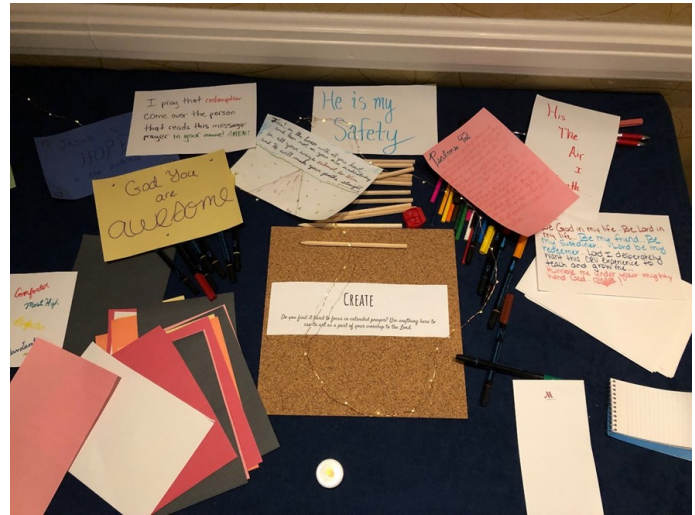
## Missions Update: Maggie McNeely

*Maggie McNeely provided this recent report on her outreach. Epiphany is proud to help sponsor Maggie's efforts:*

### Go. Do. Say. Give.

That is the challenge to students at Winter Conference. Are you willing to go where God wants you to go? Do what He wants you to do? Say what He wants you to say? Give what He wants you to give? Six years ago I was asked those same questions. It's a daily surrender. But I am so glad that God led me to join staff with Cru my senior year of college. I'm excited for what He has in store for the future!

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9.



### Winter Conference 2019

This was my 8th Winter Conference with Cru. My job this year was to design a room for prayer. It was open 24/7 and we had a team of staff who got to meet with students and pray with them if they wanted to pray. It was an amazing, humbling experience to be a part of. Prayer is so powerful. It is a direct line of communication with the God of the universe and I loved getting to intercede for hurting, questioning, growing students. I went back into the prayer room right after 1am on New Year's Eve to close up and saw a girl had signed up for prayer. I texted her and told her I was leaving early in the morning the next day but would love to get together. She showed up at 8:30am and we prayed together for her future and she wept. I was so honored and excited for her desire to trust Jesus and trust me with her story.

Another thing I love about Winter Conference was our Day of Outreach. Over 500 of us were sent to a church on the south side of Baltimore to help them clean up from a flood. We were divided up into teams to paint, pick up trash, pass out flyers in the neighborhood, and pray for the city. It was really sweet to spend 2 hours with girls from my campus and get to help clean the city streets. I'm not going to lie, I wanted to complain and grumble about picking up trash when it was so cold but seeing how the students just did as they were asked and were happy to serve was humbling and encouraging to me!

## Western Fairfax Christian Ministries Report for Epiphany by Jan Welch

“As an expression of God’s love and a demonstration of the gospel of Jesus Christ, WFCM provides food and financial support to those at risk of homelessness.”

Epiphany has supported WFCM since it’s creation in 1986 in part by members of Epiphany, and over the years we have continued that support with funds, volunteers and employees. Members have been on the board of directors, part of its staff and some also have received help when needed. The organization is a vital member of the community and is the place to send people when they ask the church or members for help.

In November the Boy Scout program, Scouting for Food, brought in over 62,000 pounds of food. Many of our parishioners contributed to that food drive and each year have given as many as 10 to 26 families Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets.

Each year at the annual October fund drive dinner, several members give generously which helps to fund other WFCM services such as help with rent, utilities, gas, prescriptions and insurance. Volunteers and donors are critical to the organizations’ success, and several parishioners give generously of their time weekly and for special programs. In both the office and the pantry volunteers gave 8,572 hours. Including other programs such as the Backpack Collection, Holiday Basket Distribution and many other events, volunteer hours amounted to over 15,000.

Our parish also gives funds from our budget which supports the yearly budget of WFCM. Without the generosity of our individual members and our parish, WFCM would be unable to provide the level of service it does to the community. Thank you to all of you who have contributed so generously of your time, talent and treasure to help members of our community in times of need. God bless you all.





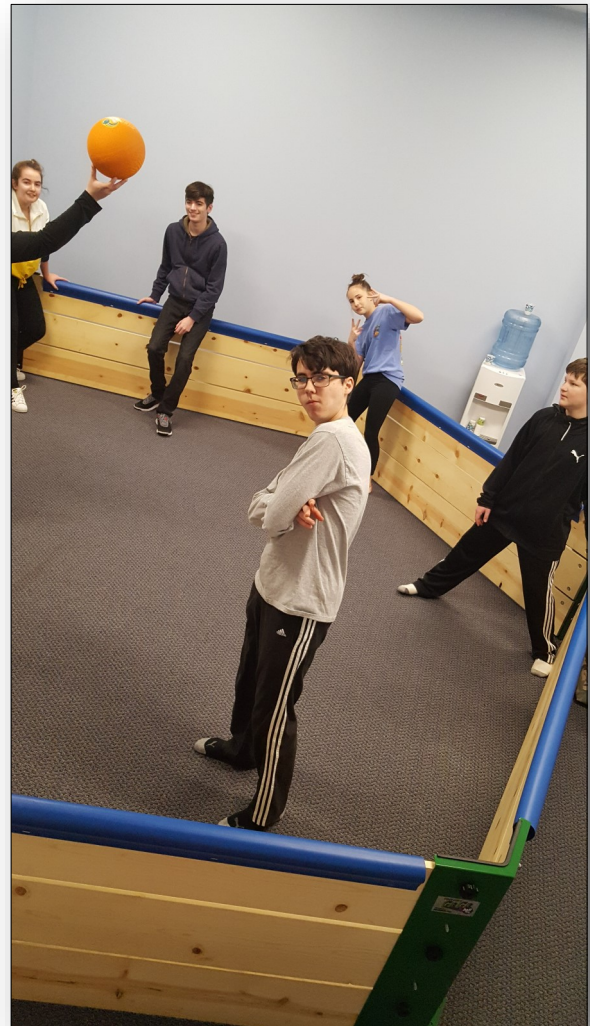
## Snow Day - Youth Connections Style

The Youth of the church (and their younger siblings) have decided that it is more fun to spend a day off from school by playing gaga ball in our multi-purpose room.

It takes some time to set up, so days off are a perfect time to play, eat, and laugh together. Thanks to the church once again for providing our gaga ball ring. Next time, we will be outside!



◀ TDubbs is now the undisputed



DaBaum is not far behind, with other ► contenders in pursuit of the title.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



# FEBRUARY

### BIRTHDAYS

1	Lyn Adams	9	Bethany Hait	22	Ragu Nadarajah
	Julie Kesterson		Larry Pantzer		Jim Wolfe
2	Doug Greenwood		Laurie Rash	23	Gary Hall
	Tim Stromberg	10	Thomas Cummings	24	Pat Schreiner
	Liliauna Whitlock		Patricia Meyer	26	Samuel Phillips
3	Brody Hanger	11	Jeffrey Rhoads	27	Molly Carey Frost
6	Victoria Monroe	14	Alyssa Noble		Jonathan Meeks
7	James Derrick		Faith Turner		Helen Norton
	Barbara Noble	17	Nancy Knight		
8	Thabie Melvin	20	Alex Peake		

Happy Anniversary



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3	Gail Haddock & Don Holt	18	Beth & Charlie Monroe
14	Maggie & Ran Cottingham	18	Debby & Ralph Morris
14	Molly Carey & Christopher Frost		

## Worship Schedule

### Sundays

8:00 and 10:15 AM  
Eucharist and Healing

At the 10:15 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 by email at [mizfiz34@gmail.com](mailto:mizfiz34@gmail.com).

## 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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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

February		
3, 10, 17, 24	8: 00 AM and 10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist
10, 24	6:00 PM	Youth Connections
12	7 PM	Vestry Meeting
24	2:00 PM	Worship at Arbor Terrace
March		
3, 10, 17, 24, 31	8: 00 AM and 10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist
6	12 Noon & 7:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Services 
10, 24	6:00 PM	Youth Connections
12	7 PM	Vestry Meeting
24	2:00 PM	Worship at Arbor Terrace

*To get your item on the calendar*



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