

The Foundation of Mission



”Mission” is something that we like to talk about at Epiphany, and for good reason. Without mission, that is the process by which Christians purposely share their faith in Jesus with people who have not yet believed, Christianity would have probably never gotten beyond the boundaries of first-century Jerusalem.

But the reason we talk about mission is not simply, or even primarily, that we are interested in building our brand. The church is not a multi-level marketing organization with sign-up targets to achieve. Instead we do it because Jesus himself calls us to do it. This last Sunday we joined with our sister churches in the Anglican Church in North America in marking World Mission Sunday. As part of our worship we heard Jesus’ own call to mission from John 20, verse 22 . Jesus says to his disciples after his resurrection, *“As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.”*

In other words, Jesus’ own mission, the mission of reconciling people to God, of announcing the forgiveness of sins to those who believe, of heralding the coming of God’s kingdom, is now our mission. It’s been given to us by Jesus himself. We can’t say we are followers, disciples, of Jesus if we are unwilling to accept the gift of his mission.

Now that can feel daunting. It can feel like a call to do something we don’t feel very good at, or that we aren’t equipped for. Sharing our hope in Jesus in an effective way is difficult, and risking rejection is hard to do. What I have seen at Epiphany (and every other church I have served) is that we have a few folks that are naturally gifted for mission among us, and a lot of us who may secretly hope it isn’t actually our job.

Well, it is our job. But here is what I want to point out to all of us, myself included, who feel daunted by the call to take on Jesus’ mission as our own. It is this. Jesus doesn’t just give us his mission. He also gives us his peace. It’s actually how John 20, verse 22 begins. *“Peace be with you”* is what Jesus says first to his disciples. The mission follows Jesus’ peace.

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This is my experience: When I look for Jesus' peace in myself and in those around me, mission follows close behind. This peace can look like a lot of things: Maybe it is an open door to a spiritual conversation at work or a connection with an unlikely person. Your mileage will vary of course. The first step of missionary discipleship is the same, though. It is Jesus' peace with us and in front of us.

So, missionaries of Jesus' at Epiphany, good news, be encouraged. We have not only been given a mission, we have also been given Jesus' peace. Look for that peace in action and the mission will follow.

God bless.,

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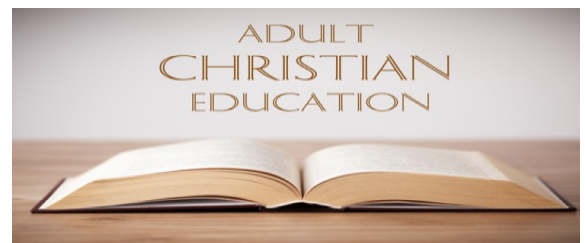
Spring Adult Education Classes Begin March 3

This March and early April, Epiphany will be offering a slate of two adult education classes. Classes are held on Sunday mornings between 9:15 and 10:05. Classes this spring are as follows.

Finding God in Anglican Worship: Fr. Peter will be offering a course that will be exploring the biblical and traditional roots of Anglican worship. Attend this course if you have ever wondered why we worship the way we do, and/or what different parts of our worship service mean.

Jesus and the Old Testament Feasts: Elizabeth Hudgins will be exploring the connections between the Old Testament feasts and the life and ministry of Jesus. Attend this course to understand better the connections between Jesus and Jewish religious observances.

Feel free to join a class beginning March 3rd.



Character Building in the Teen Years



Every now and then in parenting, you accidentally stumble upon something that works for your children to get them into the Bible at home. Our decision was a simple one: read a chapter in the New Testament after dinner and talk about whatever stands out. Well naturally, the stories of Jesus were easier to listen to, but we are reading Romans and there is definitely some heady stuff. Then we got to chapter 5 and, all of a sudden Jonathan, our teenager felt like he could relate. This was the passage.

“We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame.” Romans 5:3-4

I have always believed the Bible is relevant to our everyday lives, but I am especially interested to learn how our young people relate to the Scriptures. I have discovered that teens relate to the idea of suffering. Now, most of them are not being persecuted for their faith which would be the primary issue at the time Paul wrote the letter to Rome.

But we know that teens do suffer and are called upon to endure. So often they feel it is hard to hold on to hope because so much of life is out of their control. The social pressures from peers, their busy and distracted parents, hormonal changes and their new foray into the confusing world of adulthood is enough to demand some serious coping skills. And the thing that stood out to my teen at home was that, if a friend can endure the stress then they are building character. The word character gets talked about a lot for athletes especially. Having a character and willingness to endure a hard work-out will bring better performance, so the coach preaches. But not every student gets these kinds of pep talks. A teen may struggle for reasons to hold on to hope.

One of the new things for me is that my teen is looking for ways to be encouraging to his struggling peers. The other bit of good news is that he would want to turn to the Bible to deliver that encouragement, even if this specific passage does not mention Jesus. Finally, if one of my son's friends holds on to the hope of a transformed character, then they could see and experience victory in their endurance and character building. Altogether, that equals up to a lot of wins in my mind!

Pamela +

Time to Paint the Ceiling

We have had a leak in the sanctuary for a number of months now, and we would like to touch up the ceiling panels before Easter. This job will involve being up on ladders using spray-paint specifically designed to retouch ceiling tiles. If you would be interested in joining the team to take this project on during March, please contact Fr. Peter (pfrank@epiphanyanglican.net).



CAMP

Church of the Epiphany youth and older children are partnering with Church of the Apostles for a discipleship camp after our own Sports Camp. Questions? Contact Mtr. Pamela, pmeecks@epiphanyanglican.net.



Church of the Apostles Summer Camp at Camp Highroad

August 4, 2019-August 9 2019

Rising 3rd grade-Rising 8th Grade

Church of the Apostles continues its long partnership with Camp Highroad. We (Apostles and Camp Highroad) are dedicated to sharing the gospel and to giving each of our summer campers an exciting and Christ-centered experience of fellowship, fun, adventure, and spiritual growth. Campers are divided into age-specific units, where they spend 5 ½ days sharing life together; each unit has two counselors, who lead the unit to participate in a variety of age-appropriate camp activities, Bible studies, great meals and free time.



Questions about Camp?

Call Kristin Colligan @703-591-1974 or email
kcolligan@churchoftheapostles.org

Where Can I Go?

Psalm 139:7

We'll be looking at the story of Joseph to learn how God is always with us, no matter what!



Ladies Dining Out



7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 13th.

Piero's Corner Ristorante Italiano
13340 Franklin Farm Rd, Herndon, VA 20171-4098

Epiphany Hosting Prayer Meeting for Anglican Missions



On March 9, there will be a special Morning Prayer for Anglican Mission 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 anyone interested in thanking the Lord for what He is doing all over the world and petitioning Him to expand His Kingdom as we come together and pray for our Anglican Global

Mission Partners (AGMP) members. All Epiphany members are welcome to attend. For more information, contact David Meeks at firstkings1919@gmail.com or text or leave a voicemail at 703-728-7914.



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 Committee:

Rather than sharing an update from one of the missionaries supported by Epiphany, the Missions Committee is providing a copy of the Mission Committee guidelines for the information of the congregation.

Church of the Epiphany Anglican Missions Committee

COE = Church of Epiphany, MP = Ministry Partners, MC = Missions Committee

Introduction

The task of the Missions Committee has global and eternal implications. The MC is committed to Church of Epiphany's active participation in fulfilling the Great Commission. It considers the sending and support of Ministry Partners to be one of the primary roles of the church.

A written statement of the MC's purpose, policies and procedures will aid the committee's effectiveness and provide guidance in decision making. An adopted written policy minimizes emotional decisions or decisions based on personalities.

Mission Committee Essentials

Great Commission: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matt. 28:19-21.

COE Mission Statement: Encountering God through beautiful worship and believing prayer. Building a multi-generational congregation that loves children and families. Equipping every member to publicly proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

A. Mission Committee Goals

1. Select and support MPs according to MC's selection criteria.
2. Deepen and consolidate COE's commitment to current MPs, especially those who have strong connection with COE.
3. Assist in integrating the Great Commission into the life of COE.

B. Mission Committee Duties

1. Communication within COE
 - a. Encourage intercessory prayer for world missions in general and for COE's own MPs.

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- b. Keep world missions and MP before COE through the Sunday church bulletin, a bulletin board, and other COE media.
 2. Develop policies and related procedures to clarify MP's accountability to MC, including:
 - a. Frequency of prayer/update communications.
 - b. Length of time for which COE commits support.
 - c. Provide relevant policies to every MP annually.
 3. Review MP communications, noting requests for both financial and prayer assistance and, when appropriate, share these needs with the congregation.
 4. Coordinate with Rector to schedule MP speakers and/or exhibits.
 5. Develop ways to encourage and care for MPs in their calling and ministry efforts.
 6. Provide inspiration and motivation for missions and for fulfilling the Great Commission.

C. Required Attributes for Mission Partners

1. Does the MP spread the Gospel by actively fulfilling the Great Commission?
 - a. Is the mission tangible? How will success be apparent? What will be visibly or measurably different as the mission succeeds? How will COE know that this tangible impact has happened?
 - b. Is the proposed or current mission effort focused and does it have clear expected results?
2. Does the MP's mission align with some part of the Great Commission?
 - a. Make disciples?
 - b. Make new believers?
 - c. Make new, stronger or more committed followers of all that Jesus has taught?
 - d. Encourage believers to know that Jesus and the Holy Spirit always accompany them?
3. Does the MP have at least one sponsoring person who is a COE member?
4. Is the proposed MP approved by and affiliated with a reputable mission organization?
5. Are the MP and mission organization compatible with COE's beliefs and values as an Anglican church and as in the Nicene Creed?
6. Will the MP provide regular communication with COE?
 - a. Send letter or other correspondence on a regular schedule.
 - b. Visit COE if feasible or contact a MC member and/or sponsor while on furlough.
 - c. Inform COE of any changes in ministry goals or area of ministry.
7. MC members who are also MPs can serve on the committee as a full participant at the chair's discretion with the chair to determine extent of participation in areas of potential conflicts of interest.

D. Mission Support Criteria Considerations

1. Special consideration will be given for those sent from COE.
2. Criteria to select MP may be prioritized according to any current COE priorities, such as:
 - a. A particular country

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- b. A people group
 - c. Type of ministry
 - d. Evangelistic initiative
 - e. Sister church (e.g. locally or internationally)
 - f. Particular age bracket
3. Allow for flexibility, leaving room for the Lord to use COE to meet special Great Commission opportunities that may arise and to adjust to changing world conditions.

Accountability Considerations

1. "Appropriate accountability should be focused around achievable activity goals while at the same time defining prayer requests asking God to do what only He can accomplish. Missionaries cannot be held responsible for fruit that is borne only by the moving of the Holy Spirit, but they should be accountable to do what best prepares the soil."¹
2. It is appropriate for supporting churches to ask for regular reports, but the primary evaluation and decision-making need to center in the sending body. MP accountability is to communicate with COE. It is not accountability for evaluation purposes, which is the job of the sending organization.

*Missions Committee
Cordon Coffee (Chair), Ginger Black, Murray Black
Bessie Cool, Bill Cool, Don Holt
David Meeks, Catherine Zimmerman*

¹ Interchange Postings, Nov. 2010, Vol. 5, issue 11, p.2. "Restructuring Local Church Missions" Ellen Livingood



MARCH



2019 BIRTHDAYS

3	Andrew Long	9	Sally McNeely	17	David Schreiner
	Charlie Monroe		Tress Navarrete	20	Scott Boncher
4	CJ Easton	10	Faith Fisler	22	Brad Johnson
	Don Monaghan		Christian Navarrete	23	Megan Rhoads
0	Ross Cummings	13	Paula Saddler	27	Haiyan Croft
	Colin Zimmerman	14	William Turner	29	Gary Lawson
8	Diane Driscoll	15	Gail Haddock	31	Laura Menzel
	Robin Rauh		Hailey Merrill		

Happy Anniversary



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

20	Courtney & Daniel Turner	22	Margaret & Merle Stromberg
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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

Epiphany Staff	Email
The Rev. Peter Frank, Rector	pfrank@epiphanyanglican.net
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2019 Vestry

Lisa Baehr
 Amie Boncher
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 Carole Menzel
 Pat Meyer
 Debby Morris
 Mark Oliphant
 Margaret Stromberg

Vestry Officers

Senior Warden..... Mark Oliphant
 Junior Warden..... Lisa Baehr
 Registrar Amie Boncher
 Finance Committee Chairman..... Dennis McNeely
 Treasurer..... Tom Miller
 Assistant Treasurer..... Charlie Monroe
 Chancellor..... David 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 by email at 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.

Articles and Subscription requests: star@epiphanyanglican.net
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Deadlines: STAR: 21st of the month • Bulletin: Monday, 8 AM • Candle: Wednesday, 8 AM




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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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	2:00 AM	Daylight Saving Time - SPRING AHEAD
10	6:00 PM	Youth Connections
12	7 PM	Vestry Meeting
24	2:00 PM	Worship at Arbor Terrace
April		
7, 14, 28	8: 00 AM and 10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist
21	10:15 AM	Easter Service (No 8:00 AM Service)
7, 28	6:00 PM	Youth Connections
18	6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Passover Dinner
19	12 Noon and 7:30 PM	Good Friday Services
20	8:00 PM	Easter Vigil



**Daylight Saving Time
 begins on
 March 10th.**