

## Looking ahead to this Fall at Epiphany

We have had a busy summer at Epiphany, but believe it or not, fall is creeping up on us already.

This September, we have three special events to look forward to, all of which you can learn more about in this issue of the Star.



**Godspeed to the Guernseys** – Fr. Michael Guernsey is wrapping up his time at Epiphany as he prepares to serve as rector at Christ Church in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. We will get one more opportunity to hear him preach this Sunday, September 6, and then we will send the Guernsey family off with our

blessing and thanks during and immediately after the 10 am service on Sept. 13. As part of that, we're asking all Epiphany children and youth to be at 10am service so they can be part of Michael's commissioning and release for his new work.

**New multi-generational women's Bible study** - On September 15, we're kicking off a new multi-generational women's Bible study at Epiphany under the leadership of our Women's ministry and Ellen Gross. The Bible study will meet from 9:30-11:30. Professional child care will be provided. There will be a table set up in the fellowship after the 10am service for the next few Sundays if you would like to learn more.

**Exploring Christianity's Jewish Roots** – We will have a chance to explore (and participate) in Christianity's Jewish Roots with the Rev. Cn. Daryl Fenton, who will be visiting Epiphany September 25-27. Mark your calendars now and plan to be part of a family friendly "Erev Shabbat" (Sabbath Eve) meal and service on September 25. Daryl will also be leading a class and conversation about personal evangelism the morning of September 26 and then preaching on Sunday, Sept. 27.

As it happens, today, August 31, marks the anniversary of my first year of ministry as Epiphany's rector. I haven't had time to do much in the way of reflecting yet, but when I think back to all that has happened over the last twelve months, I do want to say thank you to everyone who prays for my family and me and prays for our church. This ministry is a gift, and I'm excited to see what the next year brings,

God bless,

## Parish Weekend: Explore the Jewish Roots of Christianity Sept. 25-27

This September, Epiphany will be welcoming the Rev. Canon Daryl Fenton, National Director of the Church's Minister among the Jewish People ([cmj-usa.org](http://cmj-usa.org)) to Epiphany for a Sabbath eve meal and discussion of Christianity's Jewish roots during the evening of September 25, a time of teaching on evangelism during the morning of September 26, and to preach on Sunday, September 27. This will be our "Parish Weekend" this fall.

Look for more information and a sign up in the fellowship area at Church in the weeks ahead.



Daryl assumed the role of National Director for CMJ in the United States in 2011. The US office is part of the worldwide ministry to Jewish People that began in London in 1809. CMJ is an evangelical mission society of the worldwide Anglican Church. A graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, and Trinity Seminary, Ambridge, Pennsylvania, he was called to the pastorate after 30 years in business.

Fenton previously served as Canon to Archbishop Robert Duncan of the Anglican Church in North America, overseeing mission relationships nationally and internationally. CEO for 14 years of Chicago's Berghoff Restaurant in Chicago, Illinois, he also led a team that planted a church in the historic, downtown restaurant. Upon returning to Wheaton for graduate studies, he served as Associate Director of the Chapel of the Air radio broadcast.

"I'm very happy to have Daryl visit us again. Beyond Daryl being a longtime personal friend, I know we at Epiphany will benefit from his insights and encouragement as we seek to both understand and appreciate Christianity's Jewish roots and be evangelical witnesses for Jesus among the people God has placed us here at Epiphany," said the Rev. Peter Frank, Epiphany's Rector.



*Evangelism Idea  
of the Month!*

The obvious idea is to bring someone to church with you, but another challenge is to pray over the children at the bus stops in your neighborhood and consider having an after school Bible club. Talk to me, Gin Edmunds, or a Sunday School teacher for ideas. Be sure to partner with someone and let our clergy know your plans

## Saying Thank You and Godspeed to the Guernseys

Epiphany will be saying “thank you “ and “Godspeed” to Fr. Michael, Tracy and Caleb Guernsey on Sept. 13. Fr. Michael’s last sermon at Epiphany will be the week before, September 6.

Please plan to join with the entire Epiphany family as we honor Fr. Michael for his ministry at our church over the last three years. We have benefited greatly from Fr. Michael’s ministry in many ways. I am particularly grateful for his gifts as a preacher and teacher and his unwavering commitment to introducing Epiphany kids and young adults to the Gospel.

On September 13, we are asking children and youth to be present to pray over Fr. Michael and commission him for his new ministry as rector at Christ Church in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. This will be part of the 10 am service. After the service, there will be a informal reception, and a chance for all of us to express our appreciation to this special family as we send them out from Epiphany with our blessing.

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# Sports Camp 2015



More than 75 kids participated along with about 30 volunteers.  
Thanks to Fr. Michael and his TEAM for making this a success!

## Women's Fellowship Update

Fall is upon us and I know everyone is looking at their calendar and feeling the rush of busyness the season brings. Work, school, carpools, taking the kids to practice and lessons, committee meetings, book clubs, date nights all compete for our attention and time. I am excited to share another option for the Fall that will be life giving - an opportunity to sit at the feet of Jesus - to be intentional about being in the word and being in community.

Church of the Epiphany will be offering a Women's Bible Study called "Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted" by Priscilla Shirer. We will be meeting Tuesday mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 AM at the church for a time of fellowship with coffee and refreshments, worship and Bible study. This study is open to all women and childcare will be provided.

Women's Bible Study will run from September 15th and end December 15th. Registration tables and books for sale will be available starting Sunday August 16th. Come encounter God, experience community and be blessed. Please contact Ellen Gross with any questions at [ellenfgross@gmail.com](mailto:ellenfgross@gmail.com). If you are interested in working in childcare please email Maggie Marcum at [marcummaggie@gmail.com](mailto:marcummaggie@gmail.com).

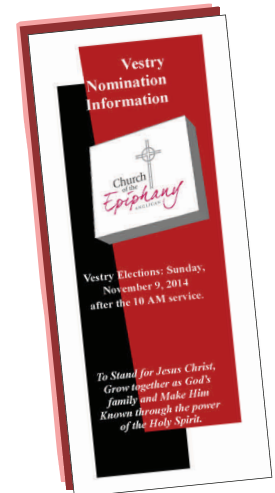
Any questions please let me know.

Blessings, Ellen Gross

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## Vestry Elections

The Vestry elections will be held at the Annual Church meeting immediately following the 10am service on November 8<sup>th</sup>. This year we are looking for five church members who feel the hand of God nudging them to serve, nudging them to step out of their comfort zone and into position of actively working in the leadership of this church to discern the will of God. We don't always understand why God is calling us to serve or how we will be used, but we know that by following His lead our lives and those of our congregation will be blessed. Please prayerfully consider whether you are being called to server Epiphany in this vital position. The Vestry Nomination Information brochure, available on line\*, contains more information about the duties, obligations and qualifications. Resist allowing worldly distractions to steer you away from this calling. When God calls someone, he promises "leads us in triumphal procession in Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:14). Do not hesitate, for it may deprive other people of the benefits of your service. If you have any questions, please contact one of the members of the current Nomination Committee: Catherine Zimmerman, Cynthia Aungst, Dan or Chris Johnson, all retiring member of the vestry. Committee members at large are Debby Morris and Pat Meyer. .



\*Current on-line version is last year's be the revised brochure will be available soon!

## Missions Update

One of the ministries Epiphany supports is Global Scholars, which places and supports Christian professors in foreign universities. The CEO of Global Scholars, Stan Wallace, preached to us two years ago. Here is a recent report from him about the inspiring work Global Scholars is doing:



Last Friday we commissioned 14 new appointees to serve in universities worldwide with Global Scholars this coming academic year!

We dedicate them for service to God each year in Kansas City in a ceremony known as the "Encaenia," a Latin word meaning "dedication" or "consecration." The word is ultimately derived from the Greek "εγκαίνια," meaning a festival of renewal or dedication, and corresponds to the English term "commencement."

A central aspect of the ceremony is commissioning new professors to take the light of Christ to the world through their service to the universities in teaching, research and administration. They will join other Global Scholars who are helping students worldwide learn to live and lead as Christ's followers in their nations!

Through your partnership, we were able to send and support 70 Global Scholars professors worldwide during the 2014-15 academic year. We regularly receive reports of how God was using them in their institutions and the lives of their students. We are not able to share all these stories with you, but let me take this opportunity to share a few more vignettes of how God used you, through Global Scholars professors, to bring the light of Christ to the nations! (Names have been changed and pictures withheld due to the sensitive nature of their stories and their home countries.

Allen, a Global Scholars professor in Hungary, has a student named Thom, who recently came to Allen asking for personal guidance. Thom confided in Allen because he recalled that Allen had mentioned the issues he was struggling with during one of his classes. The way that Allen spoke of those issues gave Thom confidence that Allen was the right person to confide in. Allen says, "I obviously gained his trust, for him to discuss such sensitive issues with me. When I first taught him he was not at all interested in anything to do with religion, but in our recent meetings I was able to include God and the Bible in our conversations." Thom is still working through his problems as he continues to seek guidance from Allen. Please pray that through his relationship with Allen, Thom will come to see the truth of who God is and begin a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Catarina is teaching Russian to her Global Scholars professor Kate in exchange for learning English. Catarina and Kate quickly became close, and Kate knew that God was drawing Catarina to himself. Catarina was recently baptized and now is the only believer in her

extended family. Although Catarina has now graduated and moved to a different city, Kate continues to disciple her. They are currently studying the book of Luke together through email.

Thank you so much for the important role you play in reaching students like Tom and Catarina, and the thousands more that they represent. Please pray for them and others that God is bringing to Himself through Global Scholars professors.

The Missions Committee needs an additional member. No heavy lifting or extensive time commitment required. If you are interested in serving, please contact Gordon Coffee at [gcoffee@winston.com](mailto:gcoffee@winston.com) or 703.757.9550 (home).



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## Summer Crunch Time

By Catherine Zimmerman

What, the summer is about to end? School is about to begin? What happened to family time, vacations, staying up late and sleeping in? What about those summer reading assignments and math packets due the first week of school. What happened to June, July and August? How much am I going to have to spend of school supplies this year?

Are you feeling the crunch this week of making the most of the last week of summer all the while ensuring that your kids are ready for school? Well, rest assured that you are not the only one enduring this stressful time, nor are you the only one feeling anxious about the week ahead. As parents, though, we need to remember that how we deal with these types of moments show our children that we are either planting seeds of the flesh or seeds of the spirit. We are either giving in to stress by responding with anxiety and anger; or we are trusting in our Savior that no matter where we are today, that we can begin at this moment to give our best to Christ and honor him in all the things we do. That includes last minute scavenger hunts for school supplies, cleaning out closets to adjust for growth spurts, and encouraging our kids to take each page or question on those summer assignments one at a time with a new commitment until they are done.

This is a great time to speak scripture into your children's hearts to help them form and integrate Biblical practices into their core. This past Sunday, Fr. Peter preached on Ephesians about "submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ." (Ephesians 5:21) and that each of us should "be very careful then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16). These two scriptures can remind us of our need to be still in stressful moments and to treat every task in our lives with spiritual maturity.

The leadership of your church family is praying that you have a blessed week!

## Church Leadership: Investing time in "llama whispering"

By Tom Herrick



I recently had the privilege of joining ten other senior Anglican leaders and three wilderness guides for a week long leadership retreat in the Colorado Rockies.

The hike up to our base camp at 11,500 feet was made even more exciting by the presence of four llamas that carried our food and much of our gear. My llama, an adolescent named Joe (I

assume he was an adolescent because he stopped constantly to eat!), proved to be a tremendous challenge whenever he wasn't leading the pack. Following another llama is not in Joe's DNA. He is what is known as an 'alpha' llama. When he wasn't rearing up on his hind legs in protest, or pushing one of us into a tree, or drenching one of us in a mountain stream, Joe was otherwise busy ignoring all of my efforts to lead him. It took lots of trial and error to figure out how to get through to him. I have to laugh when I reflect on it because leading Joe bore a distinct resemblance to church leadership.

Like a llama, church leadership can be a strange animal. It is a wonderful blend of exhortation, encouragement, and perseverance. When you add calling, vision, and mission into the lot, then mix in prayer and obedience, it becomes almost mystical in nature. Many church leaders do not believe they are their own bosses. They answer to a higher authority—the one who promises to build his church. Yet, the truth remains that the incarnational nature of our faith intricately ties who we are into what we do.

In other words, leading is more than what we do—it is who we are.

Recent studies show that only 3% of pastors in active ministry consider themselves leaders. This statistic is alarming on many levels and hints at why the Church is experiencing losses in attendance and membership. It is probably a reflection on the nature of the work, as well as the methods of training and preparation we use. At the heart of it, the issue may be one of role definition. Many pastors consider themselves teachers, others see themselves as pastors entrusted with the "cure of

souls." Few understand that their central role is to be one of leadership. However, the long-term health and vitality of a church is often tied directly to the strength of the leadership.

So the question I've been turning over is this: "What are we doing to develop our leaders?"

My retreat was organized, funded, and led by the [Anglican Leadership Initiative](#) (ALI), which sprang from a vision God gave to David Drake, rector of [Church of the Resurrection](#) seven years ago. Convinced that developing our clergy and lay leaders was at the heart of the success of our movement, David joined forces with several others to create a means to refresh leaders in the great outdoors by creating disequilibrium (hence the llamas!) then drawing them closer to God and to one another.

The community that developed was extraordinary—we had to depend on each other for the basic necessities of life. As we listened, prayed, fished, hiked, rappelled, climbed rocks, and went white-water rafting, we were recharged and God's vision for our ministries was renewed. God was whispering into our lives and reminding us of the dreams he has given us over the years. With those gentle reminders, he released again the passion and drive that often leaks out over time.

I am profoundly grateful to David, ALI, and the other leaders on the retreat for their investment in me. Having just been recharged reminded me of the need every leader has to get away, pray, and listen for God's direction. I'd like to ask all of our congregations: What can you do to refresh and care for your leaders? Are you noticing that your leaders are getting a bit testy? Are you seeing signs of fatigue? Are the sermons you're hearing losing focus? If so, it may be time to invest in a little llama whispering.

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## Important Dates for Women's Fellowship

This is a quick reminder to the ladies about some events coming up. First, please read the article about the new *Tuesday Morning Bible* study that Ellen Gross is launching on 15 September. Then mark your calendar for 10 October and our next *Seasons Coffee*. Hannah King, Director of Local Missions at Truro Anglican Church will be our speaker. Hannah is a lovely young woman who will present a portion of her recent series on neighboring—how we can reach out to our neighbors and share our faith. Please save the date and watch for more information about registration for the coffee.

We have a new date and a new place for the *2016 Women's Retreat*. We will be hosting the retreat from 15 to 17 April at San Damiano Spiritual Retreat Center just outside of Winchester, VA. Please check out the retreat center at <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/sandamiano/index.aspx>. This is a favorite place for Fr. Peter and we are excited to be spending a weekend there. Costs for the retreat will be higher than it has in the past, however, we believe the beauty, cleanliness, and peacefulness of San Damiano makes its worth the cost. Cost will range from \$232 for a single to \$212 for a shared room—each with a private bath. Day attendance options will also be available as the Center is just an hour away. We would like to encourage you to start planning for the retreat now and to please consider making a donation toward the scholarship fund. Simply mark your checks “Women's Retreat Scholarship” and drop them in the offering plate on Sunday. More information will be made available at the Seasons Coffee and as we get closer to the event.

Please contact Judy Schulenberg at [schulenberg\\_j@msn.com](mailto:schulenberg_j@msn.com) or Maggie Marcum at [marcummaggie@gmail.com](mailto:marcummaggie@gmail.com) for more information about Women's Fellowship at Epiphany.

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### Benevolence

At Church of the Epiphany, we are striving to do the will of God through monetary and spiritual outreach to those in need. Each month we have individuals who come to our church seeking assistance with electric or water bills, rent, or minor car repairs. Fr. Peter is usually the first point of contact prior to these individuals meeting the benevolence committee, which is made up of four Vestry members.



Once a request for assistance is received, a full discussion of the persons living situation is obtained and then the team prayerfully considers the situation and disburses funding according to the answers that the Holy Spirit reveals. Sometimes we award what is requested, other times we meet a need in another area of the person's life, and sometimes we deny the request all together; but whatever our answer is we always use the opportunity for our church to speak Biblical truth to those searching for aid in their life.

This has been a real blessing for us on this committee; to see and be the hands and voice of Jesus. We encourage you to pray for this team and the work that they do, as well as for those individuals that come into our physical church that they will find the spirit of Christ and seek to make him Lord of their hearts.

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



### BIRTHDAYS

2	Sheila Mentzer	13	Natalie Harrison	24	Cecilia Frank
3	Darlene Earley	14	Gabrielle Tucker		Daniel Turner
4	Nicholas Long	15	Mark Monroe	27	Jane Derrick
5	Tracy Guernsey		Ted Gregg		Judy Hall
8	Brianna Ellis	16	Kelly Ellis		Bob Schulenberg
9	Gordon Coffee		TJ Fredrick		Eric Schultz
	Cyndi James		Brent Kendrick	28	Tracy Plummer
10	Ryan McKenica	19	Jerry Earley		Christopher Rauh
	Elizabeth Rubis	20	Sherry Will		Alexander Rayo-Jones
11	Angela Bender	22	Lee Baumgartner	29	Paul Arpee
12	Linda Bassert		Corey Baumgartner		David Croft
13	Samuel Arpee		Andrea Frank	30	Jane Wiegand
	Cameron Bender	23	Alastair Young		



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4	Ellen & Ian Gross	15	Cindy & John Newton
8	Janice & Jim Wolfe	17	Cyndie & Jim Humenik
	Jan & Dave Welch	21	Mary & Brent Kendrick
10	Kris & Duane Young	23	Tom & Sherry Will

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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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*TO STAND for Jesus Christ, GROW TOGETHER as God's family and MAKE HIM KNOWN through the power of the Holy Spirit!*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

September		
6	4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Youth Party
13		Fr. Michael's Last Sunday at Epiphany
25-27		Parish Weekend
October		
4	11:00 AM	WINGS
25	5:30 PM	CHARGED!
November		
7		Prayer Vigil
8	11:00 AM	Annual Meeting/Vestry Elections
26	9:00 AM	Thanksgiving Service
27		Office Closed

***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