

What We Are Bringing Back From The Holy Land



This past month, 23 of us from Epiphany had an opportunity to go on pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

We had a few adventures on the way, but all-and-all, things went very smoothly as we traveled around Galilee, Jerusalem, the West Bank and (some of us) the Kingdom of Jordan. I can speak for all of Epiphany's pilgrims in saying thank you to everyone who prayed for us as we traveled.

Here are some things (besides a few souvenirs) I think we are bringing back with us, and I hope will enrich our church and all of its members.

Strengthened Faith: There is something really powerful about seeing with our own eyes that the events reported in the Bible are true, and that the places the Bible describes really exist. One of the most meaningful experiences for me was walking the stone courtyard called Gabbatha (John 19.13) where Jesus stood before Pontius Pilate. It was also an amazing experience to be at the Israel Museum and see with my own eyes part of the 2,000 year-old scroll of the Book of Isaiah that was found at Qumran.

Context: Israel is about the size of New Jersey. That means that during our 10 days there we were able to travel through much of the country. As we did that, the relationship between the names and places in Scripture start to fit together in a new way. For instance, it makes perfect sense now that the wise men would have come first to Jerusalem on their way to find Jesus – we traveled the road they would have taken. And when King Herod sent them on to Bethlehem, he was asking them to go just about six miles to the south of the city, to a small town that, ironically, he could see from his summer residence at the Herodion.

Pilgrimage Report and Potluck on March 22

If you would like to see pictures and hear stories from Epiphany's pilgrimage to Israel, plan to attend our Pilgrimage Report and Potluck beginning at 6:30 on March 22. This is open to all Epiphany members and is a chance to hear firsthand from travelers about their experiences.

While it will be a few years, I'm already thinking about taking another group on

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pilgrimage in 2019 or 2020. If you might be interested in traveling with your Epiphany friends when we do that, let me know. I'm also interested to know what time of year works best for potential travelers.

God bless,

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Please turn to pages 8 & 9 to see a few of the hundreds of pictures that were taken during our pilgrimage.

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.



Learn More about Epiphany's Relocation Plans in March

Many Epiphany members were able to attend a meeting on March 5 to hear about the work the Joshua Committee and the Vestry have been doing over the last year to explore relocating Epiphany.

If you weren't able to make that presentation, or have some questions or thoughts you would like to share with vestry members, it's not too late. For the next three Sundays, March 12, March 19, and March 26, vestry members will be hosting gatherings in the chapel after the 10 am service both to share information about what we are considering and to hear questions and comments from you about these plans.

For those that attend the 8am service, Fr. Peter will be available to on March 12 at 9:15am in the Library to share what is being considered.

Also, as we discussed on March 5, we need God's help to clear the way for us. If you are willing to pray for our relocation efforts during the season of Lent, please let Jan Reiter (prayerlady2@gmail.com) know and she will add you to our list of intercessors. There is also a sign-up at church.

Seeking Zacchaeus



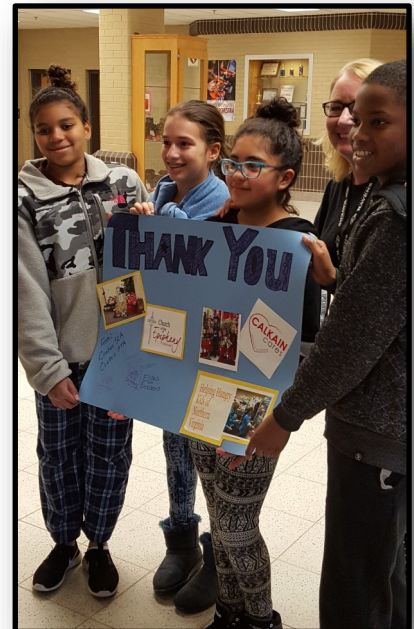
Recently, I was reminded of the delightful story of Jesus and Zacchaeus. What is so refreshing about Zacchaeus is his utter abandonment to Jesus. This encounter with Jesus literally changed his life immediately and profoundly. Would that we open our hearts to the ministry of Jesus in the same way and to hear Jesus' mission statement at the end of this interchange. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost," Luke 19:10.

My challenge to us all is to ask whether we have taken on this mission of Jesus as our own. Naturally, we are not doing the "saving" as only the Savior can do that. But, we can and should do the "seeking" part of Jesus' mission.

We seek others in so many ways. Maybe we are attentive to a neighbor who is looking more depressed or frazzled and we stop to give a kind word. Maybe we invite someone who is sitting alone at a coffee shop to share a coffee together. I know, I have already challenged people's comfort zone with my examples, but what I want to encourage is the "seeking" part. What is required of us is attentiveness, especially when we are around other people. I admit to having my own "dash in and out of the grocery store" moments. However, I try not to make that a habit of my life, as if my whole world revolved around me and my desire to get things done. If we take time to look around, it is amazing what we can read on people's faces.

Part of the discipline of seeking out others means that I am also praying for them by name. I have the names of my neighbors on my mirror at home. I have international students who are testing whether or not they can trust what they have been told about Jesus and I have family members up there as a reminder too. Seeing their names every morning is a reminder that there are people in the world who want to be sought out by the One who knows and loves them most. The most common way for them to know about Jesus is through a personal relationship with a Christian. This is THE most effective evangelism strategy out there and it is the most fun!

If, you are looking for opportunities to be with people, won't you consider going with me to Coates Elementary to practice English with parents who want a kind heart to listen. I think this is a fabulous way to seek out others. Jesus is the one who does the saving. He is also seeking too, but gives some of those seeking responsibilities into our hands as well.



Coates says "Thank you" for hosting Santa's Store at Christmas .

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Doug's Simple Chili "Crimson Thunder"

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

Level: Easy

Ingredients

4 pounds ground beef

4 cloves garlic, chopped

Two 15-ounce cans tomato sauce

Two 6-ounce cans tomato paste

4 tablespoons chili powder

3 teaspoon ground cumin

3 teaspoon ground oregano

4 teaspoon salt

1 ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper

1/2 cup masa harina (corn flour, found in the Mexican food section of many supermarkets)

One 15-ounce can kidney beans, drained and rinsed

One 15-ounce can pinto beans, drained and rinsed

Two onions - sautéed

1/4 cup olive

One package of six rope sausages (purchased from :Country Corner Meat Market, 10586 Buchanan Trail E, Waynesboro, PA. Ph: 717-762-6148)

Directions

Place the ground beef in a large pot and throw in the garlic, onions and sausage. Cook over medium heat until browned dicing the ground beef as it cooks with a spatula. Remove the cooked sausages to a cutting board and drain off the excess fat, and then pour into a crock pot with the oil, tomato sauce, chili powder, cumin, oregano, salt and cayenne. Add pinto and kidney beans complete with fluids. Stir together well, cover, and then set the crockpot heat to low.

Place the masa harina in a small bowl. Add 1/2 cup water and stir together with a fork. Dump the masa mixture into the chili. Stir together well, and then taste and adjust the seasonings. Add more masa paste and /or water to get the chili to your preferred consistency, or to add more corn flavor. Simmer for 2 to 4 hours stirring at least every 30 minutes. Serve with shredded Cheddar, chopped onions, tortilla chips and lime wedges.

Notes:

1. As a variation, the kidney and pinto beans can be doubled to two 15-ounce cans each.

As the winner of last month's
"Rockin' Relief and Chili Cook-off,"
Doug Greenwood promised to
share his recipe. Enjoy!



A note of thanks.



February 22, 2017

Church of Epiphany Anglican
Reverend Robin Rauh, Rector
13515 Dulles Technology Drive
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Dear Rev. Frank,

On behalf of Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, I want to thank Church of Epiphany Anglican for participating in WFCM's 2016 Holiday Food Program. Thank you for sponsoring and blessing 10 families with food for their Thanksgiving meal. I also want to express my appreciation to Jan Welch who faithfully coordinated this effort at your church. This year, with the tremendous support from churches, businesses, community groups, and individuals, we served 1,699 households through our Holiday Food Program.

Hunger in our community is real, and the holidays can be filled with uncertainty for many who struggle to provide for their families. WFCM received many requests for assistance from current clients and families in schools with children on the free lunch meal program. With your help, we were able to serve them ALL either through "sponsoring a family" to provide a holiday meal or by giving grocery store gift cards to those not sponsored.

We often hear from the families how much they appreciate someone helping them in their time of need:

"Thank you so much for the box of food and turkey you gave our family for Thanksgiving. It is one of the most wonderful gifts I ever got." – New WFCM Client referred by school who received holiday food assistance donated by supporting churches

"Your gift of giving was greatly needed. Thank you for blessing me with a food gift card for Thanksgiving and Christmas." – WFCM Client who received a grocery store gift card

"I want to start off with how truly thankful me and my family is with the gracious gift you sent to us in our time of need. We really appreciate the food we were given by (the church)." – Grateful family receiving food assistance for Christmas

Serving so many families would not have been possible without your support, and the selfless giving of the many individuals who coordinated or helped in your efforts to provide food for the most needy in our community. Thank you for supporting WFCM's Holiday Food Program!

Sincerely,

Jennie Bush
Development and Community Outreach Manager

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). 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), who have agreed to take on scheduling coffee hour for the next few months.



Women's Retreat

We had a blessed time during our weekend - the Lord showed up in big and small ways. He's so good!

Erin and Jordan did an awesome job preaching and leading worship and we all cracked up that San Damiano had benches around their fire pit with the words Faith, Hope and Love inscribed in the benches-the theme of our retreat.

Melanie Miller led a break out session on spiritual journaling. She did great! Many women attended this optional session. Melanie talked about the benefits of journaling and then led us through a journaling exercise-wow the things the women shared. So special-and a neat confirmation of how the Lord speaks to our individual circumstances.



Missions Update: Maggie McNeely

Epiphany supports Maggie McNeely, who has preached to us twice in the past two years. Maggie toils in the southeastern region of Virginia, trying to spread the Gospel to students in that area. Here are the highlights of her most recent report:

Over Christmas break I got to go to Winter Conference with 75 of our students from the Tidewater-Richmond area. It was an amazing time with wonderful speakers who really challenged us. Lives were changed. Students committed their life to Jesus for the first time, they pledged to go on a summer mission or a year-long stint overseas, and were encouraged in their faith.



I found out my summer placement about two weeks before Winter Conference. I will be the female team leader and operations director to our partnership in North Africa. I will be sending out another letter with more information on that in a couple weeks! I got to spend 5 days in Dallas, TX, directly after our winter conference, being trained for this summer. I am thrilled to have this opportunity.

Our women's time at CNU was such a wonderful time. We had a [many] women come out and it was such a blessing to be able to encourage them, pray with them, and also learn about their lives and their walk with Jesus. God is moving in the hearts of these women. Freedom is being found! We actually have a scope-wide women's time tomorrow!

Please be praying for our spring break trip! This year, finally, CNU has the same break as 3 of our other campuses. I will be leading the trip with 6 other staff friends instead of alone! Praise the Lord. We are doing inner-city ministry and campus ministry back in Philadelphia. Students are signing up and are excited about learning how to share their faith, as well as minister to those in need.

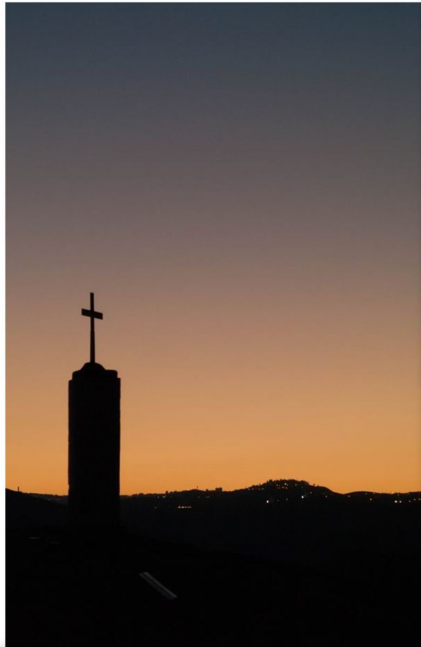
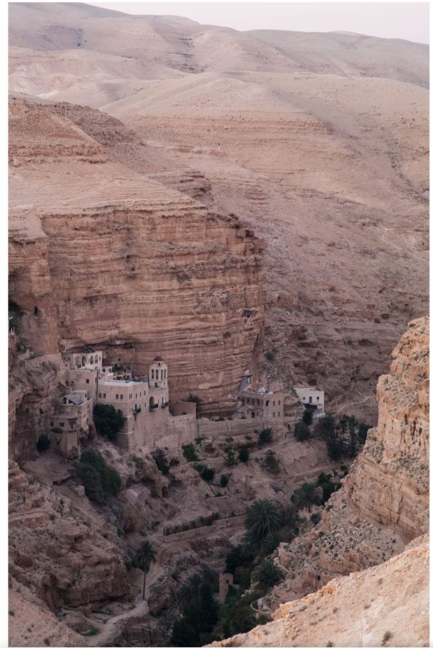
Thank you for all of your support and prayers. I am so blessed to have you on my ministry team. This job is a gift from the Lord. I can't see myself doing anything else! God bless you and your family!

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 or call him (evenings or weekends) at 703.757.9550.

Epiphany Pilgrimage 2017



Just a few of the hundreds of pictures taken during the recent pilgrimage



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



BIRTHDAYS

2	Sydney Kendrick	9	Sally McNeely	20	Scott Boncher
3	Andrew Long		Tress Navarrete		Liam Sutton
	Charlie Monroe	10	Faith Fisler	22	Brad Johnson
4	CJ Easton		Christian Navarrete	23	Megan Rhoads
	Don Monaghan		Kathleen Simonds	26	Ellen Gross
5	Chris Beckley	13	Paula Saddler	27	Haiyan Croft
6	Ross Cummings	14	William Turner	29	Gary Lawson
	Meagan Oliphant	17	Tammie Morris	31	Laura Menzel
	Colin Zimmerman		David Schreiner		
8	Diane Driscoll				

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

20	Courtney & Daniel Turner	22	Margaret & Merle Stromberg
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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

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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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		
2	6:00 PM	Junior/Youth Connections Combined
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	10 00 AM	Easter Worship
May		
9	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting

