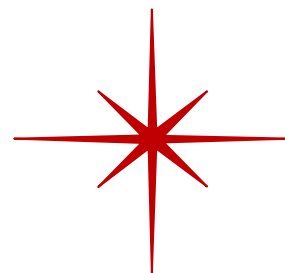




The STAR



March 2018

Moving Day is Next

As I write this, we don't have an exact date but we are very, very close to completing our Journey to Epiphany's long-term home! : In fact, we have now begun scheduling final county inspections to make sure we are compliant with Fairfax County code. The Fire Marshall has given our fire suppression system final approval. Our contractor is working to schedule final plumbing, electrical and mechanical inspections as I write this. While unexpected delays are always possible, we look to be within days, not weeks of applying for our occupancy permit and beginning to move in to our new home!



It's tempting right now to want to take a "victory lap" of sorts. And we do have good reasons for that. As a church, we have come together, sacrificed together and worked together to build something great, a foundation for long-term ministry here in western Fairfax County. Since I arrived at Epiphany seven years ago, we have worshipped at four different locations. It feels really good to be able to say that (Lord willing of course), we will only have one worship address for the next 16 years. While we are still waiting for final bills, it also appears that our expenses and the sacrificial giving of more than 100 Epiphany families and friends mean our costs will be covered as of the day we move in. We do of course have a lease payment going forward, but there are no loans we have to pay off!

These are great things, and yes, we will have a party! But we are also going to start some new things as we move to make sure that our new home isn't just a place to hang our hat, but a base for new life and ministry.

One of the most immediate things you will see is Sunday morning adult education classes at Epiphany. To do this, we are going to shift our second Sunday service from 10am to 10:15 to open up time for adult education between 9:15 and 10:05. Our first slate of classes will begin the Sunday after Easter (April 8). Look for information on the next page, and in church in the weeks ahead.

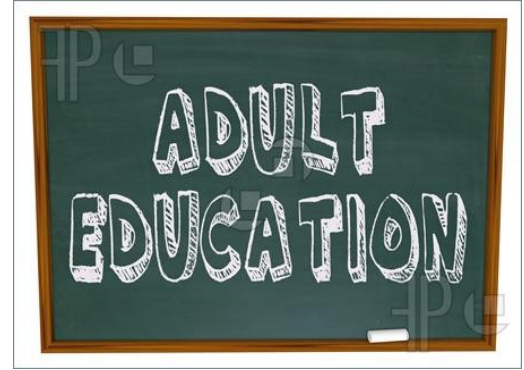
While this is a small step, I'm excited about the opportunity we have to begin new things in our new home.

"Unless the Lord Builds the House..."

Encountering God, Building a multigenerational congregation, Equipping every member.

As We Move: Adult Education Classes on Sunday Mornings

Starting the Sunday after Easter (April 8) and continuing through June, Epiphany will be offering a slate of Adult education classes in our new church facility. To allow for these classes, we are also changing the start time of our second Sunday morning service from 10am to 10:15. All classes will begin at 9:15am and conclude at 10:05.



Initial classes:

To Be A Christian: Team taught by David Meeks, Boyd Camak and Fr. Peter, this class will begin to walk through the Anglican Church in North America's "To Be a Christian" Catechism. The Catechism is built around the Ten Commandments, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

The Four Gospels: Elizabeth Hudgins will be offering a class comparing the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Elizabeth will also be teaching about just what a "gospel" is and isn't, and discussing why we ended up with the four Gospels we have.

The Holy Spirit: Murray and Ginger Black will be teaching this Exploration of the Holy Spirit. Their class will cover who He is, His presence in Scripture, and the importance of Him in our lives.

Watch for more information and a class sign up as we move into our new facility during the month of March!



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.*

The Civility of Jesus in the Digital Age



Humility, gentleness, patience. These are the words that jump out at me as I read Ephesians 4:2. I have been thinking about our public discourse and how we behave on social media. There is a part of me that seriously asks the question of God, the one who inspired this letter to Ephesus. “Are you kidding me?” Our natural response to some of those hard passages of Scripture seem to draw out of us an expression of incredulity. “Others are certainly not expressing gentleness, patience, and humility, we say to ourselves.” The truth is that it really is hard to remember that our calling as Christians is to a higher standard than the world. We can be sorely tempted to respond in like manner and tone. In fact, sometimes we talk about how someone else “pushes our buttons.” What we mean by this, is that we know we have a tendency or weakness to respond poorly when people do certain things. Knowing our “buttons” is good but it does not let us off the hook.

It seems that social media situations can be especially tempting for a couple reasons: we think we can get by with bad behavior without it ruining our reputation. Maybe we would NEVER respond in a certain way to someone’s face, but we don’t think our friends will see or know. To that excuse I say, God knows and the more we allow ourselves to respond inappropriately to hot button topics, the harder it is to even see poor relationship patterns that really need to change. We might be tempted to allow our bad habits and patterns of relating to flourish in an anonymous setting, but it is still part of our character. And in fact, our words have consequences and the people we affect are real people. It is good to remember that.

Social media can be especially tempting because Social media is driven by the outrage. I suppose we would still have Facebook and Twitter without the outrage but can you imagine how different it would be? Finding another person to complain with would be harder without the digital “water cooler” and that means we would likely have fewer places to express the complaint. Now, I am not saying that we shouldn’t try to make the world a better place by gathering like-minded people. But what I am saying is that, even if we have that prophetic urge to right some wrong in the world, we still need to do it with patience and gentleness and humility. Jesus himself was a world changer and he did not mince words with the people in power who misunderstood him. But we know that he held truth with such certainty that meant he didn’t need to yell and scream, belittle or berate people. I know I am not the only one who is disappointed that we don’t know how to have a healthy dialogue with people any more. The call to communicate in a Jesus-like civility is never more important than now. May we heed his higher standard.

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Holy Week and Easter at Epiphany - 2018

Walk the way of the cross and celebrate the resurrection at Church of the Epiphany, March 25-April 1. This year we expect to be holding our first Holy Week services at our new church home at 3863 Centerview Drive, Ste. 100 in Chantilly. Please check Epiphany's website at www.epiphanyanglican.net to confirm our location as Holy Week approaches.

Palm Sunday: Palm Sunday services will be at **8 am and 10:15 am on March 25**. Children will participate in the Palm Sunday procession with the congregation and then attend Sunday School. There is no Sunday School for 3-5th graders. Instead, they are welcome in the Palm Sunday service.

Maundy Thursday: We will remember the Last Supper and Jesus' commandment that we "love one another" with worship, foot-washing and communion at **7:30 on Thursday, March 29**. All are welcome to participate in the foot-washing ceremony.

Good Friday: This solemn service is at **noon and 7:30 pm on Friday, March 30**.

Great Vigil of Easter: Epiphany begins our Easter celebrations with the Great Vigil of Easter service at **7:30 pm on Saturday, March 31**. As part of this service, Epiphany's clergy preach an ancient Christian Easter sermon that was originally delivered in Constantinople during the 4th century. This musical and traditional service tells the story of salvation and joyfully welcomes the beginning of the Easter season.

Easter Sunday: Easter worship at Epiphany is at **10:15 am on April 1**. Join us for this glorious and joyful service. There is no 8 am service on Easter Sunday.

A note about daily services during Holy Week. Epiphany's daily worship services will continue on a limited schedule during Holy Week. There will not be a Morning Prayer service on Tuesday (Clergy attending renewal of vows) or Friday.



Progress Continues at our New Building

Over the last month, workers have completed the ceilings and have begun to install flooring surfaces in our new building. At the same time, the final round of inspections have begun, with Fairfax County looking over electrical, mechanical, fire suppression and other systems at our new church to make sure they meet county code. We we don't have an exact date, it's reasonable to think we will be moving-in and beginning services in just a few weeks!



Left: Multicolored nursery carpet is now installed. All that is needed to finish this room, and a number of others are the kick-boards on the walls.

Above: Last week, Epiphany's stained glass got installed. Workers also completed the sanctuary ceiling. Now the carpeting under the seats and on the dais and choir risers are being installed.

Top Right One of the six large sanctuary lights.

Bottom Right The large lights in the fellowship hall.

More pictures

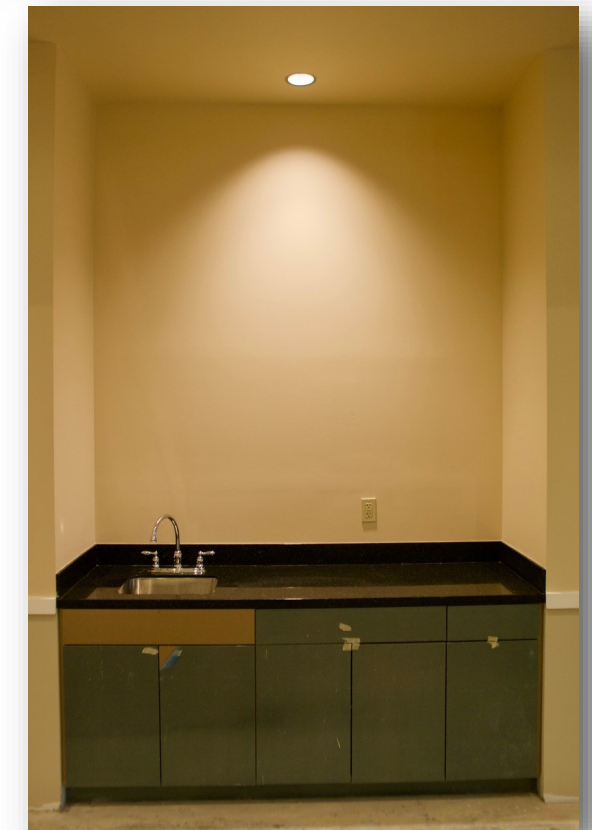


Top Left: Ralph Morris in the sanctuary before the ceilings were complete and the stained glass installed. Ralph, and a number of other Epiphany volunteers have put in many hours over at the new facility installing our AV equipment and doing other finishing work.

Top Right The completed ceiling in the fellowship hall along with flooring waiting to be installed.

Bottom Left Epiphany volunteers completed the final bit of painting on President's Day, including the Library shown here.

Bottom Right The coffee area sink and counter.



Youth Connections

There have been some fun developments partner with two other churches in our diocese for a Spring Youth Retreat. Church of the Holy Spirit in Leesburg and Church of the Apostles in Fairfax have youth groups happy to plan together for a weekend away. Scheduled for April 13-15, the youth from these three churches will gather at [Pine Creek Retreat Center](#) in Gore Virginia. Our focus of “Fresh Start” will help students become more rooted and sure of their identity in Christ, even as they swing from the high ropes course, or play their favorite game of gaga ball. If you know of some other individual would might want to join our youth for this fun weekend away, don't hesitate to contact Mother Pamela at pmeeks@epiphanyanglican.net.



www.pinecreekretreat.org



Protecting God's Children

As we look ahead, we are reminded once again that all vestry and Sunday school leaders are required to attend “Protecting God's Children” training. This training is important for us as a church as we affirm our strong commitment to protect children with good policies and a lot of careful eyes on our children. The next training will be held March 17th 9:30-11:30 at the home of Mark Oliphant. Contact Mother Pamela to confirm your attendance and get the address.



Missions Update

Here is a recent report from, Maggie McNeely, one of our two home-grown missionaries:

Go and Make Disciples



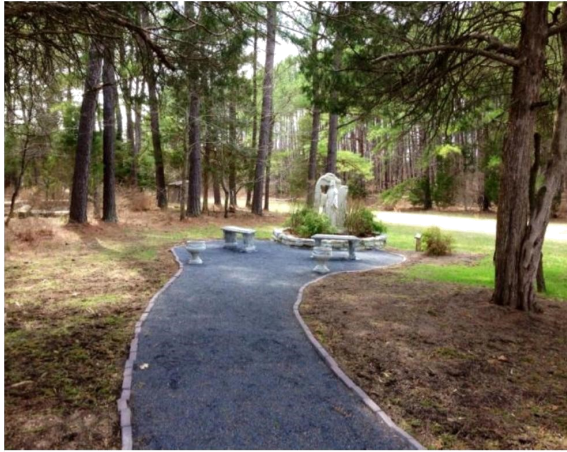
That is something that we heard over and over at our Cru Winter Conference this year. Go. Tell others about the great news of Jesus Christ and what he's done for you. Thousands of students attended this conference in Baltimore during their winter break. The Tidewater-Richmond team brought about 60 students from our campuses. I had the opportunity to connect with students about summer missions during the conference and encourage them to consider going! We

have over 20 students just from our scope that are either applying or already accepted to summer missions all over the world. The conference had amazing speakers and great times of worship. It was refreshing for my heart to be there and be reminded of why I do this job.

When I came back from North Africa, I told people that it was a great but challenging trip, and I probably didn't ever want to return. At our winter conference we got to hear from my dear friend Soumya who had done a two year internship there and was part of my summer trip. She spoke about this wonderful girl she had met who loved Jesus and how her life was changed when she decided to follow Him even though it was illegal for her to be a Christian. I had met her over the summer and was so moved to hear about her life story again from up on stage.

We had a breakout session for North Africa where my team shared about our experience and why others should go. We then prayed for a few of my friends who were going there the following week for a 10 day visit and by the end of the prayer, tears were streaming down my face. God broke my heart over again for the people I encountered in Africa, and I don't think I can still say that I will never go back. I am so excited to help send students there this summer from our campuses. Four have already signed up! God is moving in that country and the lives of locals and the missionaries that go will be forever changed





Women's Fellowship Retreat

April 20-21 ~ 2018

"Called to Transformation"

Romans 12:1-6

Speaker:

The Rev. Canon Mary Hays

The Rev. Canon Mary Maggard Hays is Canon to the Ordinary in the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh, where she has focused on the formation of Christian leaders, lay and ordained. She has worked with and equipped

Christian leaders of all ages for nearly 40 years. Married to the Rev. Whis Hays for 43 years, mother of two grown children, Mary is the grandmother of five grandchildren.

Music Leader:

Robin P. Geiger

Robin played for us during our 2008 retreat!

Registration

Single Occupancy \$140

Double Occupancy \$130

Registration includes teaching, music, fellowship; plus, room with private bath, dinner, breakfast, lunch, coffee, tea and snacks.

What to do!

1. Fill out a *Retreat Registration Form*. Copies are available at the church, but can be emailed to you upon request.
2. Give your *Retreat Registration Form* and check to the retreat representative at the back of the room or mail them to: Church of the Epiphany Anglican, 3863 Centerview Dr. Suite 100, Chantilly, VA 20151.
3. Make your check* out to **Church of the Epiphany Anglican** and write: *Women's Retreat on the Memo Line.* *If you need financial assistance, contact Mother Pamela, pmeeks@epiphanyanglican.net or 703-481-8601.
4. Registration deadline is April 6th, 2018.
5. For Information or to Volunteer-- Contact Retreat Chairs: Janice Wolfe wolfeja@verizon.net or Tracy Plummer ohplummer@cox.net
6. **Please come and enjoy the fellowship of your sisters in Christ!**

Location: San Damiano Spiritual Life Center

125 Old Kitchen Road, White Post VA 22663 (Near Winchester, VA)

San Damiano is a bright and clean facility ... with peaceful areas for walking and private nooks for contemplation and prayer ... offering a wonderful retreat setting.

- All sheets & towels are provided.
- The building is smoke free. Smoking in designated areas only.
- Food is to be consumed only in the dining room and kitchenettes and not in sleeping rooms.
- Cell phones: if you need to use your cell phone you will need to go outside.
- Dinner is served at 6:00 pm on Friday. Breakfast is served at 8:00 am and lunch at 12:00 pm on Saturday.
- It takes about 1 hour and 15 min. to reach the retreat center from the church.

What to bring

- Clothing, personal items, white-noise machine (if you are a light sleeper) and a flashlight.
- Bible, note pad and a journal (if you have one).

March

BIRTHDAYS

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

20	Courtney & Daniel Turner	22	Margaret & Merle Stromberg
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Worship Schedule Beginning Soon at 3863 Centerview Drive

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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2018 Vestry

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 Amie Boncher
 Doug Greenwood
 Sally McNeely
 Beth Monroe
 Debby Morris
 Mark Oliphant
 Bryan Saddler
 Dave Schreiner
 Duncan Sutton

Vestry Officers

Senior Warden.....Beth Monroe
 Junior Warden..... Mark Oliphant
 RegistrarAmie 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 at 703-591-6645 or email her 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
 candle@epiphanyanglican.net
 jcrawford@epiphanyanglican.net (for weekly bulletin)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March		
2	10 AM	Journaling at Melanie Miller's Home
4, 11, 18, 25	10 AM 10:15 AM if we are in the new facility!	Holy Eucharist
4,	6 PM	Youth Connections - TBD
5, 12, 19, 28	10 AM - 12	Staff at Chantilly Library
10	10 AM	Band of Brothers - Arbor Terrace
11	2:00 AM	 Daylight Saving Time - Clocks AHEAD
13	7 PM	Vestry
18	6 PM	Youth Connections - TBD
25	2 PM	Holy Eucharist at Arbor Terrace
April		
6	10 AM	Journaling at Melanie Miller's Home
1, 8, 15, 22, 29	8: 00 AM and 10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist
8. 22	6 PM	Youth Connections - TBD
10	7 PM	Vestry
13-15		Youth Spring Retreat
14	10 AM	Band of Brothers - Arbor Terrace
16-18		DOMA Clergy Retreat
20-21		Women's Retreat
22	2 PM	Holy Eucharist at Arbor Terrace

To get your ministry's event on the calendar,
 contact Jimmy Crawford
jcrawford@epipjanyanglican.net