



The Survey Says...

For the last eight months the Joshua Committee, led by Tom Will, has been exploring our options for a long-term home for Epiphany. The goal of their work is simple, help us as a church know where our long-term home will be. Then, instead of being distracted by the issues of property and location every few years, we can move forward wholeheartedly with the ministry God has called us to: *Encountering God through beautiful worship and believing prayer, building a multigenerational congregation that loves children and families, and equipping every member to publicly proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.*



Epiphany is your church. Through this survey, The Joshua Committee is asking for your thoughts on some of the broad options we have in front of us. Our hope is that your answers will help us narrow down our possible choices, and give us a clearer sense of what is important to the congregation at large.

I would also like to personally ask that you pray about our search for a long term home before you begin the survey, and after you complete it. While the questions here are often ones of personal preference, what we are really trying to discern together is God's direction and provision for our congregation. I am confident that God will guide us, and take care of us, as He has done again and again in these last few years.

When you have done so, please use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PY3ZTC3> to complete the survey. While this is not a scientific instrument, you can help our results be meaningful by only taking it once and only taking it if you are currently an attending member of the congregation. Also, this survey is open to all adults and young adults (13 and up) at Epiphany. That means that a family with two parents and one teenage child ideally would fill out three surveys, one by each member.

"Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." (Psalm 127.1).

At Epiphany we will build with the Lord,



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P.S. Members of the Joshua Committee are Tom Will (chair), Andrew Long, Beth Monroe, Jan Welch and Catherine Zimmerman.

What About Our Current Location

A few months ago, I wrote that sooner or later, we would need to move from 13515 Dulles Technology Drive. Since then, Merle Stromberg (our senior warden) and I have met with Fairfax County Planning and Zoning. As has happened in the past, they have been more helpful than we thought possible, and we have been able to submit all the paperwork needed to get a permanent permit. If our paperwork is accepted as written, that permit would not have an end-date on it, but would allow us to remain at our current location as long as we chose (and of course had a lease with the owners). It will probably take several months for us to have a firm outcome to report.

I am hopeful that we can finally resolve this permit situation after four years of work with the county, lawyers and consultants as we committed to do when we moved in in 2012. That said, as a church, we still need to decide what is the best way forward for us. It is also true that there are no guarantees that we will ultimately get what we have asked for from the county board. There are things to prayerfully consider and decisions to weigh (this survey is part of that process). My goal for our church is that we settle the question of where we are located for the long-term future, and do it in a way that equips us not just to survive another season but advances the things we are emphasizing as a community of Christians.

Men of Epiphany



Gentlemen, we have seen a series of messages regarding Women's Bible Studies, and now it is time to let you know what the men are doing! We have two on-going Bible Studies. The one on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 at the Church starts off with some tunes

followed by munchies and a discussion. We have just started a review of the book Humble Apologetics dealing with how to understand and share the Christian faith in a way which is respectful of those which whom you are sharing. The contact person for this group is David Bassert (dbassert@aol.com). The other group meets on the first and third Friday mornings of the month from 7:30 to 8:30. This group is looking at Devotional Classics edited by Richard Foster. Each session considers one of the famous Christian thinkers and writers, and each session is totally independent of the others. Consequently, a missed session is of no consequence. The contact person for this group is Murray Black (murgin@verizon.net). If you can make it, you are welcome to join us at one or both groups. Both formats are flexible, so if you can only come periodically, that's OK too. See you there!

People Development



I think many of you would not be surprised to know how much nostalgia kicks in when you send your young adult off to college. Just two months ago I sent my second daughter to my own alma mater and I have enjoyed how many times memories seem to crop up unbidden.

The life-shaping decisions that we make in those four years means that college is a formative time. It was while I was in college that I discovered how much I loved people. If you had asked me before college, I might have been able to articulate my love for people, but you could say that (just like Dr. Seuss' Grinch) "my heart grew three sizes" during this transitional period. I began college planning to study biology, a hard science. Although I still loved studying the sciences, I switched to the soft science of psychology. I just wanted to understand people and help them grow in their relationship with the Lord Jesus. My leadership involvement with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship spurred on this desire to be involved with discipleship and people development.

All of this shapes the way I still think, even to this day. Naturally, a people-development mindset fits well with someone like me who works with children and youth. But it is not much of a stretch to think of missional discipleship that is congregation wide. When we think of our congregation we know it is a healthy, vibrant body when we see that people are intentionally cultivating deep relationships. When our members are being released into service or focus on their own life and faith development, we know we are moving in the right direction. Healthy churches look to give courage and coaching to people who are ready to move into deeper reliance on God for their home life, work life, community and social life. It is my prayer that we work to develop the whole person at Epiphany. We would love to feature your stories that point to how the body here at Epiphany is inspiring you and making an impact on your everyday life. Just send me an email if you have a story to share (pmeeks@epiphanyanglican.net)

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it was not built well in the first place, but as the Bible says, all of our works will be exposed for what they are, whether faithful or not.

This e-mail was supposed to be mainly about answered prayers, and it is, but you see that God is still working out a solution for many of these requests and needs. We are being blessed and are thankful.

Thanks for praying,
Steve and Nancy Brown

First Four Icons Completed



Epiphany iconographers Margaret Stromberg, Catherine Zimmerman, Elizabeth Hudgins and Bobbi Fetzer with the first four of a total of 15 icons they and a number of other Epiphany members are making for the church. These icons of Hilda of Whitby, Martin De Torres, Stephen, and Thomas Cranmer have been hung in the chapel.

Mark Your Calendars: Prayer, Praise and Pie for Thanksgiving



This year, we are going to do something different for Thanksgiving at Epiphany. Instead of a Thanksgiving Day worship service, we are going to get together at 7pm on Thanksgiving Eve (Nov. 23) for “Prayer, Praise and Pie.”

While there will be a simple outline, this is going to be an informal time of thanking God for all the ways He has blessed us this past year, Taize’ music led by Jimmy Crawford and the choir, and then of course, pie in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday.

So, mark your calendar, dust off your best pie recipe and plan to start your Thanksgiving holiday by thanking God for His many blessings.

Resolution for Adoption at Annual Meeting

The Vestry has unanimously approved the following resolution which will be presented for approval at the Annual Meeting, November 13, 2016. Please take a few minutes to read it and be prepared to vote. If you have questions, please contact Fr. Peter (pfrank@epiphanyanglican.net), Merle Stromberg, Senior Warden (mmstromberg66@gmail.com) or Andy Plummer, Junior Warden, andy.plummer@trssl.com

Resolution to reduce the number of vestry members required at Church of the Epiphany Anglican, Herndon, Virginia

Whereas the bylaws of the Church of the Epiphany Anglican, Herndon, Virginia, in Article VI. B require that the Vestry shall consist of twelve Lay Members and ... the congregation must be informed by resolution if the number falls below twelve members, and

Whereas the number of vestry members has decreased due to the death of one member and

Whereas the decrease in size of the congregation over the last several years does not seem to warrant a Vestry of twelve Lay Members, and

Whereas the number of individuals stepping forward to serve has also decreased, and we have not consistently been able to fill all vacant positions,

Therefore, be it resolved that the number of Lay Members for the Church of the Epiphany, Anglican, Herndon, Virginia, shall be set at a minimum of eight and a maximum of 10, and

Be it further resolved notification of the congregation is not required unless the number of Lay Members falls below eight.

Rest in Peace - Ronald Wayne Harp, Jr.



Ronald Wayne Harp, Jr., of Sterling, VA, was born in Birmingham, Alabama, June 27, 1961, and died on September 21, 2016. He is survived by his loving wife Joanne, his parents Ronald, Sr. and Betty Harp of Boca Raton, Florida, his brother Jerry and wife Catherine Harp, his niece Jenda Harp, his sister D'Anne Harp, and his 'adopted' daughter Sabrina Klay.

Ron grew up in Alabama, New York, and moved to Fairfax, Virginia where he began studying for a business degree in 1981 at George Mason University. In 1984, Ron joined the United States Air Force and served until July 26, 1991. He was stationed in Spain and Maine, but he fell in love with Virginia while serving at his last station in the Pentagon in Washington D.C.

After the Air Force Ron worked as a Computer Help Desk Operator. First he worked with Booz-Allen, then General Dynamics, and Creative Dynamics. He would always say he was on the 10-year plan to get his degree, which he completed in 2001. Most recently, he was a Computer Software Engineer & Developer with BAE for about 13 years.

Ron met his wife, Joanne, in 1997 and proposed on Thanksgiving Day of that year. The Harps were married in Boca Raton, Florida on January 24, 1998. Ron was a hardcore Redskins fan, although Joanne cheered for the Dolphins. Each year, Joanne and Ron would bet a dollar on the outcome of the Redskins – Dolphins game. The winner got the dollar, but also had to buy dinner at a restaurant of the loser's choice at the end of the season.

Ron served as a leader at Church of the Epiphany Anglican in Herndon, VA. At Epiphany, Ron was a member of the vestry from 2012-2014 and Junior Warden in 2013. Ron also led the reorganization of Epiphany's benevolence ministry and pioneered Epiphany's online video streaming of worship services and other events.



Pumpkin Carving Potluck

I have a request for you. Pull out your calendar right now. Look at Sunday October 30th from 5:00pm-7:00pm and if it is currently blank with nothing else going on, write or type in: Pumpkin Carving Potluck at Church of the Epiphany.



This is a relaxed and fun event for the whole family. Scooping up the innards of the pumpkin, doing a fun craft with the younger crowd and eating together with Soccer camp children and their families is too much fun to miss. I am looking for folks who want to help set up, grill, and clean up and the timing couldn't be better with the next day as Halloween. We will provide one pumpkin per family so bring extras if you want to. Invite your friends, bring a side dish, chips or dessert and let me know if you are planning to attend (pmeeks@epiphanyanglican.net).

Hot Meals in the Washington Post

The following note was received from Larry Pantzer on October 4th regarding Hot Meals and the clients served by that program. As many of you know, Epiphany members have served in the valuable outreach program since its inception at Epiphany more than 25 years ago!

Dear Friends,

Three of our Hot Meals clients were featured on the front page of today's Washington Post here <http://wapo.st/2da5gwn>

These folks sleep in their cars in the Home Depot parking lot near Fairfax Circle. Their stories are unique, yet familiar in the sense that they exemplify the many ways people can lose their way.

There are several indirect references to the Hot Meals program, though it and FACETS are not named. The Home Depot parking lot is our first delivery stop. Pastor Pat Deavers' New Hope Fellowship is mentioned, which still meets Sundays in Chantilly and provides van transportation for those services. We had a loose partnership with Pastor Pat over the years we hosted the Hypothermia ministry at Hidden Meadon.

Please pray for these folks and all who remain in poverty in the richest counties in the US.

Peace and blessings,

Larry Pantzer

Missions Update: Steve & Nancy Brown

The missionaries that Epiphany supports confront a variety of obstacles as they try to spread the Gospel throughout the world. Some obstacles are political, some bureaucratic, and some geographic. Steve and Nancy Brown recently recounted the more mundane obstacles they have recently encountered in Niger and how those problems were surmounted in answer to many prayers. Here are some examples:



Steve and Nancy Brown-Niger

Satellite internet system. Last Sunday afternoon, we got the satellite internet system working for the first time in over a month! We had replaced the cable early in the week, the thing that we had been told by two technicians was the real problem. When that had no effect, another technician had the idea that the problem was moisture in one of the parts of the system. We were able to use the kitchen dehydrator to dry out this trumpet-shaped piece. When we re-attached it, the system worked like a charm, and at high speed.

The **pharmaceutical order** also is about to pop. We have received all clearances from customs and at the end of the week negotiated a fee for the five months that the government stored our pharmaceuticals while we waited for the customs clearance. Now the word is that some final arrangements need to be made Monday, and the shipment will be rolling down the road to Danja. There was major movement on this long-term problem last week after five months of waiting. Hallelujah!

The new **electrical cable** to the area at the Danja Fistula Center where patients are housed was already connected when we wrote last. We discovered a lot of other problems, including exposed wires that were unsafe to the residents. These are all fixed now, so this residential area is safer than it ever was before, with good electrical supply. The freezer is now back from repair and working well. We even repaired the lighting along a sidewalk leading to the residential area, a job that required digging up the old bad wires installed before.

The well. The well was already working when I wrote last, but the memory of the whole town of Danja being without water for a week makes that one worth hanging on to thanks for. I have not been able to buy a water level meter yet.

** Praise for the working well, but keep praying for us to be able to buy a good water meter and to buy a backup well pump sometime soon.

Collapsing toilet block. We are still watching this one, especially after each heavy rain. The building was built on the cheap, but with high charges by the builder, and will need to be torn down if it does not collapse.

** Pray for funds to rebuild the toilet block. This may be a late-2016 project. Too bad

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Seeing and Believing - Epiphany Parish Weekend Oct. 1-2

This year, Epiphany's parish weekend explored how we can understand and share the good news of Jesus Christ through great works of visual art, particularly ones that we can see and share locally at the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. Our retreat leader was the Rev. Mary Amandolia, pastoral associate for evangelism at The Falls Church Anglican.



Epiphany members traveled to the National Gallery of Art for a tour led by the Rev. Mary Amandolia on Sunday, Oct. 2.

Susan Brown and Jan Coffee chose a piece of visual art to consider as part of the Oct. 1 session.



Retreat-goers together on the morning of Oct. 1 at Epiphany.

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

BIRTHDAYS

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|---|------------------|----|--------------------|----|---------------------|
| 2 | Ralph Morris | 9 | Heather Boncher | 22 | Randy Rash |
| | Judy Schulenberg | 10 | Bob Driscoll | 24 | Cullen Kendrick |
| 3 | Luta Hickman | 13 | Elizabeth Hudgins | 25 | Shari Gregg |
| | Beatriz Long | 16 | Susan Brown | 27 | Catherine Zimmerman |
| 4 | Clare Frank | 17 | Maggie Marcum | | Julia Gross |
| 6 | Chase Entsminger | | Joseph Navarrete | 29 | Brett Bender |
| 7 | Isabelle Turner | 18 | Keith Menzel | | Kurt Vaughan |
| | Barbara Tarvid | 19 | Frank Donovan | 31 | Lisa Baehr |
| 8 | Kent Johnson | 21 | Nicholas Apelquist | | |
| | Janice Wolfe | | Teresa Saddler | | |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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| 11 | Joy & Kenneth Vaughan | 24 | Paula & Bryan Saddler |
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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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 Bryan Saddler
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Senior Warden..... Merle Stromberg
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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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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

| October | | |
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| 1, 2 | | Parish Weekend |
| 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 9:15 AM | Just Walk Across the Room |
| 9, 23 | 6:00 PM | Jr. Connections |
| 9, 23 | 6:45 PM | Youth Connections |
| 10 | Office Closed | Columbus Day Celebrated |
| 11 | 7:00 PM | Vestry Meeting |
| 30 | 5:00 PM | Pumpkin Carving Outreach Cookout |
| November | | |
| 1 | 7:00 PM | Vestry Meeting |
| 6 | 9:15 AM | Just Walk Across the Room |
| 6, 20 | 6:00 PM | Jr. Connections |
| 6, 20 | 6:45 PM | Youth Connections |
| 13 | 11:00 AM | Annual Meeting |
| 23 | 7:00 PM | Prayer, Praise and Pie  |
| 24 | Office Closed | Thanksgiving Day |
| December | | |
| 3 | 1:00 PM | Santa's Workshop for Coates students |
| 4, 18 | 6:00 PM | Jr. Connections |
| 4, 18 | 6:45 PM | Youth Connections |
| 24 | 5:00 PM & 11:00 PM | Christmas Eve Services |
| 26-30 | Office Closed | |