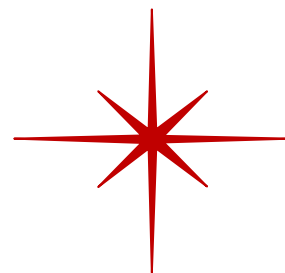




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New Here?



In the last year, we have had about 20 people begin worshipping at Epiphany. Maybe you are among them.

First of all, welcome! My hope is that Epiphany has been a welcoming place, and even more-so, that being here has invited you into deeper worship and relationship with God.

Secondly, I know finding your place in a new church, particularly one like Epiphany that isn't exactly small, but also isn't really large can be a challenge sometimes. If we can help with this, please feel free to send me or Mtr. Pamela an email (pfrank@epiphanyanglican.net, pmeecks@epiphanyanglican.net). We would love to make introductions or connect you in any way that might be helpful. If you are a longtime Epiphany member, be aware that new faces you see may be interested in knowing you and knowing more about ministries you may be involved in here at Epiphany.

Also, stay tuned. We are looking to hold a couple of events for newcomers, and, well anyone who wants to know a bit more about Epiphany early this summer.

I continue to be amazed at both the great diversity and unity of those God brings to his body here at Epiphany. We range from three-weeks-old to 90+, we come from close to a dozen nations. Some of us were born and baptized at Epiphany, others of us hail from many other Christian confessions.

And through Jesus we are made one, both to offer God the worship He deserves and to serve our neighbors, people God loves, in his name and with his peace.

This is what the Gospel does. I am glad you are part of it at Epiphany.

God bless,

Surprises from the Book of Judges

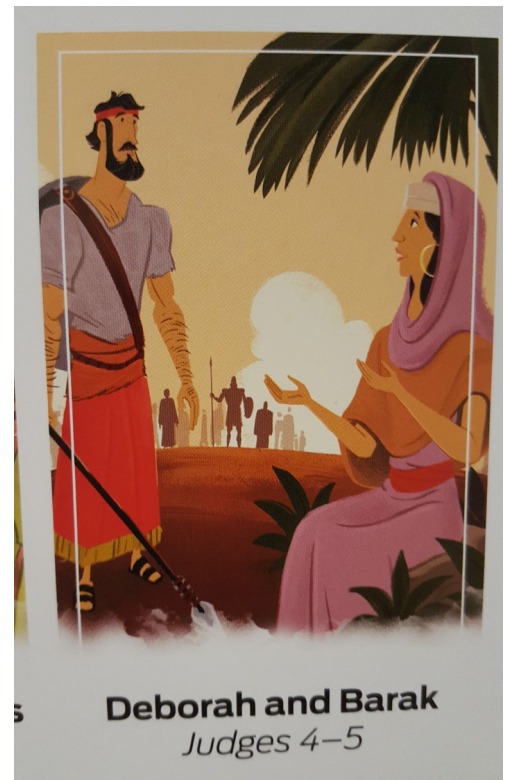


Teaching Sunday School can be good for a person. Really. We have the opportunity to think about rarely read passages of Scripture and on top of that, come up with creative ways to present it with help from our curriculum. Right now we are studying the book of Judges, certainly one of my least favorite books of the Bible because with a few exceptions, admirable people are hard to find. Deborah the prophet (Judges 4-5) is one of those exceptions. The people were caught in a downward spiral of oppression, sin, crying for deliverance, repentance, then peace.

Deborah's leadership is right in line with this pattern. The Canaanite army intimidated the Israelites for twenty years. But Deborah, as a judge and prophet, understood that God was planning to use Barak to lead a military campaign. Barak did not have this kind of faith, though. He needed her by his side to convince him to call an army together.

It would be easy to knock him for his cowardice since we know what happened. No doubt it would have been hard to trust the word of the Lord and, particularly at the time, trust it through the revelation of a "mere" woman.

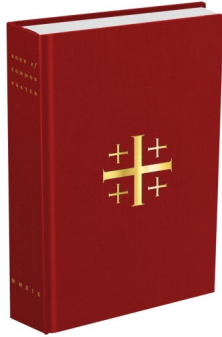
Deborah's story is one of courage, singleness of purpose and confidence in God. It is evident that she had wisdom and strength born out of a deep relationship with God. Her certainty was enough to convince Barak to join her in standing against their oppressors. There is no doubt that the army would have failed if not for a specific call for Barak to raise the army. God wanted to use him to bring deliverance, but he was hesitant. Sometimes we are the ones with the faith and conviction that God can be trusted. Those are the times we can call people to follow us as we follow God. But sometimes, our personal faith wavers and we need to lean on the faith of others. That is one clear reason for a church family where we all listen to the voice of God and make ourselves ready to obey. Sometimes the way ahead is revealed to the designated leaders, but sometimes God speaks with equal clarity to others. The fruit of listening to God and obedience to his will is solid, clarified peace.



Pamela +

The Anglican Church in North America has officially released the final texts for *The Book of Common Prayer 2019*.

These texts can be found on the new *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) website <http://bcp2019.anglicanchurch.net/>



Commemorative editions marking the 10-year anniversary of the Anglican Church in North America will be released at Provincial Assembly in June, and pew editions will be made available for purchase shortly thereafter.

In 2009, at the formation of the Anglican Church in North America, Archbishop Robert Duncan announced three goals for the province: to plant churches, to develop a Catechism, and to formulate a new version of *The Book of Common Prayer*. Duncan, who is also the Chair of the Liturgy Task Force, commented, “The prayer book has taken the longest. It had to be done right and it will shape our life for years to come, generations to come. Our mission is to reach North America with the transforming love of Jesus and, indeed, that’s what this prayer book [helps us do].”

In 1549, *The Book of Common Prayer* was a revolutionary addition to the life of the Church. During the Reformation, as the movement sought to make Scripture more accessible for the lay person, Archbishop Cranmer also sought to make the prayers and liturgy more accessible. He did so by creating *The Book of Common Prayer* – a compilation of prayers and liturgy based on Scripture in the language of the English people. During the Reformation, the prayer book went through various revisions, but *The Book of Common Prayer 1662* has become the standard. The result has been described as “the Scriptures arranged for worship.”

“It has been, from the beginning, a basic and reliable way for Christians to pray,” Duncan said. *The Book of Common Prayer 2019* seeks to continue this same function but set in the context of today’s Church. “What the 2019 does is take what was good from the modern liturgical renewal and also what was lost from the tradition,” Duncan says.

Like the Catechism, pieces of *The Book of Common Prayer 2019* have already been translated and more translations are coming. Duncan admits he has already had calls from other provinces looking to the Liturgy Task Force for direction in developing their own revised prayer book.

As for the impact on the Anglican Church in North America, he believes the BCP 2019 will help to shape generations. After cultural revolution swept England in the 16th and 17th centuries, “the 1662 book was settling and stabilizing.” Duncan continued, “That very well may be the role that this prayer book has, and we have a hunch it’s going to be very useful and

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appropriate for the 21st century.”

In addition to facilitating corporate worship and encouraging the prayer life of individuals, *The Book of Common Prayer* also provides parents with the tools to help revitalize the spiritual life of the home. The Family Prayer liturgies “give families very simple ways of beginning to shape their children in a way of daily praying, of engaging Scripture, and of beginning to grow as Anglicans.”

All of these resources are available for download on the BCP website (<http://bcp2019.anglican church.net/>). The Liturgy Task Force wants “to make the texts – in Word and PDFs – very accessible. We want to do everything we can to help these texts go deep into the life of the Church.”

To download the final texts of *The Book of Common Prayer 2019*, click this link:
<http://bcp2019.anglican church.net/index.php/downloads/>

To view the prototype and estimated price of the hardcopy BCP, click this link:
<http://bcp2019.anglican church.net/index.php/purchase/>

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- ✦ 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 Update: SAT-7

SAT-7 beams inspirational, informative, and educational TV programs and distributes videotapes and books throughout the Middle East. The following testimonial offers evidence of the impact those programs can have in sharing our faith and improving lives. We at Epiphany are glad to help support SAT-7's outreach:



Surviving a terrible divorce and false accusations, Hatim*, a SAT-7 ARABIC viewer, found strength in God's messages of hope and triumph through our programs. Now he is able to help and guide others and share the resources that SAT-7 provides for him.

Hatim, a 45-year-old viewer from Minya, Egypt contacted SAT-7 to share his joy for God's faithfulness in his life, after enduring a particularly difficult divorce.

"God has done wonderful things in my life," he shares. "He saved me from many things."

GOD INTERVENES AND CONSOLES

Hatim's first wife accused him of things he hadn't done. "During that time, I was consoled by SAT-7's programs and felt that God was speaking to me through them," he shares. "I prayed a lot, and God intervened. The court verdict declared I was innocent of her false accusations and we divorced."

Following this ordeal, God blessed Hatim with a second wife. "She is good to me and we have two boys. They love to watch SAT-7 KIDS and learn a lot from the different programs."

SAT-7 RESOURCES OVER THE YEARS

"I am an avid viewer of SAT-7," Hatim enthuses. "I have been watching this channel before some of the programs were available online, and I would request video tapes of the episodes, and SAT-7 would send them to me."

Now Hatim is able to access SAT-7's programs through satellite as well as the internet, and he often contacts SAT-7 for books which he enjoys reading and sharing with others.

"SAT-7's programs and resources give me joy and consolation and this in turn helps me to help others and be there for them when they are in need."

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BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS ACROSS DENOMINATIONS

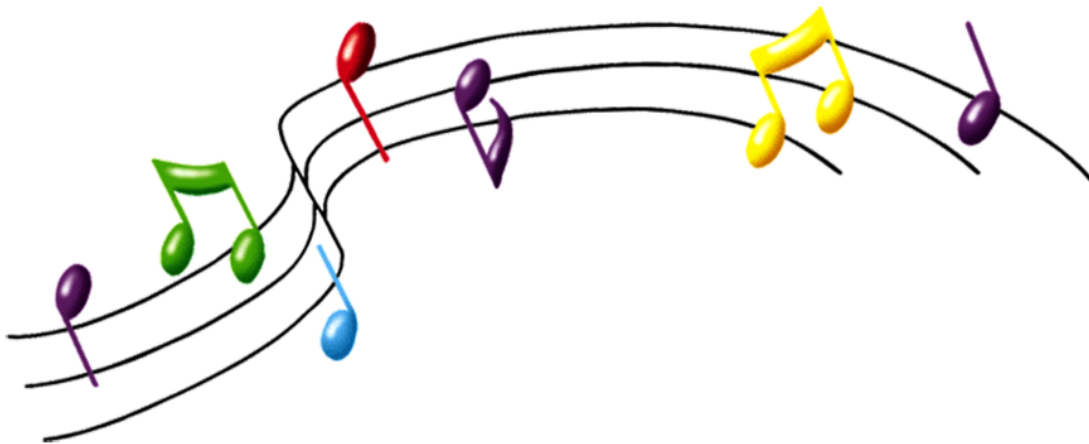
Hatim enjoys visiting other churches, connecting with believers, and sharing the books he receives from SAT-7. He is passionate about uniting people from different church backgrounds.

“Sometimes people from different denominations show ill treatment towards each other, just because they are from different churches,” explains Hatim. “We must pray for the Holy Spirit to come and fill their hearts and dispel hate and discrimination.”

By sharing these resources, Hatim hopes to build bridges and relationships with other believers. “They are happy to receive these books for free, and I like to connect with them.”

Hatim speaks of his love for God openly with others: “I would love for people to see God and taste His goodness just as I have. Nothing is better than being with Him.”

*Name has been changed for security reasons



Handbell Concert

On Sunday June 9, 2019 at 4:00pm Church Of The Epiphany will be hosting a handbell concert. **The Bells of Christ Church**, a handbell choir made up of youth and young adults, is considered the finest youth handbell choir in the Southeastern United States, and they have performed throughout the Southeast, Midwest, and East Coast. This will be a great time of worship and fellowship, tell and friend and bring a friend to a wonderful evening of



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



BIRTHDAYS

1	Jan Reiter	12	The Rev. Peter Frank	22	Jim Murphy
2	Dave Welch		Christopher Menzel		Jacqueline Plummer
3	Andy Plummer	13	Brianna Meeks	24	Alexis Tucker
4	Debbie Hanger	15	David Meeks	27	Leslie Johnson
5	Murray Black	16	Bobbie Fetzer	30	Ginger Black
8	Annette Rhoads		Gregory Harrison		
9	Bob Beckley	18	Olivia Baumgartner		
	Gabrielle McKenica		Virginia Murphy		



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5	Barbara & Tom Noble	22	Penny & Robin Rauh
13	Janice & Don Monaghan	24	Catherine & Jeff Zimmerman
14	Angela & Brett Bender	27	Bea & Andrew Long
	Melanie & Tom Miller		Laurie & Randolph Rash
16	Tracy & Andy Plummer		

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



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May		
5, 12, 19, 26	8: 00 AM and 10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist
11	10:00 AM	Band of Brothers at Arbor Terrace
12, 26	6:00 PM	Youth Connections
14	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
26	2:00 PM	Worship at Arbor Terrace
June		
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	8: 00 AM and 10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist
8	10:00 AM	Band of Brothers at Arbor Terrace
9	6:00 PM	Youth Connections
11	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
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