

# The STAR



September 2017

# Looking ahead to this Fall at Epiphany



This promises to be a unique and busy fall at Epiphany as we continue our journey to our new home at 3863 Centerview Drive. At the same time, we have a lot on the calendar in the months ahead to help us all grow in our faith. Here are some highlights.

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**Community Pumpkin Carving:** On Sunday, Oct. 29, we will be inviting our friends at Coates Elementary School to join with Epiphany kids and families for a fun "pumpkin carving" and cook-out.

**Prayer, Praise and Pie:** We'll will be gathering together as a congregation on Wednesday, Nov. 22 (the Wednesday before Thanksgiving) for a special service of Thanksgiving to God, and a "pie potluck." This is a more informal service that offers time for us all to thank God for his many blessings before the Thanksgiving holiday.

May God bless you as you and your family return to school, come home from vacation-get-aways, and otherwise prepare for the season ahead.

God bless,

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### Forbid That I Live For Myself Alone



John Baillie's <u>A Diary of Private Prayer</u> is a resource for prayer when my own words and thoughts seem small and somehow insignificant. A recent offering inspired me to reflect. "O Christ my Lord, who for the sake of all my brothers and sisters relinquished earthly comforts and satisfaction, forbid it that I should ever again live for myself alone."

The temptation to live for ourselves is strong, especially in our culture which values individual effort and accomplishment. Anyone who has had military training automatically knows what I am talking about because one

of the top goals of the military is to teach people to act in concert with the needs of the unit. I, myself, did not have military training but I saw more clearly how much Americans pride individual action once I stepped out and lived in another country for a number of years.

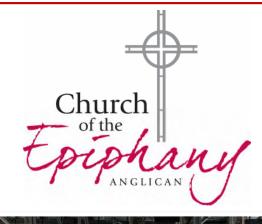
And aren't we grateful that Jesus himself did not decide that the comforts and satisfactions of heavenly life were too much to be put aside for the sake of rescuing us? We follow our Lord's example when we set aside the easy and common path of self absorption, or self satisfaction. And right now we are seeing service on a large scale as we hear story after story of total strangers, professionals and nonprofessionals alike, who are reaching out in love and care in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey in Texas. It moves us so, because we know that we don't *normally* act with such kindness. But empathy and kindness still exist in the hearts of our brothers and sisters. And we respond with gratitude and joy that people are caring for one another. Rather than follow the simple path of "living for myself alone," we get a chance to see love in action.

Jesus did this most perfectly and completely. After all, Jesus says in John 12:24 "Truly, truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Jesus was pointing to his literal and imminent death but that doesn't mean that we can't hear the call of a metaphorical death of sorts. Sometimes, we are tempted to live for ourselves alone, or even for just our immediate family. But I would say that we would do well to turn and look outwardly in ever increasing circles of influence. And as we watch the inspiring stories of those who sacrifice for others, may we be preparing our own hearts to respond with kindness and sacrifice when it is our turn.









# Photos from our new building

Workers are assembling wall frames, running electrical wire and HVAC ductwork at our new building at 3863
Centerview Drive. We are currently working to secure final permits from the county so that construction can continue to move forward.



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### Support the Hurricane Relief Effort



Hurricane Harvey has already displaced thousands in south Texas and Louisiana, and the rains and flooding are expected to continue throughout the week to come. Archbishop Beach is calling the Church to pray, give, and prepare.

You can help by <u>donating through the Anglican</u> Relief and Development Fund here.

Meteorologists are warning that while the winds have

now died down, the greater danger could come from the continual rain that the region will receive.

Bishop Clark Lowenfield and The Anglican Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast are based in Houston, Texas and will be coordinating the relief effort among Anglicans in the region. Bishop Lowenfield, who was forced to evacuate his home yesterday, said, "Thank you to all those who have been offering their prayers and expressing their concern to us. The impact of Harvey is already evident, and we are being told to expect days more of rain and 'catastrophic flooding'. In the Houston area in particular, the devastation will take months if not years of recovery. Your gift to the Anglican Relief and Development Fund will mean that individuals in some of the most hard-hit areas will be able to put their lives back together once this is all over. Above all, I implore you to pray with us in this storm. As Psalm 29:10-11 tells us, 'The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!"

Archbishop Beach is calling the Church to pray, give, and prepare: "Now is an important time for the Church to step forward. First and foremost, please join me in praying for the people of south Texas and Louisiana. Please pray for all those in distress, those who are being called to extraordinary acts of courage, and those who are obediently engaging in small acts of faithfulness.

Second, please consider giving so that Christians in the area will have the resources they need to show their communities the love of Christ in tangible ways. We cannot anticipate today all that will need to be done in the days ahead, but we are blessed to have churches in the region who can be the hands and feet of Christ.

Third, whether you are in Texas, Louisiana, or in the states surrounding the region, please be preparing to serve. As the Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast prioritizes the needs, you will be hearing more about how you and your congregation can serve through volunteer work teams."

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# Journey of Joy Update

#### Greetings and Peace!



Our Journey of Joy continues and we have been increasingly Blessed on all

fronts. The fund raising component has crossed a significant threshold as we have now exceeded \$500,000 in total cash giving. This represents approximately 63% of our total goal of \$800,000 and giving continues consistently each Sunday. We now have giving or pledges from well over half of the total membership. We have

updated the campaign thermometer in the entrance lobby to give you a better visualization of progress

We don't want to steal the thunder from other areas of the Journey, so please check out the Build-out Committee Update as well as the video of the exciting construction progress which you can find here: <a href="https://youtu.be/2DYXceUdtSI">https://youtu.be/2DYXceUdtSI</a>. Please keep all aspects of the Journey of Joy in your prayers, let us know if you would like to become more involved and stay tuned for new Journey testimonials.

David and Diane Reed Co-chairs Journey of Joy Capital Campaign



### Here at Epiphany we emphasize:

- Encountering God through beautiful worship and believing prayer
- ₱ Building a multigenerational congregation that loves children and families.



# **Build-Out Committee Update**

The build-out continues to progress. The demolition work is done, the framing has begun, and steel is going up. God's hand continues to be evident in our journey as issues arise and are resolved in our favor. Our architect and his team have responded to all the comments from the county and are working to resubmit drawings for final permit approval. Please continue to pray for the permit process. The build out committee has finalized flooring options and will be continuing to refine the design and colors as we move into fall.

Our general contractor continues to be proactive in finding ways to reduce expenses and keep us within our budget. We are able to reuse many of the doors, cabinets, and other items for our new space. Many parishioners have expressed a desire to help both with their services and financing specific items. We will have a need for painters and movers as those events approach. We will have a better sense of the timing later in the fall.

Opportunities to donate funds for specific items will come up as we get closer to completion and we appreciate the willingness and desire a number of you have expressed to fund specific items. However, at this time our first goal must be successfully completing our fundraising for the building itself. While we understand that it is not as much fun to fund the HVAC as it is to fund a specific furnishing or ministry area, it is vital that we have the foundation and structure of the church completely funded before we move on to those items. We are grateful for your prayers and continuing support.

Blessings, Beth Monroe, Chair of the Build-Out Committee



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# You are Invited: Shabbat Dinner on Sept. 29

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Daryl is the director of the Church's Ministry Among Jewish People (CMJ), the Anglican Church's oldest missionary outreach to Jews. Those from Epiphany who traveled to the Holy Land this past spring had a chance to worship at Christ Church Jerusalem, one of CMJ's major works in Israel. You can learn more about CMJ here: http://www.cmj-usa.org/

There will be a sign up for the Shabbat Dinner at Church in the Fellowship Area. This is a free event, though an voluntary offering to cover costs will be taken.



Canon Fenton speaking with a table at Epiphany's last Shabbat Dinner in 2015.

ארוחת שבת בספטמבר 29 Andrea Frank lights the Sabbath candles as part of the Shabbat service.







#### Missions Update: Uganda Christian University

Among the entities that Epiphany supports is Uganda Christian University, whose vision is to be a center of excellence in the heart of Africa. Here are highlights from UCU's most recent report:

As supporters of UCU and UCU Partners, you should know a few of the ways UCU is demonstrating its excellence:



- 1. The UCU law curriculum has been approved by the UK Bar Standards Board. This means that UCU law graduates have the same standing as graduates from law programs in the U.K. in terms of the licensing process and admission to UK law graduate programs.
- 2. The UCU Bachelor of Business Administration program has been accredited by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, as well as the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda. This means that UCU graduates will be exempted from up to six of the 14 tests required by the

Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda to become a Certified Public Accountant.

- 3. Uganda Christian University is starting a medical school in conjunction with the main Anglican hospital in the capital city of Uganda. This endeavor comes in response to requests from government and church leaders for UCU to help address the severe shortage of well-trained doctors in Uganda.
- 4. UCU awaits final approval for two bachelor's programs that will focus on preparing students with more skills in development work and more training on preventing and healing human rights violations. The executive director of the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI), Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana, commended UCU for introducing two new programs in the humanities and closed his remarks by saying, "I applaud UCU for producing the best employees in the country. I employ over 200 people but I want to tell you that your [graduates] are among the finest, and I want to commend you for that," he said.
- 5. UCU is launching a public policy think tank, the Africa Policy Center, allowing UCU to inform government and church policies on a wide variety of issues. The think tank will draw on discipline-specific experts from across the academic departments at UCU while also integrating a Christian worldview and ethics into their work.



# The Anglican Multiethnic Network: The Charlottesville Statement



Editor's Note: The Anglican Multiethnic Network is a body of the Anglican Church in North America particularly concerned with planting and growing multiethnic churches. Its leadership includes the Rev. Jay Baylor, who pastors a church of our diocese in Baltimore. You can learn more about their work here: <a href="https://anglicanmultiethnic.org">https://anglicanmultiethnic.org</a>.

The Anglican Multiethnic Network exists to help local churches embody the diversity that manifests God's reconciling of the world to himself through his Son. To do this work effectively churches must be willing to speak plainly about the racism and injustice that continues to plague North America.

We witnessed this racism again on display in Charlottesville when a young woman was murdered and many others were injured during a protest of a white supremacy rally. Our

prayers are with her family and all the victims of violence and hatred.

We want to make it abundantly clear that as Anglicans we believe that all people are created in God's image and, as image bearers, all are worthy of equal dignity and respect. God does not value one ethnicity above another. His Son shed his blood for us all. We find our meaning and value in his death, resurrection, and ascension for us, which both humbles and exalts people of all ethnicities. Christ is the source of our reconciliation with God and each other. White supremacy, therefore, is an affront to the gospel because it speaks against the Anglican (and wider Christian) doctrines of creation, salvation, and ecclesiology (the one people of God called from all the ethnicities of the earth). Racism and white supremacy have no place in Anglicanism.

We confess that as Anglicans we ourselves have a long way to go in reflecting in our churches God's vision for his multicolored Kingdom and addressing the concerns of communities of color, but we are committed for the long haul to seek the fullness of God's purposes in all these things. We ask you to pray for Charlottesville and North America—that racism would be overcome and that we might live together in harmony. We also ask that you pray for the Church—that God might grant us the wisdom to be salt and light during these challenging times.

Yours In Christ,

The Anglican Multi-Ethic Network (A.M.E.N.) Leadership Team

# Epiphany Launches Arbor Terrace Worshipping Community Julie Kesterson Serving as Ministry Coordinator

This past July, Epiphany launched a new worshipping congregation at the Arbor Terrace assisted living home in Chantilly, just a mile from our new location at 3863 Centerview Drive On the 4th Sunday of each month, a team from Epiphany's worship ministries joins with 30-40 residents, families and staff members at Arbor Terrace to offer worship to God. We have received a very warm welcome!

While we have started with a simple monthly worship service, opportunities for ministry here are great (as is the need). Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Epiphany's music ministry and members of the Altar Guild already are involved. Each Sunday it is also helpful to have 2-4 Epiphany members present to help welcome residents, join in congregational singing and support the service in other ways. Julie Kesterson (jkesterson@sensoft.com) has agreed to serve as Epiphany's ministry coordinator and point of contact for this work. Please contact her if you have an interest in participating. She will provide information about how to support the Sunday service as well as let you know what other opportunities are available as they occur.

Fr. Peter preaching at Arbor Terrace. Epiphany has launched a monthly service at this Chantilly assisted living facility that is just a mile from our new location.



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6	Debbie Lynch		Lisa Ellis		22	Julia Judkins	
8	Sheila Crawford		Kate Oliphant		25	Amie Boncher	
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	Tom Noble		Daniel Simonds		29	Dave Bassert	
10	Jim Roberts	16	Katherine Hanger			Mark Oliphant	
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#### Sundays

Leslie and Bruce Johnson

Carole and Keith Menzel

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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

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12:15 PM

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8	Brianna Ellis	16	16 Kelly Ellis		27	Jane Derrick	
9	Gordon Coffee		TJ Fredrick			Patricia Roberts	
	Cyndi James		Brent Kendrick			Bob Schulenberg	
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11	Angela Bender	22	Lee Baumg	gartnei	ĺ.	28	Tracy Plummer
12	Linda Bassert		Corey Baumgartner			Christopher Rauh	
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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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	Se	ptember
6	7:00 PM	Ladies Dining Out
10-24	6:00 PM	Youth Connections
12	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
17	11:30 AM	Relocation Meeting
29	6:30 PM	Shabbat Dinner
29Sep -Oct 1		Parish Weekend with Rev. Canon D. Fenton
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8-22	6:00 PM	Youth Connections
10	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
29	5:00 PM	Pumpkin Carving Potluck
	N	ovember
5, 19	6:00 PM	Youth Connections
14	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
22	7:00 PM	Pie and Praise "Pie-Luck"

