

## The Church's Job is to Be the Church



Sometimes it's hard for me not to worry about the future of the Christian church in the west. We are by turns fragmented, compromising, conflicted, and, increasingly, on the outside looking in at a culture that seems to have lost its spiritual bearings and doesn't want to find them again.

I had a chance to think about this with other Christians a couple of weeks ago. I travelled to St. Catharine's, Canada, on behalf of the Anglican Church in North America to take part in a dialogue about these issues with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and the Lutheran Church of Canada.

A couple of things stood out to me from these conversations. The first is simply that we are not alone, and there is something about this great moment of cultural transition that has pushed those of us who confess Christ as Lord closer together than before. That is a good thing.

Secondly, our job is the same as it has always been. While it is tempting to get caught up in trends and politics and times and seasons, "the Church's job is to be the church." That doesn't change, even though cultures shift. We are called to worship. We are called to evangelize. We are called to serve our neighbors in Jesus' name. We will do these things "*in season and out of season*" (2. Timothy 4.2) at Epiphany.

That said, there are also some challenges, ones we need to take seriously as a church and as individuals.

First, those of us who are parents need to realize that if we don't very purposely raise our children to be Christians, the culture won't

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do it for us. In fact, the culture we are in will do the opposite, stripping away any beliefs our kids may have occasionally seen us model and replacing them with the spirit of the age. At Epiphany, we want to help you with this, through our Christ-centered Sunday school program, and opportunities to worship and serve as a family. Prioritize these things. Bring your children to church on Sunday. Show them by your actions that being a Christian and being part of the Christian community is more important than other alternatives.

Secondly, in a world where Christianity is not as “respectable” a way of looking at the world as it once was, we all need to invest in understanding why we believe what we believe. This is not just for us to feel better about our beliefs, it also helps us do what 1<sup>st</sup> Peter calls us to in chapter 3, verse 15: *“Always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.”* We are prioritizing in-depth teaching at Epiphany, through our Wednesday night classes (the next one is coming up in January) and through our recently completed parish weekend to help us all with this. Attend these as you are able.

Finally, friends, don’t worry too much. God remains in control of times and seasons, and that includes our time and our season.

God bless,

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## Men's Retreat Weekend

We will be having a men's weekend at Watermarks Camp in Scottsville, VA on May 1-3, 2015. Come for some fun and relaxation with other men in the church, as well as an opportunity to shoot various forms of projectiles. All men are welcome. More information to come, but mark your calendars.

## What's Your Story?



Recently I heard a long-time Christian say that his testimony (the story of how he became a Christian) was “boring”. What he meant was that he had not had a dramatic conversion story—he had not had a radical transformation from a life of rebellion against God to a life lived for God. He knows that he is a Christian, but he somehow felt that his story was “boring” because it did not contain the kind of incredible, almost instantaneous transformation that some others have experienced.

My story is much like his. I was raised in a Christian family. I committed my life to Jesus as a child, and by God's grace he has never let me go. I have certainly had my doubts, struggles, fears, and trials, but I have never turned away from God because of them. And I too felt that my story was “boring...that is until I was in college.

I remember that at one point in college it suddenly dawned on me: I wish EVERYONE had that kind of “boring” story. I wish everyone grew up in a home where faith in Christ was passed down from generation to generation. I wish that no one knew the despair of the prodigal son (Luke 15) who had rejected and run away from the Father. I wish no one needed the kind of radical transformation from a life lived opposed to God, but thanks be to God that he does seek after us even when we have openly rejected him and need that kind of radical transformation.

I began to realize that, in fact, the “boring” story of those faithful saints who have far surpassed me in their faithfulness to Jesus even from their childhood is deeply encouraging to me. One need not have been actively involved in hideous sins to have a story worth telling. Honestly, the story that excites me is of the teenager who knew Jesus personally and followed him in high school even when that meant she was left out because she refused to drink with her friends. I am encouraged and moved by the story of the athletic boy who graduated college without sleeping around despite what that meant for his popularity among “the guys”. I love hearing stories of how Jesus has turned people's lives around in radical ways as well, but I would much prefer everyone to have a story of life-long faithfulness to Jesus.

Then I had a son, and suddenly this new realization hit home for me as it never has before. I want more than anything for my son to know Jesus, to love Jesus, and to follow him wholeheartedly all the days of his life. Suddenly, the story of one who trusts in Jesus as a child and walks with him for one's whole life doesn't sound boring at all. I pray every day that my son will never need to experience the radical transformation from a life without God to one submitted to him.

So, what's your story? If you have been radically transformed from a life opposed to God, stop and thank Him. If you have, by God's mercy and grace, been spared from the need for such a radical transformation, stop and thank Him.

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Michael".

## Installation of The Rev. Peter Frank as 3rd Rector of Epiphany



The Procession: The Rt. Rev. John Guernsey and The Rev. Canon Mary Maggard Hays join Epiphany clergy.



Bishop Guernsey reads the Letter of Institution.



Fr. Peter prays for his new ministry.



The Senior Warden presents a bible:  
“...be among us as one who proclaims the Word.”



The Junior Warden presents a stole:  
“...be among us as a pastor and priest.”



The new rector and his family.

## MISSIONS

This month, we have two reports from organizations which Epiphany supports. The first is from Andy Fetzer with Young Life in Southwest Virginia. The second from Global Scholars. - Gordon Coffee

**Young Life:** This summer close to 200 Roanoke teenagers experienced the Best Week of Their Lives at Rockbridge. Kids will remember the smallest details from those days and nights at Rockbridge for the rest of their lives. I still remember the first time I went to Young Life camp 24 years ago. I remember sharing a bunk with Brian Mehm in Windjammer 1A, waking up early to barefoot water ski with JD Gibbs, the Jello-O fight in the gym with Billy Edmunds, the "planned" spaghetti dinner fight on night four with John Colston, climbing Mt Ampersand with Brian Gorg... I could write a book from all the memories forged that week. The thing about what we remember most has to do with friends experiencing those things with us. And when we get to a place where we hear for the first time how much God really loves us, I mean, really really loves us, where he's crazy about us, so much so that God shows us by sending Jesus to die for us and we hear *that* with our friends? Man, that's good stuff. It doesn't get any better than that! And in Young Life, we get to be there all year long sharing the truth of how much God loves our friends. Here's to a new school year and a lifetime of memories forged with dear friends.

**Global Scholars:** We are close to each of our students, and they relate to us as parents. At the beginning or end of each meeting with a student I usually have prayer with them, which they appreciate. [My wife] usually joins us, and we often discuss personal growth issues and troubling issues in their lives. The students very much appreciate this 'parental guidance' and prayer for them, and are often very open about their issues.

One of the issues we've dealt with this year has been how the violence in Southern Sudan has had such a personal and tragic effect on our six students from there. Kim (not married, of the Dinka tribe) went back to Malakal to rescue his family, and managed to get them out of the house just in time, though his uncle was killed behind him as they ran. Back in Juba (the capital) he exited a house moments before the room he had been sleeping in was blown apart. Susan, visiting her husband in Juba, looked out to view a commotion and ducked back in as bullets whizzed past her head. Later that day everyone in that room was [killed] by a machine gun thrust through the window.

Though we didn't end up working in Southern Sudan as we had hoped earlier, our contribution to that nation is probably greater now from here in Uganda, where these students can study more effectively and safely."



## Pumpkin Carving at Epiphany

On Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> Epiphany held a special family-focused Charged event with live music, a skit about two lost Jack-O-Lanterns, a teaching with a Christian spin on Halloween pumpkin carving and a chance for children and families to carve their own pumpkins. It was a wonderful event for all ages.

We also had seven friends from our local community from the Epiphany's summer sports camp come and participate. It was wonderful to see children from camp again and to watch them have a great time carving pumpkins with their leaders and fellow campers.

*Michael*





## VESTRY NOMINEE

**Name:** George Hamlin

**Family Members:** Kali (wife); Adult children Kristin, Todd; two grandsons.

**Occupation:** Commercial aviation/transportation consulting

**A. How would you describe your relationship with God and how have you come to this point in your spiritual journey.**

I'm a work in progress. I was baptized when I was five months old, and confirmed when I was twelve. My family participated actively in church and it was an integral part of our lives. During college and grad school my participation became less active, and as a young adult, very infrequent. During this time I continued to believe, but knew that something was missing from my life. I believed, and prayed, but wasn't in a real, personal relationship with Jesus, or other Christians, outside my family.

Participating in the 40 Days of Purpose program at Epiphany a number of years ago began to give me some insight into what our lives are really about; re-reading "The Purpose-Driven Life" a second time the message reached me at a far more personal level. Like all of us, I have benefited from a number of Epiphany ministries, especially our Sunday worship, including its music, the Adult Education program, and the many wonderful opportunities for fellowship, both formal and informal, that exist in the Parish. I also was glad that Epiphany has caring people that participate in the Prayer Line to turn to when a close friend's teenage granddaughter was given less than 48 hours to live by her doctors. She's now considering whether to take a 'gap' year after graduating from college next spring.

Thankfully, my Lord and Savior has been patient with me. Even when I wasn't attending church regularly, I did have an active prayer life, although not surprisingly, it tended to focus on me, my needs and deficiencies. I am still in the process of learning that it's a vital necessity to pray for the needs of others, not only family and friends, but those that I have had difficulties dealing with. I'm also learning that it's fine to ask for things that we need, but it's necessary to know that what will get done is His will, and that everything will occur in His time. I usually begin the day with Bible reading and prayer.

**B. Describe your history with the Church of the Epiphany, including how long you have been attending, what ministries you are or have been involved in.**

I began attending Epiphany in the fall of 1995. I have participated in Ushering, the Stand-in-the-Gap prayer ministry, the Hypothermia ministry, as well as several Bible studies in the Adult Education program. I served on the Vestry during 2010-2012, both as a member and as the Junior Warden for the final year, and have served on the Personnel Committee for the last several years.

**C. What are your hope and dreams for the Church of the Epiphany?**

That we can achieve what our vision statement calls for: To stand for Jesus Christ; to grow together as God's family; and to make Him known through the power of the Holy Spirit, in an environment where all are welcome, and will be able to learn about and accept the great gift that we have been offered, to fulfill our purpose.



I also hope that we are able to open our hearts to do the work that we have been given to do, particularly with respect to our current location. Most of all, I hope that Epiphany will continue to emphasize, and practice, covering everything with prayer.

Finally, I would like to participate in the building up of new/additional leaders in our congregation so that the work we have been called to do will continue as long as we look to do His will.

**D. How will your life experience and abilities contribute to our leadership?**

As reflected in the question about my spiritual journey, I believe that I can relate to people that are also still finding their way to, or back to, God. While not specifically areas of ministry, I have communication and business skills that could be put to use for Epiphany.



## VESTRY NOMINEE

**Name:** Andy Plummer

**Family Members:** Tracy, wife; Natalie and Jacqueline (19 & 17), daughters; Christopher (CJ), son (14).

**Occupation:** CFO and Sr. Director of Business Strategy for Thomson Reuters Special Services division.



**A. How would you describe your relationship with God and how have you come to this point in your spiritual journey.**

I would sum up my relationship with God in the word “Sovereign”. I have come to understand that my worldly efforts are inconsequential and often destructive without the spiritual guidance from, and the submission to God’s will. I’ve experienced enough in my life to have seen firsthand that “victories” in life that were of my own will and not under the authority of God do not satisfy, and often lead to other problems. On the other hand I’ve seen again and again that no matter how far down the path I might be with a personal effort, once its turned over to the authority of God and the redeeming power of the cross, God has faithfully brought it to a conclusion that is beneficial to the glory of his kingdom. This is true in work, ministry and family relationships as well.

**B. Describe your history with the Church of the Epiphany, including how long you have been attending, what ministries you are or have been involved in.**

Tracy and I began attending in 1997 a year after moving into Oak Hill. In that time we have grown spiritually from searching children, then to worshiping adolescents, and now (hopefully) to maturing servants in Christ. I say maturing because I cannot wait to see how God will transform us as individuals and as a married couple in the coming years. I know that one does not “arrive” spiritually in this fallen world, and I look for Christ to mold us into his image on a daily basis. Personally I’ve tried to serve the Church with the gifts I believe I have. I began with joining the Epiphany Players and worked in the Drama ministry and continue to do that. In 2003 I heard my first calling to the Vestry and was blessed to be elected where I served two years as the Building and Grounds lead, and then a year as the Vestry representative to the Finance committee. These were three of the most significant years of spiritual growth in my life. Since that time I was called to spend time with my wife and children and actively pursued coaching and other bonding activities with my kids as well as working on having a deeper relationship with Tracy. I’ve participated in various volunteer roles during this time.

**C. What are your hope and dreams for the Church of the Epiphany?**

My dream for the Church of the Epiphany is that we stay centered on Christ, and offer ourselves and our journey as a congregation to the glory of God. I am confident that God has a special purpose for this Church, for this congregation, and for our clergy, and if we stand together in Christ without fear, we will have the special privilege of seeing God’s will revealed in our efforts. As we moved through the separation from the Episcopal Church and the loss of our building, I’ve been asked many times whether I believe we made the right decision. My true feelings on this are that I don’t really think it matters at this point. While I believe we acted in faith as God led us, spending time worrying about such matters is not really the point now. What is important is that we are here now with all of our collective

experiences and God can and will redeem our faith in Him to His glory.... And I can't wait to be a part of it. I believe the God led us to where we are and we are in a unique place in time and location to be a wonderful instrument of God's will. I believe God wants us to take his message to the local community we live in, to places in the world He would lead us to, and especially to our own lives and our own families as God's desire for us is to live in joy in communion with Him in our lives.

#### **D. How will your life experience and abilities contribute to our leadership?**

I believe the best things I bring to this ministry are my Christian walk and my health issues. I spent most of the first 30 years of my life in fear that God would undo the plans I had for my life and spent much of that time making alternative plans. I'm not sure how much is from spiritual maturity, or how much is emotional fatigue, but letting go of my own ideas of what I thought a successful life looks like and trying to walk under the authority and guidance of Christ was the beginning of a successful life. I'm not suggesting we just go with the flow without discerning, planning and executing on efforts, but how much more fulfilling they are if one has in mind that His will be done at the end of that process, and not ours. As for my health.... Those who know me know that I've struggled with some health issues in my life. After 37 years on that walk, I am at a place of the most peace I've ever had related to that. I'm not saying that I don't get scared or frightened, I do. One thing is fairly clear to me and that is that I'm quite stubborn. I believe that trait got me through some tough times earlier in my life. That trait is limiting though and can only get you so far on your own strength. Accepting that I cannot fix things on my own strength and trusting that God will walk with you and strengthen you through tough times, especially by providing support and strength though his Church is a life lesson for me that was hard taught, but well worth learning....



## VESTRY NOMINEE

**Name:** Scott Reiter

**Family Members:** Jan Reiter

**Occupation:** Retired Telecommunication Industry Specialist



**A. How would you describe your relationship with God and how have you come to this point in your spiritual journey.**

Jesus Christ is a very real presence in my life. I can't picture what my life would be like without His presence. I have this deep abiding awareness of God's great love. This love transcends everything. I have a positive outlook on life because I know that God is much greater than any problems I am facing. I find God's Word to be a constant reminder of who He is and who I am. When I was a young boy I was impressed by the faith of my grandfather. I saw him as a man of good character who put his trust in God. My mother would sometimes take me to Sunday school. We didn't go very often. I remember one Sunday morning when I was content to be at home and read the Sunday comics, I think I was 8 or 9 years old, and mom said we were going to church. I didn't want to go. I didn't like only going once or twice a month. I didn't feel like I belonged. God must have had His hand on me because I said "I want to go every week or I don't want to go at all." We went every week. This was the beginning of my walk with God. Ever since then I have been actively connected to a church every place I have lived. I was blessed to receive sound biblical teaching from god-fearing men and women. I was active in the youth program. I taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys Sunday school class. What a way to grow. During the year one of the boys was killed in an accident. This left a mark on all of us. Since then I have been blessed with many opportunities to serve in the church: teaching, singing, leading a college and career ministry, leading bible studies and small groups, serving on the Vestry, participating in prayer ministry, and most recently chairing the Finance Committee at Epiphany. Throughout my life God has been my certain and sure friend and guide. I know that God brought Jan and me together. Over the years God has been our constant companion. He is the glue that overcomes our differences. We share a common faith. While we don't always like the same things our values are alike and we complement each other. I am sure that this is God at work in our lives.

**B. Describe your history with the Church of the Epiphany, including how long you have been attending, what ministries you are or have been involved in.**

Jan and I began attending Epiphany around 1987, while Epiphany was meeting at Franklin Intermediate School. At first we just attended the Sunday Service. Soon, I joined the choir and we became active in a home group and Sunday School. I have served twice on the Vestry, taught Adult bible studies, was part of the facility planning committee for the building addition at Hidden Meadow, was part of the Nehemiah Committee planning the move to our current location, serve in the prayer ministry and chair the Finance Committee.

**C. What are your hope and dreams for the Church of the Epiphany?**

For Epiphany to continue to be a warm and welcoming Christian family where Christ is pre-eminent, people are loved, and God is worshipped. Today we know who we are in Christ and we must be careful

not to lose our way. Epiphany needs be a vibrant multi-generational church family with a good blend of young and old. It is a blessing to see all of the young children we have. Epiphany needs to find a permanent home where we can put down roots in the community, bear witness to the community, serve the community in Jesus' name, and grow together as God's family.

**D. How will your life experience and abilities contribute to our leadership?**

I have a great deal of professional and church experience as a leader, analyst and planner. I have been part of the leadership team at Epiphany for many years. I know the clergy and the lay leaders of Epiphany. Most importantly, I have God to lead me. I seek his guidance. God is my rock and my refuge. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.



## VESTRY NOMINEE

**Name:** Marilyn Tangonan

**Family Members:** I have three grown children and six grandchildren. My sister and my niece also attend Epiphany

**Occupation:** I have been a preschool teacher for the last 9 years, working with 3 and 4 year olds lately.

**A. How would you describe your relationship with God and how have you come to this point in your spiritual journey.**



I grew up knowing about Jesus, and attending church. In a dysfunctional family I learned at an early age that sometimes God was my only refuge. While at college I was drawn away from the Lord, going so far as to join a cult. But my father's prayers and working with a group of faithful women turned me around and got me on the right path again. During my husband's long illness I learned once again to rely on God's strength and comfort. I also made a commitment to tithe even though my finances could be iffy at times. I learned the more I trusted God, the more He could use me. I cannot imagine life without Jesus being in the center of it.

**B. Describe your history with the Church of the Epiphany, including how long you have been attending, what ministries you are or have been involved in.**

I have been attending Epiphany for over 25 years. We started out while the church was still in the school and have watched it grow and change. I have been very involved with the prayer ministry in many different ways over the years. Seeing the power of prayer and the changes it brings is awesome! Praying for others also helps you to see that there are others hurting and in need and keeps you from having your own pity party. I have also taught Sunday school for many years. Our children are the future and they need to be helped to be strong in the Lord. I have worked with the Woman's ministry, the Missions committee (I hope to go on a mission trip sometime in the future) and am currently on the Outreach committee. I even was a member of the choir for a brief time. Epiphany is very much a part of my life.

**C. What are your hope and dreams for the Church of the Epiphany?**

I hope that Epiphany will continue to reach out to those in need and find new ways to share the gospel with others, bring in the unchurched, and helping them to find the Lord.

**D. How will your life experience and abilities contribute to our leadership?**

As I stated earlier, I work with 3 and 4 year olds. It has taught me patience, to see the humor in situations, and how to be in control, also to be understanding and loving.

Through my husband's long illness I have learned to be more sympathetic to those going through tough times of loss and depression, and how important it is to reach out to others. But most importantly, my life experiences have taught me the importance of trusting and depending on God.

## VESTRY NOMINEE

**Name:** Carol Williams

**Family Members:** Jennifer; Katie and John Hall

**Occupation:** Retired

**A. How would you describe your relationship with God and how have you come to this point in your spiritual journey.**

My relationship with God is an endless work in progress that has grown very slowly throughout my life. It has been a journey of many seasons, from my very early Sunday School years where I first heard stories about God and Jesus, seasons where life experiences sent me seeking a closer relationship to God, to a season of discovering the Holy Spirit and asking Jesus into my life. My current season is one of continuing study through daily devotions, Bible studies, seminars and talking to anyone who is willing to increase my knowledge and foster a closer relationship with God. I enjoy the studies immensely and live content in the knowledge that not only is God always near, but I can talk to Him, and He talks back in the most amazing ways.

The journey that brought me to this point is a long one so I will try to condense it as much as possible and focus on the most important part.

I always knew that God was watching over me, but it took forty years and some shock and awe before I realized I needed to ask Jesus into my life. The “shock” part came when we lived in Kodiak, Alaska. I had not attended church for several years and began to miss Christian fellowship and connection to a church, so I visited a small Episcopal Church one Sunday. During the service a very heavy snow began to fall and when I left to go home the snow had already covered the roads. As I got into the car, a sudden frightening feeling came over me that I was going to die. I tried to dismiss it, thinking I was just nervous about driving on icy roads, but the feeling persisted and I became petrified to the point of tears as I wondered if I would have an accident on the way home and never see my family again. I prayed, reminding God that I had a family that needed me and that it would break my heart if my girls had to grow up without a mother. I pleaded for God to protect me and to help get me home. Finally, after several minutes had passed, I was calm and gathered enough courage to drive home, arriving safely. But my mind was spinning wondering what that was all about...was God trying to tell me something? We had received new orders to Panama City, Florida, and I surmised that maybe God was telling me to find a church and get involved, so I promised God right then that I would start searching for a church to join as soon as we got settled in Florida.

The “awe” part came several months after joining St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Florida. I had become active with the choir, VBS and other activities, and had nearly forgotten the incident in Alaska. At St. Andrews, I finally realized there was much more to church than just occupying a place in the pew. I was blessed by the friendship of two very dear women who disciplined me and prayed with me as I received Jesus into my life.

Then I was encouraged to attend a “Life in the Spirit” seminar where I received The Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands. That is when my journey with Jesus began. It was a very awesome moment, and one I remember vividly because I had a vision and the vision changes as I grow through the stages of my spiritual journey.



However, the real “awe” came one Sunday after church, when I was in the church’s bookstore looking at some pendants in the showcase. There was one that had an unusual design that I didn’t understand, so I asked the clerk what it meant. She said “it represents dying to self”. I instantly felt like I had been struck by a bolt of lightning as I realized that was the message God was warning me about in Alaska when I had the strange feeling I was going to die. It was not a physical death, but one of surrendering my life to God, trusting Him and not leaning on my own understanding. I will gladly admit that I still have moments where I charge ahead and do things my way, forgetting to consult with God, but as I said...I’m a work in progress.

**B. Describe your history with the Church of the Epiphany, including how long you have been attending, what ministries you are or have been involved in.**

I joined the Church of The Epiphany in the eighties when it was still a mission church, meeting at Franklin Intermediate School. I continue to be a member to this day.

Church activities in which I have participated.

- Choir
- Facets (Hot Meals)
- Trunk ‘n Treat
- Photographer - Special Events
- Hypothermia Week at Epiphany
- Women’s Retreat - Music
- Family Retreat
- Setup/Food - Special Events
- Women’s Ministry - Co Chair
- VBS
- Newcomers Lunch
- Alpha

**C. What are your hope and dreams for the Church of the Epiphany?**

My hope for Epiphany is that it will always live up to its name as a light to the world, and especially to the community. I believe that God is setting a path for us and planted us at this location for a reason. Our relationship with Coates Elementary school has been a successful model of making Christ known to the community. To further that success, my dream is to establish a trust within the community to people who may be searching for a church home, or have just stopped attending for a variety of reasons, as well as to those who may be so caught up in the frenzy of today’s world, they don’t even know that Jesus Christ is the peace they are wishing for. When newcomers visit Epiphany, I hope they will be encouraged to come back as they discover that we are a Christ-centered church that is welcoming, with unconditional love, spirit-filled, and non-threatening...a family.

**D. How will your life experience and abilities contribute to our leadership?**

As the wife of a Coast Guard officer, I have had the opportunity to meet and work with numerous people and a variety of personalities. We were married in Singapore and have lived in San Francisco, Point Montara Lighthouse (south of San Francisco); Monterey; Governor’s Island, NY; Kodiak, Alaska; Panama City, FL; and Fairfax, VA.

I have held positions as:

- Secretary for Patent Attorneys at DuPont in Wilmington, Delaware
- President of the Legal Department Women’s Club – Membership: 300

- My responsibilities included selecting and overseeing special committees, planning the annual spring fashion show and a Christmas luncheon.
- Secretary at Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC), Palo Alto, CA.
- Secretary for Patent Attorney, San Francisco, CA.
- Secretary for Director of Facilities, USAA, Reston, VA
- President of the Coast Guard Officers Wive's Club, Monterey, CA.
- Children's Photographer while in Monterey, NY, AK, and VA.
- Singer and guitarist
- All around handywoman while my husband was at sea.
- I am happiest when I am fixing things and problem-solving.
- Mother of two cherished daughters.

The lessons I have learned in my spiritual journey have taught me that God is trustworthy and we are to place Him first in all things. Through prayer He communicates with us and will guide our decision-making to fulfill His will for us. If elected, I will lean heavily on this knowledge and apply it to whatever decisions need to be made as a member of the vestry. I am honored to be a nominee and I will do my best to honor the position.



## Choral Evensong

Please join the Choir and Clergy for Choral Evensong on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Evening Prayer is a liturgy that is used in the Anglican tradition and celebrated in the late afternoon or evening. When the office is rendered chorally it is known as Evensong. Evensong is one of the oldest traditions of the Church. Prayer and Praise is the essence of this service. If you have never experienced evensong please come and be with us to this holy and peaceful close of the day and the beginning of your week. The Choir will be ministering the works of Peter August Schaecker who came to America in 1865. He became the Assistant Organist at St. Thomas Church New York, and later became the Music Director at West Presbyterian Church in New York.



## Expanded Epiphany Library “Open for Business”

The Epiphany Library, led by Tracy Plummer, has been moved and expanded. Its new home is Fr. Robin’s former office next to the prayer banners. While there are theological texts, novels, reference books, histories, and many other books available in the library, we are particularly working to build our collection of resources for small groups, such as video teaching series.

Checking books and resources out is simple. Just write your name and the book you are taking on the notepad on the bookshelf.

The Library also has a small desk, conference table and white-board, making it useful for committee and small-group meetings. Talk with Jimmy Crawford to schedule use of this space.



The Epiphany Library, located in Fr. Robin’s former office next to the Prayer Banners, is now open for use.

## Many Prayer Ministries at Epiphany

The Prayer Ministry at Church of the Epiphany Anglican is the cornerstone for the various ministries at our church. At Epiphany, prayer is not an option but an essential part of daily living. We encourage everyone to seek the Lord in prayer above all else and ignite your prayer life and walk with the Lord.

Epiphany has a vibrant prayer ministry powered by members of the congregation making up a number of different prayer teams.

### **Prayer Ministry Leader**

Contact Jan Reiter (prayerlady2@gmail.com)

### **Prayer Line**

Contact Christina Cummings (Christina@rcdrafting.com)

For immediate needs. Requests are called in to the prayer line 703-389-7292.

The leader takes the request and then calls it down to the appropriate prayer line:

- \* Day Line (7 a.m. - 6 p.m.)
- \* Evening Line (6 p.m. - 10 p.m.)
- \* Emergency Line (10 p.m. - 6 a.m.)

Each person on the prayer line prays for the request then calls the person underneath them on their line.

### **Intercessory Prayer Letter**

Contact Faith Fisler (mizfiz34@gmail.com)

For long term needs and, starting Nov. 8, for requests posted on the prayer wall at church on Sunday morning. Long term requests are emailed in or left in a designated box at the Church on Sunday. Requests are picked up after the service, typed up then sent out in a secure manner via a secure Email. The intercessors (around 35 people) are notified by email that the requests are available and print them out. These requests are prayed over all week.

### **Prayer Corner and Healing Ministry**

Contact Ginger Black (murgin@verizon.net)

One team for the 8 a.m. service and two teams for the 10 a.m. service.

Each team of two people (in the prayer corner off to the side of the altar) are there to pray with anyone desiring prayer for themselves, family, friends or to offer up prayers of thanksgiving.

Healing prayer is offered by clergy on any given Sunday. Anointing with oil followed by a prayer is said to the person asking for healing.

### **Prayer Wall**

A request is written up on a candle sticker and placed on the prayer wall. These requests are gathered up, placed in the prayer book and put in the chapel. Each morning, these prayers are prayed over by the Priests, staff and anyone who has come in to pray at the 9 a.m. morning prayer service.

### **Stand in the Gap**

Contact Jan Reiter ([prayerlady2@gmail.com](mailto:prayerlady2@gmail.com))

Parishioners volunteer to pray for a Priest, staff person or vestry person for a four month period. A prayer guide is provided to the volunteers and the leaders to help give suggestions for prayer.

### **Prayer Vigils**

Contact Brad Johnson ([bravhorn22@aol.com](mailto:bravhorn22@aol.com))

There are two types of vigils: 24-hour prayer vigils and partial prayer vigils.

- 1) **At-Home** or anywhere the prayer person happens to be. Parishioners sign up for 20 minute slots (or more). Booklets or guides will be provided.
- 2) **In-House** where people come to the church to pray. Parishioners sign up for 20 minute slots (or more). Monitors are there for the entire vigil if held on site. Booklets or guides are provided.

**Would you like to be a part of the prayer ministry? You can speak with any of the contacts listed above and they will answer any questions you might have and discern with you where and how you may be called to this work.**



## Starting Nov. 2, More Prayers for Your Prayer Requests

Every Sunday at Epiphany dozens of us write down our prayer requests and thanksgivings and place them on the prayer banners in the sanctuary. Those requests are then prayed during the 9 am weekday worship service for the following week.

Starting Nov. 2, our prayers and thanksgivings will not only be part of that weekday worship service, but will also be distributed to Epiphany's nearly 30 committed prayer team members as part of the weekly "Prayer Letter." The group is led by Faith Fisler, with the support of Cindy Newton and Melanie Miller. All members commit to two things: Confidentiality and to pray the requests and thanksgivings of the people of Epiphany every day.

"I'm grateful to this team for being willing to add their voices to our prayers and thanksgivings for each other here at Epiphany. Our goal in making this adjustment is to take a resource we already have, trained and spiritually-mature people committed to pray for needs here at Epiphany, and to connect it with our congregation's need for prayer," said the Rev. Peter Frank, Epiphany's rector.



Requests and thanksgivings posted to Epiphany's prayer banner will be prayed over by more people beginning Nov. 2.

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### 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](mailto:star@epiphanyanglican.net)  
[candle@epiphanyanglican.net](mailto:candle@epiphanyanglican.net)  
[jcrawford@epiphanyanglican.net](mailto:jcrawford@epiphanyanglican.net) (for weekly bulletin)

**Deadlines:**  
**STAR: 15th of the month**  
**Bulletin: Monday, 8 AM**  
**Candle: Wednesday, 8 AM**



#### BIRTHDAYS

1	Ted Fredrick	16	Brandon Baumgartner	21	Sheila Todd
	Ed Stachew		Justin Butler		Colin Tucker
6	Janet Forsyth		Janice Marriott	26	Pamela Magill
7	Kurt Louis		Evelyn Noble		Jake Wiegand
8	Caleb Guernsey		Penny Rauh	29	Rheanna Beale
	Bill Knight	17	Melanie Miller		Robert Yeomans
10	Shervan Torabi		Duane Young		
11	Emily McKenica	20	Steven Mentzer		
	Yuko Ryan		Ginny Roberts		



#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2	Christina & Ross Cummings	21	Sheila & Jimmy Crawford
7	Pamela & Stephen Magill	24	Carolyn & Larry Pantzer
	Pat & Will Schreiner	25	Jennie & Bob Beckley
12	Cyndi & Ron James	28	Lisa & Michael Ellis

# Resources

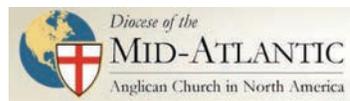
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**Intercessory Prayer Letter**

Requests can now be submitted by email at a secure site,  
[prayer-request@epiphanyanglican.net](mailto: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](mailto:mizfiz34@gmail.com).



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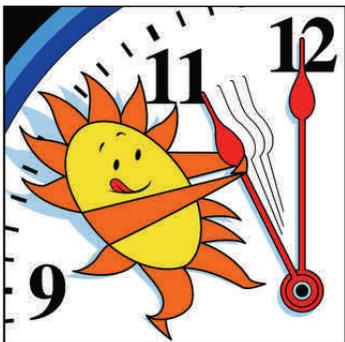
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*TO STAND* for Jesus Christ,  
*GROW TOGETHER* as God's family and  
*MAKE HIM KNOWN* through the power of the Holy Spirit

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

<b>NOV</b>	1, 8, 15, 22	5PM	Youth Group
	2	7PM	Choral Evensong
	9	After 10AM Service	Annual Meeting/Vestry
			Elections
			WINGS Ingathering
	27	9AM	Thanksgiving Service
<b>DEC</b>	6, 13	5PM	Youth Group
	12-14		Bishop's Visit
	21		Lessons & Carols
	24	5PM, 11PM	Christmas Eve Services
	Happy New Year! Stay Tuned for Upcoming Events		
<b>JAN</b>	10, 17, 24, 31	5PM	Youth Group

**DAYLIGHT SAVING  
 TIME ENDS NOV 2!**



**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 at 9:00 AM**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:  
 Daily Morning Prayer  
 Wednesdays: Holy Communion