



## Updates from Around Epiphany



This issue of the Star will be arriving in your email inboxes (or you will be picking it up at the welcome desk at church) just in time for the beginning of Holy Week.

It goes without saying that a lot is happening during Holy Week, but that is just the start of a number of special activities and events at Epiphany throughout April and early May. Here are a few I'd particularly like to highlight.

**Mite Box Offering:** This year as part of our Lenten observances, many Epiphany kids (and adults) have been collecting donations and praying for our Christian brothers and sisters in Myanmar (formerly known as Burma). We will be collecting those offerings as part of our Easter celebration on April 5.

**Retreats, Retreats, Retreats!** Epiphany youth, Epiphany women and Epiphany men will all have opportunities to grow as Christians and grow together during weekend retreats. The **youth retreat**, which is open to all 6th-12th graders, is April 10-12 at Watermarks Camp. Epiphany is joining with All Saints Church in Woodbridge for this event. The **women's retreat** is April 17-18 and will be in the area, making it easier for all women to attend. More information is also in the fellowship area. Finally, **Epiphany men** will be at Watermarks Camp in Scottville May 1-3. More information about this is also in the fellowship area.

**Stewardship Campaign:** Epiphany's annual Stewardship campaign will be April 12 through 26 this year. We will be offering our anonymous pledge cards during the April 26 services. While we don't ever connect names with pledges at Epiphany, the stewardship campaign is important because it helps us responsibly set our budget for the year ahead.

**Annual Meeting:** Currently Epiphany's bylaws require us to have an annual meeting in April as well as one in November. We will be holding this brief gathering immediately after church on April 26. Our major order of business will be to consider a bylaw change that would allow us to return to only having one annual meeting a year. Learn more about this proposed change on page 7 of this issue of the Star.

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**Charged and Chili Cook-Off:** Also on April 26, Epiphany's quarterly evening of food, music and the arts will be at 5 pm. This year, we are also including the "Chili-Cook-Off" as part of Charged. So, find your best chili recipe, make a pot to share and be part of this fun Epiphany tradition.

God Bless,



## Remembering Daniel: Fearless Faith in Turbulent Times



**Daniel peacefully, patiently, prudently, and powerfully served God. In doing so, he promoted the good not only of God's people but also of the wayward culture in which they lived.**

*By Scott Ward*

The Prophet Daniel has, since my teenage years, been a primary role model and inspiration for such important qualities as his wisdom and integrity. But as I contemplate the significant changes regarding marriage and religious liberty that have already occurred in North America over the past decade, not to mention an apparent trajectory that does not look encouraging, Daniel looms even larger as an ideal guide precisely "for such a time as this."

Daniel (and his friends) lived through enormous cultural and political changes. As teens, they were yanked from a familiar and nurturing culture, indeed, from their native country, and transported into an utterly alien and even hostile society. (Dan. 1). Daniel lived and served through multiple legal disruptions and regime changes, at times violent (e.g., Dan.5:30-31), that make our present shifting cultural and legal sands look positively hospitable in comparison. And Daniel faced adversaries who sought not merely to marginalize or discredit him, but even to have him killed. Yet in the midst of all this, Daniel peacefully, patiently, prudently, and powerfully served God. In doing so, he promoted the good not only of God's people but also of the wayward culture in which they lived.

Several qualities that Daniel displayed seem very relevant and quite helpful to our present legal and cultural moment.

First, Daniel lived with utter integrity at all times. His worst enemies knew that the only

## 30 Hour Famine

On March 13-14 three of Epiphany's teenagers participated in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. The 30 Hour Famine is a fundraiser for World Vision's fight against world hunger in which participants voluntarily go without food for 30 hours. Participants raise funds, learn about world hunger, and serve in meaningful ways during their fast. This year, our teens volunteered at the Lamb Center in Fairfax helping with laundry for the guests at the center as well as praying and studying the Bible with the guests. Through this project, Epiphany's youth raised \$290—enough to feed a child for about 10 months through World Vision's programs.

*Michael*



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## Epiphany Teaching Series DVDs Available

High quality DVDs of Epiphany's last three Wednesday night Teaching Series are now available in the library. Each series is made up of four to six one-hour sessions. Teaching series titles currently available as DVD's are Fr. Michael's classes "What is in the Bible?" and "How to Interpret the Bible." Fr. Peter's class titled "Heaven, Hell and the End of the World" is also available for check-out.



## 2015 Holy Week and Easter at Epiphany

Walk the way of the cross and celebrate the resurrection at Church of the Epiphany March 29 – April 5.

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

**Renewal of Vows:** Clergy from all over the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic will gather with Bishop John Guernsey to renew their ordination vows and receive holy oil for use in their ministry at Epiphany at **11am on Tuesday, March 31**. The renewal of vows worship service is open to the congregation.

**Maundy Thursday:** We will remember the Last Supper and Jesus' commandment that we "love one another" with worship, foot-washing and communion at **7:30 on Thursday, April 2**. This year, all Epiphany members are welcome to participate in the foot-washing ceremony.



**Good Friday:** This solemn service is at **noon and 7:30 pm on Friday, April 3**.

**Prayer Vigil:** Epiphany will be keeping a prayer vigil in the chapel beginning at the conclusion of the evening Good Friday service through to the start of the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday evening. For more information about participating in this time of watchful prayer, contact Mr. Brad Johnson ([bravhorn22@aol.com](mailto:bravhorn22@aol.com)).

**Great Vigil of Easter:** Epiphany begins our Easter celebrations with the Great Vigil of Easter service at **7:30pm on Saturday, April 4**. This musical and traditional service tells the story of salvation and joyfully welcomes the beginning of the Easter season.

**Easter Sunday:** Easter worship at Epiphany is at **10 am on April 5**. Join us for this glorious and joyful service. As part of Easter worship Epiphany kids (and adults) are encouraged to bring in their Anglican Relief and Development Fund Mite Boxes to be brought forward at the offertory. There is no 8 am service on Easter Sunday.

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## Missions Update - Maggie McNeely

Maggie McNeely, who grew up attending Epiphany, is one of the missionaries we support. Here are excerpts from Maggie's recent reports about her work with college students in the Tidewater area.



“His pursuit of us is never-ending. He wants us to experience the freedom that we have in Christ. These past couple months have been a whirlwind. In early December, CNU finished up with their fall semester and headed home for break. Just two days after Christmas I headed to our Mid-Atlantic Winter conference, Radiate. Over 60 students from our Tidewater schools attended! At the conference, we had the opportunity to worship with over 1100 students from all over the East coast. The theme of the conference was Anchored. Hebrews 6:19 says, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Jesus is our anchor. He is our hope of salvation. On the last evening we had students sign a pledge if they wanted to that said, "Lord Jesus, I submit to you and in the power of your Spirit, I will... go where you want me to go, do what you want me to do, say what you want me to say, and give what you want me to give."

24 Trusted Christ at RADIATE for the first time!! 105 Committed to spending at least a year of their life in full-time vocational ministry and 220 Committed to going on a Summer Mission with Cru. A student from our region, Javisa, decided to give up 4 days of her break and come to Radiate. She ended up giving her life to Christ at the conference!! Thank you for your continued support and prayers that make these conferences and experiences possible!!

He is present on our campus. He is bringing students to know him on a personal level. A few weeks ago at CNU, we had a week of outreach events called #WeCare week. One of our main events was the #WeCreate day. Our students created a huge wooden wall that we had set up outside the student union and we encouraged students to come paint what love meant to them on that board. It was a sweet way to start conversations about what God's love is like, and to gain a better perspective on the students' idea of love. By the end of the day, the board was covered in words and phrases ranging from "mangoes" to "more than this world offers me." I loved being a part of that week with my students.

It has been just about two months since I started leading the inter-sorority bible study, and I have enjoyed growing together with these women in Christ. One girl, Caroline, read my blog from a few months ago and was so encouraged by the fact that I didn't have it all together and was able to be vulnerable about that. She thought that I had figured life out and was living perfectly for Jesus. It was a really great opportunity to share with her God's grace and mercy for us, because we can never be perfect, and that's ok. Jesus' love for us is not based on what we do, but what he did. He died for us on the cross. He took on all of our sins. We are weak, but He is strong in us. I loved getting to share that with her."

## Women's Fellowship Retreat—Revised Dates and Schedule

Ladies, after much thought and prayer, we have decided to shorten the retreat from three days to a Friday night and Saturday event, April 17-18. We will gather from 6 to 9 pm with a light dinner and start again at 9 am on Saturday. Saturday will include a continental breakfast and lunch. Fr. Peter will join us to celebrate communion and we should wrap up by 6 pm. We want to encourage you to stay Friday night with us at the Wingate Hotel, located at 3940 Centerview Dr., Chantilly, VA. Please plan to join us Friday night and all day Saturday to hear a wonderful message from our speaker, Desiree Barker.

The following options are available for those of you wishing to stay overnight. Please call the hotel (571) 203.0999 and mention Epiphany Women's Retreat. Rooms must be guaranteed with a credit card and your payment is due at registration.

**Option 1 *Shared:*** 2 Double beds or King Bed and Foldout King Sofa bed Friday night. \$100 (\$50 each).

**Option 2 *Single*** (1 person in the room): the room could have 2 Double beds or a King with a King Sofa bed; Friday night for \$100.

Additionally, a **\$60 retreat fee** is required for all participants. The fee will cover our weekend expenses including meals, beverages, snacks, and speaker fees.

Scholarship is available for the retreat fee. Please don't let that keep you from coming. Talk to Maggie Marcum, Brittney Marcum, or Judy Schulenberg if you need assistance. Unfortunately we can only waive the fee and do not have funds right now to cover an overnight at the hotel.

More information is available in the brochures at the back of the church where you can also sign-up, fill out your registration form, and leave your registration fee in the envelope. Contact Maggie for more information ([marcummaggie@gmail.com](mailto:marcummaggie@gmail.com)).



## Epiphany Calendar

If your Epiphany group has an event scheduled, please contact [Jimmy Crawford](#) to make sure it is included on the church's master calendar. The master calendar is used as a basis for all Epiphany calendars (Candle, Star, website and yearly "refrigerator" calendars) and as such, keeping it accurate and up to date is important.

## Annual Meeting is April 26th ByLaw Change On Agenda

Epiphany will hold its required Spring annual meeting on April 26. This short meeting is a chance to learn about the state of Epiphany's mission and finances, and to consider one bylaw change submitted by the vestry to the congregation for their decision.

If approved by the congregation, the change to Article V of the bylaws would return Epiphany to the requirement of holding a single annual meeting each year, instead of our present mandate to hold two "annual meetings" each year. Making this change in no way precludes Epiphany calling a meeting of the voting congregation at any time such a meeting is necessary, but simply removes the requirement that we always hold a meeting each spring.

The proposed amendment to article V of the bylaws, commended to the congregation by the vestry, is below. If you have questions about this suggested change, please contact Senior Warden Merle Stromberg, Junior Warden Catherine Zimmerman, or Fr. Peter.

ARTICLE V ANNUAL AND SPECIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

**A. Annual Meeting.** a) An Annual Meeting of the Congregation shall be held at a time set by the Rector and the Wardens, but not later than November 30, for the purposes of reporting on the year just concluded and the year ahead, including a report from the Rector, a report from the Treasurer and a report from the Vestry, transaction of other business specified by the Rector and Vestry, for the election of the Vestry, and for the election of the Nominating Committee for the succeeding year.

b) ~~The Annual Meeting shall be held in two parts:~~

- ~~1. Part one shall be held at a time set by the Rector and Wardens, but not later than November 30, for the election of Members of the Vestry; election of the Nominating Committee Member at Large; and other business as specified by the Rector and Vestry.~~
- ~~2. Part two shall be held between April 1 and June 1 to report on the year past and look forward to the year ahead.~~

## Epiphany's Rector offers Invocation for the U.S. House of Representatives

Epiphany's rector, the Rev. Peter Frank, was asked to be the guest chaplain for the U.S. House of Representatives and give the invocation at the beginning of their "pro-forma" session on March 13.

"While my role was minor and the House Representatives session was low-key, it was a great privilege to pray for some of our government leaders in their place of work," said Fr. Peter.

The text of Fr. Peter's prayer for the U.S. House follows:

*Almighty God, maker and ruler of us all: You have given us a good land and made us into a great nation.*

*Today we ask your blessing and guidance for the members of this House of Representatives, their staffs, and all who in this place support the work of government. Give them wisdom that they may fulfill with honor their responsibilities to those they represent. Defend them from the temptations that come with the authority they bear, so that they may serve you, serve each other, and serve the United States of America in humility and love. Comfort and care for those here today who are suffering private hurts as they do this public work.*

*All this we ask in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*





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“weakness” they could use to attack him was actually a great strength – his faithfulness to God. “We will not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel *unless we find it against him with regard to the law of his God.*” (Dan. 6:5) (italics added).

Second, Daniel perceptively discerned the ultimate objectives of the ruling legal authorities more accurately than the authorities themselves did, and he came up with creative ways to more effectively accomplish those objectives by remaining obedient to, rather than transgressing, the law of God, as Daniel chapter 1 recounts. Third, Daniel and his friends had unwavering clarity about their priorities, even in the face of the idols of their age and no matter the cost. As Daniel’s three friends eloquently explained, “Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.” (Dan. 3:17-18).

Most of all, Daniel had great faith in a great God – and he prayed like it. Daniel was wholeheartedly devoted to prayer. He prayed and gave thanks regularly throughout every day and he did so without regard to what others might think or do. Indeed, his primary response to hostile legal changes – changes specifically designed to use his faithfulness to God as a weapon against him – was simply to pray to God, just as he had always done. “Now when Daniel knew that the document [requiring that all people, on penalty of death, worship an idol of the present ruler] was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, *as he had been doing previously.*” (Daniel 6:10) (italics added). But Daniel not only prayed regularly, he engaged in deep, prolonged, fervent, humble intercessory prayer, repenting of his people’s sins and imploring God’s grace and mercy upon them. Daniel 9 recounts one example of Daniel’s prayers and of God’s powerful response.

Daniel saw that God is always at work at a much deeper level than we can understand or even see. Daniel also found that God always works powerfully for the glory of His Name and for the ultimate good not only of those who trust in Him now, but also of those who will come to trust in Him in the future, often as a direct result of the faithfulness of His people.

May we all follow Daniel’s example in engaging in regular and deep prayer for our nation, humbling confessing and repenting of our sins and fervently imploring God to pour out His mercy, forgiveness, and grace through His Holy Spirit on our culture. May we enter into a season of concerted prayer leading up to Supreme Court oral arguments on April 28, 2015, and a decision expected by the end of June, asking God to guide the Justices of the Court to decide in ways that preserve biblical marriage and that protect the religious liberty of all Americans. And may we all, like Daniel, have a great faith in a great God Who does great things for the good of all who will trust in Him.

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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.

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



#### BIRTHDAYS

1	Marilyn Tangonan	11	Mary Kendrick	22	Beth Monroe
2	Jen Grier	12	Stephanie Merrill	25	Jimmy Crawford
4	Rachel Easton	15	Charlie Westerman	26	Steven Rubis
	Kyle Louis	18	CJ Plummer	27	Christopher Easton III
	Kurt Wiegand	20	Courtney Holmes		Barbara Peake
7	Caitlyn Bender		Debby Morris	30	Robin Ridinger
10	Roger Miller	21	Greg Harrison		

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2	VJ & Kent Johnson	20	Ellen & Greg Harrison
4	Nancy & Bill Knight	20	Annette & David Rhoads
6	Lesley & Jeff Ermalinski	26	Ann & Zan Dial
12	Amie & Scott Boncher	28	Rachel & CJ Easton



## 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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April		
2	7:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
3-4	9 AM	Prayer Vigil
3	12 Noon, 7:30 PM	Good Friday Service
4	7:30 PM	Easter Vigil Service
5	10 AM (ONLY)	Easter Service
10-12		Youth Retreat
18, 25	3:30 PM	Youth Worship Team
18, 25	5 PM	Youth Group
17-18		Women's Retreat
26	After 10 AM Service	Annual Meeting
26		Stewardship Sunday
26		CHARGED!
May		
1-3		Men's Retreat
2, 9, 16, 30	3:30 PM	Youth Worship Team
2, 9, 16, 30	5:00 PM	Youth Group
June		
8, 13, 20, 27	3:30 PM	Youth Worship Team
8, 13, 20, 27	5:00 PM	Youth Group

## *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