

## Who We Are and Where We are Going



This June and July, members of Epiphany's Congregational Health Team, led by Sally McNeely, will be holding "focus groups" to discuss the results of the Natural Church Development survey we took last December. The meetings, at 9 am on June 14, June 28 and July 12, are open to everyone who is willing to share their sense of where we are as a church, and how we might strengthen Epiphany.

To briefly recap the Natural Church Development Survey results, which will serve as the starting point for these meetings, Epiphany scored above average in many areas, with very high scores in "gift-based ministry," "passionate spirituality," "holistic small groups" and "loving relationships." That's very encouraging. That said, the survey also showed us to be weakest in the area of "need-oriented evangelism."

I'm grateful to the Congregational Health Team for organizing these discussions, and want to encourage you to participate – even if you aren't sure what Natural Church Development, or the process we have begun, is about. Just show up at church at 9 am on June 14 or 28, or on July 12. In fact, going to one of these gatherings is a great way both to be heard, and also to hear a bit more about this tool, and how it is helping us take stock of where we are and plan for the future.

But that said, this process and these focus groups are only part of what we need to do to plan for the future as a church over the next few years. One of the big things we need is to clearly understand not just where we are but also what direction God is leading us. I'm convinced that our purpose is greater and more exciting than simply surviving as a congregation. But it is our job to recognize that purpose, to articulate it, and to live it out!

To do that, I am beginning to work with the vestry, staff, and other Epiphany leaders with the goal of clarifying what we understand God's vision and direction to be for our church. The starting questions I have asked vestry members, staff, and through this column, you, are simple:

1. What makes Epiphany unique? (what are we already?)
2. What has God particularly called us 'to be' as a congregation? (where is God calling us to go?).

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If you have thoughts on this, I'd love to receive them. Send me an email ([pfrank@epiphanyanglican.net](mailto:pfrank@epiphanyanglican.net)). My goal is to take what we learn from these discussions and articulate Epiphany's vision and mission in a new way by the end of the year.

As we work consider the Natural Church Development results, and ask who God has made us to be as a church, I know some folks are also beginning to think about where God wants us to be. Epiphany is past the halfway point of our lease at our current location. While we are a church with a proven ability to move at the drop of a hat, my guess is that we would rather not do that again if we can help it. But that acknowledged, I think it is important that we first focus on who we are (Natural Church Development) and who we are called to be (what makes us unique) over the next few months. As we get clearer about those things, we will be in a better place to consider our location options starting sometime early in the spring of 2016. Stay tuned.

In all these things, please keep Epiphany in your prayers. God has an exciting future ahead of us. Our job is to prayerfully listen to God and walk out his vision for our church!



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## Summer Ministry Intern

Epiphany is looking for a part-time Summer Ministry Intern to work closely with Fr. Michael in the youth and children's ministry. If you are college-aged and interested in doing hands-on ministry this summer, talk with Fr. Michael ([mguernsey@epiphanyanglican.net](mailto:mguernsey@epiphanyanglican.net)).

A full job description and salary details are available upon request.



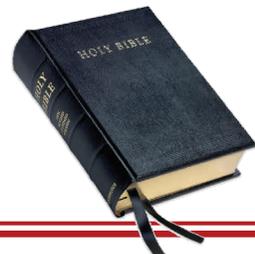
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## Need a Bible to Share?

There are evangelism materials, including Bibles, on the table in the reception area to take and give to someone who would benefit.

The books, provided by the outreach and evangelism committee are intended to help us share our faith with our neighbors.



## Men's Retreat 2015

May 1-3 twenty of Epiphany's men went to Watermarks Camp in Scottsville, VA for the men's retreat. This year our theme was "The Four Walls of the Church" in which we talked about four key aspects of what the church needs to be and how we can go about being that kind of congregation. The church's "four walls", which Paul points to in 1 Timothy, are: a family, an army, an academy, and a community. Led by our outstanding speaker, The Rev. Charlie Harrah, the men spent time thinking about this large calling on Epiphany to be all of these things and not to neglect any of them.

We also spent plenty of time enjoying the amazing facility at Watermarks: hitting golf balls, relaxing in the wide-open space, playing board games, and of course, enjoying the camp's shooting range.

Stay tuned for additional activities and ministry opportunities for the men of this congregation.



## Missions Update: Fran Boyle

Last Pentecost, Fran Boyle told us of the wonderful work she is doing in God's name in Sudan. Your pledges to Epiphany help support that work. The following are excerpts of a report that Fran gave on her travels earlier this year to Sudan, Jordan, and Turkey:

*We [Fran and her coworker] led a Trauma Healing Workshop in South Sudan which went exceptionally well. The Trauma Healing Workshop was created by the American Bible Society for the many people around the world who suffer horrendous trauma. The first day, 45 attended and the second day, it increased to over 50. SPLA soldiers joined with the Darfurians and Dinka, all bringing their pain to the cross. This is a miracle in itself.*

*Later, I facilitated a Trauma Healing workshop in Jordan to help train Prayer Ministers who minister to Christian Iraqi refugees in Jordan. These equipping sessions are totally different from the healing workshops in Sudan because they involve the helpers, not the victims, though there is an overlap.*

*In Jordan, there was a great group of Christian workers who work mainly with Iraqi and Syrian refugees. They carry the heavy burdens in the refugees and are anxious to gain skills to deal with them more effectively. We covered all the lessons, plus Caring for the Caregiver. The lesson on forgiveness is key to healing. Discussions were good, and the attendees learned from each other's experiences. They said the sessions were relevant and helpful.*



*At the conclusion, we prayed for fear, anxiety, the burdens for the refugees, and divisions in the church. I continue to pray that each person will receive encouragement and equipping to do what the Lord is calling them to do and be open to receive their own healing. The workshop wound-up just in time for everyone to get safely home before snow hit.*

*Later, I visited with Syrian refugees being sheltered by the Syrian Orthodox Church. I met a family who had been there for over a year. Surrounded by ISIS, they had been forced to leave a home which they had spent 40 years building. I could not help but notice their teenage boy and how lost and depressed he looked. They were barely existing on what the UN provides (\$20.00 per month). They are losing hope of being relocated.*

*In Turkey, I attended another Syrian church with ancient rituals. Though I understood nothing of the chants, I appreciated the sounds and beautiful symbolism. One prayer was for a young man that had lost hope and committed suicide. The woman beside me sobbed at*

*that point. I held her for some time and prayed with her. There, I met with the women separate from the men and brought the assurance of the love and prayers of all of you. It encourages them to know that other brothers and sisters care about what they are going through.*

*Thank you so much for your faithful prayers. This has been an amazing trip. You are as much a part of this as I am. There is incredible prayer coverage. Without the prayers, I could not do this. Much love, Fran.*



## Food for Coates Elementary Kids Ends Strong

**Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!** We have come to the end of another year of providing food for hungry kids. SO NOW I NEED TO ASK YOU TO STOP UNTIL THE FALL. You all have been extraordinarily generous. You have provided 600 bags, (3600 meals), through the nine months that we have been taking food bags over for these kids. You have put smiles on their faces as they can't wait to get home first and are unzipping their bags as they walk out of the school to see what treats they get along with the meals. You are so generous that we have been able to give extra bags at Christmas, Easter, and the end of the school year. You have provided so well that we already have the last month's delivery (80 bags) packaged and ready to go. *- Jan Reiter*



## The Congregational Health Team wants to hear from you!

**What is the Congregational Health Team?** This is a planning and visioning committee led by Sally McNeely whose purpose is to understand and respond to the results of Epiphany's recently completed "Natural Church Development" survey, and to develop a practical plan with ways to address those results.

We are working closely with Peter, as well as a coach assigned from the Diocese, to discern God's direction for Epiphany. The next step in this process is to engage with the congregation to gain additional information about the results of the survey and where you believe God is leading us.

**How will we do this?** We will be hosting "Focus group" discussions at the 9 o'clock hour (between the services) on June 14<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**You only need to come to one session.** So, please stay a little late, if you attend early service, or come a little early, if you attend the 10am service, and share with us your thoughts and hopes for Epiphany as we "grow" forward into the church that God wants us to be.

Thank you!



# DAY OF PENTECOST PICNIC AT EPIPHANY



Photos by Brittney Marcum



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## Summer Season's: Next Event

**Mark your Calendar Saturday, July 11 at 10:00 am**

We are very pleased to have as our guest speaker July 11 at 10am at Epiphany, The Rev. Meg Phillips Guernsey, wife of our Bishop, John Guernsey and mother of our Assistant Rector, Michael Guernsey. Her topic will be "Ministry from a Place of Peace!" Her daughter-in-law, Tracy Guernsey will also be participating in this very timely program. This promises to be a wonderful topic and opportunity for our women and friends. Be sure to mark your calendar and invite family and friends.

Jan Welch is the coordinator of this event so if you would like to help plan this coffee and tea gathering for our Bishop's wife, please contact her at [alleluia3@verizon.net](mailto:alleluia3@verizon.net) or 703-802-1419.



### Meg Phillips Guernsey

Meg was born in Houston, Texas, and moved to Virginia at age 8, when her dad took a job here as a high school math teacher. Her mother was a psychiatric social worker at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington. Meg graduated from TC Williams High School in Alexandria, then studied at Oberlin College, where she majored in religion. She attended the Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, where she met her husband, John, and graduated with a Master of Divinity in 1978. She was ordained deacon that year and served as Associate Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Culpeper, VA. She was ordained priest in 1979 and became Chaplain and Chair of the Religion Department of St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria, a position she held for 28 years. She retired in 2007 and has been serving alongside her husband in his role as Bishop, first under the Church of Uganda, and then in the Anglican Church in North America's Diocese of the Holy Spirit and now in the ACNA's Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic. She and Bishop John have two married sons, two wonderful daughters-in-law and three amazing grandchildren: Michael, Tracy and Caleb; and Nathaniel, Mandy and George and Anne. She enjoys spending time with the members of the churches in our diocese, traveling to Africa and other fascinating places, spending time with her grandkids and their parents, taking her daily 3-mile walks with friends, panting through her Zumba class, gardening (except for the weeding), reading and attempting the occasional art project.

## Confirmation 2015

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about Confirmation for the fall. If your teen is actively involved at Epiphany, displaying a mature faith, and is ready to make a public and adult profession of faith, talk with Fr. Michael about youth Confirmation. Confirmation is designed for high schoolers, though 8th graders who are ready to do so may participate.

Confirmation classes will take place in the fall, and Confirmation Sunday will be January 10, 2016.

Adults are also invited be either *received* into the Anglican Church or to *reaffirm* their adult commitment to Jesus.

- Adults who have made adult professions of faith in other Christian traditions (including those confirmed in other traditions) are welcome to be *received* into the Anglican Church with prayer and the laying on of hands by the bishop on January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Confirmed believers who are already members of the Anglican Church (including those received from other traditions, those returning to active Christian discipleship after a lapse, and those experiencing a renewal Christian commitment or significant life transition) may also *reaffirm* their public profession in the service on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions about or interest in Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation, please talk with Fr. Michael.



### 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	Ted Hanger	10	Cyndie Humenik	19	Tom Will
2	Tucker Hall	11	Frank Cochran	20	James Vaughan
3	Cindy Allbright		Jeff Zimmerman	21	Jennie Beckley
	Bill Fetzer	12	Ashley Baehr	22	Maggie Cottingham
	Evan Zimmerman	14	Tom Miller		Natalie Plummer
5	Merle Stromberg	14	Margaret Stromberg	26	Cindy Newton
7	Alexa Reed	17	John Morris	27	Ron Harp
	Catie Reed	18	Jim Humenik		David Reed
	Diane Reed		John Marriott	29	Courtney Turner
9	Graham McNeely		James Ryan		

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2	Frances & Roger Miller	18	Courtney & Kevin Holmes
4	Judy & Bob Schulenberg		Julia & Jim Judkins
6	Bobbie & Bill Fetzer	23	Jen & Reginald Grier
9	Ginger & Murray Black		Janice & John Marriott
11	Sally & Dennis McNeely	26	Shari & Ted Gregg
12	Wyndy & Ted Fredrick	29	Judy & Gary Hall
		30	Erin & Eric Schultz



## 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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*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**

**June**

6, 13	3:30 PM	Youth Worship Team
6, 13	5:00 PM	Youth Group
8	9:30 AM & 1:30 PM	Coates Elementary School Field Day
13	11:30 AM	Ladies Dining Out (Mellow Mushroom)

**July**

11	10:00 AM	Women's Summer Season
8, 15, 22, 29	6:00 PM	Summer Teaching Series

**August**

3-7	9:00 AM	Summer Sports Camp - Coates Elementary
9	11:00 AM	WINGS

***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