

## Welcoming Epiphany's Next Generation



Fr. Peter with Charlotte,  
daughter of Sarah and Boyd.

I will always remember getting a note from one of my friends after our youngest daughter, Clare, was born. It went something like this “Congratulations on the continuing success of your biological church growth initiative!”

I am happy to say that during the first few months of this year, many other Epiphany families are chipping in to Epiphany’s “biological church growth” as well. In fact, we have had **three** babies born in the last few weeks, and **three** more babies due between now and the middle of 2016.

This is going to mean a number of things, including evaluating our current nursery space and scheduling more than one baptismal service. I also think this mini “baby boom” is also a good opportunity for us as a church to recognize what a gift it is to join with these new parents and with all parents in raising children in the community of the Christian faith.

Ministry to kids at all stages of their life is something that Epiphany has always had a heart for. We have seen it both in the programs we have offered for our own children here at Epiphany over the years, but also in our outreach to kids in our neighborhood. I am grateful to see it in the deep commitment of our Sunday School teachers, nursery workers, and other volunteers who sign up to do this work, in many cases long after their own children have graduated to adult life.

My desire is that helping parents raise young Christians continues to be something we love doing as a church. I am looking forward to welcoming this new generation of life to our congregation. I hope you are as well. That said, we could use a few more Sunday School teachers right now. For more information on this opportunity, turn to page 4.

*“Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward” (Psalm 127:3)*

God bless,

## Looking Ahead to January and February



There are a number of special events in January and February to be aware of and to plan to attend:

**January 10 – Bishop’s Visit:** Bishop John Guernsey will be at Epiphany. Our bishop will preach at both the 8am and 10am services. There will be a reception following the 10 am service.

**January 17 – Vestry Commissioning:** On January 17 we will be formally thanking members of the vestry who have completed their term as well as commissioning new vestry members for their work this year.

**February 5-6 - Marriage Enrichment Retreat.** This year’s marriage retreat, organized by our marriage mentors ministry, focuses on the power of prayer in our marriages.



## Thank You! Goal Surpassed for this Year’s Epiphany Christmas Gift

Dear Epiphany Family

Thank you so much for your generosity on Christmas Eve. As you may remember, **this year we set aside our Christmas Eve offering to give a gift to our neighborhood.** That gift of 900 beginning English library books and English teaching aids for every classroom at Coates Elementary School, had a price tag of about \$4,200. **On Christmas Eve, you gave \$5,506 to support this project.**

I am personally grateful, and glad to see our church be generous to our neighbors in this way, particularly on Christmas Eve as we are celebrating God’s generous gift of his Son to us. Our goal as a church, and my goal as your rector is to see our church become a powerful force for spiritual and material good in the place God has put us. Projects like this are part of making that true.

God bless,



## Until Christ Is Formed In You



One of the joys of pastoral ministry is the deep call to be a reflective person because without it, there is so much to learn from people and the Lord, that true wisdom would be missed.

So, I have been thinking about the process of transformation that happens in our lives as we give up control to our Lord and Creator. See, my faith background, which puts a lot of emphasis on conversion, has only part of the story. Our goal is not mere conversion. Rather this nugget tucked away in a favorite passage of Scripture, says it clearly. **Romans 8:29** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be *conformed to the image of his Son*. Have you ever thought about how life-changing that is? Our goal is to be conformed to the image in Jesus, to look more and more like our brother every day. We cannot transform ourselves into the image of Christ, but we can create the conditions for growth.

When I look at my life before I completely surrendered to his Lordship I would say it was full of anxiety and control issues. I rejoice that, as I have put myself before the One who wants to change me, slowly, carefully, those things in my life, which do not look like Jesus at all, are being rooted out. God can make this happen but I need to place myself in a position for the work to happen. Prayer, meditation, Scripture study, fasting, solitude, simplicity and corporate worship have their outcome, which is truly glorious: **BEING CONFORMED INTO THE IMAGE OF THE SON.**

What I haven't addressed is that moving in the giftedness of God also plays its role. It is my joyful burden, as a priest to labor on your behalf. Ultimate responsibility is the Lord's. You carry the next level of responsibility, but we your church family here at Church of the Epiphany Anglican labor with you.

*I am...in labor until Christ is formed in you. Galatians 4:19.*

*Pamela +*



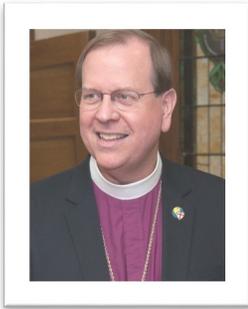
## SAVE THE DATE

Our Marriage Enrichment Day will be **Saturday, February 6** at the church. Our theme this year is "The Power of Prayer in Marriage", based on the movie *War Room*. We will also be showing the movie on **Friday evening, February 5** at the church.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served on Saturday. Child care will be provided for ages 12 and under both Friday evening and Saturday. Please plan to join us to enrich your marriage; invite your friends to attend too!

## Bishop John Visiting Epiphany on January 10

### Contact Fr. Peter about being received into the Anglican Church or Reaffirming your faith.



Bishop John Guernsey will be making his annual visitation to Epiphany at both the 8 and 10 am services on January 10. Bishop John will preach at both services. At the 10 am service he will also baptize several candidates and receive individuals into the Anglican Church.

As in the past, Bishop John would also be glad to lay hands on and pray for anyone who would like to take the opportunity of his visit to reaffirm their faith in Jesus Christ.

If you would like more information about being received into the Anglican Church or reaffirming your faith, please email Fr. Peter at [pfrank@epiphanyanglican.net](mailto:pfrank@epiphanyanglican.net) by January 6.

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## An Opportunity to Make a Difference for our Kids

I want to ask you to reflect on your past, remembering the role that teachers have played in your formation. Perhaps you do not remember a specific really good teacher but you know that, without a doubt the things learned in a small setting with peers affect you even today. We have that same opportunity to make an impact on our children here at Epiphany. We have had some faithful servants need to step down from teaching Sunday School for one reason or another. It is so vitally important that our kindergarteners through second graders are offered a chance to learn with their peers, but the older group of third graders through fifth graders have the opportunity to go deeper. That means, on any given Sunday eight members of our congregation are serving our children. I would like to make sure these precious volunteers are not overwhelmed with preparation and serving every single Sunday. Would you consider stepping in to serve even as an apprentice teacher? Contact [pmeeks@epiphanyanglican.net](mailto:pmeeks@epiphanyanglican.net) and I would be happy to walk through the process with you.

*Pamela ✨*

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## *Evangelism Idea of the Month!*

It's 2016 and we have an opportunity to hear and support a well known evangelist - Franklin Graham - as he speaks in every state capital this year. Pray that his efforts and the Holy Spirit will convince many people of the Gospel and will call churches and Christians to repentance and to prayer. Invite your family and friends to attend these gatherings. Jan. 5 - Des Moines; Jan. 12 - Tallahassee; Jan. 13 - Baton Rouge; Jan. 19 - Concord, NH; Feb. 9: Columbia, SC - Feb. 10; Atlanta, GA, Feb. 24; Honolulu. More info in months to follow.

## Missions Update: Steve & Nancy Brown

*Steve and Nancy Brown wrote earlier this year [2015] about the damage caused by rioting in Niger, triggered by false rumors about Christians. Here is an email from the Browns discussing their efforts at rebuilding and prayers for friends of the Browns:*

Dear friends and family,

Greetings from Maradi, at the end of a good week. The trip to Gouré went very well. I traveled safely both ways.

I was able to divide the SIM land to give the church a piece of land that is over 4 times as big as the lot the old church was on. It is almost too big for them, since it is necessary to build a wall around properties in Niger and this one will have over 200 meters of wall.

They were nonetheless willing to receive such a gift! SIM first constructed houses for missionaries to serve in Gouré in the early 1960s. There is only one church in Gouré after 50 years of work.

After 50 years the SIM property was wiped out. The church was destroyed at the same time, but what was worse, its members were pursued to be killed. They survived, and gave witness to God's blessing, even as a result of these attacks. Now they are taking steps to rebuild. It seemed a good time to be generous.

The Lord blessed our visits Monday morning with officials of the town.

We went to the mayor's office to ask for their advice as we begin to build. This is code for: "If we ask permission, they might just deny us permission to build, so we will ask for their suggestions instead."

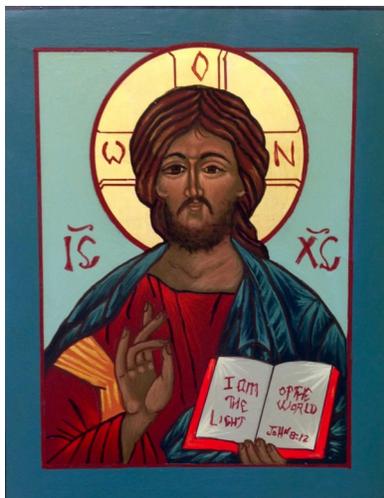
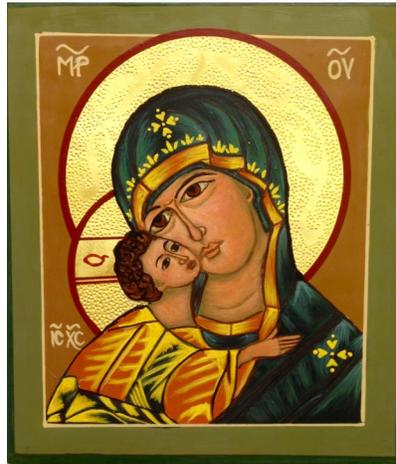
In the end, we walked out with local governmental permission to build a church and a youth center on the land that SIM owns. The local town official even hand-wrote our request letter to him, and then immediately wrote out a governmental document giving permission to build. Whatever bureaucratic red tape is, this was the opposite. The "golden tape" of God . . . , granting us favor in their sight? Send up prayers of thanks!

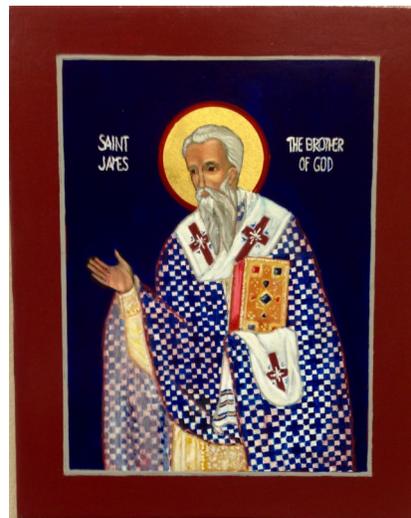
I was on the phone tonight with the friend (MW) that I went to Gouré with. He is facing big challenges, so I told him that I would ask you to pray for him. MW's family currently is living in the United States, waiting the birth of their 2nd child. JW returned to Niger a couple weeks ago to try to find, and bring back to Maradi, a child they had pretty much rescued from the streets of the town where they were living. When MW went to that town after leaving me in Gouré, he found that the extended family had sent the boy to Nigeria. Please pray that he will be able to locate the boy somehow, and get him to Maradi for the start of school in early October.

God is good.



*These Icons, all "written" by members of the congregation, have been on display during Advent and Christmas*





*Participating artists include  
Ginger Black, Susan Brown,  
Bobbie Fetzer, Ann Guest,  
Elizabeth Hudgins, Margaret  
Stromberg and Sheila Todd.*



## Women's Fellowship Update for 2016

Dear Ladies,

As we enter the New Year, we want to tell you about some dates to hold for us to get together and some changes in our plans.

We have changed the face of your leadership. We are grateful to Carol Williams for her years of helping lead this wonderful ministry. Carol decided that God is leading her toward the outreach ministry and she has stepped down as Judy Schulenberg's co-leader. Maggie Marcum and Ellen Gross have agreed to step forward as Judy's vice-chairs to help shape the future of Women's Fellowship.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend the **Winter Season's Meeting & Coffee** on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Our speakers will include Ellen (who leads the new Tuesday Bible Study), Andrea Frank (who needs no introduction) and Maggie our own Women's Retreat Coordinator. We may have a few surprise speakers too. Come and be a part of the discussion about planning for 2016.

The Tuesday Bible Study is taking a break until January 12th. Ellen has done a spectacular job, with her faithful helpers, leading the group that meets every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30. The study is geared toward moms with babes as we provide childcare; however, we have a group of ladies from the young to the not-so young sharing their hearts for the Lord as they grow together in fellowship. Plan to join Ellen—you will be excited about what's happening here!

We had such a lovely time with the one-day format for the Women's Retreat this year that we thought we would try it again in 2016—with a twist. We will be hosting the day-retreat at San Damiano's in Winchester on Saturday April 15th. Our goal is to make this a special, and affordable, time for everyone, especially our moms with little ones at home. And for those who would like, we will still be offering you the option of staying overnight on Friday!! This will also give you a day in these beautiful surroundings and time to spend with other ladies as we focus on all that the Lord has in store for us. FYI – costs will be low and we will share more at the January coffee.

If you would to help us with any of the upcoming events in Women's Fellowship contact Judy ([schulenberg\\_j@msn.com](mailto:schulenberg_j@msn.com)), Maggie ([marcummaggie@gmail.com](mailto:marcummaggie@gmail.com)), or Ellen. ([ellenfgross@gmail.com](mailto:ellenfgross@gmail.com)).

Hope we will see you in January,

Judy, Maggie & Ellen

# SUMMIT 2016

## [Summit 2016](#)

### [Mobilizing the Church for Life](#)

Thursday, January 21, 2016

Falls Church, VA

[Register](#) (Deadline: Monday, January 18, 2016)

\$25 for lunch, Summit materials and other costs

[Hotel Info](#) (Deadline for special rate **Dec. 31, 2015**)

## [March For Life 2016](#)

Friday, January 22, 2016

Washington, D.C.

Bus Tickets are \$15.00

[Click here to purchase a seat on the bus](#) (Deadline: Wednesday, January 6, 2016)

[Hotel Registration Info](#)

**Documents:** • [Schedule](#) • [List of Speakers](#) • [Flyer](#)

### Thursday, January 21, 2016

Anglicans will gather together to strategize, motivate, and mobilize our Church for life-based outreach. The Summit will have great teaching, testimonies, and opportunities to network around both beginning and end-of-life issues. There will also be time for you and your team to meet and discuss how to mobilize your folks at home!

**The Falls Church Anglican**  
**6565 Arlington Boulevard**  
**Falls Church, VA 22042**

8:30 - 9:00 am: Check-in, Coffee

9:00 am - 5:30 pm: Summit

Guest Speakers: John Stonestreet, President, Chuck Colson Center, and other pro-life ministry leaders

[Click here to register](#)

### Friday, January 22, 2016

Pre-March Anglican Prayer & Worship Service

**Columbia Baptist Church**  
**103 W Columbia Street**  
**Falls Church, VA 22046**

9:00 a.m.

Preacher: The Most Rev. Foley Beach

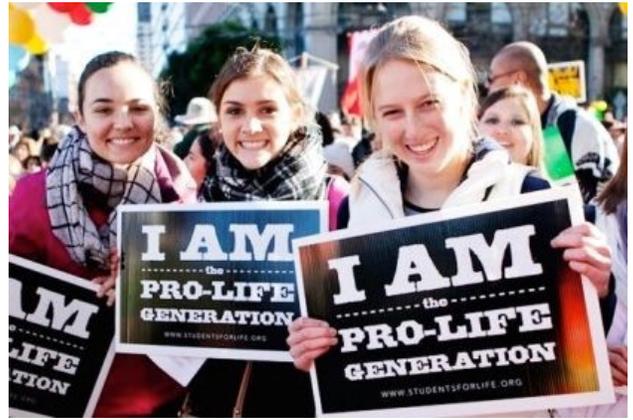
Archbishop, Anglican Church in North America

Followed by chartered buses (to and from) the March for Life in Washington, DC.

[Click here to purchase a bus ticket](#)

Resources: [Life Media Resources](#) [Project Life](#)

- See more at: <http://www.anglicandoma.org/summit2016#sthash.dIUB9vqK.dpuf>



### 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	Bethany McKenica	15	Ian Gross	23	Christopher Frost
2	Maria Luisa Torabi	16	Daniel Baehr	23	Samuel Gross
5	Liliana Brukardt	16	Katherine Beckley	24	Nolan Hanger
6	Linda Boggs	16	Megan Butler	25	Nancy Vander Voort
10	Abigail Gross	17	Ryan Ellis	26	James Todd
10	Frances Miller	17	Pamela Meeks	27	Susan Daugherty
11	James Boggs	17	Kris Young	28	Wyndy Fredrick
11	Care Murphy	18	Joanne Harp	29	Tim Bixler
11	Duncan Sutton	18	Alan Pino	30	Maggie Marcum
13	Patricia Stachew	19	Brittney Marcum		
14	Abigail Sutton	22	Sandy Stoddard		

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2	Jan & Gordon Coffee	20	Linda & Jim Boggs
3	Barbara & Mark Oliphant	24	Debbie & Ted Hanger
4	Andrea & Peter Frank	24	Joanne & Ron Harp
17	Daniela & Ryan Brukardt		



## Resources

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### 2016 Vestry

David Bassert  
 Jan Coffee  
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 Dave Schreiner  
 Merle Stromberg  
 Carol Williams

### Vestry Officers

Senior Warden..... Merle Stromberg  
 Junior Warden ..... TBD  
 Registrar..... Ann Guest  
 Finance Committee Chairman.....Dennis McNeely  
 Treasurer ..... Tom Miller  
 Assistant Treasurer .....Charlie Monroe  
 Chancellor .....David Reed

### 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**

January		
9, 10		Bishop's Visitation
9, 23	5:00 PM	Youth Connection
23		Vestry Retreat
30		Joint Altar Guild/LEM Training
February		
5-6	8:00 AM	Marriage Enrichment
6, 20	5:00 PM	Youth Connection
10	12:00 PM, 7:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Services
March		
20	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM	Palm Sunday Services
24	7:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
25	12:00 PM, 7:30 PM	Good Friday Services
26	7:00 PM	The Great Vigil of Easter
27	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM	Easter Services

***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