

Continuing the Work in the “Wilds”



This past Wednesday a courier picked up three signed-copies of our eleven year lease, and two checks (the deposit and first month’s rent) and delivered them to the owner of 3863 Centerview Drive.

This space will be our church’s long-term home, hopefully before the end of the year. Before we open the doors for our first service, there is of course a lot of **process** - plans to make, money to raise, permits to apply for.

But instead of talking about that right here, I want to direct us all to the **purpose** of what we will be doing together.

So, what is our purpose in making this move?

Well first and foremost let me say what it’s not. This is not about just getting us a prettier space to worship and meet in. My hope for this place is that far from being a well-appointed retreat from the world around us, it functions as a base; a base for worship; a base for mission; a base for discipleship that helps each of us go out into our Monday through Saturday lives better equipped to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ.



Second, our purpose is to make Epiphany available for ministry in this area for the long term. We are a church that was planted with a vision for mission in (as our founders called it) the “wilds of western Fairfax County” 31 years ago. This move is about recognizing that the mission that Epiphany was founded to fulfill

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isn't over. People still need Jesus. What we do as Anglican Christians is still unique and deeply needed, even in the crowded and commercial "religious marketplace" of Northern Virginia. Our church has touched thousands of lives in positive ways and has been God's instrument for leading dozens to faith in Jesus Christ in the last 31 years. I can say without a doubt that the suburbs south of Herndon would be different if Epiphany never existed. I am sure they will be different because we continue our ministry in the years ahead from 3863 Centerview Drive.

Finally, this move gives us an opportunity to trust God and come together as a congregation not just with a past, but with a bright future. I am convinced God has already given us more than we need to accomplish this move. He is inviting all of us to have a role, so that His work through Church of the Epiphany in "wilds" of western Fairfax County can continue for years to come.

God bless,

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Coates Elementary School: Help Needed



Virginia is rich in child gets the oppor-

history up close. Coates Elementary School has been fundraising for their fourth grade field trip and they are short about \$1,000. They have set up a GoFundMe page and I do hope that some of our congregation would be moved to help our local children attend this field trip. Here is the link and Thank You! Pamela

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<https://www.gofundme.com/jamestown-yorktown-fieldtrip>

A Lament of the Youth



Research indicates that 70% of high school students doubt their faith, but fewer than half actually talk about their doubts with others. In our youth program, I encourage honest questions and an atmosphere of exploration. It's important that we have an attitude of supporting one another in the midst of doubts. Sometimes it means we express negative things that can be a challenge to hear.

On the evening of April 23, we looked at the biblical character of Thomas from John 20 and the lament of Psalm 13. A lament is basically a cry out to God and nearly a third of the Psalms are laments. Using some prompts I instructed the youth to write phrases for the things they struggle with. Then, I put the phrases together and offer it to you. There is no way to tell who wrote what, nor would I encourage anyone to try to get anyone to divulge this personal expression to God. Typically, a biblical lament has elements of positive faith but the lack of that here only means that we ran out of time to write the upbeat part of the lament!

Pamela +

A Lament of the Youth

Lord,

I wish you would show up more when I and other Christians need you the most.

God, I wish you would show up when I am thinking about sad topics or when I am lonely.

I wish you would show up when I am taking a test.

Lord,

It hurts me when I think about how long it takes you to accomplish something.

It hurts me when I think about Satan damaging your love for us and our love for you.

Lord,

I don't understand why I have yet to hear from you,

Or you wait so long to do what we prayed for.

I don't understand why so many of your followers use the Bible to be hateful

Or why others are so mean.

Lord,

Sometimes I wonder if you really care.

God, are you really there?

Do you hear my prayer?



We play games during our meetings. Here, youth have fun counting their collected M&M's

Spiritual Journaling



Would you like to join a spiritual journaling group? It is chicken soup for the soul.

Don't worry if you are not a writer. It is at time of fun, fellowship, relaxation and a little journaling too. Ask any member who journals, they will tell you. There are a couple of morning groups available which meet once a month.

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"Ask Me Anything" - May 23



We've all got questions. Some of those questions are about God. One of the things we hope happens at Epiphany is that questions about God get answered.

One of the ways we do that is through "Ask Me Anything" over  at Mellow Mushroom in Herndon. Our next session will be at 8pm on May 23. Mellow Mushroom is at 1030 Elden Street (just about a mile north of church)

All you need to participate is a question or two about anything at all connected to God, the church, or why Christians do what they do. We'll eat together, share the questions we have, and talk about them.

While we aren't going to check your ID, our goal is for "Ask Me Anything" to be a fun and meaningful get-together for Epiphany members and their friends who are under 40.



Here at Epiphany we emphasize:

- ✝ *Encountering God through beautiful worship and believing prayer*
- ✝ *Building a multigenerational congregation that loves children and families.*
- ✝ *Equipping every member to publicly proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.*



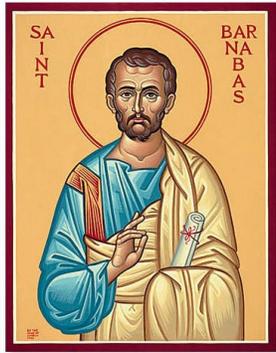
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The Barnabas Corner

Confessions of a Surprised Evangelist

By Marilyn Tangonan



When I used to think about evangelism my first thought was, “What, who me? No way!”

See, the word brings up images of knocking on doors and handing out pamphlets. But I have been involved with sharing Jesus. For years I have been praying for people, even at work.

I want to share a story with you. There was the time my co-worker Ms. F. was upset because she had just learned her 83-year-old mother had cancer. Her mother needed an operation and chemotherapy. Ms. F. was frightened that she would not survive. So, I asked if I could pray for her mom, receiving permission to put her on the prayer list. Even though Ms. F is a Muslim and knows that I am a Christian, she eagerly agreed. Here at Epiphany, we prayed as she went away to care for her mom. During surgery the surgeons found that the cancer was contained and she ended up not needing to have chemo. She also recovered much faster than anyone expected, all the while we continued our prayers. When Ms. F. returned, she thanked me profusely for the prayer, convinced that it was the prayer that made the difference. She then proceeded to tell others that they, too, should have me and our church pray for them if needed.

I may not have articulated the full Gospel, but I believe that I have planted a seed. She comes to me now and asks prayer for different things and it gives me the opportunity to slowly and gently share with her. The rest is up to the Holy Spirit. So it looks like maybe I am an evangelist after all. Sometimes it's not about being outspoken, but rather slow and patient waiting for opportunities to plant a seed. That, too requires boldness and it is something that I think we all can be involved in.

Marilyn

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June 4
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Mark your
calendar



Missions Update: Global Scholars

*Epiphany proudly supports **Global Scholars**, which places Christians in secular university positions worldwide. A recent newsletter from Global Scholars addresses the physical dangers and daunting obstacles professors face:*



“What About The Bomb?”

This is not a common question in most department meetings at universities here in the U.S. But that was exactly the question at the department meeting recently in a West African university where a Global Scholar teaches.



The country where Matt and his wife serve ended its civil war in 2002. Challenges still remain. There is little infrastructure—electricity, roads, internet, etc. Sadly, corruption is rampant and a large majority still live in poverty. There are two constant threats: famine and banditry. **The nation’s leading university, where Matt teaches, has the potential to address these systemic challenges by developing a generation of leaders who can live and lead as Christ’s followers.**

The university itself has its own problems. After a lengthy department meeting discussing the need to decrease class sizes, how they can improve exam policies and ways to provide better internet access, one professor addressed the proverbial elephant in the room: **“What about the bomb? If it goes off, none of these improvements matter!”**

Surrounded by a flimsy fence, a large undetonated bomb sat in the middle of campus. It was a relic of the civil war that had plagued the nation. **It was also a constant reminder of the dangers and uncertainty that characterize everyday life.**



When I hear such stories I’m reminded of the harsh realities and the daily life-and-death struggles our professors, and their students face, in ways we can hardly imagine. **There are even greater spiritual dangers facing them.** The Enemy knows that the three square feet behind the university lectern is the most important real estate in the nation. So he will do everything in his power to ensure that lies, not Truth are taught from behind these lecterns.

Day after day brave Global Scholars stand against these forces of Evil and teach God’s Truth to their students in some of the most challenging countries in the world.

Pentecost in the Park June 4

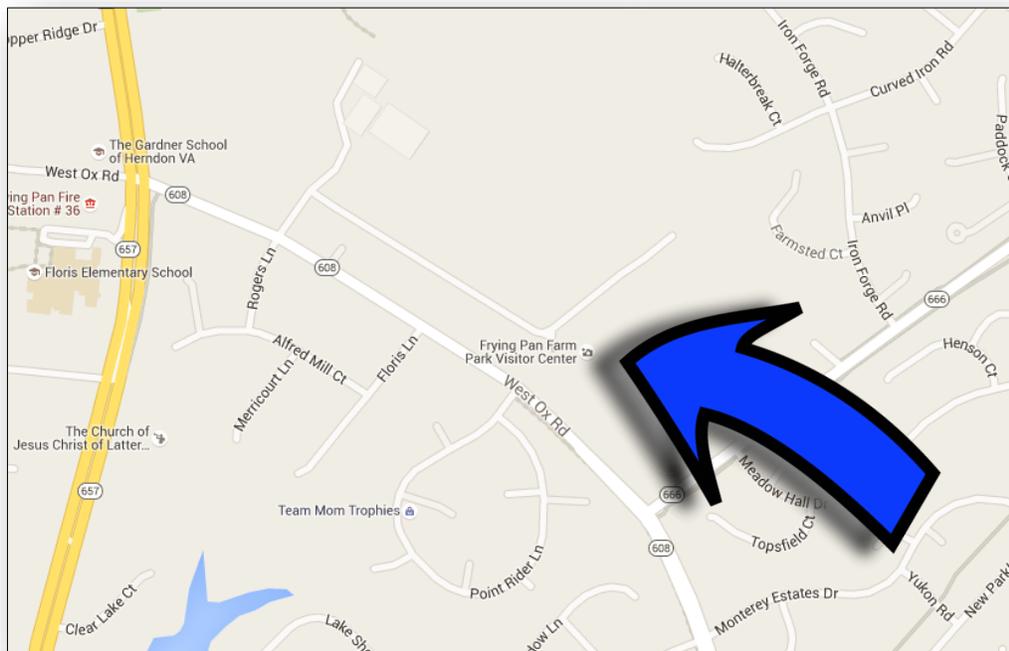
Mark your calendars. We will be returning to Frying Pan Park for congregational worship and a picnic under the shelter on Pentecost Sunday, June 4 at 10 am.

Please plan on bringing a dish to share and a yard game if you have one. Plan to dress casually for this fun outdoor service, picnic and time together as a church family.

Pentecost in the Park is a tradition at Epiphany that began in 2012 when we were between permanent locations and were unable to find a place to worship one Sunday. We made the best of it and had a picnic and service at Frying Pan Park. As we are in another transition year (but thankfully continue to have use of our current facility), it's especially good to remind ourselves that Epiphany is a people, not just a place. We continue this tradition, not only because it's fun to be outside and eat a meal together, but because it reminds us both about how God has taken care of Church of the Epiphany in the past, and how we can boldly walk with him into the future.



Pentecost in the Park will be at Frying Pan Park on June 4th.



Build-out Committee Update

by Beth Monroe, Chair



Fr. Peter, Mtr. Pamela, Ross Cummings, Beth Monroe, Ralph Morris, Bob Beckley, Linda Bassert, Carole Menzel, Margaret Stromberg, and Dan Simonds make up the build-out committee. I am very grateful for the time and talents each one is willing to invest in the future of our church and I am so excited to be a part of the creation of Church of the Epiphany's next home.

We are off and running with meetings, emails, and homework so that we are poised to move as soon as the lease is signed (we are now just waiting on the owner for that and expect it to be complete any day). For the first homework assignment, each person on the committee was tasked to refine the requirements for a specific area within the overall design which built on the work of the Joshua committee.

Linda and Carole are working on the fellowship area and kitchen. Peter is focusing on the sanctuary, cry room, vesting area and office. Pamela and Dan are focusing on the classrooms. Margaret is providing us with her expertise in the sacristy. Bob, Ross, and Ralph have the audiovisual needs well in hand. All of these requirements have been compiled and communicated to the architect, Mark Manetti, a partner of BKV Group.

At the initial meeting on April 17th, the building committee approved a preliminary layout from the architect after a lengthy and spirited discussion. This approval enabled the architect's design team to develop their list of questions for the committee. The architect and general contractor are working to give us "good, better, best" options as well as tasks the parishioners can do themselves to enable us to control costs. We will present the general contractor to the vestry for approval once he provides us with a contract and final quote.



At our next meeting, we will complete the details of the plan requested by the architect and his design committee. Once they have all the details in hand, they will provide us with their initial design plan. We expect to receive their plan in the next week or so. It is so exciting to be so close to seeing how they have interpreted our wants and needs and how they have put our vision into graphic form. We continue to pray for God's guidance so that his plan for our church and how we live out his mission for us remain in sync.



The building committee would appreciate your prayers and input as we move forward. We continue to seek God's guidance to bring our vision to fruition. After all, unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

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: 21st of the month

Bulletin: Monday, 8 AM

Candle: Wednesday, 8 AM

BIRTHDAYS

1	Jan Reiter	9	Bob Beckley	18	Olivia Baumgartner
2	Dave Welch		Gabrielle NcKenica		Virginia Murphy
3	Andy Plummer	12	Peter Frank	22	Jim Murphy
4	Debbie Hanger		Christopher Menzel		Jacqueline Plummer
5	Murray Black	15	David Meeks	24	Alexis Tucker
7	Bill Edmunds	16	Bobbie Fetzer	27	Leslie Johnson
8	Annette Rhoads		Gregory Harrison	30	Ginger Black

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5	Barbara & Tom Noble	22	Penny & Robin Rauh
13	Janice & Don Monaghan	24	Catherine & Jeff Zimmerman
14	Angela & Brett Bender	27	Bea & Andrew Long
14	Melanie & Tom Miller	27	Laurie & Randolph Rash
16	Tracy & Andy Plummer		

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

9:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

12:15 PM

Wednesdays: Holy Communion

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Intercessory Prayer Letter

Requests can now be submitted by email at a secure site,

prayer-request@epiphanyanglican.net

or written and left in the prayer request box in the Fellowship Area.

All prayer requests are collected after the Sunday morning services and prepared for Monday morning distribution. For more information or questions, contact Faith Fisler at 703-591-6645 or email her at mizfiz34@gmail.com.



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May		
7, 21	6:00 PM	Junior Connections
7, 21	6:45 PM	Youth Connections
7, 14, 21, 28	11:30 AM	Marriage Mentors
9	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
15-16		Bishop's Task Force on Liturgy
25	9:30 AM	Provincial Taskforce on Marriage
June		
4	10:00AM	Pentecost in the Park
4	11:30 AM	Marriage Mentors
4, 18	6:00 PM	Junior Connections
4, 18	6:45 PM	Youth Connections
13	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
24	7:00 AM	Youth trip to Kings Dominion
July		
11	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting

