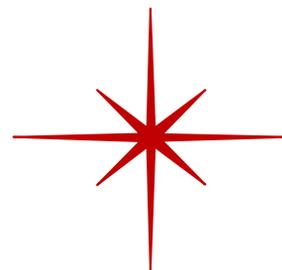




The STAR



December 2017

Active Waiting this Advent

As I wrote in my email newsletter article last week, we have a busy Advent ahead of us here at Epiphany, even an adventurous one. Here are some things to participate in and pray for over the next few weeks.



Lessons and Carols and Christmas Services: Before we move, we have one last major cycle of celebration here at 13515 Dulles Technology Drive. We have moved Lessons and Carols to December 17 at 10:00 AM (instead of Dec. 31 as originally scheduled) to make sure it could take place before all the musical instruments had to be moved out of the church. Please invite your friends to be part of this special holiday service at Epiphany. Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, and so we will be having a last service of Advent in a combined 9:00 AM service that Sunday morning, and then our regular 5:00 PM family and 11:00 PM candlelight Christmas Eve services.

Moving Day: We will have final services at our current location on Dec. 31st at 8 and 10 :00 AM. Our lease ends at midnight that same day. We will take time during these services on Dec. 31st to particularly thank God for the last five-and-a-half years of ministry at 13515 Dulles Technology Drive. Actually moving things out of our current facility is getting underway now and will begin to accelerate the week before Christmas. Our goal is to keep the sanctuary intact through Christmas Eve worship, but move many other things, particularly those things behind doors, well before we move out. Beth Monroe is leading the move-out effort and will likely have volunteer opportunities to share in the weeks ahead. We have had a real answer to prayer in that our new landlord is giving us the use of some space very near to our new home as free storage for the time between leaving Dulles Technology Drive and the completion of work at our new church.

Worship in January: Finalizing our plans for Sunday worship in January is on the vestry agenda for our monthly meeting on December 12. I am happy to say, we have seen some answered prayers in this area and have a couple of viable ways forward to consider. This will allow us to continue services during the several weeks we are waiting for the completion of our new facility. Once we make a decision, we will of course communicate it to the congregation.

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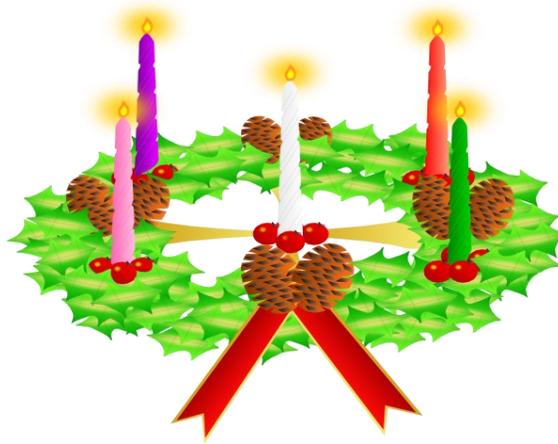
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Bishop John Visiting: I am excited to announce that Bishop John Guernsey will be with us for his annual visit to Epiphany on January 7. We will actually get to see Bishop John twice this year. He has committed to come back for the dedication of our new space in February as well.

Friends, it's going to be an adventurous few weeks at Epiphany. I'm excited that we are going on this journey as a church family. God will get us where we are going!

God bless,



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.*

A Christmas Drama



Each year as we surprisingly turn the calendar and December is upon us again, we call our children together to present a Christmas Drama. Why do we do that? Besides the fact that we like to see the kids dressed up looking cute, there are good pedagogical reasons for encouraging our children to enter into the story. God didn't send down a bunch of philosophical ideas or theology for us to memorize. He sent us a person who started his earthly walk as a baby. This is a story that we can relate to! Even as the children read, and memorize their lines, they are internalizing the truths of the story. This is a story of God made flesh which draws us in, while encouraging us to reflect and participate.

Pamela +



Liam, Lucas, Jonathan,
Gabrielle, Bethany,
Cecilia and Michaela
getting ready for
Christmas Eve Drama
(5:00:00 PM service).



Lessons and Carols and Christmas At Epiphany

Epiphany will be celebrating Jesus' birth this Advent and Christmas season with special worship services and activities.

Our annual Lessons and Carols service will be at 10:00 AM on Sunday, December 17. This traditional service of music and scripture reading is a great way to begin the week before the Christmas holiday.



On Sunday, Christmas Eve morning, we will have a joint final Advent Sunday worship service at 9:00 AM. Our Arbor Terrace congregation will worship at 2:00 PM on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Eve services at Epiphany this year will be at 5 and 11 PM. Our 5:00 PM service includes a dramatic presentation by Epiphany's children. The 11:00 PM service is a traditional candlelight service with the adult choir and chime choir.



"All are welcome at Epiphany. We are looking forward to a great Christmas Eve celebration this Wednesday," said the Rev. Peter Frank, Epiphany's rector.

Church of the Epiphany is located at 13515 Dulles Technology Dr. Suite 1, Herndon VA 20171 and is part of the Anglican Church in North America through the Diocese of the Mid Atlantic.



November Work Progress at New Church

During November we received our final building permits from Fairfax County and work at our new building is moving forward. Our target occupancy date is January 22.



Altar Niches in the Chapel have been completed.



Workers install the wall between the cry room and the library.



Conduits for audio wiring are being laid in the floor for Epiphany's musicians.



The staff office hallway

Archbishop's Blessing for Epiphany's New Home

The Most Rev. Robert Duncan (center) who served as the founding Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America, toured and prayed for God's blessing on Epiphany's new home at 3863 Centerview Drive on November 29. Archbishop Duncan was joined by Bishop Neil Lebharr (left) of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese, and our own bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Guernsey (right).



Last Lap for the Journey of Joy



As of Nov. 30, our total cash giving to the Journey of Joy is \$736,349, or just a bit over 92 percent of the way to our overall goal of \$800,000. With our project completion date moving into January, we are able to continue to receive gifts for Journey of Joy, and will apply all gifts designated “Journey of Joy” that we receive to our overall goal in the weeks ahead.

Epiphany’s support for Journey of Joy has been outstanding, and a clear sign of our church’s generosity and God’s provision. We are hopeful God will provide all we need for the last bit of the journey this December and January.



Congregation Elects Three to Vestry

On November 26, Epiphany elected three to the vestry. New Vestry Members are Amie Boncher, Sally O’Brien McNeely, and Mark Oliphant. Vestry members serve a three year term that begins on January 1. Outgoing Epiphany Vestry members are George Hamlin, Andy Plummer and Carol Williams. The congregation also elected Merle Stromberg to the Vestry Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee’s job is to organize and oversee the vestry elections process each year. Committee members are the outgoing vestry class and two elected members of the congregation who do not serve on vestry.



Amie Boncher



Sally McNeely



Mark Oliphant

Missions Update: Andy & Beck Fetzer

Among the homegrown missionaries supported by Epiphany are Andy and Becky Fetzer, who moved to the Roanoke area a few years ago to cultivate the spiritual vines of high school students. Here are excerpts from their recent report:

Relationships & Young Life: On any given Monday night, 100+ Roanoke high school students pack into Abby Smith's basement for Young Life Club. Most will tell you that they come because their friends are there. Relationships are so important; it drives kids to do most of what they do in life, good and bad. Our hope and prayer is that relationships will be the catalyst for more kids showing up on Monday night to hear about Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of relationships. And that by learning more about the truth of Jesus and his deep love for each one of them, kids will desire to start a personal relationship with the One who knows them best and loves them dearly. What a privilege to walk with these kids (in relationship) and point them to Christ!



Rockbridge Fall Weekend: - November 17-19 This weekend 115 Roanoke high school students will invade Rockbridge Young Life camp for the weekend. We will join 600 other Virginian teenagers and pack the camp out to capacity. Kids will hear a clear presentation of the Gospel at four different clubs and have space to process this for themselves. Leaders are there every step of the way to answer their questions and to listen to their stories. Kids this weekend will go from death to life in the blink of an eye (John 5:24) and their lives will forever be changed.

WyldLife in Roanoke: What happens in Roanoke on Wednesday nights? 7 High School volunteer WyldLife leaders run Club and Campaigners for our middle school friends. Know some middle school friends? Let them know about WyldLife Wednesdays!



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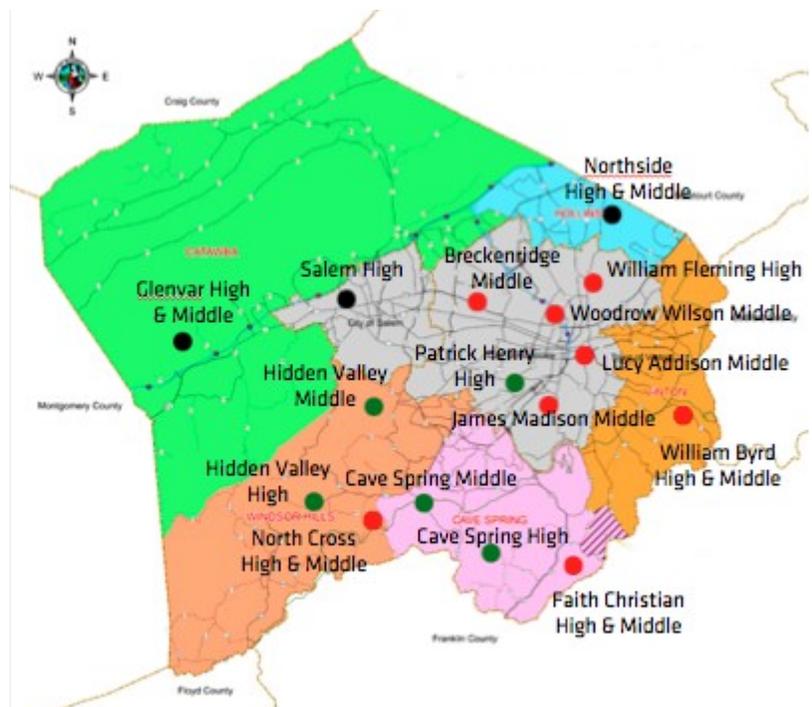
Weekly Discipleship Small Groups: Each week a dozen small groups meet weekly for fellowship and discipleship, run by our leaders. They are gender specific and usually age specific. Here, 5 Hidden Valley freshmen catch a ride to school after small group at Bojangle's on Wednesday mornings.



YL Starts in Martinsville, VA: We want to be making disciples who make disciples. The Lord is doing incredible work in SW VA. Evan Dermott (Hidden Valley alum) has moved to Martinsville to start YL. I got to be with him at the Martinsville Race last week where we were building roots in the community (with some special help from Joe Gibbs Racing!) Because of the support of YL Roanoke, we are able to branch out and start new areas and new schools where thousands of kids have the opportunity to hear the Gospel.

An Inventory of YL in Roanoke

We've mapped out the schools throughout the Valley. The green dots are ministries currently active. The red dots are our new frontiers where we are praying for the Lord to open doors. (The black dots are schools in Salem/ North Roanoke YL)



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	Fay Cochran	5	Maria Murphy	21	Michaela Turner
2	Janice Monaghan		Charlotte Camak	22	Andy Baehr
3	Chris Johnson	6	Mason Sutton	23	Jan Coffee
	Dan Johnson	7	Katie Miller	26	Joel Monroe
	Will Schreiner	13	John Murphy	28	Annabelle Easton
		19	Michael Ellis	31	Ran Cottingham

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2	Lisa & Andy Baehr	28	Kathleen & Daniel Simonds
14	Krystal & Fred Apelquist	29	Margaret & Frank Donivan

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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<p><u>2017 Vestry</u> David Bassert Doug Greenwood George Hamlin * Beth Monroe Debby Morris Andy Plummer * Bryan Saddler Dave Schreiner Duncan Sutton Carol Williams *</p> <p><u>Newly Elected</u> Amie Boncher Sally McNeely Mark Oliphant</p> <p>* Outgoing Member</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Vestry Officers</u></p> <p>Senior Warden..... Andy Plummer Junior Warden Bryan Saddler Registrar.....George Hamlin Finance Committee Chairman.....Dennis McNeely Treasurer Tom Miller Assistant TreasurerCharlie Monroe ChancellorDavid Reed</p>
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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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December		
3, 10, 17	11:30 AM	Christmas Drama Practice
3, 17	6:00 PM	Youth Connections
12	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
24	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist (Fourth Sunday of Advent)
24	5:00 PM	Family Christmas Service
24	11:00 PM	Midnight Mass
25, 26		Office Closed
January		
1		Office Closed
7, 21	6:00 PM	Youth Connections
9	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
15	12:00 Noon	Youth Ice Skating - Reston Town Center
22		Moving Day 
February		
4, 18	6:00 PM	Youth Connections
13	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
14	12:00 Noon & 7:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Services

Contact Jimmy Crawford (jcrawford@epiphanyanglican.net)
 to get your event on the church calendar.

The deadline for the STAR is the 21st of each month!