

Rector's Sabbatical Notes and Prayer Requests



Epiphany's Rector, the Rev. Peter Frank, will be on Sabbatical from June 1 to September 2. Below is some information about what to expect while Peter is away.

Who is in Charge: During Peter's absence, Epiphany is being led by the team of the associate rector and the wardens. **The Rev. Pamela Meeks** is the primary spiritual and staff leader, **Beth Monroe**, the senior warden, leads the vestry, and **Mark Oliphant**, the junior warden, is in charge of Epiphany's facility. **Dennis McNeely**, chair of Epiphany's finance committee, is in charge of finances.

What Should I Expect on Sunday: Worship will continue as normal at 8am and 10:15. Mtr. Pamela will be regularly joined by clergy friends of Epiphany, including Epiphany's retired rector, the Rev. Robin Ruah, the Rev. Bob Koth and the Rev. Canon Daryl Fenton. Together, they will be preaching through the Gospel of Mark.

What about the Candle and the Star Newsletters: The Candle email newsletter will continue to be published every week under the leadership of Merle Stromberg. There will be no July issue of the Star Newsletter this summer.

What will Fr. Peter Be Doing During His Sabbatical: On June 7, Fr. Peter will be flying to Athens, Greece, where he will spend a few days of personal vacation before going on to Jerusalem on June 12. While in Jerusalem, Fr. Peter is serving with our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Guernsey, as a staff member for the Global Anglican Future Conference which is June 17-22. After returning from Israel, Fr. Peter along with Andrea and Cecilia and Clare, will be traveling to Northern Minnesota where they will be staying and volunteering at Trout Lake Camps. During his time away, Fr. Peter will be focusing on his own spiritual life, reading the books he's been given but hasn't had time to read over his years of ministry at Epiphany, and asking for God's perspective on what is next for our church.

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How Can I Support and Pray for Epiphany and for Fr. Peter: Pray for and support Epiphany's leadership team this summer. Attend church – Fr. Peter won't be at Epiphany, but he will be at church somewhere every Sunday. Fr. Peter would particularly appreciate prayers for his travel connections on June 7, 12 and 25, and his work with Bishop John supporting the Global Anglican Future Conference, then for the entire Frank family as they transition from northern Virginia to rural Minnesota for two months. Pray particularly that they find a good balance between volunteer work at Trout Lake Camps and time for reflection and family during July and August.



Missions Update: SAT-7

Among the organizations that Epiphany supports is SAT-7, whose mission is to support the Christians of the Middle East and North Africa in their Christian witness and lives and to deliver Christian satellite television to those locations. The programs that SAT-7 offers not only share the faith but also try to change mindsets in the Middle East. Here is an example:

As well as enabling millions of children to learn in homes and informal refugee settlements, SAT-7 ACADEMY is making a difference in classrooms. The channel will soon be used in two very different educational settings in Lebanon: the Cultural Heritage and Interactive Learning Development (CHILD) Centre for refugees, and a local private school.



PROMOTING HEALTHY HABITS

“At our centre, we have a refugee student who has an infection in his ears. The father would not take the child to the doctor until the problem became quite serious, endangering the child's hearing,” recalls Joanne Farchakh Bajjali, co-founder (with SAT-7) of the Cultural

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Discipleship, Jesus' Essential Method



One of the questions I sometimes ask myself about Jesus' ministry priorities reveals my contemporary bias. Why didn't Jesus rent out Madison Square Garden and hold a rally to gather as many people in one place as possible? Okay I admit I do not make it that specific and contemporary, but you get the point. See, we tend to think in terms of getting the word out to the most people in the shortest period of time. Jesus did indeed gather crowds. We hear about his crowd gathering ability when he fed the five thousand. We also know on a different occasion that he had so many people around him, we could not even eat (Mark 3:20). But it was Jesus' habit to put more emphasis on discipling the twelve and the slightly larger group of seventy or so. At the same time, Jesus was wary of crowds. "But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man" (John 2:24-25).

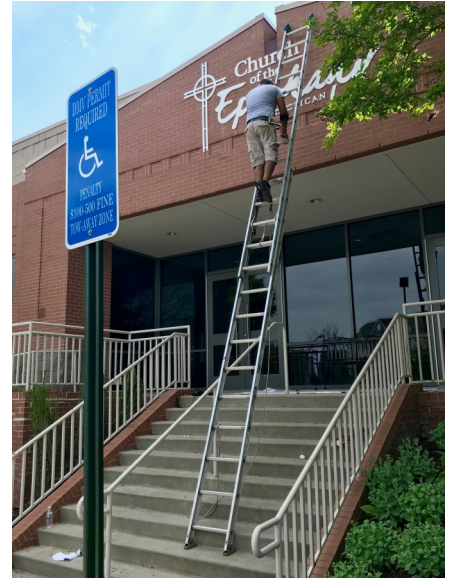
It is not like Jesus outright ignored the crowds but he knew that they were fickle. Crowds could say "Hosanna" one week and "Crucify him" the next. So, Jesus invested his time and effort into making sure the disciples were getting the essential message straight and he gave them the authority to carry out ministry. In this way, Jesus could ensure that his influence was permanent and lasting, not a superficial flash in the pan. We are grateful for that attention the disciples received. The new ways of thinking and acting within the kingdom could not be entrusted to a few large rallies. Discipleship requires depth and that means time spent in relating heart to heart. A path of discipleship is so much more than a simple prayer to trust Jesus. And it is even more than our education hour, or personal study. Most of us, if we are growing in spiritual depth, have had or still have deep personal relationships that challenge us to wrestle with Scripture on a personal level. Sometimes, these meetings are one-on-one and sometimes, ever so slightly larger. Jesus considered discipleship to be essential, so essential that he modeled it for his trusted followers.

So, I ask you, "Do you have a place to be honest? To ask the hard questions and reveal your heartfelt prayers?" Even if Epiphany does not have a formal way of tracking those in discipling relationships, I would hope that we are a community that nurtures these kind of deep relationships. I can recommend a resource as well. Although I have only just begun to use it, I hear from colleagues that Greg Ogden's Discipleship Essentials is the go-to resource. Even those who are steeped in Scripture will find it helpful as they disciple others in the faith. Let's have a talk if I have stirred up an interest in you. Discipleship is an essential method of Jesus and that is enough to convince me that I want to jump on board too.

Pamela +

Epiphany Gets a Sign

On May 21, Epiphany's permanent outdoor sign was installed over the door at our new home on Centerview Drive. The new sign helps assure people that they are in the right place when they come to visit Epiphany, and lets the neighborhood know we are here as well. Carol Williams led the work to get our sign designed and installed.



Baptizing Cordelia and Hailey

On May 13, Epiphany welcomed Cordelia Linn Thomas, and Hailey Maye Merrill into the church through the sacrament of baptism. Cordelia is the daughter of Jessica and Scott Thomas and granddaughter of Epiphany members David and Linda Bassert. Hailey is the daughter of Stephanie and Jon Merrill and the granddaughter of Epiphany members Charlie and Beth Monroe. Welcome to the household of God Cordelia and Hailey!



*We receive you
into the
fellowship of
the Church*

Black Small Group Completes Final Coates Meal Kit Delivery

For many years, Murray and Ginger Blacks' small group has led Epiphany's weekend meal kit ministry to Coates Elementary School, this May 29, the group put together their last shipment of 100 kits for delivery. Epiphany is deeply grateful for their work coordinating congregational donations, checking them to make sure they meet the schools standards, and then delivering them to the school once a month during the school year. For this ministry to continue, Epiphany will need a new small group, or other leadership team to step up to take on coordinating duties. Since Epiphany began this ministry, we have worked together to provide well over 20,000 meals to children at Coates Elementary School who otherwise would go hungry on the weekends and over the holidays. This ministry is a simple and easy way we can do good in Christ's name for our community. If you are interested in learning more about leading this ministry, please contact Mtr. Pamela (pmeeks@epiphanyanglican.net).



Welcoming Epiphany's Summer Intern



This summer, Isabelle (Izzy) Turner is serving as Epiphany's part-time summer ministry intern. Izzy, the daughter of Dan and Courtney Turner, just finished her first year at James Madison University where she is studying graphic design. She will be focusing on youth and children's ministry, including Epiphany's annual Sports Camp at Coates Elementary School in August.

We are glad to have Izzy on staff at Epiphany this summer.

Epiphany Visits Museum of the Bible

On Friday, May 25, 33 Epiphany members went on a field trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. The Museum does a great job telling the story of scripture and giving a picture of the affect it has had on the world. Epiphany members also got to meet a carpenter in the museum's life-size Galilean village who looked suspiciously like Epiphany's former youth minister (the Rev. Robbie Pruitt).



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Heritage and Interactive Learning Development (CHILD) centre in Lebanon. “It is not uncommon here to see health problems ignored beyond the point where they can be treated.”

SAT-7 ACADEMY aims to help people develop coping mechanisms so that small issues do not escalate to larger proportions. Bite-sized SAT-7 ACADEMY segments are being produced to address health issues such as teeth-brushing and other good hygiene habits.

COMBATING GENDER INEQUALITY

A man in a refugee settlement in Lebanon told SAT-7 staff that he has four children: three sons and a 14-year-old daughter. He said that he sends his sons to school but does not have the money to educate his daughter.

“The truth is that he is not investing in his daughter’s education: firstly because she is a girl, and secondly because a year or two from now she will be married,” explains Roy Saab, curriculum developer and SAT-7 ACADEMY consultant. “Girls’ education is not a priority for many Middle Eastern families. Bluntly put, the main concern for many parents in the refugee community is that their underage daughters should get married to protect them from rape and so that the father is no longer financially responsible for them.”

Sfeir describes a dating program on another Lebanese television channel which features 10 girls who stand in a line as a man chooses which girl he wants to date. “Programs like these minimise the value of women and reinforce the false idea that women are cheap,” she says. To tackle these attitudes, SAT-7 ACADEMY addresses issues such as girls’ education, early marriage, and women’s rights and equality.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE “BIT BY BIT”

Making a contribution to improving the social fabric of the MENA is a long-term commitment of SAT-7. As Rita Elmounayer, SAT-7’s Deputy CEO and Chief Channels Officer, often says, “bit by bit, we can make a difference.” By taking each issue and addressing it in detail, SAT-7 ACADEMY can create small shifts that lead, “bit by bit”, to change on a larger scale.





BIRTHDAYS

1	Ted Hanger	9	Margaret Donivan	19	Tom Will
2	Tucker Hall		Graham McNeely	20	James Vaughan
3	Cindy Allbright	10	Cyndie Humenik	21	Jennie Beckley
	Evan Zimmerman	11	Frank Cochran	22	Maggie Cottingham
5	Merle Stromberg		Jeff Zimmerman		Natalie Plummer
6	Abigail Nadarajah	14	Tom Miller	26	Cindy Newton
7	Alexa Reed		Margaret Stromberg	27	David Reed
	Catie Reed	17	John Morris	29	Courtney Turner
	Diane Reed	18	Jim Humenik		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2	Frances & Roger Miller	12	Wyndy & Ted Fredrick
4	Judy & Bob Schulenberg	18	Julia & Jim Judkins
	Jodi & Duncan Sutton	29	Judy & Gary Hall
9	Ginger & Murray Black	30	Erin & Eric Schultz
11	Sally & Dennis McNeely		



Worship Schedule

Sundays

8:00 and 10:15 AM

Eucharist and Healing

At the 10:15 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

Happy Birthday



JULY

BIRTHDAYS

2	Carl Bess	12	Andrew Coffee	20	Ann Guest
5	Ann Dial		Nicole Rhoads		Derek Zimmerman
6	Bethany Apelquist	13	Zan Dial		Justin Zimmerman
7	Jim Judkins	14	Shahmala Kamalanthan	24	Carol Williams
	Carolyn Pantzer	15	Don Holt	27	Ann Westerman
	Adam Rwegayura	17	Kelly Derrick	28	Collin Sutton
10	Tara Meeks		George Hamlin	29	VJ Johnson
	Carole Menzel	18	Barbara Oliphant		Donna Lea Louis
				30	Kenneth Vaughan

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

9	Jane & Kelly Derrick	15	Donna Lea & Kurt Louis
8	Jessica & Russel Francis	17	Patricia & James Roberts
12	Stephanie & Jonathan Merrill	30	Malu & Shervan Torabi



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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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.

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.

Articles and Subscription requests: star@epiphanyanglican.net
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June		
3, 10, 17, 24	8: 00 AM and 10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist
3, 10, 17, 24	9:15 AM	Adult Education
3	6 PM	Youth Connections
5	12 Noon	Diocesan Clergy Lunch
6	7 PM	Ladies Dining Out
8	10 AM	Tabitha's Threads
9	10 AM	Band of Brothers - Arbor Terrace
12	7 PM	Vestry Meeting
July		
1, 8, 15, 22, 29	8: 00 AM and 10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist
10	7 PM	Vestry Meeting
13	10 AM	Tabitha's Threads
30 July - 3 August	9:30 AM	Sports Camp 2018

FREE Soccer Camp
 July 30 – August 3
 9:30am – 11:00am
 at Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary School in Herndon VA
 Free Soccer camp and Summer Bible camp serving rising K through rising 6th graders.
Register online by July 13
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