



# Parish Guide

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## Rector's Journal

By the Rev. Randolph Charles

**G**rowth and Expansion. I believe that we at Epiphany are called by God to grow and expand both in our individual faith journeys and as a faith community. We have been talking about this for some time, and we are grateful for the development we have experienced at Epiphany so far. We also look with faith and expectation to the future, as we wonder what God will call us to be and to do in the years to come.



At the Annual Parish Meeting, we gave thanks for the retiring parish leaders who have led us in the recent past: Nancy Chandler (Senior Warden) and Devry Boughner, Mike Kerns, Robin Gulick, Tom Riggs, Leslie Thornton, Jill Bezek, and Carolyn Bledsoe (Vestry Members).

We also elected new leaders: Jill Bezek (Junior Warden) and Carolyn Bledsoe, Jennifer McCarthy, Peter Raia, James Rogers, Duncan Stevens, Freeman Jelks, and Deb Price (Vestry Members.) Glenn Greene is the new Senior Warden. Each candidate was asked to share with the assembly one activity they did that helps them grow in the faith and one way they would like to help our parish grow in the faith. All of us are called to grow...in faith, in ministry, and in mission.

I hope that we can become more intentional and committed in our spiritual journeys, more open and curious, more sensitive and supportive, more articulate and passionate about the faith that dwells within us and yearns to grow into a broad and healthy mustard bush.

Listed below are some practices of a growing congregation and some actions that we could take. I shared these at the Annual Parish Meeting, and everyone talked about them at tables. The reason that I put these out for you to consider is to encourage conversation about how we are called to live the faith and move deeper into the truth of the Gospel, both as individuals and as a parish. I am curious about what on this list touches your heart and moves you to act. What leaves you cold? What would you add? How is God stirring your soul and opening your eyes to new insights into the reign of God? How would you benefit from committing to any of these practices and activities?

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## Advent and Christmas Special Liturgies and Events



### Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent  
11:00 Advent Festival of Lessons and Music and Holy Eucharist

### Tuesday, December 20

12:10 The Epiphany Choir's Christmas Concert

### Friday, December 23

12:10 Christmas Eve Eucharist

### Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

9:30 Christmas Carols and Music  
10:00 Festival Holy Eucharist  
11:15 Christmas Party

### Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

10:00 Christmas Parish Event  
11:00 Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols

*This month, the Parish Guide will begin a series of articles on the four resident groups housed in the Parish House (on page 5, read about Street Sense, Washington's homeless street newspaper.) We hope that by shining the light on these organizations and their activities, we can come to know one another and build a better sense of community.*

**Note: The deadline for submitting articles to the January Parish Guide Newsletter is Wednesday, December 14**

# Parishioner News

## **We celebrate these new beginnings and accomplishments:**

*"Let us give thanks to God for all God's gifts so freely bestowed upon us."*

D'O Dillard's begins as assistant to the Wardens at the Cathedral College of Washington National Cathedral

Larry Ellis has been elected a board member of Episcopal Seniors Ministries

Esther Agbaje is completing a semester internship at the Washington-Bureau of ABC's Good Morning America television program and in January she will leave for study abroad at the University of Cape Town in Cape Town, South Africa.

For the marriage of Erica Lagerson and Taylor Chesnik on November 12, 2005

## **We welcome these persons into the life of our parish:**

*"All praise and thanks to you, most merciful Father, for adopting us as your children, for incorporating us into your holy Church, and for making us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light."*

Christian Clough, Phil Converse, Alan Crowe, Eric Jenson, Jessie Kindley, and Christopher Worthley

## **We remember those who have died**

*"Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants"*

Elizabeth Graham who died October 25, 2005

Juanito Bautista, brother of Tony Bautista, who died November 6.

## **We remember these persons in our prayers**

*For all who seek healing, especially:*

For the members and family members of Epiphany who serve in troubled areas of the world, especially Robert Curris, Charles W. Kean, and Keith Scoon;

For all who seek healing, especially: Ed Adams, Margaret Barge, Theresa Davies, Kathrine Ebert, Floyd Godfrey, Cornell Jackson, William Person, Edgar Romig, Norwyn Rowe, Flora Symons, and Kirk White;

For Aaron, Jim Argodale, Beverly Bachemin, Martha Barger, Juanito Bautista, Adam Beattie, Winston Blackman, Wanda Brewer, Brianna, Helen Burg, James Capen, Michale Crowe, Elena Curris, Mary Davenport, Ruth Dillard, Beth Erman, Andrew Ferrill, Sarah Foreman, Kit Galdi, Kathy Gannon-Briggs, Rowena Garner, Fred Gustafson, Denise Hammes, Kathryn Hardie, Millicent Hutt, Mildred Keth, Dagmar Korth, Rick Knettel, Dorothy Lyman, Annie Maly, Frank Marlowe, Donald Marsh, Claudia McClannahan, Gary McNeil, Jeanette Michael, Bonnie Murphy, Hubert Nedd, Israel Rafalovich, Allene Robinson, Wanda Rucker, Damu Smith, Crystal Taylor, Ofelia Vitek, Ryan von Gogh, the von Gogh family, Maureen Waters, Carmen Williams, Jocelyn Williams, and Regina Williams,

For the members of the Education Committee.



## **We celebrate these November Birthdays**

Justin Navarro, Jim Maudlin, Tonda Rush, Robyn Ridgley, Kirk White, Doretta Shull, Marion Harrell, Nesta Lewis, Wayne McOwen, Peter Flynn, Bertha Harrison, Anne Kusserow, Liz Halloran, Martha Bargar, Betty Lester, Joseph Sawyer, Rich Whitehead, Mike and Katie Kerns, Carter Echols, Barbara Robinson, Eleanor Eng, Dawson Nash, Erica Djoman, Frank D. Taylor.

*The monthly "Parishioner News" acknowledges the transitions in life, accomplishments of our members, and the times of celebration. Please tell us of your news by phoning the parish office or emailing us at [info@epiphanydc.org](mailto:info@epiphanydc.org)*

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When it comes to growth and expansion, what excites you? I want to know your responses. Email me; phone me. Let's talk about it.

Some practices and actions to consider:

**Hospitality:** Welcoming the stranger, seeing Christ in another person. Invite one person a year to worship with you. Participate in Epiphany Clusters.

**Ministry:** Proclaiming our faith by word and example. Understand your ministries in the world as one way of sharing your faith in Jesus Christ. Volunteer once a month at The Welcome Table for six months.

**Worship:** Putting God at the center of our faith community. Share with another person the ways that liturgy touches you. Attend two parish liturgies a month.

**Discernment:** Listening to God. Spend quiet time in prayer with God every day. Include discernment in the process of parish ministry development.

**Formation:** Being shaped by God. Read and reflect on Scripture regularly. Attend Faith Basics.

**Stewardship:** Faithfully managing relationships with the earth, ourselves, others, and God. Change one personal behavior in order to be a better steward of the earth. Practice proportionate giving.

**Sabbath:** Setting aside time for God. Keep a rhythm of restorative time in your weekly schedule. Help develop a parish norm of resting and trusting in God.

## **Cairo Crafts at Epiphany on Sunday, December 11**

*By Jennifer Cate, Epiphany member*

A few years ago, while living in Egypt, some friends and I set aside Tuesday afternoons to make the bumpy trip up the lone hill in Cairo to a squatter settlement inhabited by the town's garbage collectors. Taxi drivers dreaded the ride up the unpaved litter-lined alleys, so we often had to walk the last few blocks into the heart of what we called "Garbage City." We passed men guiding their donkey-drawn garbage carts back from a day of collecting household waste around the city and women squatting in the doors of their homes, sorting through the trash. True recyclers, they separated glass from paper from food. Glass and paper was sold for recycling; food scraps went to feed their animals.

Each week, my friends and I eventually found the gates of the Association for the Protection of the Environment (A.P.E.). Inside the walls, young women were learning to read and write as well as to weave, quilt, or create recycled paper products. These marketable skills not only helped them generate income for their households, but also empowered them to contribute to the financial decision-making in their families.

My friends and I had the unenviable task of teaching English to these young women, who were convinced they needed the language in order to sell their products to foreigners. "Don't leave us until we speak English as well as you do," they used to plead as we left each week. Well, eventually I did leave them—without much improved English skills, I should add.

However, the girls of Garbage City are once again part of my life—this time, as I help to market their products in the U.S. The organization I work for, Hands Along the Nile Development Services (H.A.N.D.S.), aims to build partnerships between peoples of the Middle East and the West, focusing especially on Egypt and the U.S. In addition to cross-cultural exchange opportunities, we also build support for local Egyptian community development projects, including A.P.E.

I invite you to join the Epiphany family on Sunday, December 11 during Fellowship Hour for a benefit sale of the beautiful handmade crafts these girls make. You'll find woven cotton rugs, purses, quilts, Christmas stockings, gift cards, and much more—and each gift that you buy will be supporting the women of Garbage City in their quest for a better tomorrow!

### **CRAFTS OF CAIRO**

A sale of handicrafts made by young women in Egypt benefitting a women's literacy and job-skills center in Cairo.



#### **Sunday, Dec. 11, during Fellowship Hour**

Come browse through our selection of woven rugs, handbags, quilts, Christmas stockings, cards, and much more! Middle Eastern snacks will also be served at Fellowship Hour!

## Toward the Coming: Advent for Real

By Christian M. Clough, Director of Music Ministries

Advent is NOT about Christmas. With the sun waning and the nights lengthening, and the television commercials pointing us inexorably toward Santa-Day even before many have stowed their Halloween decorations, perhaps we should reflect on Advent, and its importance in the life of the Church. Advent is a season of prophecy, of warnings and wake-ups. “Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us.” Have we heard the voice? Have we yet listened to what it is saying? “Thy kingdom come.”



Christmas, like the Eucharist, is not a nostalgic event. We remember Christmas in the same way that we understand the remembrance of Jesus’ last supper with his disciples: it is not about thinking back to some other time, but rather about living into the event as a continuing reality. The church describes this action as “anamnesis”. In celebrating Christmas, we seek to live into Jesus’ incarnation because of what it reveals about our identity as “heirs, through hope, of [the] everlasting kingdom.” Jesus’ incarnation, his crucifixion and resurrection are all present within us—events that happened once, but for all time. Hence, Advent is the most accurate reflection of our situation as Christians. It is the ‘between time’—the time in which, energized by the historical events of Jesus’ life and the presence of the Holy Spirit with us, we await Jesus’ return, not as a baby on Christmas Eve with greenery and carols and children dressed as ersatz angels, but—if scripture is accurate—in power and great glory to establish his kingdom.

It is Jesus’ return toward which Advent points us, though the lectionary (the sequence of readings laid out for us by a Church committee), unfortunately, confuses us. In the twelve sets of Advent readings (the four Sundays each in Years A, B, and C) there are many types of prophecy. The Old Testament prophecies pointed the people of ancient Israel toward a hopeful future, when they would be free of foreign rulers, and the royal line of David would be restored. The gospel readings cover three basic themes: 1) John the Baptist proclaiming the human, adult Jesus in his earthly ministry; 2) Jesus himself talking about his return after his resurrection; and (the least prominent among them) 3) the accounts in Matthew and Luke of the angel’s visits to Joseph and Mary in anticipation of the incarnation of God. In the epistles, Paul and others reassure their

communities that, indeed, Jesus will be back. Taking all of these readings as a group, the common theme across the centuries in which they were written is one of anticipation. What can we learn from them today? That we are to look ahead to something still to come.

The liturgical calendar and the lectionary are both human constructs, and are both designed to order our worship lives. They do not convey perfectly the chronology of Jesus’ life, but facilitate the Church’s annual reflections on God’s working in human history as recorded in scripture. Inevitably, there is conflation, simplification and confusion. Advent, more than any other liturgical season, suffers from attempts to dispense the gospel in discrete and convenient doses. If we take account of its richness and complexity, we can recognize Advent’s expression of our living in these between-times, and appreciate the powerful message of hope in the yet-to-come.

It is in this light that we worship during this season of expectation. Our liturgy will, we hope, help us all to reflect on the transformation of the world that began with Jesus’ incarnation, and continues, day by day, as we await the culmination of God’s plan for creation.

### Music News

During December, Epiphany’s musical lamp burns especially brightly, and I hope that you’ll take part in the extra seasonal offerings. We’ll sing rich Advent hymns from 27 November through 18 December, and offer the Advent Festival of Lessons and Music at 11 AM on Sunday the 4th. Cantata 45 is the Bach Consort’s offering on 6 December, and the Levine School of Music is sending us a sax-and-piano duet on the 13th. Then, on the 20th, the Epiphany Choir presents their annual Advent-Christmas program. And, finally, we’ll celebrate Christmas with all the usual “joyful noises”. Please, come anticipate and celebrate with us!

One last thing...The observant may have noticed that my title here at Epiphany has changed. I find the greatest joy in my work comes from the integration of music into the liturgy, so that themes and moods of worship are enhanced by music. You could say that I am a ‘liturgical musician’. Church music is also about personal relationships – the mutual ministry of the church’s members. And, finally, I am committed to enabling all the church’s members to praise God and care for each other, and to celebrate our communion in song. I may be the leader or facilitator, or Director, but we all share in ministry. Randolph and I agree that “Director of Music Ministries” reflects as closely as possible the scope of my work here with you. We hope you’ll agree.

## GROUP DISCERNMENT AT EPIPHANY

By Brenda Morris, Discernment Group Member and Epiphany Vestry member



Epiphany's Discernment Group recently had the opportunity to sit with three parishioners to reflect on decisions pending in their lives. In each session, we used a method adapted from the Quaker clearness committee process, as described by writer and teacher Parker Palmer: We gathered in a circle, shared several minutes of silence, then listened as the focus person presented the issue. After another short period of silence, members of the discernment group asked questions about the issue based on what we had heard. Since our aim was to help the focus person gain clarity on the issue from within, from the source Palmer calls "the inner teacher," we did not offer advice, share our own experiences, or take a stand, either pro or con, on the issue that had been presented. When the question period ended, we took a few minutes to "mirror" back to the focus person what we had heard and observed during the session. We then concluded with a short period of "affirmations and celebrations," still not taking a stand on the issue itself but simply celebrating the courage and integrity the focus person had shown in undertaking this search for an inner truth.

Although our sessions did not end with clear-cut decisions on the issues that had been presented, the focus persons left with a deeper understanding of the course of action they were considering and with greater clarity about where their desires tended and what their hesitations meant. One focus person still had questions about the specific activity presented in the session, but felt more deeply committed to the general course of action that it represented. Another person spoke of the way the questions asked during the session resonated with her afterwards, as she continued to reflect on the issue and work toward a decision.

More surprisingly, perhaps, the experiences of these group discernment sessions also resonate with me. Before our meetings, I felt apprehensive. Would I know what questions to ask? Could I approach issues in the way called for in the discernment process, setting my personal experiences and analytic habits aside? In the quiet environment of the clearness committee circle, it turned out to be easier to do this than I had expected. In fact, it felt liberating to trade my usual decision-making tools for a more intuitive approach. I was impressed by how this approach opened new perspectives on the issues and offered a surer direction among the options than a simple weighing of the pros and cons usually

does. Our questions and silences seemed really to have created a safe space for the "inner teacher" to emerge and share its wisdom. Having experienced this, I feel a deep wish to continue this practice of quiet inquiry in my own life, as well a sense of excitement about the blessings and benefits the practice can bring to our parish as a whole.

The discernment process described by Brenda is available to all members of the parish. We invite you to explore issues in your life with a small group of listeners. We also invite you to consider participation in a monthly group spiritual direction prayer group. We meet on the third Tuesday each month from 6:30-8:30pm. If you would like to attend, please speak to Brenda, Eleanor Engh, or Susan Walker. They will be happy to give you more information.

### Focus on Epiphany's Resident Organizations: Street Sense



By Laura Thompson Osuri, co-founder, Street Sense

On November 15, Street Sense, the Washington area's homeless street newspaper, celebrated its two year anniversary with a new look and new executive director.

The newspaper, which is published monthly, reports on poverty and homeless issues here in the city. Street Sense has been based out of the Church of the Epiphany for just over a year, and in that year it has accomplished quite a bit. Some successes include becoming a non-profit, establishing a full, seven-member board, and increasing its circulation to 13,000 and the average number of monthly homeless vendors to 35. Street Sense's anniversary issue featured a new, sleeker logo and new features, as well as a bright white, heavier paper.

Also on Nov. 15, Laura Thompson Osuri, the co-founder of Street Sense, came on as executive director, marking the organization's first fulltime employee. As the executive director, she hopes to increase fundraising, improve office organization and vendor support.

We hope that when you are at Epiphany during the week or on Sunday and a Street Sense vendor asks if you'd like to buy a paper for one dollar, you will say "yes". By purchasing a paper you will learn something about issues related to homelessness and poverty in downtown Washington, and you will be supporting an organization that gives homeless people a forum to express their perspectives, their creativity, and have a means to increase their earnings.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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## Urban Missioner Log

by Rev. Anne-Marie Jeffery

Thanksgiving... Advent... Christmas... - it is all coming so fast. How did this happen? Wasn't summer just a short while ago? In Advent, the message one hears at church is slow down, get quiet - just when the world outside is going nuts. It is Christmas! It is Christmas! Buy your presents! Cook a perfect turkey and wonderful holiday dishes! One of my favorite Advent calendars, which gave you something to do each day, was one which started out with spending 10 minutes a day in silence. The suggestions continued in this vein for a few more days with spending time with a piece of scripture. However, a few days later the daily suggestion had turned into baking cookies for the local fire department and decorating your tree - not the one inside but the ones outside your house. It is so easy to do too much in this season.

During this Advent/Christmas season, the poor get a lot of attention. All of a sudden everyone is interested in giving turkey dinners, clothes and blankets. I experienced this last year when I organized The Welcome Table Thanksgiving. I had so many volunteers I didn't know what to do with them. All sorts of people were calling - all those people I had been trying to reach out to for months - the downtown workers, the people who walked past Epiphany every day were calling offering to volunteer their help. I had to turn some of them away, and when I tried to look for other volunteer opportunities for them, I found that there were none available. During this season, volunteering is a sought after job. It can be frustrating for those of us who know the need which continues year round but this generosity even in spurts is still a very good thing. One of the gifts from organizing The Welcome Table that I remember from last year was being amazed at the generosity of people. As I compiled the contributions for The Welcome Table Thanksgiving, I remember being so touched at how much people were giving and being thankful that I was part of the vehicle that brought this generosity to those who needed it. At the time of writing this article, I am just beginning to receive the contributions for this year. Once again, I am touched by each orange form that comes to me.

So even though it is only in this season that many people are aware of the poor, I am thankful that people do become aware, even if it is just for a week or two because in that week or two, a conversion can happen and someone becomes aware of the need all year around. What can we at Epiphany do in this Advent season? We are already aware of the needs of the poor and we try to reach out all year. Maybe our challenge is to take the next step and sit down with the people we serve. Advent has been called a mini-Lent and one of my favorite ways to approach Lent is to do something rather than give up something. Even though this is the season of "doing" so much perhaps doing something might be the way to practice Advent. If we can do one thing that changes our hearts in some way, perhaps we might be better able to let go some of the business of this season.

Most of you who help out at The Welcome Table Breakfast know the people you serve. You worship with

them and you talk with them as they come through the serving line. Perhaps you have been drawn into conversation with them when they have a need. Perhaps something else we could do is to get to know our guests a little bit better by sitting down and eating with them from time to time. Maybe we could get to know the downtown poor who we encounter on the street better. While I walk to the gym, I always try to greet the woman who panhandles on the corner, but I ask myself why don't I know their name when I pass her at least a couple of times a week? What difference might that make in her life? What difference might that make in mine? For Advent, I am thinking of stopping for a minute or two and getting to at least know the name of the person I walk past. I may be rejected. The other person may not want this sort of relationship and I will respect that. But I am going to stop and see what happens. I invite you to get to know someone who you go past every day that is ignored by most people. Ask their name and see what happens or stop in one Sunday morning for The Welcome Table Breakfast and eat breakfast with our guests. It might change your life in ways you never imagined.

### PANIS ANGELICUS

By Kathrine Ebert, Worship Committee

*"...Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take. Eat. This is my body which is given for you...."*

Do those words seem to mean more to you or to touch you more deeply now that the presider at Epiphany holds up and breaks a whole loaf of real, baked bread? The Worship Committee is looking for persons to participate in the ministry of making our Sunday Eucharistic bread. The good news is that bread-baking is no longer the time-consuming, muscle-building activity of our foremothers. In addition to feeling called to the Faith, Hope and Loves ministry, only a mixing bowl, a spoon, and a non-microwave oven are required. The ingredients can be purchased already pre-measured and sifted. The kneading/rising/baking cycles can be bypassed or greatly simplified. Free advice and guidance are readily available from other bakers in the parish.

Our hope is to have, at each Eucharist, a plain loaf (no special ingredients) capable of feeding 100 people; a usual-size loaf of bread has proven more than adequate.

The loaf for the 8 o'clock service must be at church no later than 7:30am ; for the 11 o'clock service, no later than 10:30am.

Listen carefully to hear if you are called to use your own hands to prepare the shared bread of our community, our faith, and our lives. For more information or to sign up for a specific Sunday, please contact Kathrine Ebert or Duncan Stevens.

# Christ Is Born!



## Celebrate....

by remembering someone or something with a Christmas Floral tribute

Suggested Donation: \$25

All Names Will be listed in the Christmas Bulletins

Please use this form for your dedication, and submit to the parish office no later than, Sunday, December 18. Please make your check payable to The Church of the Epiphany Notation: Christmas Flowers

In memory of, or in honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Full name of person(s) including your relationship, if desired

In thanksgiving for:

\_\_\_\_\_

Event or Organization

Tribute paid by:

\_\_\_\_\_

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