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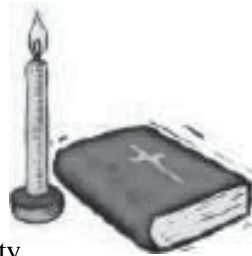
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Rector's Journal

By the Rev. Randolph Charles

Living into Intentionality. I believe that we at Epiphany are becoming a more intentional faith community. We are making more connections between our beliefs and our behaviors, our theology and our actions, our talk and our walk. Here are some examples of our developing intentionality: a growing frequency of the use of discernment for both individuals and church groups, an excitement about finding funding for parish ministries, a willingness to share our faith through print and story, an interest in the tithe as a norm for personal financial stewardship, a deepening commitment to hospitality through diversity work and ministry with the poor, a renovation priority for our buildings to reflect our beliefs and support our ministries, and a movement towards regular theological reflection.

The more intentional we are about faithful living, the more aware we are of God's presence in our lives. And, with a greater awareness, comes a greater joy. And that joy begs to be shared and proclaimed. We at Epiphany have a story to tell, and the more we live into a faith of intentionality, the more important it is to tell our story, to share it with other seekers of the truth of God in Jesus Christ. Below is the list of "Practices of Faithful Living at Epiphany" which I have shared before. It is one list and one way for us as individual Christians and as members of a single faith community to reflect on living into intentionality.



Practices for Faithful Living at Epiphany.

Discernment: Listening to God.

- Spend quiet time in prayer with God every day.
- Pray that our parish relies more and more on God's guidance.
- Include discernment in the process of parish ministry development.

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Note: The deadline for submitting articles to the May Parish Guide Newsletter is Wednesday, April 19

Volunteering at Epiphany

Mary Dail, Parish Administrator

There is a photograph around Epiphany of a long past parish secretary surrounded by her staff of volunteers during an afternoon lunch in a Washington restaurant. It appears that recognizing the dedicated work of parish volunteers has been going on at Epiphany for a long time. Since April is National Volunteer Recognition Month, this is a perfect time to uphold that tradition and thank those committed people of Epiphany who regularly give their time to lend assistance in the parish office. **Larry Ellis, Bertha Harrison, Judy Lokerson, Brenda Morris, and William Person** are all "veterans" who have been volunteering at Epiphany weekly or bi-weekly for a number of years. Their tasks vary from week to week, but there are some jobs that are waiting for each of them each week. Recently **Jewel Terrell** began assisting with preparing *The Parish Guide* for mailing every month. Her help and presence are welcome additions! **Susan Weinbeck** comes in occasionally to cover the office when I take a day off. There are many parishioners who have helped out a time or two during the year and their assistance is appreciated equally as that of the "regulars". We were all sorry to lose the help of **Margaret Taggart** who moved away a few months ago. **THANK YOU, EVERYONE, FOR ALL YOU DO!!**

What I notice most about that photograph I mentioned earlier is that there are at least a dozen office volunteers pictured. Sometimes I dream of having that luxury! While the folks who come in to do a terrific job, there is certainly a need for several more volunteers on days when they are not in, particularly Mondays, every other Wednesday, Friday afternoons, and, temporarily, Tuesdays. Most volunteers leave around 2:00pm, but there is a growing need for help later in the afternoons since that time is becoming busier as the building is being used more and more.

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Parishioner News

We remember those who have died

“Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants”

Ruth Dillard, Aaron Dillard’s grandmother who died March 22, 2006
Michael Crowe, Alan Crowe’s father

We remember these persons in our prayers:

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, Marcia Doerr, Floyd Godfrey, Bertha Harrison, Cornell Jackson, William Person, Arlene Riley, Edgar Romig, Norwyn Rowe, and Kirk White;

For Aaron, Jim Argodale, Beverly Bachemin, Adam Beattie, Winston Blackman, Robert Blaine, Wanda Brewer, Brianna, Helen Burg, James Capen, Ken Conklin, Elena Curris, Brian Dillard, Andrew Ferrill, Sarah Foreman, Kit Galdi, Kathy Gannon-Briggs, Glenn Griser, Fred Gustafson, Denise Hammes, Kathryn Hardie, Millicent Hutt, Mildred Keth, Rick Knettel, Dorothy Lyman, Annie Maly, Frank Marlowe, Claudia McClannahan, Jeanette Michael, Bonnie Murphy, Hubert Nedd, Israel Rafalovich, Alma Roberts, Allene Robinson, Gene Robinson, Wanda Rucker, Todd Shaw, Damu Smith, Leslie Smith, Jr., Crystal Taylor, Ofelia Vitek, Ryan von Gogh, the von Gogh family, Amy Warder, Maureen Waters, Carmen Williams, and Regina Williams

We celebrate these April Birthdays:



Laura Whitehead, Ben Gibson, Carol Sikkelee, Elizabeth Carter Shinkman, Suzanne Sundburg, Marelyn Tank, Charles Andersen, Norwyn Rowe, Floyd Godfrey, Paul Walden, Tucker Echols, Liz Johnson, Jessie Kindley, Claire Shinkman, Aidan Charles, Daphne Nedd, Glenn Greene, Bob Stevens, Susan Walker, Donald Lokerson, Rick Wells, Jenafer Bell, Ronnie Jackson, Olga Hooper, Uchenna Ukaegbu, Tanya Washington, Janet Flynn, David Downes, Ruth Fletcher-Ferrill, Robin Gulick, Jim McCarthy, and Sam Brathwaite.



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

Exploring how racial issues still affect our life today – the next Fellowship and Light Series

Melanie Eversley and Anne-Marie Jeffery

Schools are using the provocative, Oscar-winning movie “Crash” to teach children about racism. Epiphany will be using this movie to spark discussions and reflections of the role race plays in the world today. The showing of the movie “Crash” will be the first session of a four-session Fellowship and Light Series hosted by the Diversity Ministry Team. Please come out and explore how deeply race still affects all of our lives in the 21st century and how we as people of faith are called to respond. Race is at the forefront of many discussions in today’s world. Janice Robinson, priest at Grace Episcopal Church in Silver Spring, says that race remains the issue that most deeply divides Americans today. In our baptismal vows, we promise to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being”. We are called to look at this issue of racism and see how it affects our world especially as “it has surfaced with particular intensity today because pluralism – the inevitable result of a shrinking world – exists on a scale not known before. The challenge of people with differing backgrounds having to live together has never been greater.”¹

For four weeks, you will have a chance to explore how we as God’s people in the world can be an intentional part of the healing process.

If your interest in this topic was piqued during the Racial Reconciliation Workshop offered at Epiphany earlier this month by the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, here is your chance to further explore those issues with your fellow parish members. We begin on Wednesday, April 19, by watching Crash, a movie chronicling how the lives of a racially and economically diverse group of people collide with one another in ways that are unexpected and unsettling. The following Wednesday will revolve around discussion focused on the movie. The rest of the tentative schedule is as follows: During week three, we’ll hear from two local men - work colleagues - who underwent DNA testing. One is an African-American man who wanted to trace his roots for personal interest, the other, a white man who did it for a work project. Lo and behold, they found out they share a common ancestor. Both feel that their intriguing discovery shows that race is more of a construct in our minds than a reality that should divide us, and they will be here to discuss how they felt when they heard the news, and how those feelings relate to scripture. On week four, we hope to hear from a woman about how she came realize how powerful the effects of racism are in our society and that she even though she has fought against racism for most of her life it still prevails.

- April 19, Watch the movie, Crash (no worship)
- April 26, Discussion of Crash
- May 3 and May 10, Speakers and discussion about racial issues in our society.

¹ The Sin Of Racism, A Pastoral Letter from The House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church, 10/1/2002.

Volunteering at Epiphany continued from Page 1

What does a volunteer do?

During the week, the Epiphany office is often a bustling center of activity with people coming and going at an alarming rate! The phone rings; calls must be handled or transferred to the appropriate staff person. People needing help come to the door and are given assistance – directions, referrals, or entry to see a staff person. Some days the door buzzer plays a veritable symphony in counter point with the ringing phone.

There are publications to proof read, mailings to process and post, thank-you notes to write, delivery people to greet, meeting attendees to admit, faxes to send, copies to make and collate. There are lists to cull and phone calls to make. There are files to put in storage.

Sometimes a staff person other than the parish administrator needs assistance. There is music to sort and file. There are school children to shepherd to seats for concerts. There are books to sort and catalogue. There are sandwiches to make. There are tract racks to fill. And...

June 12 - 21, I will be attending the church’s General Convention in Columbus, Ohio as a Lay Alternate Deputy in the Diocese of Washington’s delegation. It will be important to have someone in the parish office from 9:00 – 4:00 for the weekdays during that period. Please think about helping out during that time. Give a day; give a half day, give a couple of hours. It will all add up to relief for the staff members who will be right here at Epiphany working hard all that time.

What is in it for you?

One of our current volunteers says she sees these benefits: Parish office volunteers get to be parish insiders, experiencing first hand the behind-the-scenes activity that is the daily life of the parish. During the week, volunteers become keenly aware of and often involved in the role Epiphany plays in the downtown Washington community – the poor, the workers, and the tourists.

How can you become an Epiphany volunteer?

If you feel you could spare a few hours a week or a month to assist in that part of the life of the church that is not often seen, please call the parish office any weekday at 202-347-2635. You may end up in an archived photograph one day!

Lent and Easter Music in the Looking-Glass

By Christian M. Clough, Director of Music Ministries



The Dismissal, the Voluntary and the Committee

It sounds like a case file from an esoteric round of the game “Clue”. Randolph, the Worship Ministry Team and I made a joint decision earlier this year to experiment with the Dismissal at the end of the liturgy, and, as I write this, we are more than half-way through the first variation. Our Sunday worship’s last gesture is known formally as “The Dismissal”, a word that we have all known intimately since our school days. Back then, it may have been our favorite time of the day – leaving. What I tend to forget, though, when I hear the word “dismissal” is that it doesn’t mean “departing” or “leaving”, but “sending out”. Many churches have actually changed the name of this action to some variation on that: “Sending Forth”, for example. It comes from the Latin ‘dis-’, apart, and ‘mittere’, to send. We are sent out to do God’s work in the world. Some of that work may be fellowship, so that our gathering for food and conversation in the Parish Hall does not necessarily violate the spirit of the dismissal.

The problem we have at Epiphany (and it is a happy problem, especially for me) is that our worshipers are music-lovers who, for the most part, show a great deal of respect and appreciation for the offering of the organist. Hopefully, you enjoy the organ voluntaries, too, and don’t just suffer them politely! Traditionally, the congregation has been “sent out” by the Dismissal, and then, in benign, even unknowing, defiance, they have all sat down again to hear the organ voluntary.

This is a theological problem. All the components of worship are supposed to have meaning and bear results; prior to Lent’s beginning, our actions at the Dismissal did not model what we had just said in worship. Hence, we started a process that, we hope, corrects this disjunct, both theologically and pastorally. First, by removing the postlude from after the Dismissal, there is nothing to keep us from going out “to love and serve the Lord”. Immediately (like Mark’s gospel says so often!). Second, we have honored the congregation’s love of music by simply transferring the organ voluntary to another place in the liturgy. During Lent, a more reflective time in the Church year, it seemed appropriate to dispense with big, flashy postludes, so I have been playing quieter

voluntaries during Communion. When Easter arrives, the organ voluntary will again be at the end of the liturgy, though it will precede the Dismissal. I hope that the cloud of festive music will rouse you to a joyous “Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!”

The Great Fifty Days of Easter in Song

Easter is not just a day, it is a “-tide”. Fifty days of great celebration, beginning with the remembrance of Jesus’ resurrection, sailing through his Ascension on the 40th day, and on to the sending of the Holy Spirit on the 50th day (the word “Pentecost” derives from the Greek word for “fiftieth”). In Eastertide, different from Lent, Sundays count toward the fifty days, so just keep eating that chocolate!

I am thrilled to tell you that we have a very exciting event planned for Pentecost. That morning, we will give the U.S. Premiere of Joanthan Dove’s Köthener Messe, a choral mass, scored for Baroque orchestra, based on works of Johann Sebastian Bach. Mr. Dove (b. 1959) is an English composer whose music has been getting lots of favorable attention of late (primarily in England). Like Benjamin Britten in the mid-20th century, Jonathan Dove is perhaps best known for his operas, the most recent of which, *Flight*, is a comic opera set in an airport terminal. (A recording is available for purchase, for the curious.) In addition, he has written several choral works for sacred and secular use, as well as ceremonial music, including commissions for dedications of new buildings. I discovered his music serendipitously, listening to Choral Evensong on BBC Radio (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio3/choralevensong/>) a couple of years ago, and curiosity took over. With the Choir of All Saints-by-the-Sea, I performed an advent carol of his two Decembers ago, and look forward to introducing more of his music. It is an exciting privilege to premiere a new work; Mr. Dove’s publisher had to give us permission to do this. Once Easter Day has passed, we’ll be gearing up to that big event. I would be grateful for any assistance you might like to offer for publicizing this great musical offering on that great feast day, Sunday 4 June.

The Choir and I are working on a fine mix of new and familiar music for Holy Week and Eastertide. Ellen Hinkle and I have some lovely flute-and-organ (and choir) collaborations planned. And, of course, the festive organ voluntaries will be back. I hope that you’ll be with us to worship frequently, to draw strength from beautiful liturgy to do God’s work in the world from Sunday to Sunday.

Urban Missioner Log

By Anne-Marie Jeffery



Street Church is actually happening. It has been hard for me to believe it. It seems as if we have talked about it and planned for it for a very long time and then all of a sudden it has begun. It began on February 28 and has continued every Tuesday at 1 pm. We have had 40 people come and we have had 15 people come. People from other churches around the diocese have joined us. We have met people we know from The Welcome Table breakfast and people we have never met before. What is most fascinating is the people from other parishes who have never encountered the homeless before. Many of us at Epiphany have volunteered at The Welcome Table or have encountered the downtown poor at the church, and know how much they have to give us. I think we forget that that is not a typical experience for those of us who live in the Washington Metropolitan area. After the first service, one woman said that she had never experienced anything like Street church before, and that it touched her deeply.

Every Tuesday we gather in the kitchen at 11 am to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. We are changing that to 11:30 am, since we have more than enough time to make sandwiches and get to Franklin Square Park. The conversation over the sandwiches is wonderful and goes from faith questions to what we did last weekend. Sometimes we get to enjoy the sounds of the performer preparing for the Tuesday concert. Somewhere between 12:15 pm and 12:30 pm, we pray and leave for the park. We push our carts filled with lunches the few blocks up 14th Street. We set up the altar and go out to invite people to come to the service. We get varied responses. Some are insulted that we would invite them. Some are vaguely interested and some come right over. Some people - both downtown poor and downtown workers - are drawn to make this part of their weekly schedule. It is a different sort of community - one that gathers outside and leaves itself vulnerable to the weather, the noise of the city and whoever might show up. An outdoor service seems to lend itself a little more to the randomness of what might happen next. We've been lucky it hasn't rained yet although we did get snowed on. We'll have to figure how to worship in the rain. I invite you to come and experience Street Church - see what it is like to worship outside just once. If you don't have much time at lunch, just come for the service at 1 pm or maybe just the sandwich making at 11:30 am.

I also invite you to the Downtown Sounds for DC Kids' music program. We have quite the line up of performances thanks to CHIME (Community Help In Music Education). They have produced several of the programs that will be held at Epiphany. This is schedule of the upcoming shows. Don't forget that we need several volunteers for each show.

Mozart Mania!

Friday, March 31, 2006, 1:45 pm (note diff. time!)

Meet the colorful, funny, romantic and exciting characters from the most popular operas by Mozart, surely the most beloved music composer of all time! From *The Marriage of Figaro*, to *Don Giovanni* and *Così fan tutte* (Women Behave Like That) to *The Magic Flute*, the stories are full of people that we recognize today, experiencing all too human trials and tribulations. Mozart Mania celebrates Mozart's 250th birthday and is presented by *In Series*. The *In Series* is a non-profit arts organization that is committed to introducing music and art to school audiences.

"Music and Styles by composers by Black Composers"

Friday, April 21, 2006, 1:30 pm

by Dr. Raymond Jackson, Concert Pianist and Howard University Professor of Music

Dr. Jackson will demonstrate a variety of musical styles from the 19th and 20th centuries, including contributions from America, Europe, Africa and the West Indies. By the end of this participatory program, students are able to identify rhythmic, melodic and stylistic elements inspired by or borrowed from the classics, dance, folk, rag, spirituals, jazz and blues.

Come Meet the King!

Friday, May 5, 2006, 1:30 pm

"Elvis?" "No." "of the Jungle?" "No." "The King of Instruments!" Beethoven called the pipe organ "the king of instruments". Come find out why, as we explore the wonders of this great feat of music and mechanics. It's like a one man band... or orchestra!

The Lindsay Family

Friday, May 12, 2006, 1:30 pm

The Lindsay Family is a rare blend of professional showmanship and youthful vigor. This extraordinary family, consisting of Paul and Susan Lindsay and their three children, Tyler (age 10) on trumpet and piano, Ryan (age 9) on trombone and bass, and Christina (age 6) on tuba and drums, perform as a brass quintet, jazz trio, quartet and quintet. Their music includes a wide variety of styles that appeal to audiences of all ages and musical tastes. The Lindsay Family will both amaze you and bring joy to your hearts as they perform.



Community Funding Ministry Team: March Report

By Nancy Augustine, Community Funding Ministry Team Leader



Last month, (http://www.epiphanydc.org/downloads/parish_guide_2006_03.pdf, page 4), I reported that the CFMT was gearing up for 2006 by making plans for fundraisers, grant applications, pursuit of an additional 501(c)(3) designation, and other ways to gain financial support from individuals and institutions in the community to support our ministries. We are now well on our way to implementing those plans. We have set an ambitious agenda for the rest of the year, and are now working our way through basic decisions about the timing, scale and character of these activities. The CFMT consists of Devry Boughner, Glenn Greene, Emilia Bautista King, Peter Raia, me, plus staff members Randolph Charles (Rector) and Margot Young (Resource Developer).

Seeking financial support from the community will naturally entail raising awareness of Epiphany as an important organization in the Penn Quarter neighborhood. As large and imposing a structure as our beautiful church is, some downtown workers seem surprised when they find out that we are here. But awareness of Epiphany is only the first step. We also have to spread the word about our ministries. The Tuesday Concert series is well-known at least to some, but few people know that Epiphany receives no revenue from the series, and that 100 percent of the free-will offering goes to the performers. Many fewer people are likely to know about The Welcome Table, which takes place very early on Sunday mornings when our neighborhood is largely empty. We also have to convince our neighbors that they should care about the problems that our ministries address, that our ministries are effective in addressing those problems, and that we are effective in performing those ministries.

For the current budget year, most of the “community funding” in hand has come to us by way of grants. Our part-time Resource Developer Margot Young reviews listings of new grant opportunities each week and already has submitted several applications. Many of the grants that we are pursuing at present are made available through national foundations that have no ties to our community. One item on our list of things to do is to find out whether any of the businesses located in our neighborhood have grant programs. We will look to parishioners, weekday associates, and possibly others that come here for other meetings and events, to help us uncover these opportunities. We have also learned that a good way to improve our prospects for receiving a grant is to make an initial contact with the potential funder, offer to meet with them, and invite them here to experience our ministries firsthand. On rare occasions, potential funders have visited us in response to an application, but many foundations restrict contact once the application has been made.

Epiphany has not done much in the way of fundraisers in recent years, but that is about to change. In September, we are planning to have a used book sale and bake sale. The sale will occur on one or more weekdays, possibly at lunch time and after business hours. We have already started to accumulate a stock of books, and will ask parishioners to contribute their unwanted volumes starting some time later this year. We will need help sorting and setting up the books, staffing the sale, spreading the word, and contributing baked goods. This sale harkens back to bygone years, not long out of the memories of some of our longstanding parishioners, when Epiphany had flea market / white elephant / attic treasures sales. We hope not only to raise money but also to bring people through our doors that might not otherwise come here.

At the beginning of April, the CFMT will meet to discuss the feasibility and desirability of establishing a separate nonprofit entity for our ministries, completely under the auspices of our parish, and for which we should seek 501(c)(3) designation. The 501(c)(3) designation exempts an organization from certain taxes, and is a minimum requirement for many nonsectarian and secular grants. Although the Church of the Epiphany itself has this designation, many foundations do not award grants to religious institutions. When funding nonprofit entities, grantmakers are more confident that their funds will not be used for strictly religious purposes. We would also

Did You Know That You Could Find All This on Our Web Site?

You might know that the Church of the Epiphany web site was redesigned last fall. You might also know that it's a lot easier to get around, and the new design includes lots and lots and lots of pictures. What you might not know is that we're adding more content all the time. So even if you've looked at the web site before, you might want to take a look again.

I would love to read the Sunday sermon. Can I get a copy?

We post the text of most sermons in the worship section of the site, at http://www.epiphanydc.org/worship/previous_sermons.htm. The files are in pdf.

I lost my copy of the Tuesday Concert Schedule. How can I find out what's coming up?

The flyer is posted in the downloads section of the site and the music section of the site, at http://www.epiphanydc.org/downloads/tuesday_brochure.pdf. You can also view the schedule at http://www.epiphanydc.org/music/tuesday_series.htm.

What is Susan Walker's extension?

All staff phone numbers are posted on the staff page in the people section, at <http://www.epiphanydc.org/people/staff.htm>.

Is Epiphany involved in any ministries?

Epiphany is associated with a stunning number of ministries, providing many opportunities for parishioners to act on their faith. A full alphabetical listing is posted in the Ministry section at <http://www.epiphanydc.org/ministry/index.htm>. Links from this page take the user to Christian Formation Ministries (<http://www.epiphanydc.org/ministry/christian.htm>), Community and Care Ministries (<http://www.epiphanydc.org/ministry/community.htm>), Service and Justice Ministries (<http://www.epiphanydc.org/ministry/service.htm>), and Resources Ministries (<http://www.epiphanydc.org/ministry/resources.htm>).

Are there any pictures of the art and architecture of Epiphany on the web site?

We have some pictures of the place scattered

throughout the web site. There are a lot of interior shots at http://www.epiphanydc.org/people/history_art.htm,

I have some great photos of recent events, people, and/or architecture at Epiphany. Can I offer them to be posted on the web site?

We are always looking for more photos, and hope to have enough at some point that we can rotate them through. Contact the webmaster at edc_webmaster@verizon.net so that we can figure out together how to transfer them. We do have off-site photo scanning capabilities, if you're okay with giving up your prints temporarily. Digital images are very welcome.

What's coming up at Epiphany?

Announcements printed and distributed in the Sunday bulletin are available in the download section and the worship section at <http://www.epiphanydc.org/downloads/insert.pdf>. As long as the bulletin and insert continue to be combined into a single handout, the same file is available at <http://www.epiphanydc.org/downloads/bulletin.pdf>. A longer listing of announcements and events is posted in the Happenings section at <http://www.epiphanydc.org/happenings/index.htm>.

I would like to get more information about my ministry or activity posted on the web site. How can I make that happen?

All Ministry Teams are welcome to submit material from which we can create their own web page. Several Ministry Teams already have their own web pages in the Ministry section, including The Welcome Table (<http://www.epiphanydc.org/ministry/welcometbl.htm>), the Community Funding Ministry Team (<http://www.epiphanydc.org/ministry/cfmt.htm>), and Godly Play (<http://www.epiphanydc.org/ministry/godlyplay.htm>).

Think that's a lot? That's only just skimming the surface. Take a few minutes to look around the site, starting at <http://www.epiphanydc.org/index.htm>. Although we do still have a few sections missing, we think you'll be surprised at how much is available. And you might even learn something about Epiphany in the process!

Architect Decision Draws Near

By Tripp Jones, Leader, Renovation Ministry Team

Renovation Ministry Team Members: Jill Bezek, Randolph Charles, David Downes, David Hamill, Tripp Jones, Pat Pickering, Ed Riley, Gloria Said (Unfortunately, Tom Riggs has had to withdraw from the team because of his busy work schedule.)

If it was a Monday evening in March, you had a pretty good chance of finding Epiphany's Renovation Ministry Team hard at work in the Willard Room. After researching websites, checking references, studying Statements of Qualifications, we had narrowed our search for an architect down to three firms. Each firm was invited on a Monday evening to come and make a presentation. Each two-hour session began with the firm showing us examples of their previous work which related to our project. The second part of the session included tough questioning from the ministry team in which we tried to ascertain more details about their philosophy of such things as liturgical design, lighting, acoustics, and to find out more about the process they use in working with a congregation. All three firms did an excellent job.

Just to dispel any rumors that the RMT is all work and no play, let me tell you that we did take time to enjoy a good meal together as we listened to the presentations. Various team members brought in the food. Each week featured a different ethnic cuisine. Delicacies ranged from Greek spanikopita to Irish corned beef and cabbage.

So what's the next step? The RMT will meet in early April and will make the tough decision of choosing one architect to be in charge of our project. Our recommendation will then be forwarded to the vestry for their approval. God willing, in the May *Parish Guide* we will announce to the parish the architectural firm that we will use for our renovation project. With that decision made, you, the congregation will be brought back into the process as we think together about what our space could be. As we've stated all along, we value your input.

One purpose stated in the renovation principles we developed last year states, "We would like the varied activities that could occur here to dictate the use of the space as opposed to the space dictating what type of activities can occur." Whether you be a new parishioner or a long-timer, a ministry leader or member, we ask that you begin to think about how our space could better accommodate the ministries we want to accomplish here. This is something our new architect will be asking us all soon. So put on your thinking caps and start dreaming about how our physical facility could be better. Your Renovation Ministry Team stands ready to continue working with you so that our facility can help us become a place where we can journey in faith together and reveal the presence of Christ in the world.

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benefit because the parish would not be directly beholden to our funder. This is not an uncommon practice among religious institutions and among denominations. Catholic Charities, for instance, is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization, as are the Jewish Social Service Agency, the YMCA and YWCA (both founded and originally operated by religious groups), and many, many other social service providers that "sound" religious. Individual churches (and temples, synagogues, congregations, etc.) also establish separate nonprofit entities for exactly the same reasons that we are considering doing so. Expect to see more about this initiative in the coming weeks and months.

It is a joy to be part of this Ministry Team, to contribute to the financial stability of the parish, and to energize the ministries by marshaling community support. For more information about our activities, contact me at edc_webmaster@verizon.net.

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Hospitality: Welcoming the stranger, seeing Christ in all persons.

Apply the principles of acceptance, healing, and reconciliation to daily living.

Invite, welcome, and incorporate others, especially strangers, into our faith community as we share in the ministry of discipleship.

Volunteer at The Welcome Table.

Sabbath: Setting aside time for God.

Discover the joy of offering our time to God.

Keep a rhythm of restorative time during the week.

Help develop a parish norm of resting and trusting in God.

Stewardship: Faithfully managing relationship with the earth, ourselves, others, and money.

Change personal behaviors in order to be better stewards of the earth.

Share with others the joy and gratitude of receiving gifts from God.

Practice proportionate giving.

Testimony: Proclaiming by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.

Share with others the comforts and challenges of a journey in faith.

Discover ways to be a public witness to Jesus' message of peace and justice.

Tell a Faith Story at liturgy.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Parish Lenten Retreat at Cathedral College 10:30 AM Georgetown Univ. Chanaka Classical Festival
2 5th Sunday in Lent 6:45 Gospel Art 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 10:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Getting Ready 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist / Godly Play 12:15 Hospitality Hour 12:45 Community Fundraising Team 5:00 Washington Metro. Philharmonic	3 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer 6:00 Renovation Ministry Team	4 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Concert	5 9:00-6:00 Labyrinth 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist 6:30 Fellowship & Light	6 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	7 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist	8 6:30 Gay Mens' Chorus of Washington concert
9 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 10:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Getting Ready 11:00 Holy Eucharist/Godly Play 12:15 Hospitality Hour	10 Monday in Holy Week 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer	11 Tuesday in Holy Week 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Concert	12 Wednesday in Holy Week 9:00-6:00 Labyrinth 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist	13 Maundy Thursday 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 6:00 Parish Agape Meal 7:00 Holy Eucharist, Washing of Feet, Stripping of the Altar 8:30 The Watch	14 Good Friday 12:00 AA 12:10 Good Friday Liturgy 1:30 Way of the Cross	15 Holy Saturday 8:00 Easter Vigil 10:00 Easter Party
16 Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 10:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Getting Ready 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Festival Holy Eucharist /Godly Play 12:15 Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Feast	17 Monday in Easter Week Church and Parish Office Closed	18 Tuesday in Easter Week 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Concert	19 Wednesday in Easter Week 9:00 -6:00 Labyrinth 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist 6:30 Fellowship & Light	20 Thursday in Easter Week 12:00 Willard Room 12:10 Holy Eucharist 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	21 Friday in Easter Week 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:40 Downtown Sounds for Downtown Kids	22 Saturday in Easter Week 4:30 Wedding – Howard/Bell
23 Second Sunday of Easter 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 10:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Getting Ready 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist /Godly Play 12:15 Hospitality Hour 12:30 20/30's Brunch 12:45 Banner Group	24 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer 6:00 Vestry	25 Saint Mark the Evangelist 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Concert	26 9:00 -6:00 Labyrinth 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist 6:30 Fellowship & Light	27 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	28 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist	29
30 Third Sunday of Easter 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 10:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Getting Ready 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist /Godly Play 12:15 Hospitality Hour/Seniors Lunch						



Let's all enjoy Epiphany's Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter is a wonderful day of celebration for our children. They learn about Jesus' resurrection, *and* they enjoy a traditional hunt for Easter eggs in the sanctuary on Easter Day after the liturgy.



You can participate by:

Bringing some inexpensive baskets for hunting eggs

YES *I can donate some baskets and will bring them to the stage in the parish hall on Palm Sunday.*

(Name) _____

Contributing some Easter basket treats (small toys, pre-wrapped candy, plastic eggs)

YES *I can bring goodies to the stage area on Palm Sunday.*

(Name) _____

Helping to prepare baskets and goodies at 10am on Easter Day

YES *I can help at 10am in the Willard Room.*

(Name) _____

Hiding eggs and treats at 12:00 on Easter Day

YES *I can meet in the Willard Room after the recessional hymn to help hide eggs and other goodies in the pews.*

(Name) _____

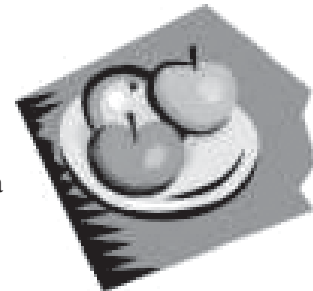
Thank you!

Please return this form to the collection plate on Sunday or send to the church office.

SENIORS NEWS

Seniors Lunch and Art Museum Visit

Do you consider yourself a "senior"? If so, please join us Sunday, April 30, after the 11 a.m. service for lunch in the Willard Room followed by a visit to a nearby art museum. Watch the weekly bulletin for more details, or call 202-744-9027 for more information.



Help the "Seniors" group find a name!

Epiphany is committed to enriching the lives of our seniors. This newly reformed group, who meet for social, outreach, and spiritual activities, is looking for a name. Send your ideas to toinfo@epiphany.org by April 23. The seniors will review all the suggestions and vote on a new name at their next event.

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EASTER FLOWERS

Contributions for EASTER SEASON flowers and plants should be submitted by
Monday, April 10, 2006. Each memorial or dedication is \$20.
Please **PRINT** the following information.

[Please circle one] IN MEMORY or THANKSGIVING FOR:

GIVEN BY:

TELEPHONE () _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$_____



Make check payable to: **Church of the Epiphany (Memo: Easter Flowers).** Drop this form and check in the offering plate or send to the Parish Office. For additional information, call Kathrine Ebert at 202/293-2449 or email: sisterkathrine@aol.com.

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