



Parish Guide

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Rector's Journal

By the Rev. Randolph Charles

Funding Ministry.

Most churches experience a cash flow challenge in the summer. Epiphany is no exception. In fact, our challenge is more like a crisis. Last month, I asked that everyone try to maintain pledge payments during the summer. This month, I am making the same request, because it is still the case that, if pledges are paid, we would have no financial crisis. We do need to get much more support through grants, but we are hopeful about several grant possibilities. We are also grateful for the great work that Emilia Bautista King and Nancy Augustine did on the Book and Bake Sale, which brought in over \$2,000. Still, the bulk of financial support for parish ministries comes from individual contributions, such as pledge payments and plate offerings. The vestry and I invite you to be generous, to be faithful, and to be financially committed to the ministries that God has called us to do in downtown Washington.



Katrina Krewe.

I have reserved 12 slots for Epiphany people to travel to New Orleans to help with the recovery from Hurricane Katrina. The tentative dates are October 8-15. We, of course, would have to pay for travel and meals. Dormitory-style lodging is provided by the Diocese of New Orleans; slightly better accommodations are available at a nominal cost. The problem is that I only know of two parishioners that are definitely interested in making the trip. If you are curious and/or committed, please let me know soon, so that we can finalize arrangements.

Experimental Worship in August.

During the month of August, we will try some new liturgical features at the 11:00 Eucharist. These have been discussed by the Worship Ministry Team and the parish staff, and we will evaluate it all at a meeting in

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A Stranger in a Strange Land

By Pat Pickering, Outreach Ministry Team Leader

Have you had the experience of being in a place where you didn't understand the language and didn't know what the support systems were or how to access them? I recently found myself in that situation but was fortunate enough to be in a nice hotel with helpful people to help me. Others in that situation - our homeless, our immigrant population who do the lowest paying jobs in the city, those who arrive in the area with few resources, children, and the elderly who find it difficult or confusing to deal with the issues and problems of everyday life are not so fortunate. Outreach at The Church of the Epiphany does not, nor can it, address all the needs of those I have mentioned, and yet we are obliged to try. By the work of the Welcome Table, as well as by combining our resources, time, talent, and money with other churches, we can make a difference. Here are some of the ways our members are serving the greater community.

Epiphany member, Carole Bledsoe, serves on the board of the Episcopal Center for Children, an organization serving the educational and behavioral needs of troubled children. Larry Ellis has joined Anne Schmidt on the board of the Episcopal Seniors Ministries (ESM) which supports senior Episcopalians in various life situations. Anne also services with the Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Day Center (DCCGDCC) and the Downtown Cluster of Congregations. The Geriatric Day Care Center cares for frail and needy elderly during the day so caregivers can work during the day and the senior members can have a fuller life. Pat Pickering also serves on the Downtown Cluster of Congregations Board which addresses issues and problems common to congregations located in the center city, such as parking, safety, homelessness, downtown workers, and affordable housing. Epiphany's Outreach Ministry Team is always looking for committed individuals who are willing to represent the church on boards of other organizations, such as Samaritan Ministries. Are you interested? Let Pat Pickering or Anne-Marie know.

Note: The deadline for submitting articles to the September Parish Guide Newsletter is Wednesday, August 16

Parishioner News

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.”

Brady Bowling

Monica Custis Rusten, daughter of Mary and Michael Rusten, sister of Matthew Rusten, and granddaughter of Judy and Don Lokerson, born June 19, 2006

We remember those who have died

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

The Rev. Dr. Edgar Romig, former Rector of Epiphany, died June 13, 2006

Carol Johnson, Dawn Frederick’s aunt, died June 21, 2006

Dorothy Lyman, Andrew Lyman’s mother, died June 27, 2006

Eileen Henrietta Primus Phillips, Nora Ottley’s sister, died July 7, 2006

Thomas L. Fonda, Janis Kerns’ uncle

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 Curriss, Charles W. Kean, and Keith Scoon;

For all who seek healing, especially: Ed Adams, Margaret Barge, Phil Converse, Theresa Davies, Floyd Godfrey, Bertha Harrison, Dawn Henderson-Frederick and family, Linda and Gus Horrigan, Cornell Jackson, Jessie Kindley, Anita Lakari, William Person, Norwyn Rowe, Marelyn Tank, and Tanya Washington;

For Aaron, Anne Alexander, Jim Argodale, Beverly Bachemin, Adam Beattie, Winston Blackman, Robert Blaine, Wanda Brewer, Brianna, Helen Burg, James Capen, Marian Cover, Elena Curriss, Brian Dillard, Mary Eager, Andrew Ferrill, Kit Galdi, Michael A. Guido, Fred Gustafson, Denise Hammes, Kathryn Hardie, Elizabeth Henderson, Mike Henderson, Ed Henderson, Millicent and Bill Hutt, Mildred Keth, Rick Knettel, George Kurtz, Luis Lopez, David Lyman, Mike Magee, Annie Maly, Frank Marlowe, Claudia McClannahan, MeShaun, Jeanette Michael, Adilia Moran, Bonnie Murphy, Hubert Nedd, Israel Rafalovich, Allene Robinson, Gene Robinson, Wanda Rucker, Todd Shaw, Leslie Smith, Jr., Walter Stumpf, Crystal Taylor, Raul Tovares, Minnie Vassallo, Ofelia Vitek, Amy Warder, Maureen Waters, Dee Wertlein, Carmen Williams, and Regina Williams.

We celebrate these August Birthdays:

Carolyn Bledsoe and David Hamill, Niko Dietsch, Sam Harrell, Orlando Taylor, Sandi Ingram, Emily Van Loon, Bonnie Irvine, Trevor Johns, Rory Elizabeth Kerns, Tripp Jones, Anne Breitenbach, Morgan Briscoe, Willie Hobgood, Carol Hoshall, Sam Johnson, Paul Shinkman, Minerva Elizaga, Michelle Rhodd, Juan Estrada, Brenda Morris, Al Naylor.

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

Are We a Singing Congregation?

By Christian M. Clough, Director of Music Ministries



The British poet Arthur O'Shaughnessy (1844-1881) penned an "Ode" that begins "We are the music makers, And we are the dreamers of dreams..." Perhaps those lines apply best to church musicians, whose dreams are of congregations lustily singing hymns, psalms and spiritual songs, drowning out bombastic organs and blustery choir members (no offense to my flock in "the cage"!).

This past spring, I returned to New Haven, CT, for two continuing-education opportunities, and while there, visited with the Rector of St. Thomas's, my long-time employer. During one of our conversations, he told me that my successor as Director of Music Ministries had recently preached a Sunday sermon in which he named the people of St. Thomas's 'a singing congregation'. When St. Thomas's hired me, one of my mandates was to "improve congregational singing", and so I was pleased that my successor, whose musical skill and experience are considerable, say something so positive about a congregation whose 'singingness' I had helped nurture. During my seven-year tenure, we did become a more singing congregation.

"Improve congregational singing". Those three words ought to be branded on the forearms of all Episcopal-Church musicians, for it seems that Episcopalians are perceived – or self-identify – as music-lovers, yes, but perhaps not music-makers. It probably comes as no surprise that we talk at Epiphany about "congregational singing". One of my responsibilities as DMM is to—you guessed it—"improve congregational singing". One of the desired outcomes of our soon-to-be-renewed worship space is "improved congregational singing" (and deeper congregational participation in liturgy, more generally).

Some church people believe that the "choir" is composed of all those who gather to worship. While we have no intention of diminishing Epiphany's commitment to great choral music or to our beloved Choir, we would like to soften the distinction between our vested choir and our congregation-as-choir. One way to achieve that goal is to strengthen our singing music together by spending time learning music together. In some Christian communities, the period immediately before worship is a time for fellowship and learning – a different kind of preparation than the quiet, personal devotion many of us have become accustomed to. The ecumenical, monastic Community of Taizé in

France – whose simple, repetitive chants have become very popular in Christian churches around the globe – rehearses with the whole congregation immediately prior to the liturgy, as do the congregation of St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco, and the Iona Community of Scotland, where Randolph spent several days on retreat this summer. On several occasions since I arrived last October, we have taken a moment before worship to try out a new hymn, psalm setting or piece of service music. This summer, we are beginning to make that a part of our weekly preparation for worship. Over time, we will learn new music, recover neglected old music, and become a more unified worshiping community. Equipping the saints to sing praise to God is probably the single most important and rewarding aspect of my ministry. I hope that some years from now, when a musician preaches at Epiphany she will say of – and to – us that we are 'a singing congregation'.

Other music items for the Guide...

Godly Song – A New Musical Ministry by and for Children

On Sunday 20 August, Christian Clough, Epiphany's Director of Music Ministries, will host a program for children ages three and up to learn some music for our 11 AM worship that morning, including a simple anthem that they will perform at the Offertory. Christian has had extensive experience working with children of all ages in a variety of church and school settings, and hopes that this may be the start of a new ministry for our youngest members. Children should come at 10:15 AM to the Music Office, immediately to the right of the Godly Play Room on the 2nd floor of the Parish Hall. Parents/guardians are encouraged to stay with their children, to observe, to provide comfort, and to assist in chaperoning the children according to "Safe Church" guidelines (e.g., at least one additional adult to be present throughout the session); there is comfortable seating for you! There is no need to reserve a place, but Christian would be grateful if you could let him know if your child(-ren) will be attending. If you have any questions, please contact Christian at 202.347.2635 x18 or cclough@epiphanydc.org. If you would like to look at the music ahead of time, please let Christian know. Copies will be available from Sunday 30 July.

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late August. First, Christian will spend a few minutes every Sunday during the announcements to teach us a new piece of music and to help us become a better singing congregation. The procession will take place as usual, but the choir and liturgical leaders will sit together in the nave during the Liturgy of the Word, so that they can be more involved in that part of the liturgy. At the Peace, they will take their usual places. During the Prayers of the People, we will use Form II and provide time for worshipers to add their own prayers. Worshipers are encouraged to listen to others praying, to wait for a space to share their prayer, and to speak loudly enough to be heard by all. At the end of each intercession, the person praying says, "Lord in your mercy" and the people respond "Hear our prayer." At the Offertory, as the bread and wine is presented, we will say together appropriate sentences that are printed in the bulletin. At the Communion of the People, the choir will sing a motet, we all sing a chant, and then Christian will play an organ voluntary. At the conclusion of the liturgy, the order is Blessing, Dismissal Hymn, and Dismissal. The Worship Ministry Team, parish staff, and I welcome your input and opinions about our corporate worship.

Renovating Our Buildings.

Excitement is my primary feeling when I consider all that lies before us in regard to the renovation process. I am convinced that we will ultimately make wise, practical, and faithful decisions about our buildings, and that we will do the very best we can with the funding that is available. I am also convinced that the entire process of discerning what we need to do, what we want to do, and what God is calling us to do so that we can better minister in the name of Jesus Christ will be an amazing time for our parish. It will be a time for us to both think outside the box and wrestle with practical challenges. The Renovation Ministry Team, expertly led by Tripp Jones, encourages all Epiphany people to get involved and let them know your ideas. This is a time of conversation, prayer, and action. I want you all to take an active interest in the renovation process. It's not only about buildings; it's about ministry and our walk with God.



Called to Lead.

At our Annual Parish Meeting on November 12, we will elect four new members of the vestry and one warden. The current vestry and I would like for the practice of discernment to be more intentional and obvious in the way we raise up parish leadership. The Nominating Committee will function as a Leadership Ministry Team, which will be comprised of the wardens, two members of the vestry, two members of the Discernment Ministry Team, and me. We invite the congregation, as usual, to suggest to the Nominating Committee names for candidacy. There will be a Leadership Forum on September 17 for the purpose of letting everyone know what the ministry of leadership, especially service on the vestry, entails. The committee will meet with each potential candidate to help the parishioner discern the nature of his or her call to the ministry of leadership. All who are called to serve on the vestry will be nominated at the Annual Parish Meeting. As prescribed by the Parish Bylaws, there will be an opportunity for nominations from the floor and an election. I ask you to pray for responsible, effective, and faithful leaders for our parish. Who do you think is called to this specific ministry of leadership? Why don't you talk with that person? Why don't you invite him or her to pray about it?

Urban Ministry.

Our parish is called to urban ministry. It's what we do. It's our passion. It takes commitment and perseverance. It requires an attitude of "I will, with God's help." I often find it encouraging and instructive to see and read what other people think of our urban ministry. I encourage you to visit the diocesan website www.edow.org and read the article about Street Church, "Taking It Outside". The diocesan video which was produced a year ago is also on the diocesan home page: "Diocesan Movie, An Invitation on Film", Part 2. I also encourage you to check out the piece that Trinity, Wall Street did a few months ago about Diana Butler Bass and Epiphany. Go to www.trinitywallstreet.org/resources/?hce and click on Part 1. Finally, I have included some information from the diocesan Committee on Urban Ministry which I think is particularly applicable to us. May our ministry be always guided by God and expressive of the love of Christ.

Urban Ministry Principles

Diocese of Washington

Committee on Urban Ministry

The foundation for all ministry is the Baptismal Covenant.

Urban ministry is ministry that takes place in an urban environment.

An urban environment is characterized by the following:

- High-density living
- Multicultural population
- Transitional neighborhoods
- Significant degree of societal pain



Urban ministry includes the following components:

- Congregational development (Promoting congregational health)
- Community connection (Reaching out to the surrounding community)
- Service (Serving people in need)
- Justice (Advocating for peace and justice)

Congregational Development

1. Mission discernment
2. Open community
3. Christian formation
4. Transformational liturgy
5. Joyful stewardship
6. Leadership development

Service

1. Compassion
2. Mutuality
3. Servanthood
4. Hands-on ministries
5. Conversional relationships
6. Service providers

Community Connection

1. Hospitality
2. Needs survey
3. Responsive programs
4. Invitational evangelism
5. Church in the public square
6. Community development

Justice

1. Peace making
2. Issue identification
3. Community organizing
4. Political action
5. Systemic change
6. Advocacy agencies

“Book Your Lunch” Was a Great Success!

By Nancy Augustine, Community Funding Ministry Team Leader

The Community Funding Ministry Team held its first fundraiser in mid-July. “Book Your Lunch” was a lunch-time and late afternoon opportunity for members of the community to thumb through our selection of more than 3,000 books and buy homemade baked goods (a rarity downtown!). Adding in revenue from our “bargain bag” day on the following Sunday, the proceeds from the sale were \$2,000, all of which will go directly to support our downtown ministries (The Welcome Table, Street Church, and the Tuesday Concert Series).



Emilia Bautista King came up with the idea last winter and was instrumental in making it happen – getting book donations, planning the logistics of the sale, sorting, and organizing volunteers. Many hands make light the work! A number of parishioners offered numerous hours of assistance with preparation and staffing: Glenn Greene, Larry Ellis, Susan Weinbeck, Brenda Morris, William Person, Leonard Bell, Kathrine Ebert, Beatrice Moulton, Teresa Hobgood, as well as leaders and youth members of the YSOP group who happened to be visiting us that week, and Yolanda Augustine. Many, many thanks to everyone who brought us baked goods and their used books to sell. Last but not least, thanks to Mason Liddell and Dave Vassels who helped us carry boxes and boxes and boxes of books, always at a time when we thought our arms would otherwise have broken off.

Will we do this again? A number of our “customers” hoped that we would, and Emilia is enthusiastic about having another sale. This first effort was a great learning opportunity, and we have a lot of ideas about how to improve it next time. Although I spent relatively little time on the “sales floor,” I was surprised at how many people had not been aware that Epiphany was here until they came for the book sale. One man asked me, “So, how long has this church been here?” Trying to quickly do the math in my head, I told him more than 160 years. “That’s amazing. I thought I knew this block, and I never realized there was a church here.” This suggests that a book sale and similar activities are not just fundraisers, but also a means to introduce ourselves to the community. The

success of the bake sale (practically everything last crumb was purchased, with some folks coming back for seconds!) suggests that some activity in addition to the sale of books could bring even more people through our doors. We will be thinking about these and other possibilities in the months to come.

A New Calendar Has Been Added to the Web Site

Now on the Epiphany web site: an interactive calendar that lists all of the activities at Epiphany in a single place, instead of spread across several pages. You can sort by the kind of activity (worship and prayer, music, classes and groups, etc.), and select monthly, weekly or daily view. Click on any item to get more information. To see the new calendar, go to <http://www.epiphanydc.org/happenings/index.htm> and click on “Calendar of Events.”

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A New Choir Season Approaches – Come! Sing!

The Faithful Summer Stalwarts of the Epiphany Choir (FSSo’EC) takes a much-deserved Sabbath during the month of August, and begins its new season with the first rehearsal on Thursday 7 September (7:30 – 9:30 PM), in preparation for a glorious re-appearance on Homecoming Sunday, 10 September. Many people who might like to sing in the Choir are intimidated by the fine music-making: “I’m just not good enough to sing in the Choir.” Well, honey, you might be wrong about that! The Epiphany Choir, like all musical ensembles, takes its strength from a happy combination of varied personalities and talents. No one singer has it all, and we would love to have you join us, even if only to give it a try. You’ll meet great people, have fun, learn something, become more confident in your musical abilities, make a contribution to Epiphany’s worship, and probably become more lovable and capable (and maybe more beautiful – who doesn’t swoon over those red, 100% polyester robes?) in the process! I am happy to answer any questions you might have, and can steer you in the direction of current singers whose experiences will lessen your anxiety. If you can carry a tune, I can make a singer of you. Talk to me during Sunday Hospitality Hour, or call or e-mail me.

Why not give it a try?!

Christian M. Clough, Director of Music Ministries & Generally Nice Guy (I said ‘generally’!)



Keeping the Sabbath

Epiphany's Tenth Annual Fall Weekend
September 22-24, 2006
Shrine Mont Conference Center
Orkney Springs, Virginia

We will explore the theme of "Sabbath" and resting in God, as seminarians Ann Gillespie and Joe Hensley lead sessions that promise to engage the mind, body, and spirit. We hope you will be able to join us.

"Remember the Sabbath, the rabbis say, and you fulfill all of Torah. Stop for one day every week, and you will remember what it means to be created in the image of God, who rested on the seventh day not from weariness but from complete freedom. The clear promise is that those who rest like God find themselves free like God, no longer slaves to the thousand compulsions that send others rushing towards their graves." Barbara Brown Taylor in Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith. HarperSanFrancisco, 2006. p. 136.

Shrine Mont Retreat Center is located in the village of Orkney Springs, Virginia, at the foot of the Great North Mountain. Come and experience the refreshment and renewal that comes from fresh mountain air, nourishing food, and the engaging fellowship of community! **Register now** for your time apart to rest, reflect, and celebrate God's gifts.

Costs: \$140 adult (Checks made payable to Epiphany, notation: Shrine Mont)
\$78 children 8-12 years
\$26 children 4-7 years
FREE children 3 years and younger

Your fee includes double occupancy, two nights lodging, meals, snacks and beverages, and use of Shrine Mont facilities. If you would like assistance with the fee, please speak to the Rector.

Please fill out this registration form and return with check before **September 17**.

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ (Please include your area code)

E-Mail Address _____

Accommodation Needs: No Stairs _____ Special Diet _____ Other _____

Roommate Preference _____

Other _____

I need a ride _____ I can provide a ride for _____ people.

Complete directions, times, and other information will be sent after you register.

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Epiphany's Renovation Is Underway!

by Tripp Jones, Leader, Renovation Ministry Team

Renovation Ministry Team Members: Jill Bezek, Randolph Charles, Mary Dail, David Downes, David Hamill, Tripp Jones, Pat Pickering, Ed Riley, Gloria Said

With the commissioning of Rogers Krajnak Architects, Inc. on Sunday, July 9, the renovation of the Church of the Epiphany officially began. Many of you were able to be present at the 8:00 or 11:00 liturgy and witness the commissioning of principal architects Darryl Rogers and Peter Krajnak by the rector with the following words:

Darryl and Peter, on behalf of the Renovation Ministry Team, the Vestry, and the People of The Church of the Epiphany, I commission you to be our Renovation Architects. We ask you to lead us through a process that will transform both our buildings and our hearts, as we respond to God's call to do the ministry of Christ in downtown Washington. We ask you to oversee the workers and artisans to insure the highest quality of professionalism. And we ask you to produce a spectacular renewal of our buildings, so that, in this place, we all will feel invited into a deeper awareness of God in our lives, and a closer relationship with each other as the people of God. May God guide you and bless you in your ministry. Amen.

Between the services at the 10:00 Education Hour, Darryl and Peter gave an introduction to their firm with examples of their work, including Trinity Episcopal Church in Columbus, where the new Presiding Bishop was elected in June. The architects also gave us a glimpse of what we can expect during Phase I of the renovation. Information on the firm and its projects, with ongoing updates (including Epiphany) can be found on the firm's website (www.rogerskrajnak.com).

After their commissioning on Sunday, the architects with their affiliated engineers set to work. I was able to be with them on Monday and we started

with a tour that took us literally from the darkest corner of the basement all the way to the roof. Several weeks prior, I had sent copies of floor plans, blueprints, as well as previous reports that had been done on our buildings. I was impressed by how well these people had done their homework. They seemed to know every detail of the place. It was fascinating to see them examine the many changes that have been made to the church since 1844 and to the parish house since it opened in 1911. Everyone had their area of expertise. One gentleman was a structural engineer and focused on support buttresses, cracks in the walls, tie rods, etc. Other engineers specialized in mechanical systems such as heating/air-conditioning, electrical, plumbing, and fire systems. Individuals who know the building well, including members of Epiphany's staff and parishioners David Hamill and Don and Judy Lokerson, joined the group in the afternoon to discuss the history and status of the many features of our facilities.

Several staff members from the architectural firm spent the next several days measuring every nook and cranny of the church and parish house. All of their precise measuring would end up back in Columbus where it is put on computer. Down the road, this will allow the architects to more easily do their design work. I got a chance to chat for a moment with one of the measurers. It turns out he is currently an intern with Rogers Krajnak. He will begin his senior year at Ohio State this fall studying architecture. He was very excited to be part of the project at Epiphany and is hoping to stay on with the firm after his graduation next year. Rogers Krajnak recently won an American Institute of Architects award for their work in mentoring.

The main goal of Phase I is to come up with a master plan, hence this phase involves no construction. So what happens over the next four months to make a master plan happen? The first thing is getting an understanding of the structure as it now stands and what is required to make sure the building is stable and brought up to code. These two aspects are, of course, things this renovation must do if nothing else. At the same time, the architects will begin to examine how we currently use the building. Their method to determine this is to divide building usage into one of five main categories, realizing that there is often overlap. The five areas are: worship, fellowship, education, outreach, and administration. During the first several weeks in August, Renovation

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Ministry Team members will be seeking out various activity leaders and participants to have them fill out a questionnaire as well as discuss their thoughts on how space is currently used for a particular activity and looking ahead to envision how it could be improved.

We invite anyone to fill out a questionnaire if you have thoughts about our space – church and/or parish house and how it might be improved. Blank questionnaires are available on the piano in the parish hall and may be returned to the same location or to the parish office. If you would like to discuss your responses with a Renovation Ministry Team member, you may do so at the Fellowship Hour following the 11am liturgy on the first three Sundays in August (6,13,20). On the last weekend in August, principal architect Peter Krajnak will be with us again to get more feedback elicited from the questionnaires.

One of the most exciting upcoming events will be the Design Charette on Saturday, September 9, 9:00am – 12:30pm. This event will mark the turning point of Phase I, when we transition from examining how our facilities are currently being used to creating a plan for the future. The term charette probably originated from the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris in the 19th Century. French for “cart,” charette refers to the object pushed around by professors to collect the final artwork by art and architecture students, who often rushed frantically to finish their work. For our purposes, charette refers to a collaborative session in which a group of designers (that’s us!) draft plans for our facilities. Principal architects Peter Krajnak and Darryl Rogers will both be present to lead us through this process. You will not want to miss this fun and enlightening experience. You may make reservations by calling the church office (202-347-2635) by Monday, August 21.

As always, the Renovation Ministry Team stands ready to help you understand any part of the process and also to listen to anything you have to say. These are exciting times in the life of our parish. Let us approach this renovation with a discerning mind and listen for where God is leading our beloved parish.

The Planning Phase of Epiphany’s Renovation Is Underway!

Upcoming Events

July – August

General Questionnaire

Anyone interested in commenting on the current and/or projected space in the church or parish house is welcome to fill out a general questionnaire. If you would like to discuss your responses with a Renovation Ministry Team member, you may do so at the 12:15pm Fellowship Hour during the Sundays in August. (Blank forms available on the Parish Hall piano)



Activity Questionnaire

Renovation Ministry Team members will contact leaders and active participants in specific activities to discuss a questionnaire regarding current as well as projected space usage.

Sunday, August 27 & Monday, August 28

Talk With the Architect

Principal Architect Peter Krajnak will be at Epiphany to individually discuss responses to general and activity questionnaires. If you are interested, please speak to a Renovation Ministry Team member.

Saturday, September 9, 9:00am – 12:30pm

Design Charette

Become an architect for the day. All are invited to participate in this fun, enlightening process to envision what our space can become. Principal Architects Peter Krajnak and Darryl Rogers will be present to lead us in this activity. Reservations required. Please call the church office by Monday, August 21.

Your participation in this process is encouraged!

Come and See – Personal Contact is the Key

By Susan Walker, Program Associate

When I saw a church newsletter article entitled “Come and See!” I was delighted to read that the Orthodox Church of America is also seeking to engage its members in invitation evangelism. Think about your own story of how you came at Epiphany. Was it through personal contact with a friend, colleague, or family member who was already here? Perhaps you were going through a period of transition related to a job change or a move to the Washington area, and you were invited to come and see Epiphany.

The article made this point:

“a vast majority of those now active in a church attribute their involvement to personal contact with a friend or family member, and a majority of those considered ‘un-churched’ would consider church involvement if someone invited and/or encouraged them to do so.”

This is important for us to know if we are engaged in growing the church. But, we also know that Episcopalians are not always ready, willing and able to make that invitation. We just haven’t been encouraged to so. How do we go about inviting someone to church? I’d like to make three suggestions that will help all of us help Epiphany grow.

Before you begin:

Pray about how to share your faith and how to be open to opportunities to talk about Epiphany in your life. Then, expect that God will provide the chance for you to talk to others about Epiphany. Be intentional about your commitment. We are all called to “proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ” and that means asking ourselves the questions, “What difference does Jesus make in my life? What difference does Epiphany make in my life?” Ask yourself why you are here, so you can tell others about that difference.

As you make the invitation:

Be accommodating to others’ needs. 11am on Sunday isn’t the only time to experience Epiphany. Perhaps a friend would enjoy attending a Tuesday concert, or taking part in a weekday service at 12:10pm. Maybe our Sunday outreach breakfast program and the gospel music at 8am would be an attractive invitation. Consider others’ needs and interests and be sure to “brief” them about the length of the service, parking or transportation options, and in general, what to expect. Afterwards, ask your guests what their impressions were.

When you encounter guests and visitors at Epiphany:

Be hospitable. When you see visitors at church,

extend a welcome through a handshake, a warm smile, and a personal welcome. Exchange your names, invite the visitor to coffee hour, and introduce him or her to another parishioner. Letting the visitor know that you hope she or he will return will convey the message that you appreciate having the visitor among us.

I hope these suggestions will help us all be more comfortable in inviting others to join us at Epiphany. Remember that your sincere interest in another person, although a stranger, will be a sign of God’s welcome to all of us into God’s household of faith.

Urban Missioner’s Log

By Anne-Marie Jeffrey

Street church - Street Church - Street Church – that is what has been on my mind lately. It has been going well. So far, there have been a few days where the heat has been really intense, and yet people still show up for worship and lunch. On Tuesday, July 19th, that 100 degree day, we had about 30 people at worship and more for lunch. Of the lunch that we took for 50 people, we brought back 2 apples, which we were able to give away before we got to the church. I thought people would be inside in the heat shelters, but the park was full.

The main challenge of the summer is that there have been fewer volunteers around. This will probably change in the fall, but we still need to get through the summer. We have had a few people drop by to make sandwiches, which has been a great help and most weeks we are pretty set in that department (as long as those who drop by keep on coming). However, what we are in desperate need of are people to help take the food to the park. With the summer heat, we have added a cooler and are bringing larger bottles of water. Now we have three things (2 carts and a cooler) to wheel up 14th Street to the park. Ideally, I hope to have 2-3 more people to help with this.

I still continue to be amazed at the grace of God in this ministry. Each week, it happens. Donations come from surprising places – one person who works downtown, and who has been practicing Tai Chi in the park, saw us giving out lunch. Someone had given him a flyer with our address and he sent in a donation. Many more donations have come as a result of the write up on Street Church in the Washington Window, the diocesan paper. Our article had color pictures and the centerfold. Lucy Chumbley, the writer, really managed to catch the spirit of Street Church. Our donations have come to just about \$2000 so far and have added a couple more volunteers.

So pray for Street Church. Pray for more people to help up actually get to the park and pray that this ministry may continue to grow and change the lives of the people who participate in it.

August 2006 Calendar

The Church of the Epiphany

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert Series	2 9:00-5:00 Labyrinth 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist 7:00 Diversity Ministry Team	3 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist	4 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist	5
6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ Sunday after Pentecost 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 10:00 Nursery /Getting Ready 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Baptism 12:15 Coffee Hour 12:45 20s/30s Brunch	7 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer 6:00 Renovation Ministry Team	8 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert Series	9 9:00-5:00 Labyrinth 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist	10 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist	11 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist	12
13 The 10th Sunday after Pentecost: 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 10:00 Nursery /Getting Ready 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist 12:15 Coffee Hour	14 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer	15 St. Mary, the Virgin Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert Series	16 9:00-5:00 Labyrinth 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist	17 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist	18 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist	19
20 The 11th Sunday after Pentecost 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 10:00 Nursery/Getting Ready/Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist 12:15 Coffee Hour	21 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer	22 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert Series	23 9:00-5:00 Labyrinth 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist	24 St. Bartholomew the Apostle 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist	25 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist	26
27 The 12th Sunday after Pentecost 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 10:00 Nursery /Getting Ready 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist 12:15 Coffee Hour 12:30 OPALS' Outing to Butterfly Exhibit	28 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer 6:00 Vestry	29 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert Series	30 9:00-5:00 Labyrinth 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist	31 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist		

The OPALS (Older Persons with Active Life Styles)

invite everyone
on a parish outing to
Brookside Gardens'

(1500 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton, MD)



Live Butterfly Exhibit

Sunday, August 27

after coffee hour

\$4.50 adults \$3.50 ages 3-12

Cameras welcome

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