



Parish Guide

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Cluster Groups Begin this October

By Susan Walker, Program Associate

Cluster “a number of similar things or persons collected or grouped closely together.” (*Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary*)

This month Epiphany is launching a new small group ministry designed to provide ways for parishioners to get together to share a meal and conversation. We are calling the groups “Clusters” because the word indicates how we are gathering together, not in our usual way of being church at 1317 G Street, but being church as the people of God living and working in distinct geographic locations. We are encouraging all members of Epiphany to join a cluster group in Washington, Maryland, or Virginia. Choose a location that is convenient for you.

You might ask, “How do I go about becoming part of a cluster group?” It’s easy. A sign-up board is posted in the parish hall on Sundays at coffee hour. This fall the first two weekends in October have been set aside for Cluster Groups. The hosts have chosen the day and time. All you have to do is choose a group to attend – in your neighborhood, after work, in whatever location works for you. You will be contacted with a reminder about time and place. We hope the groups will continue to meet quarterly over the year. Join a cluster group and come deepen your relationships with others.

Note: The deadline for submitting articles to the November *Parish Guide* Newsletter is Wednesday, October 18

What’s New in Environmental Stewardship at Epiphany

By Jennifer McCarthy, Environmental stewardship Ministry Team

Did you see the article in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington’s Washington Window on Epiphany’s rooftop garden? If not, check out the Environmental Stewardship Ministry Team’s (ESMT) bulletin board, or this link: <http://www.edow.org/news/window/online.html>. And now that summer is over and the vegetables on the roof are being harvested, what can Epiphany do for environmental stewardship in the fall and winter?

Energy – Energy efficiency is the quickest, cheapest, cleanest way to extend our world’s energy supplies. In addition, it reduces greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. We know that our church building and appliances are old and inefficient. Therefore, we plan to conduct an “energy audit” to identify ways we can reduce energy use at Epiphany. Energy conservation can be accomplished by insulating and weather-stripping buildings, using energy-efficient lights and appliances, turning off unnecessary lights and appliances, cleaning and tuning up heating and cooling systems, and setting thermostats at more efficient levels. We encourage you to do an energy audit of your home, too. The Alliance to Save Energy (<http://www.ase.org/>) offers an interactive home energy checkup that can help you save money and increase comfort in your home while reducing energy use and pollution. And check out the PEPCO website for more information: <http://www.pepco.com/welcome/community/conservation/>.

In addition, the ESMT is purchasing compact fluorescent light bulbs to replace the incandescent light bulbs in the courtyard. Compact fluorescent bulbs cost about 75% less to operate and last about 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs. So, this will not only save energy, but also money for the church. We will dedicate the new light bulbs on Creation Sunday, October 1, and we will also kick off a “bulb drive”, in which you can help Epiphany be more energy efficient by purchasing compact fluorescent bulbs for the church.

Fair Trade Coffee – We can make a difference in the environment and in peoples’ lives through the

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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.”

Meredith Moise
Susie Lewis
Meghan Mason
Alex Iams
Evelyn Krache Morris
Caroline Klam

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, Linda and Gus Horrigan, Cornell Jackson, William Person, Norwyn Rowe, Sara Ellen Swatt, and Marelyn Tank;

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, Jane Haldane, Denise Hammes, Kathryn Hardie, Elizabeth Henderson, Mike Henderson, Ed Henderson, Millicent and Bill Hutt, Jacqueline Jenson, 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, Philip Rowland, Wanda Rucker, Todd Shaw, Leslie Smith, Jr., Walter Stumpf, Crystal Taylor, Raul Tovares, Minnie Vassallo, Ofelia Vitek, Maureen Waters, Dee Wertlein, Carmen Williams, and Regina Williams.

We celebrate these October Birthdays:

Sue Boyer and Frances McOwen, Oct 2; Abigail Nichols and Patricia Rhodes, October 3; Gigi Barse, October 6; Max Burg, Shane Farthing, and Nora Ottley, Oct. 8; Julie McConnell, Oct 10; Nancy Augustine and Brian Streaty, Oct. 11; John Walsh, Oct 12; Irene Wu, Oct 15; Tom Riggs, Oct 16; Kimball Beck, Oct 19; Sam Wright, Oct 20; Gloria Said and Susan Weinbeck, Oct 21; Teresa Hobgood, Oct 24; Emma Bass, Oct 26; Yvette Smith, Oct 27; Roosevelt Smith, Oct 28; Susan DeLaurentis, Naomi Govindaraj, and Josephine Walsh, Oct 29; Lydia Taylor, Oct. 30; Jennifer Cate and Sharon Hermonstine, Oct 31.

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

Sending Forth: The Saga Continues

By Christian M. Clough, Director of Music Ministries

“You’re still here? It’s over! Go home!” — Ferris Bueller

If Ferris Bueller (of the eponymous 1986 film by John Hughes) had written *The Book of Common Prayer*, these might be the dismissal words that send us out into the world to do God’s work. For better or worse, we go forth to a somewhat more traditional charge.



At the September Worship Ministry Team meeting, I proposed (yet another) variation on the seemingly ever-changing end of the 11 AM liturgy. We have been experimenting with the Dismissal pattern since the beginning of Lent, trying to find a way “to say what we mean, and do what we say”, in the words of the rector. Throughout the whole period, we have been trying to find a pattern that combines theological-liturgical integrity (*i.e.*, actually going forth at the charge to “go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit” or to “go forth in the name of Christ” or to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord”) with pastoral sensitivity to the desires of many in the congregation for fellowship and rousing organ music at the end.

Most people at Epiphany are aware that this congregation’s appreciation for organ music is significantly greater than that of most other churches. It has been a long-standing tradition here for many people to sit after the Dismissal to listen, appreciatively, to the Postlude (*i.e.*, the organ music at the close of worship), and my predecessors and I have done our humble best to fulfill the desires of the people. I am gratified and encouraged by this appreciation for my craft, but the attention laid upon the Postlude during these several months of experimentation has given me reason to think about what the Postlude *means*. For many people, the Dismissal is best followed by fellowship – by the convivial gathering of God’s people over food and drink to check on each other’s well-being and get recharged for the work of the week ahead. For some, the Dismissal is followed by a time of personal reflection, perhaps to process the messages and actions of the liturgy, but again to prepare for the week ahead and the world outside. For still others, it is a moment of musical beauty – perhaps rare in the week – to delight the listener. All of these are valid, yet they are not perfectly compatible.

This led me to offer a solution to our liturgical conundrum. Ironically, it brings us back to “the same old thing”! Starting on 1 October, we will return to the following pattern. After the Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing, the choir and liturgical leaders will process to the rear of the church during the final hymn, after which the Dismissal (*i.e.*, Sending Forth) will be given. The Postlude will follow.

The difference from before will, hopefully, be found in our communal recognition of the variety of desires that exist for this moment in our week. First, those who wish to listen to (and, hopefully, enjoy) the Postlude are encouraged to come as far forward in the church as they like to hear the music with minimal distraction. You are welcome to come “even unto the Holy of Holies” and sit in the choir chairs in the chancel (though the organ sounds better farther away)! Those who wish to greet their fellow worshipers are invited to do so, either in the church, in the parish hall or outside. It is our hope that those who choose to talk will give some deference to the “listeners”, and try not to compete with the organ!

One bone of contention in conversations about the Dismissal pattern has been the tradition of applauding at the end of the Postlude. Why, it has been asked, should that particular act be more worthy of applause than those of all the other actors in the morning’s liturgical celebrations? Why should we applaud the organist when not the choir, the preacher, the readers, the acolytes? I am always grateful for the affirmation that follows my offering, but I join those who ask these questions, and suggest that we might reserve our applause for moments of extraordinary gratitude and together strive to end this weekly liturgical favoritism.

Finally, and to buttress my proposal for this liturgical change, I offer these, *my* thoughts on the purpose of the Postlude. I have always understood this musical performance to be convivial music. In all churches where I have worked, some people have especially appreciated the Postlude, and have listened appreciatively. Many more have enjoyed the music as a festive background to their fellowship. Some others have left before it was over, and for them, I have hoped that it set a final, inspiring mood as they reentered the wider world with all its challenges. Until the time of Beethoven, musicians rarely if ever expected the kind of rapt, silent attention that we assume “classical” music deserves. So much of the world’s great music was heard while people ate, drank, danced, talked, and – yes – listened (You might review the film *Amadeus* for an idea of how Mozart’s music was heard in his

day.). It is in this spirit that I offer my organ music to you and to God. I will always be grateful for your attention and your appreciation. I only hope that we can each appreciate the Sending Forth, and its musical accompaniment, in the way that best serves our individual wants and needs, while respecting those of our neighbors.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLOWERS, UH, SINGERS, GONE?

My dear Epiphany members! How things have changed inside the cage since last winter!

I write to inform you that membership in the Epiphany Choir has slipped significantly with the start of the new season. Starting from the sonic foundation...

- One bass has taken a leave, at least through December.
- One tenor has requested a leave until Advent, and then again from Epiphany until Lent.
- Another tenor leaves us for work for at least nine weeks every Fall.
- Yet another tenor (our section leader) has resigned (reluctantly, and much to my sadness).
- One alto has retired from the Choir.
- One soprano has left us indefinitely because of work conflicts.
- Another soprano will leave us at the end of October to relocate to the "left coast".

I did *really* well on my Math SATs: this is MORE THAN ONE THIRD of the Epiphany Choir!

Epiphany delights in good fine music, and in her Choir in particular. Those singers who remain are still very fine musicians, and wonderful, fun, good-humored, caring, convivial people.

Nevertheless, our creative options are seriously restricted when our numbers get this low. Shucks, in October and November, we will only have one tenor, unless I can find someone to replace our departed section leader - not an easy task when there are 27 vacancies posted on greater Washington's premier clearing-house for singing jobs. My plans for Christmas Eve and the annual Christmas Concert are at risk because of this attrition.

Where I have invited people to try out the Choir over the past few months, I now ENCOURAGE, even IMPLORE, you to speak to me about singing. If you have friends (or know of other singing parishioners)

who might have musical abilities to offer to God and our worshippers, please tell them about our Choir. Non-church members are welcome to sing with us. Newcomers will find the experience both rewarding and fun, and the people are wonderful!

Previous experience is not required, nor is self-confidence! All that is required is the ability to carry a tune and perseverance. The Choir and I will help you to grow into your role with much encouragement and patience.

Please contact me, Christian M. Clough, Director of Music Ministries, at 202.347.2635 x18 or cclough@epiphanydc.org if you or someone you know 'oughta' be in the Choir. The whole congregation will thank you!

You're invited to a Special Samaritan Ministry Service at the National Cathedral

The Board of Directors of Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington in partnership with the Washington National Cathedral invite you to join us for a Special Eucharist Celebration and Picnic at the Washington National Cathedral in thanksgiving for Samaritan Ministry's 20th Anniversary on Saturday, October 14, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

The Right Rev. Barbara C. Harris, Assisting Bishop of Washington, will be our preacher and The Right Rev. David Colin Jones, Suffragan Bishop of Virginia, will be our celebrant. We look forward to welcoming past and present Samaritan Ministry Next Step program participants, members of our Partner Parishes, volunteers, staff and other supporters.

The picnic on the grounds of the Cathedral will follow the service. Family and friends are cordially invited.

Please RSVP by October 6th to info@samaritanministry.org or 202-722-2280

ONE and Poverty

By Pat Pickering , Outreach Ministry Team Leader

Every day we come in contact with many numbers-10% off, 2.5% tax, for example- but are we aware of all the numbers in our life? What percentage of your income do you pay in income tax? What percentage of our federal budget does the U.S. spend on foreign aid? You might be surprised to know that in 2005, our government spent 0.15% of the federal budget on foreign aid? The United States is last among 22 donor nations in aid as a share of national income. Norway spends 0.92% and Belgium , 0.60%. And, half of that 0.15% is tied to political or security objectives. So in reality the U.S. spends much less than 1/2 of 1% to fight poverty abroad.

At the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in June, the Church endorsed the “One Campaign”, the movement to call the U.S. government to annually spend an additional one percent of its budget to combat global poverty. In addition, the Episcopal Church will consider a budget item of approximately \$900,000 for support of the Millenium Development Goals (MDG) to:

- ◆ Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- ◆ Achieve universal primary education
- ◆ Promote gender equality
- ◆ Improve maternal health
- ◆ Combat HIV, AIDS, Malaria and other diseases
- ◆ Ensure environmental sustainability
- ◆ Create global partnerships for development focusing on debt aid and trade

People in the U.S. may wonder if we can afford to give more foreign aid. Can we afford not to? The world is shrinking and what happens abroad effects our lives too.

The material contained in this article was excerpted from the Background Paper from Bread For The World, June 2006 and Resolutions A142 and D022 acted on at the 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, June, 2006.

Be informed and share the information with your friends.

October Event Planned by OPALS (Older Persons with Active Lifestyles)

By Larry Ellis and Susan Walker, Pastoral Care Ministry Team

Lunch and Book Discussion October 15.

Epiphany's OPALS will gather in the Willard Room on Sunday, October 15 after church for lunch and discussion of Abigail Trafford's book, *My Time*. In case you missed Ms. Trafford's talk at Epiphany last spring, here's an excerpt from *My Time*:

“Something huge is happening. A demographic wave has swept over the social landscape. It's not just that people are living longer – they are healthier longer....This has created a whole new stage in the life cycle - a period of personal renaissance inserted somewhere after middle age, but before old age....But, what are people to do with these bonus decades?”

The question about “bonus decades” inspired Abigail Trafford to write *My Time* and develop her vision of how this new stage in the life cycle isn't just about completing certain life tasks, but instead, it is a time for regeneration, a time full of positive energy bursting with possibilities for living life to the full. Her book provides lots of stories about the ‘my timers’ who are examples of people living exhilarating lives. Please join in the discussion on October 15 and enjoy lunch with others.

CALLING ALL LOCAL DOGS, CATS, AND OTHER PETS!!!



**The Church of the Epiphany
is holding its second Blessing of the Animals
service on Sunday, October 1, at 10 a.m., to
honor the works of St. Francis of Assisi.**

Grab your leash or carrier and your owner and join us for this 40-minute service to be held outdoors in our courtyard garden—right at **1317 G Street, ½ block from Metro Center!** Free parking is also available in the PMI garage next door (with validation from the church).

**Our doors are wide open to all and a warm
welcome awaits you.**

**Questions? Call us at 202-347-2635 or, e-mail
us at info@epiphanydc.org. Also, check out our
Web site at www.epiphanydc.org.**

Architects For A Day

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, and Gloria Said



Bright and early on a Saturday morning in September, about forty creative parishioners gathered in the Parish Hall and became architects for a day. The occasion was a design charrette sponsored by the Renovation Ministry Team and lead by Epiphany's principal architects, Darryl Rogers and Peter Krajnak, and project manager Craig Vander Veen.

The French word, "charrette" means "cart" and is often used to describe the final, intense work effort expended by art and architecture students to meet a project deadline. This use of the term is said to originate from the École des Beaux Arts in Paris during the 19th century, where proctors circulated a cart, or "charrette", to collect final drawings while students frantically put finishing touches on their work.

A charrette can refer to any collaborative session in which a group of designers drafts a solution to a design problem. Epiphany's charrette was organized into three parts 1) Parish House, 2) Church, and 3) Site. Six teams created design options utilizing color-coded "paper program pieces" that represented the architectural program for space needs anticipated in the year 2016. The teams arranged the program pieces on existing floor plans, traced the areas with color-coded markers and added written notes. A representative from each team described the design option to the whole group.

Copies of the plans developed by the six teams are posted on the Renovation Ministry Team bulletin board in the cross hallway. While there were divergent opinions on some things, it turns out there were many common issues that came from each of the groups. Keep in mind the charrette was just one method of our overall information gathering, so even though something came up as a common issue at the charrette does not necessarily mean it will be incorporated into the final design.

Parish House Common Issues

- "Front Door" remains at garden (east) entrance.
- Vestibule, Parish Administrator's Office, and Main Office clustered in southeast corner.
- Remainder of Parish Staff Offices on second floor.
- Meeting room(s) in northeast corner of first floor.

Church Common Issues

- Vestibule and Narthex opened up into one space.
- Baptistry relocated to south end of Nave.
- Altar rails to be removable.
- Chancel relocated further south into (or at) crossing.

The design charrette marked a turning point in Phase I of our renovation. After several months of gathering information about our buildings and space needs, now we begin the process of determining design solutions. Over the next two months, the Renovation Ministry Team will begin receiving and wrestling with design options from the architects. Cost factors, required maintenance work, and program needs all have to be juggled. Our job will not be easy, but please be assured that we are committed to choosing and putting into motion a plan that will help our parish move forward into the 21st Century and do the important ministry of Christ that we have been called to do in downtown Washington.

Environmental Stewardship Continued from page 1

consumer choices we make. Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) sells and distributes throughout the Episcopal Church a premium line of coffees called *Bishops Blend*. *Bishops Blend* coffees are dark roasted from Central America and Indonesia. They are certified *Fair Trade*, *organic*, and *shade grown*. What does this mean? Fair Trade coffee helps farmers in the developing world receive a fair living wage for their coffee, while protecting the environment. The coffee is purchased from small coffee farmers who receive a fair price for growing and processing the beans. The coffee is organic because it is grown without chemical fertilizers or pesticides. The coffee is grown in the shade beneath a tree canopy that protects the coffee plants from intense heat and uses the plant's leaves to return vital nutrients to the soil. Shade-grown coffee also helps conserve habitat for birds and other species that rely on the tree canopy for food, shelter, etc. By supporting shade-grown coffee initiatives, we are helping encourage agricultural practices that are far less detrimental than traditional coffee plantations to wildlife and the habitats on which they depend. Purchasing fair trade coffee from ERD also furthers ERD's mission of responding to issues such as poverty, hunger, and disease worldwide.

Therefore, on Creation Sunday, we will be serving Bishop's Blend at coffee hour. We will also take orders so you can purchase the coffee for your own use. Proceeds will be used to bring fair trade coffee to the Welcome Table and coffee hour, and possibly support other Epiphany ministries. Wouldn't a bag of Bishop's Blend make a wonderful Christmas gift for a coffee drinker who wants to support environmental and economic justice in the world?

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Recycle and Reduce – Look for the new blue recycle bins in the parish hall and use them for your bulletins, cans and bottles! And we appreciate your using ceramic coffee cups and mugs at coffee hour, where possible, instead of Styrofoam cups.

Ecotip of the Month

Some Things We Can Do at Home to Reduce Energy Use

- Change filters once a month. A well-maintained heating system can save money and increase the comfort level in your home.
- During the winter months, turn down your thermostat from 72°F to 68°F for 8 hours a day and you'll save as much as 10% on energy costs. Every degree you lower your thermostat could save you about 3% on your heating bill.
- Inspect ductwork for any air leakage. If you do feel air leaking at joints, use silver metal duct tape to seal them. You could save up to 10% of your heating costs by eliminating those leaks.
- Your water heater is the third highest energy expense in your home. If the water temperature is set at 140°F, turning it down to 130°F will save a few dollars each month.
- Using a microwave to cook meals uses about half the energy of a conventional oven.
- Washing clothes in cold water instead of hot is another energy saving tip that can save you about \$50 per year.
- Another way to save energy in the laundry room is to put a dry towel in the dryer with each load of wet clothes. The towel will absorb dampness and reduce drying time, saving energy and money.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with more efficient, compact, florescent ones. Besides saving energy, you will also save money in the long run, since the life span of a fluorescent bulb is substantially longer.
- If you have a crawl space, inspect it regularly to ensure that the insulation inside is dry. When insulation gets wet, its optimal effectiveness is significantly reduced. Be sure to find the source of the moisture and replace any damaged insulation.
- Vacuum the coils on your refrigerator at least every three months. The dirt build-up makes the refrigerator work harder to keep the contents cool and therefore uses more energy.
- Winterize windows with weather stripping (for all moveable joints) and caulk (for non-moving parts). Also, install a window kit to the inside of your windows to help keep cold air out and warm air in.

Staying Ahead of the Curve

*Retirement Planning Workshop Series
for those looking ahead to retirement or
career change.*

October 5 - Creating a Financial Roadmap, *learn strategies for financial planning from experts*

October 12 - Rules of the Road, *decision-making in relationships. How to negotiate with your spouse/partner about when to retire, where to live, making career changes, and a discussion of how relationships may change in retirement.*

October 19 - Feel like a Sandwich?, *how to navigate the often conflicting demands and stresses of taking care of children, aging parents, and yourself*

October 26 - Changing Lanes, *making a mid-life career change or modifying what you do to give you more free time for other activities*

Bring your lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided.

There is no charge to attend. Please register, for an individual seminar or the series, by calling (202) 414-6315 or email SFarrar@esm.org.

The series is sponsored, in part, by BB&T Bank.

Episcopal Senior Ministries is a non profit organization that improves the lives of older adults through a range of quality affordable programs including housing, care management, transportation, education, and volunteer training and support. Services are available to all seniors, families and community members regardless of religious affiliation. For more information call (202) 414-6315 or visit our website; www.esm.org.

**All workshops will be held
Thursdays, from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
at The Church of the Epiphany
202.347.2635**

Urban Missioner Log

By the Rev. Anne-Marie Jeffreys

What can we do for those who live and work outside our walls and who are not parishioners? It is a question we often ask at Epiphany. It is not an easy question to answer but I wanted to share with you one way Epiphany is starting to help in our community.



Many of you know that most of the men who come to The Welcome Table breakfast stay at the Franklin School shelter which is on 13th Street, NW, between I and K Street - just a couple blocks from Epiphany. The Franklin shelter was supposed to close earlier this year since it had been leased to be turned into a hotel, but an extension was granted and it is now slated to close at the end of March, 2007. I have heard a lot of complaints about Franklin School shelter from our guests. I have made calls to people who run the shelter and even have preached about the situation there, but have felt stuck in finding a way to help.

Recently some of the residents of Franklin Shelter have formed a committee to save Franklin shelter. Even though it has its problems, the shelter is very much needed. The committee has been organizing - talking to the DC city council, talking with mayoral candidates, writing articles in Street sense and talking to just about anyone who will listen. They want to save Franklin shelter because there is nowhere else for the residents to go. The shelter that is to take the residents of Franklin can hold just over half of them and is still undergoing renovation. The other place that is a possibility for them to go is located at St. Elizabeth's, which is far way from jobs and services. If Franklin closes, it is very likely that many of the residents will just move into the park.

What can we do? We can begin by listening. I watched this happen last Saturday, at the first of the training series held by the Diocese Committee on urban ministry. It took place at Epiphany and I invited some of the members of the Save the Franklin Committee to come as part of our congregational team. I watched as other congregations listened to them. They asked how they could help and took down contact information. I wanted our congregation to hear them as well and one of the committee will come and speak about their efforts at Epiphany during the 11 am service on October 8th so that we too can listen. That's just the first step. It is easy to think that we can't do

much but our voices are powerful more so that we think. One of the committee members gave an example of this. He told about a snowy Sunday morning when the Franklin residents were sent out on the streets even though shelters are kept open during snow storms. When I and others showed up for The Welcome Table, we were surprised to see all the people outside in the snow. They came into the church and someone from Epiphany (I'm not sure who) made a call, and by the end of our 8 am service, the announcement was made that the men could return to their shelter.

The dream of the Committee to Save Franklin Shelter is the shelter becomes a model shelter, one where people don't just come to stay, but come to stay and get the kind of support they need to move on with their lives. Perhaps the Downtown Services Center at 945 G St., NW, which needs to move by this January, can be on one of the floors. Perhaps renovating could be a joint project between the city, the local business and the residents. What a wonderful example that would set for other cities.

This past week Randolph and I met with the senior pastor and outreach minister from New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, a representative from WIN (Washington Interfaith Network) and two of Committee to Save Franklin Shelter members. We discussed how we could help them and how we could get other congregations involved. It seems that the downtown BID (Business Improvement District) is also working on this. If all our voices come together on this, the downtown churches and the downtown businesses then it is not just a few residents saying not to close the shelter. It is the voices of the community saying we need this shelter and as a community and together we are a powerful voice.

So I hope you will listen on October 8th at our 11 am service when we hear from the Committee to Save Franklin Shelter. You can also go to their website at <http://savefranklinshelter.com/>. You never know when connection is made that will make a difference. Talk to people you see at work, at parties on the metro, anywhere. Maybe you feel called to go to the committee's weekly meetings (see website for details). It is amazing to watch this group of men come together to save Franklin shelter and to have this dream. It is a privilege to have them in our community and I hope we can be part of helping them make their dream come true.

October 2006 Calendar

The Church of the Epiphany

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 The 17th Sunday after Pentecost: 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 10:00 Blessing of the animals/ Choir Rehearsal/Envelope Please 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Baptism/Godly Play 12:15 Coffee Hour 12:30 Stewardship Forum	2 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer	3 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert Series 2:30 Staff Meeting	4 9:00-5:00 Labyrinth 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist 6:30 Fellowship and Light	5 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 ESM Pre-Retirement Program 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	6 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 7:00 Cluster groups at the homes of Sarah Papazoglakis and Dawn Frederick	7
8 The 18th Sunday after Pentecost: 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 10:00 Choir Rehearsal/Envelope Please 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist/Godly PLAY 12:15 Coffee Hour and Book signing 12:30 Discernment Ministry Team 12:30 Stewardship Forum	9 Church and Parish Office Closed in observance of Columbus Day	10 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert Series 2:30 Staff Meeting	11 9:00-5:00 Labyrinth 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist	12 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 ESM Pre-Retirement Program 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	13 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 7:00 Cluster group at the home of Abigail Nichols 7:30 Cluster group meet at Shinkman's home	14 5:30 Cluster group at Brathwaites 7:30 Cluster group at the home of Tripp Jones TBD Cluster group at McCarthy's
15 The 19th Sunday after Pentecost: 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 10:00 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Homecoming "GIG" - God is Good 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist 12:15 Coffee Hour 12:30 Stewardship Forum/Senior Lunch 5:00 Cluster Group at Nancy Augustine's home	16 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer 6:00 Renovation Ministry Team	17 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert Series 2:30 Staff Meeting 6:00 Group Spiritual Direction	18 St. Luke the Evangelist 9:00-5:00 Labyrinth 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist 6:30 Fellowship and Light-The Dream of God	19 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 ESM Pre-Retirement Program 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	20 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist	21 11:00 Wedding Courtney Tardd
22 The 20th Sunday after Pentecost 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 10:00 Choir Rehearsal/Vestry Forum 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist/Godly Play 12:15 Coffee Hour 12:30 Environmental Stewardship Ministry Team/Stewardship Forum	23 St. James of Jerusalem 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer	24 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert Series 2:30 Staff Meeting	25 9:00-5:00 Labyrinth 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist 6:30 Fellowship and Light - The Dream of God	26 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 ESM Pre-Retirement Program 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	27 12:00 AA 12:10 Church 6:00 Classical Guitar concert	28 St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles
29 The 21st Sunday after Pentecost 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 Coffee Hour	30 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer 6:00 Vestry	31 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert Series 2:30 Staff Meeting				

Fellowship and Light

THE DREAM OF GOD

This fall we will read and discuss *The Dream of God* by Episcopal teacher, lay preacher and theologian, Verna Dozier. *The Dream of God* argues that religious leaders too often ignore social justice to focus instead on spirituality. God's dream is that His people would "follow Jesus and not merely worship him". Come and be challenged by this prophet of the Church.

It all begins **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18**

Here is the schedule for each Wednesday evening:

6:30pm - We begin in the Parish Hall with a simple supper of soup, bread, and fruit. A \$3 contribution helps with the cost of the meal.

7:00pm - We gather for worship in the church, darkened, except for the chancel area which will have low lighting and candles.

7:30 - 8:30pm - Each Wednesday evening program will include a presentation and time for discussion focused on these chapters of the book:

October 18	Chapter 1, The Dream of God
October 25	Chapter 2, The Biblical Story
November 1	Chapter 3, The Rejection of the Dream
November 8	Chapter 4, The Temptations of the Church
November 15	Chapter 5, The Persistence of the Dream

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