



Parish Guide

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Washington, DC

September 2007

Rector's Journal

By *Randolph Charles*

Homecoming Sunday. September 9 is Homecoming Sunday and we've got lots to celebrate: Campaign for Epiphany Kickoff, Commissioning of Campaign Leaders, Welcoming of New Parishioners, Community Bible Study, the return of the Epiphany Choir, and a potluck Homecoming Lunch in the parish hall. Homecoming Sunday is always a great Sunday to come home from vacations and various journeys and to bring newcomers to Epiphany, to invite friends to come and see if Epiphany might be a place for them call home. Make your plans now.

Parish Forum: Ministry with Downtown Poor. Parish Forums are monthly gatherings on the first Sunday at 10:00 in the Willard Room. We used to call these events "Envelope Please", but we have changed it to Parish Forum and each monthly forum has a topic. This month's Parish Forum will be held on September 2 and the topic is "Ministry with Downtown Poor". We at Epiphany are committed to minister with the poor, but it is a challenge. Crossing the socio-economic barrier is difficult. Come to the Parish Forum on September 2 to learn about our principles of ministering with the poor, and to share your hopes, questions, and concerns.

Labor in the Pulpit. It is the tradition in many churches to address the concerns of all who labor on Labor Day Sunday. On September 2, Sr. Mary Priniski, a Dominican nun, will preach at 8:00 and 11:00. Sr. Mary is a professional worker for Service Employees International Union here in Washington, and she lives in Virginia.

HOMECOMING LUNCH – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 2007

Join us in celebrating our faith community and fellowship with one another as we start a new, exciting program year!

Enjoy a delicious potluck lunch.

Please bring a dish.

If your last name begins with: A-O - main dish, side dish or salad; P-Z - dessert

Fall Fundraiser

You are Invited to Support the
Urban Ministries of the
The Church of the Epiphany

Thursday, September 20, 2007
1317 G St, NW @ Metro Center
(13th St Exit)

Midday Concert

Washington Symphonic Brass Quintet

12:10 pm

Tickets: \$25

Garden Party

*Wine & Cheese, Refreshments,
Music and Silent Auction*

(Dinners, Jewelry, Tours, & Surprises)

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Tickets: \$25

For more information & tickets:

Visit www.epiphanydc.org

Write info@epiphanydc.org

Call 202-347-2635

Epiphany's Urban Ministries

- Responding to the needs of downtown workers and the poor
- Providing worship, music & welcome
- Maintaining a sacred, historic place for all

Note: The deadline for submitting articles to the October *Parish Guide* Newsletter is Wednesday, September 26

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.”

Jyl Woolfolk
Terri Johnsen
Day Dodson
Lawrence Staves

We remember these persons in our prayers

For the members and family members of Epiphany who serve in troubled areas of the world, especially Jim McCarthy, Keith Scoon, and Floyd Tappin;

For all who seek healing, especially: Ed Adams, Margaret Barge, Theresa Davies, Marcia Doerr, Floyd Godfrey, Jane Kean, Pat Pickering, William Person, Norwyn Rowe, Buck Shinkman, and Jerry White;

For John Patrick Barker, Winston Blackman, Robert Blaine, Oswald Bowen, Wanda Brewer, Helen Burg, Barbie White Butts, Naomi Canty, Marian Cover, Elena Curris, Brian Dillard, Genevieve Duvall, Joy Eades, Ken Ferber, Andrew Ferrill, Helene Flanagan, Rick Gallagher, Peggy Garner, Fred Gustafson, Ruth Hall, Kathryn Hardie, Edmund Hilliman, Lucille Hilliman, Alan Holder, Millicent and Bill Hutt, Larry Kerns, Rick Knettel, George Kurtz, Marilyn LeSeur, David Lyman, Fay Marks, Frank Marlowe, Claudia McClannahan, Jeanne Moore, Bonnie Murphy, Hubert Nedd, Geri Powell, Barbara Prignano, Victoria Prignano, Israel Rafalovich, Jesus Ramirez, Ann Riggs, Allene Robinson, Wanda Rucker, Rita Sabagh, Juanita Simpson, Donald Snyder, Walter Stumpf, Kate Thaxton, Ofelia Vitek, Amy Warder, Maureen Waters, Dee Wertlein, Tina Wu, Thelma, Evie, Niki, Gurkan, Kevin, Beth, and Brianna.

We celebrate these September birthdays

Jerry White, September 2; Emery Jackson, September 3; Sherwin Frank, September 6; Mary Riggs, September 7; Matthew Shinkman, September 14; David Lloyd, September 15; Fil Williams, September 16; Buck Shinkman, September 19; June Young, September 21; Carolyn Dallas, Emilia Bautista King, and Mary Kell Powers, September 23; Janis Kerns, Eileen Nixon, Nikia Okoye, and Thea Wylie, September 24; Ed Adams and Jeanne Mitchler-Fiks, September 28; Ann Oakes and Josh Smoot, September 29.

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 swalker@epiphanydc.org.

Stepping Out With the Archivist Historic Walking Tours Offered This Fall

By Tripp Jones, Parish Archivist

An invitation is extended to all to join the parish archivist this fall for three fun and interesting walking tours of local sites featuring significant Epiphany history. Slots are beginning to fill, but there is still room for your name on the list. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board across from the kitchen serving line or you can call the parish office (202-347-2635) during the week. These walks are planned for Saturday mornings in September, October, and November and will last approximately two hours, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Saturday, September 15, 10:00 a.m. – Washington National Cathedral

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cathedral's cornerstone. As one of the leading churches of the diocese at the time, it will come as no surprise that Epiphany's fingerprints are everywhere! What better way to join in the cathedral's centennial celebration than to learn of our parish's involvement over the past century. We've jumped through some hoops and have obtained permission to visit some of our rarely seen areas!

Saturday, October 13, 10:00 a.m. – Rock Creek Cemetery

In 1875, Epiphany purchased several lots in Rock Creek Cemetery. In the 19th Century, this would have been out in the country. Over time, the city has grown up around it. Today, the cemetery is an oasis with birds, trees, and rolling hills. Interred here are many interesting people from Epiphany's past. Our walk will conclude with a special commemoration in Epiphany's plot.

Saturday, November 3, 10:00 a.m. – United States Capitol

As many of you know, the Capitol has been the location of my "day job" for the past 18 years. Ever mindful of Epiphany connections, I have unearthed many of our forbearers lurking around here and there. In this city that was built to serve as our nation's capital city, come walk through the building that stands at its center and learn of some Epiphany folks who have walked those hallowed halls. Due to security restrictions, this tour is limited to 15 participants.

Plan now to spend some quality time with your fellow parishioners as we learn about and remember some interesting people and events from our parish's history.

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you will be able to participate in Epiphany Course this fall. So far, about 40 parishioners have signed up.

Epiphany Course is an offering to which I am highly committed. The purpose of Epiphany Course is to provide a common language for the parish to use when we talk about the way we experience the Christian faith here at Epiphany. I am encouraging every parishioner to participate in Epiphany Course this fall. Not only will it enable us to grow in the faith, Epiphany Course will also bring us closer together as a faith community. It will help us love each other, understand each other, and become more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

The design of Epiphany Course includes time for community building and prayer, content and discussion, application and review. **There are six sessions in Epiphany Course, and the topics are listed below:**

- 1. The Church of the Epiphany**
- 2. Anglicanism**
- 3. Worship**
- 4. Hospitality**
- 5. Sabbath and Stewardship**
- 6. Discernment and Proclamation**

Epiphany Course will be offered at three different times. Each schedule includes the same six sessions.

- 1. Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm**, September 12-October 17
This schedule begins with a light supper and concludes with worship.
- 2. Sundays, 12:45-2:00pm**, September 16-October 21
This schedule follows Coffee Hour.
- 3. Weekend of September 14-15:** Friday, 6:00-9:00pm and Saturday, 9:00am-3:00pm
This schedule includes a light Friday supper and lunch on Saturday.

Please let me know soon if you can attend Epiphany Course at any of the above times. We need to make preparations. You can email me at rcharles@epiphanydc.org or call me at 202-347-2635. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Faithfully,
Randolph**

Happy Birthday Peter and Paul! Washington National Cathedral Turns 100

By Tripp Jones, Parish Archivist

The official name is the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, but we know it better as Washington National Cathedral. It's the seat of our diocesan bishop, John Bryson Chane. September 29th will mark the 100th anniversary of the laying of its cornerstone. We at Epiphany can take great pride in the fact that our parish was deeply involved in the planning and funding of an idea that began long before 1907.

French city planner Pierre Charles L'Enfant, in consultation with President George Washington, envisioned "a great church to be used for national purposes" as part of his 1791 plan for the new capital city of Washington. That idea lay dormant for many years until it was eventually connected with a movement within the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, which at that time included Washington, to create a new diocese for the growing capital city.

When Epiphany rector William Paret was consecrated as Bishop of Maryland in 1885, there was already talk of splitting the diocese. Six years later, Epiphany's rector, Randolph McKim, with the rector of St. John's, wrote to Bishop Paret suggesting the idea of building a cathedral in the nation's capital. Later that same year, a group of men including McKim and Paret met in the home of Epiphany parishioner and vestry member Charles Carroll Glover to lay plans for building the cathedral. On January 6, 1893 (the Feast of the Epiphany), the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation was chartered by Congress for religious, educational, and charitable endeavors. A third of the individuals listed in the charter as founding members were affiliated with Epiphany.

In 1895, the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland met at Epiphany for their annual convention. At that meeting, the idea of creating a new diocese of Washington was formally agreed to, with a quarter of the funding to start the new endeavor coming from Epiphany. The General Convention of the Episcopal Church, meeting in the fall of the same year, agreed to the formation of the new diocese. The first diocesan convention was held shortly thereafter and Epiphany rector Randolph McKim was the leading candidate to be the first bishop of the new diocese on the first nine ballots. Henry Yates Satterlee was then proposed as a compromise candidate and on the eleventh ballot was elected the first bishop of Washington. Five days after his consecration, Bishop Satterlee's first official act was to confirm fifty candidates at the Church of the Epiphany on Palm Sunday 1896.

The push to acquire the land for the new cathedral culminated in 1898 with the erection of the Peace Cross on Mt. St. Alban, which also marked the end of the Spanish-American War. This dedication also coincided with the first meeting of General Convention ever held in the nation's capital. The convention was held at the Church of the Epiphany. Finally on September 29, 1907, the cornerstone of the cathedral was placed in an elaborate ceremony which featured the President of the United States and the Bishop of London. Standing next to Bishop Satterlee was the president of the diocesan standing committee, Randolph McKim. Epiphany parishioners Isabel Freeman and Margaret Buckingham contributed the bulk of the \$2500 for the ceremony. A crowd of over 20,000 people and 80 bishops were present. General Convention convened in Richmond three days later. The House of Deputies, for the second time, elected Epiphany rector Randolph McKim as their president. The convention traveled to Jamestown to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the first permanent English settlement and Anglicanism in the new world. The main speaker for the event was the Rev. Dr. Randolph Harrison McKim, rector of Epiphany Church, Washington.

With the cornerstone placed, a major fund-raising campaign was held in 1908 to fund initial construction of the cathedral. The following tally from Episcopal churches in the city of Washington highlights the depth of Epiphany's commitment to the cause.

Epiphany	\$7906.57
Ascension	\$3036.55
St. Paul's/K St	\$1756.69
St. John's/Laf Sq	\$1230.50
St. Alban's	\$1195.13
St. Thomas	\$864.27
St. Margaret's	\$361.65
St. Mark's	\$433.28
Christ/G'town	\$310.50
St. Johns/G'town	\$287.16
Christ/Wash	\$194.97
St. Paul's/Rock Ck	\$138.00

Altogether over the initial nationwide fund-raising drive, Epiphany contributed about five percent of the total. The first part of the cathedral to be completed was Bethlehem Chapel, which opened in 1912. Below the altar of that chapel is the cathedral's foundation stone inscribed, "The word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

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On Saturday, September 15, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, you are invited to join the parish archivist on a walking tour to see and learn more about Epiphany and Washington National Cathedral. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board at church or you can call the parish office during the week. For those of you not able to make it, we plan to have the tour videotaped. The showing date will be Sunday, September 30 at 12:45 p.m. in the Willard Room. Through any or all of these activities, please join me in saluting our diocesan cathedral on its 100th birthday.

POETRY, COMMUNITY, AND THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

By Brenda Morris

There is an Epiphany story behind my poem “Theotokos,” which recently won grand prize in the annual poetry contest sponsored by *Presence: An International Journal of Spiritual Direction*. I have written poetry on and off all my life, but was in an “off” period in late 2005, when my interest was reawakened by the opportunity to write for a collection of Lenten reflections being compiled at Epiphany. After completing my assignment for that collection, I was able to do some other writing, including the draft of a poem on Annunciation themes. Several months later, in a Group Spiritual Direction meeting, Eleanor Engle opened our gathering with a reading that invited us to “*be the bearer of God.*” That theme, how each of us can be the bearer of Christ to others, kept coming up that evening. Susan Walker called our attention to the word “Theotokos,” which means “God bearer” and which is used as one of the titles of the Virgin Mary. Susan explained that the term is often applied to icons where the Virgin holds and points to the Christ Child, directing the viewer’s attention to his presence. The discussion reminded me of my draft poem on the Annunciation, and the next day, inspired by our sharing, I was able to complete the poem. I added the title “Theotokos.” Susan kindly remembered all this a year later when she saw the notice about the poetry contest in *Presence*, which she receives as a member of Spiritual Directors International. She suggested I enter the contest and helped me package “Theotokos” in an e-mail attachment as the contest rules required. So you can see how much inspiration and practical help for this undertaking I received at Epiphany. Here is the poem, with thanks to the community that fostered it:

THEOTOKOS

Think of those moments of strange harmony
when light within you kindles and the real
sun, like an answer floods your room and rounds
every common vessel — jug, jar, and basket,
the clay pot with its crimson bloom.
Think how that bloom,
soil-bound and blind, twists toward light, how we
likewise need light to flower, but being free
have to say yes in order to receive,
how yes can never be informed consent
but always something like a pregnancy —
A risky state which nurtures the unknown
and lets it grow, which knits up flesh and bone
then lets them go, to stand erect and free.
Does even God know what the end will be?

Grant Opportunities: Got Any?

By Mimi Tangum, Resource Developer

As Randolph recently told us new parishioners, and as you long-time parishioners know well, Epiphany’s commitment to downtown DC—especially to those persons in need—has been a major part Epiphany’s mission since its inception. Some of the current outreach programs, such as The Welcome Table and the Tuesday Concert Series, have long been in place but continue to grow, in terms of the numbers of people they serve and also in terms of expenditures. Street Church, although relatively new, has grown rapidly, in the number of people who participate—and, therefore, in its costs, too.

Epiphany has been fortunate over many years to have parishioners and friends who have generously supported its outreach programs, by giving their money, their time, and, sometimes, their influence with grantors, to the extent that they’ve been able. However, the annual budgets for the three programs mentioned above approximate \$140,000.

So as Margot Young did last year, and Emily Van Loon did before Margot, I’ve been working since late spring to develop grant proposals, mostly to local private foundations but also to a few which are outside our immediate area, that support programs for the homeless or for musical performances. We’ve submitted eight grant proposals since May: three have been funded; one has been “pledged”; one was turned down because the grantor chose to use its 2007 funds to make new grants to its 2006 grantees; and three are still pending. Sixteen more proposals are in various stages of development (based on their

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respective deadlines) for submission before the end of the calendar year. Collectively, proposals awarded, pending, and currently under development for which we know how much should be requested total more than \$157,000. Five more projects are being developed for which we don't yet know the most appropriate amount to request. I estimate, though, that their total will be another \$50,000 to \$75,000.

One of the exciting possibilities we're working on is a prospective grant from the DC Department of Human Services; they have yet to decide how to spend some of the funds they've encumbered for assistance to the disadvantaged and invited us to send them information about The Welcome Table (which we did). Also exciting is the fact that several grantors who declined our proposals last year have encouraged re-submissions in 2008.

All these opportunities, as you likely know, are highly competitive; in my view, a very high rate of success would be 50%. So I would greatly appreciate your help: the Butler Fund, the Hanley Foundation, and the Hill-Snowdon Foundation don't accept unsolicited proposals. If you know someone on the Board or the staff at any of those three organizations, would you please let me know? My email address is mtangum@epiphanydc.org, and my phone number is 202-347-2635, extension 19. If you have any suggestions regarding other grantors, I'd surely like to hear from you as well. Thank you.

Discovering Epiphany on the U.P. An Archivist's Travelogue

By Tripp Jones, Parish Archivist

Ask a Michigander what part of the state they're from and automatically their hands contort into a map from which they'll locate their hometown. I'm not from Michigan, but after years of seeing those hand gestures, I decided it was a place I needed to visit. This summer my partner Tom and I traveled to the Great Lakes region for our vacation. Our trip took us on a counter-clockwise path around Lake Michigan. Starting in Chicago, we headed east through Illinois and Indiana, up through the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, across the Mackinac Bridge into the Upper Peninsula, and then down through Wisconsin and eventually back to the Windy City.

Tom always teases me about my ability to find an Epiphany connection just about anywhere we go. Well, this trip proved to be no exception. Several days into our trip we were traveling along Route 2 in the Upper Peninsula (locals call it "the U.P."), hugging the shore of Lake Michigan. It's a beautiful, yet rather desolate

area. I just happened to notice a road sign which read, "Entering Schoolcraft County." Schoolcraft isn't that common a name and for some reason it seemed to ring a bell for me. As we continued, I kept trying to think where I might have heard the name before. Finally, I remembered it as a name in Epiphany's parish register, specifically Henry Rowe Schoolcraft. Don't ask me how I remember such things.

Of course, my curiosity was piqued and I had to know if this was indeed a person connected with Epiphany. Route 2 finally took us into the county seat, Manistique (population 3583). I spotted the Schoolcraft County Courthouse and into the parking lot we pulled. I wandered the hallways reading the wall plaques seeking some clues and then finally stumbled on the county clerk's office. "Excuse me mam, would you happen to have any information on Mr. Schoolcraft?" The friendly woman behind the desk went and searched through a file cabinet and finally produced a booklet. On the last page was a brief bio of the man for whom the county was named – Henry Rowe Schoolcraft. Bingo! We had a match.

Schoolcraft, originally from Albany, NY, traveled to the frontier of the day and became an important ethnologist. He was appointed superintendent of Indian Affairs for Michigan and negotiated several treaties with the Chippewa, probably most important was the one whereby the United States obtained title to the northern third of the lower peninsula and the eastern half of the upper peninsula of Michigan. Schoolcraft authored a six-volume set, entitled, "Historical and Statistical Information Respecting the History, Condition, and Prospects of the Indian Tribes of the United States." The work was illustrated with steel engravings by Seth Eastman.

I was able to put these names together when I finally got back home and was able to consult Epiphany's records. Just eleven years after our founding in 1842, the records of Epiphany Parish record the baptism of Henry Rowe Schoolcraft Eastman, infant son of Seth and Mary Eastman. Listed as sponsors were Henry Rowe Schoolcraft and Mrs. Mary Schoolcraft. I get a great deal of satisfaction thinking about how Epiphany's tentacles have extended into the world over the past 165 years. I like to think that Henry Schoolcraft and Seth Eastman took a little piece of Epiphany with them as they dealt with the Native Americans out on the frontier. I like to think it was a faith nourished and sustained at Epiphany that guided them through some rather difficult and dangerous times. Such are the musings of an old parish archivist, who takes pride in having found a little piece of G Street on the upper peninsula of Michigan. Grab me sometime and I'll locate it for you on my hand.

RENOVATION REVIEW

By the Renovation Ministry Team

RMT Members: Brad Carpenter, Randolph Charles, Christian Clough, Mary Dail, David Downes, Tripp Jones, Pat Pickering

Through this monthly column, the Renovation Ministry Team would like to continue sharing with you details about the Renovation Master Plan. One part of the column will share parishioner comments and questions excerpted from the Capital Campaign Feasibility Study surveys. The other part will discuss a specific aspect of the plan. We hope this will be helpful and as always, we appreciate and encourage your feedback.

Renovation Comments & Questions

Parishioner Comments Regarding the Renovation Plan

- *"Signifies an era of new growth for the church, in addition to a much-needed renovation."*

- *"The scale of the effort is large, but the plan seems reasonable."*

Parishioner Questions

Q. *"I did not understand the arrangement of the vestibule."*

A. A new wall will replace the existing curved one that separates the nave of the church from the narthex/ vestibule. The new wall will run straight across and will be located slightly further into the church, aligning with the two existing metal poles that support the balcony. There will still be doors at either end of this wall going into the church and the existing etched glass windows will be incorporated into the new wall. Replacing the existing narrow doorway in the middle will be two large glass door panels that would slide on a track into one of three positions – 1) fully closed, 2) partially open, or 3) fully open. When fully open, the narthex area provides added nave space for gathering events at the rear of the church such as baptisms.

Renovation Feature

"By Sustaining a Community in Which All Are Welcome" by Tripp Jones

At Epiphany, we like to make people feel welcome. The title of this article comes from our parish mission statement. Our weekly service leaflet proclaims that "we are a welcoming faith community" and that "welcoming all to our table, God's table, is at the core of our faith." Certainly there are many and varied ways that we as parishioners welcome the friend and/ or stranger in our midst. Are there ways though that

our building can assist us in accomplishing this goal? This task becomes even more important at Epiphany, where on weekdays the church is open and we can't personally be there to welcome our guests. Then, the job of welcoming falls to the building.

There are three major ways that the proposed renovation plan improves our building's ability to welcome. First is accessibility. Currently there is only one accessible entrance into our entire complex and that is a rusty metal ramp on the side of the building, with an incline that exceeds the limit set by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The proposed renovation includes attractive, code-compliant accessible entrances at the front door of the church as well as the garden entrance to the parish house. Also within the building, fully-accessible ramps will connect the worship space with the parish house. An elevator in the parish house will allow anyone not able to climb stairs to access all floors.

A second aspect of the building that could assist in conveying welcome is the entrance area. Such areas should be bright, warm, inviting, and instructive. One entrance to our facility is the narthex/ vestibule entered by walking through the red doors from G Street. Currently, this area has peeling paint, dim lighting, prison-like gates, numerous doorways, and inadequate display space. The renovation plan puts windows in the wall connecting to the church and adds improved lighting and finishes. Another entrance is the parish house lobby accessed from the garden. Currently, you are greeted by stark walls and a chain link fence. The renovation plan includes lots of interior glass, improved finishes, secure access, and a comfortable, attractive waiting area.

A third aspect of the building that could go under many categories, but here I'm placing it under hospitality and welcome is the restroom facilities. Consider the following current and proposed restroom fixture chart to see how seriously deficient we are currently in meeting code compliance, as well as welcome compliance.

Restroom Fixtures

	<u>Current</u>		<u>Proposed</u>		
	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Unisex</i>
First Floor	2	3	4	4	1
Second Floor	5	2	5	7	
<u>Third Floor</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	
Subtotal	7	5	13	15	1
Total		12		29	

Our building's ability to welcome – an important ingredient in the renovation plan for the Church of the Epiphany.

Remember * Renew * Rejoice

The Campaign for Epiphany Begins

By Nancy Chandler, Leader, Capital Campaign
Ministry Team

As always, Homecoming Sunday, September 9, will be an eventful day in the life of The Church of the Epiphany. In addition to the many programs starting back up, Homecoming will mark the official beginning of the Campaign for Epiphany. The Campaign for Epiphany is actually a blend of a capital campaign for the renovation of our buildings and a financial stewardship campaign for the funding of our ministries. Both campaigns will run concurrently and culminate on Commitment Sunday, November 18, when we will all give thanks to God by placing two pledges on the altar at the 11:00am Eucharist.

Our campaign consultant, The James Company, reported to us in July of the findings from their Feasibility Study of a capital campaign at Epiphany, which was done earlier in the summer. Many of you participated in that endeavor by filling out a survey and/or personally speaking to consultant John Clark. The report of the James Company concluded, "There is a clear consensus that a majority of respondents feel that Epiphany should move forward with a capital funding appeal. Even the most skeptical of respondents indicated that the church should proceed with a capital campaign to determine the level of financial support, and then decide upon the scope of the Master Plan based on the results of the appeal."

In terms of funding levels, the Feasibility Study concluded, "Based on the giving patterns of the church, the church surveys, and the results of individual interviews, a realistic goal range for a three-year building fund appeal would be \$550,000 - \$1,000,000." The remainder of the overall cost of the renovation plan of \$8-11 million would be funded from outside sources – grants, businesses, and other friends of Epiphany. That part of the campaign will take place in 2008. Once total funding levels have been determined, it will be the job of the Renovation Ministry Team to prioritize the list of projects included in the Master Plan and to determine projects to be accomplished in this phase of renovation.

"Remember, Renew, Rejoice" is the theme for the Campaign for Epiphany, as well as the ongoing motto describing our parish mission. These words will be displayed on banners on the interior and exterior of the church. Through these dual campaigns we hope to

renovate our buildings, fund our ministries, and grow in faith. Look to hear more about these themes as we make our way through the next several months.

A special Campaign Newsletter will be mailed to you in September to let you know of special events that will be taking place. Renovation reflections and talks will be a part of Sunday liturgies over the next several months. Following the service on All Saints' Sunday, November 4, the Campaign Main Event featuring a luncheon will be held at a local venue. Plan now to be at church on Sunday, September 9 as we begin the process of funding the renovation and ministries of The Church of the Epiphany in downtown Washington. Let the Campaign begin!

Community Bible Study Begins!

On Homecoming Sunday, September 9, at 10am in the Willard Room, we will begin our ongoing study of the Gospel of Mark. We will use *The Gospel of Mark: Jesus-Powerful, Courageous, Trusting*, which is part of the Kerygma Bible Study Curriculum. Each group participant will receive a copy of this resource book to use outside of class in order to prepare for the next Sunday's lesson. **Please sign-up for your copy by using the sheet on the education bulletin board outside the parish office. The cost is \$18, a voluntary offering which will help defray the costs of the ministry.**

Our goals for Community Bible Study are to:

- Know more about the Bible and how it speaks to our lives now
- Grow closer to God and deepen our sense of community
- Study God's activity in history so we can see it in our lives
- Maintain a spirit of inquiry and openness
- Listen for how God speaks through each of us

The Bible study will be led by parishioners supported by the staff. **If you are interested or desire to be a leader of this group, plan to attend a training day on Saturday, September 8 at 10am.** We will provide you with skills for leading and ideas for the experience of discovering scripture. Please let Caroline Klam or Susan Walker, program associate, know of your interest. We will be providing lunch that day and will need to know how many are attending.

What Did You Read this Summer? – Epiphany Staff Book Reviews

Summer seems to be the season that affords more time for leisurely reading. So, I asked the church staff to tell about a book they enjoyed this summer. The two reviews below are from Mary Dail and Anne-Marie Jeffery.

Light On Snow by Anita Shreve

My bus commute affords lots of reading time, so I am fortunate not to be limited to summer reading. In the last few years, I have been captivated by the writing of Anita Shreve. At last year's Epiphany Book Sale, I picked up her novel, *Light On Snow*, and finally got around to reading it this summer.

This is the story of a teenaged girl and her father, living in a small New Hampshire town where they happened to settle because they missed a turn in the road. They had left New York City two years earlier, after deaths of their wife/mother and infant son/brother in an automobile accident. The father had turned away from a high-powered, successful career as an architect, to become a reclusive furniture maker.

As the story opens, the father and daughter are out on a walk. It is nearly Christmas, and snow has blanketed the countryside. They hear almost recognizable cries and decide to follow the sounds to their source. There, under a tree, wrapped only in a thin blanket, is a newborn infant. They rescue the baby and become involved in the search for her parents.

The story that develops is of a man's struggle to return to life after losing most of his family, and a daughter's struggle to find her way toward adulthood in a small town, isolated from long-time friends, with no female role model, and with a father too withdrawn into his own grief to help her.

When a stranger happens by their home in search of a piece of furniture, she is forced to remain because of a snowstorm. What is an awakening of the man's spirit and of the young girl's awareness of her own capabilities.

This novel is about growth – of spirit, of trust, of self. It is about finding a new way when things are suddenly turned upside down and nothing is as expected. It is about being led by the spirit and about all the little epiphanies that, together, are life changing.
...*Mary Dail, Parish Administrator*

Otherland Series (v. 1-4) by Tad Williams

This summer I enjoyed reading through the *Otherland Series*, science fiction about the internet of the future. The books were recommended to me by parishioner, Anne Ramsey. I love science fiction, but find it hard to read it as a projection of what science could be or do in the future, rather than as pure fantasy. This series does the former, using the internet. The books describe a world where the internet has become a virtual reality world – one which seems quite possible one of these days. In this world, screens are still used to get information, but many people prefer actually entering the net wearing virtual reality gear, or even with an implant into the brain to interface with the information on the net. Commands are given by a flick of the wrist and you can adjust where you want to go in this virtual world and how others see you. The story is very gripping, and the series is a fast and enjoyable read. One story is about children coming down with a mystery disease associated with being on the net. The brother of a South African professor is one of these children, and she and other characters set out on a journey inside the net to get to the bottom of what is happening.

....*Anne-Marie Jeffery, Urban Missioner*

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS FALL AT EPIPHANY MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

OCTOBER 7: CREATION SUNDAY
THE RT. REV GENE ROBINSON
PREACHING AT 8 AND 11AM
THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
AT 10AM

**OCTOBER 13: ROCK CREEK CEMETARY
WALK WITH ARCHIVIST TRIPP JONES**

OCTOBER 28: CONFIRMATION CLASS

**NOVEMBER 3: DIOCESAN
CONFIRMATION AT NATIONAL
CATHEDRAL**

NOVEMBER 4: ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

The Wheels are in Motion: Preview of a New Season

By Christian M. Clough, Director of Music Ministries

I tend to get anxious when the start of a new program year looms on the autumn-gold horizon. Summer vacation has gobbled up the “extra” hours that were meant for cleaning off ledges and tables in the Music Room, and the schedule of anthems for the choir shows more blanks than I like to see as the first rehearsal approaches. I am, I have learned, a “deadline duelist”, so I become both more effective and more anxious as I hear the distant footsteps of singers approaching. I am also, fortunately, surprised by the serendipity of inspiration, and frequently have moments of joyful excitement when neat ideas pop into my head.

This year, I am, for the first time ever, more expectant than nervous about the start of the choir season. I have found music that I am eager to bring to life with the Epiphany Choir and congregation. I am also energized by the approaching concert that the Welcome Table Choir will present on Sunday 28 October. We have grown a great deal in our first year together, and I look forward to sharing our gifts with parishioners and neighbors.

A critical component of my recent work in renewing congregational song is that the People of God need new songs to express their own present-day hopes and fears, joys and sorrows. Certainly, that was a central tenet of the summer course I took at Yale in June. New musical and theological ideas surface with every passing generation. New hymns are written, new melodies composed to carry those melodies. New choral and instrumental music is penned, sometimes to new texts, sometimes reusing old words, either familiar or not. As musicians (including all who sing or play an instrument, including worshipers in the pews!) living in the present, we are given the privilege to bring new works to life, sometimes for the first time. Not all that we hear or perform will survive the test of time, but as music of today, it seems to me that it deserves to breathe some of today’s air.

This is a difficult time for great new music in the Church, and elsewhere. Budgets are tight all over; public favor for “classical” (or “art”) music is as thin as it has been in centuries; music education is so abysmal in so many places to have left us with – now – successive generations of musically illiterate citizens; recorded music has stamped out the need for living beings to make music in order to hear music (think “iPod”); royal and other historic forms of patronage are sparse (in the Church, at least); publishers and music retailers are struggling to survive. All of this severely constrains our ability to [write and] “sing a new song to the Lord”.

For all of these reasons, and because I have great faith in our collective curiosity and open-mindedness at Epiphany, I am looking forward to taking some journeys into new musical territory with you this coming season. Sometimes “new” means newly created, and at other times

it may mean newly discovered. And, to some extent, whenever an ensemble returns to something familiar with new members or a new leader, understanding and interpretation of a piece of music will change. In that sense, it becomes something at least partly new.

We will continue what we began this summer, learning new hymns and other congregational music to build on the repertoire we already know and treasure, and we will experience some new, newly rediscovered, or otherwise unfamiliar choral and organ music, including quite a few compositions of our time: the late 20th and early 21st centuries. The Choir will learn two wonderful anthems by Jonathan Dove, the American premiere of whose Koethener Messe we gave in June 2006, and we will visit the world of “mystic minimalism” through music of living Estonian composer Arvo Pärt. In Advent, we will focus on motets of Joseph Rheinberger, a stylistically conservative, yet gifted Roman Catholic composer who studied and worked in Bavaria in the late-nineteenth century. We will experience music by Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg, whose sacred-music was limited and remains relatively unknown. We will venture into Latino traditions at Christmastime, when we bring to light Conrad Susa’s (a living American composer) lovely settings of traditional Spanish and Hispanic Christmas carols. We will celebrate the Feasts of the Epiphany and the Resurrection with treasures from Johann Sebastian Bach.

Really, what I describe as our new season begins is not all that different from what my predecessors have, I suspect, done here at Epiphany for years and years. What I hope, however, is that we may all think of our sacred musical offerings as treasures performed by the always-new voice that sings out of the ever-changing world in which we live.

Join the Epiphany Choir this year!

The Epiphany Choir is always happy to welcome new members, especially at the beginning of the season. Whatever your previous musical experience or your musical abilities, we invite you to consider joining the Choir. Rehearsals, normally held 7:15 – 9:15 PM in the church on Thursdays begin 6 September. We enjoy making music together, supporting the Epiphany community in worship, praising God through music, and sharing our lives with each other. The Choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 10 AM for the 11 AM liturgy, and sings at several other events throughout the year. You are welcome to attend rehearsals, with no obligation to join, to see if singing with us would be a good fit for you. Christian Clough, Director of Music Ministries, and any number of our current Choir members would be happy to talk with you about the rewards and responsibilities that are part of singing in the Choir. Please speak with one of us after church, or contact Christian at cclough@epiphanydc.org or 202.347.2635 x18.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 2007 CALENDAR The Church of the Epiphany				Shakespeare Theatre Rehearsal 10:00am Sept 1-9		1
2 The 14th Sunday After Pentecost 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 7:30 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 9:10 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Parish Forum – Ministry with Downtown Poor 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist 12:15 Coffee Hour	3 Church and Parish Office Closed in observance of Labor Day	4 11:00 Street Church prep 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tues Concert Series 1:00 St Church Liturgy 2:00 St Sense Vendor Training 6:00 Urban Ministry Committee	5 10:00 3:00 Labyrinth 10:00 Staff Meeting - 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist	6 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training 6:00 Street Sense New Volunteer Orientation	7 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Islamic Prayer Service	8 10:00 Community Bible Study leaders' training
9 The 15th Sunday After Pentecost, Capital Campaign Kick Off, Homecoming Sunday 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 7:30 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 9:10 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Community Bible Study 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist/Godly Play 12:15 Homecoming Lunch	10 7:00 YSOP 12:00 AA 12:10 Contemplative Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer 3:00 YSOP dinner	11 11:00 Street Church prep. 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert Series 1:00 Street Church 2:00 SS Vendor Train. 2:30 YSOP -- Parish Hall 5:30 Supper & Capital Campaign Leaders Training	12 10:00 Labyrinth /Staff Meeting 12:00 AA/ Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:00 YSOP 2:00 Street Sense Vendors' Mtg 6:00 Fellowship and Light Epiphany Crs. 6:00 Street Sense Editorial Board	13 12:00 Committee of 100 Board 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training	14 Holy Cross Day 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Islamic Prayer Service 6:00 Epiphany Course	15 9:00 Epiphany Course
16 The 16th Sunday After Pentecost 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 7:30 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 9:10 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist/Godly Play 12:15 Coffee Hour 12:45 20S/30S Scripture Session/Epiphany Course 12:45 Worship Ministry Team	17 12:00 Committee of 100 Zoning Committee 12:00 AA 12:10 Contemplative Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer	18 11:00 Street Church preparation 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert 1:00 Street Church 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training 6:30 Group Spiritual Direction	19 10:00 Labyrinth 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Mtg. 6:00 Fellowship and Light Epiphany Crs	20 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Fall Fundraiser Concert 12:10 Holy Eucharist 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training 5:00 FallFundraiser: Garden Party	21 St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Islamic Prayer Service	22 Shrine Mont Weekend
23 The 17th Sunday After Pentecost Shrine Mont Weekend 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 7:30 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 9:10 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist/Godly Play 12:15 Coffee Hour 12:45 Epiphany Course 1:00 Gay Mens Chorus recording session	24 12:00 AA 12:10 Contemplative Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer 6:00 Vestry	25 11:00 Street Church preparation 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert 1:00 Street Church Liturgy 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training	26 10:00 Labyrinth 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist 6:00 Fellowship and Light Epiphany Crs	27 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training	28 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Islamic Prayer Service	29 St. Michael and All Angels
30 The 18th Sunday After Pentecost 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 7:30 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 9:10 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist/Godly P Lay 12:15 Coffee Hour 12:45 Epiphany Course						

LOST & FOUND - THE PARABLES

Epiphany's Eleventh Annual Fall Weekend

September 21-23, 2007

Shrine Mont Conference Center, Orkney Springs, VA

A Formation Program for Everyone

Experience Jesus' stories about the God who seeks what is lost.
Come to explore parables through meditation, drama and study.

Other Activities for Children and Adults

Friday Night Bon Fire

Saturday Ice Cream Social & Dance Party

Free time for hiking or relaxing

Family-style meals

Worship in the outdoor Cathedral

If you've never been to Shrine Mont

It's located in the village of Orkney Springs, Virginia, at the foot of the Great North Mountain.
We guarantee fresh mountain air, nourishing food, and lots of time for being with each other.

\$140 adults; **\$78** children 8-12 years; **\$30** children 4-7 years; **FREE** children 3 & younger.
Register closes September 17. Forms available at church or at www.epiphanydc.org.

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