



Parish Guide

Newsletter of The Church of the Epiphany
Washington, DC

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Rector's Journal

By Randolph Charles

The Campaign for Epiphany. Please read the accompanying Campaign Newsletter, which provides some basic information about The Campaign for Epiphany. You will be receiving several other mailings over the next weeks which will inform you about the facts, events, and goals of our Campaign to renovate buildings and fund ministries. The Campaign theme is: **Remember, Renew, Rejoice**. I have listed below a very exciting schedule of Sunday Campaign events. I encourage you to participate fully in The Campaign for Epiphany and to hold it in your prayers.

Campaign Schedule

Sep 30 Campaign Preacher: Randolph Charles:
Remember, Renew, Rejoice

Oct 7 Guest Preacher: Bishop Gene Robinson,
Diocese of New Hampshire

Oct 14 Campaign Preacher: Dawson Nash: Renew

Oct 21 Guest Preacher: Canon Carter Echols, Diocese
of Newark

Oct 28 Campaign Play: Tripp Jones and Parishioners:
Remember

Nov 4 Guest Preacher: Bishop Jane Dixon, Ret.,
Diocese of Washington. All Saints' Feast: Fun,
Music, Fellowship, and Campaign Presentations

Nov 11 Campaign Preacher: Brenda Morris: Rejoice

Nov 18 Commitment Sunday Offering of Pledge Cards
Annual Parish Meeting

Nov 25 Commitment Sunday II

Dec 2 Celebration Sunday, Announcement of Pledge
Results. Campaign Celebration Party

Creation Sunday: October 7. We are blessed to have **The Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson, Bishop of New Hampshire**, to make a return visit to Epiphany. He was first here in the fall of 2004. Bp. Robinson will preach at both 8:00am and 11:00am. In addition to the presence of Bp. Robinson, we will celebrate Creation Sunday with A Blessing of the Animals in our Garden at 10:00am and a Creation Eucharist at 11:00am. Bring your friends, your pets, and yourself to Epiphany on October 7. It will be a very special day in the life of our parish.

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Note: The deadline for submitting articles to the November Parish Guide Newsletter is Wednesday, October 24.

Parables Invite Us.....

By Larry Ellis

What an opening! Parables invite us in to orientation, disorientation, and reorientation leading to transformation.

Wow, what a lead-in to two very short days at Orkney Springs, Virginia, which we know as Shrine Mont. About twenty of us gathered for what promised to be an exciting weekend.

Our attention was given to a parable from Luke 15:1-10 concerning the shepherd who left the ninety-nine sheep to find the one lost sheep. When found, the shepherd carried the sheep on his shoulders and invited his neighbors to rejoice with him. Then we considered the woman who lost one silver coin and scoured the house in search of it. When found, she invited her neighbors to rejoice with her. The lost is found.

We prepared ourselves for being in God's presence, prayed, and choose one the parables that spoke to us individually. We pursued the parable from many angles and imaged sitting with Jesus and what he might be saying to us.

We partnered with another participant to relate our experiences. What a powerful session that was.

The most exciting segment of the program was splitting up into three groups to devise a modern day parable to be presented to the group as a whole. What an exciting, energetic, and creative period. Our group, as I am sure was the same for the others, experienced orientation, disorientation, and reorientation, leading to a transformation. Each group's parable was vastly different, but related the experience of being lost and found.

This weekend was a life-giving, transforming experience for all of us. And it provided us with two evenings of socializing with old and new friends, and young children to boot.

Shrine Mont is an experience that is hard to relate on paper, but is unforgettable. Each time, so different, but oh, so spiritually fulfilling, and encouraging with serenity and calm.

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.”

Jim Dobson, Veronique Bagoudou, and Afi Dobson

Linda and Gus Horrigan

Cliff and Lee Knorr

Melvin Palmer

Meredith Nelson, daughter of Jamie and Suzanne Nelson, sister of Amelia

Lisa Wilson

Sara Dix

Donald Snyder

We remember those who have died

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

Jack Gibson, husband of Doris Gibson, who died September 14, 2007

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, Floyd Godfrey, 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, Anne Dailey, 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, Thelma, Evie, Niki, Gurkan, Kevin, Beth, and Brianna.

We celebrate these October birthdays

Wade Brennom, October 1; Sue Boyer and Frances McOwen, October 2; Abigail Nichols and Patricia Rhodes, October 3; Gigi Barse, October 6; Max Burg, Shane Farthing, and Nora Ottley, October 8; Julie McConnell, October 10; Nancy Augustine and Brian Streaty, October 11; John Walsh, October 12; Irene Wu, October 15; Tom Riggs, October 16; Kimball Beck, October 19; Samuel Wright, October 20; Gloria Said and Susan Weinbeck, October 21; Teresa Hobgood, October 24; Emma Bass, October 26; Yvette Smith, October 27; Roosevelt Smith, October 28; Susan DeLaurentis, Naomi Govindaraj, and Josephine Walsh, October 29; Lydia Taylor, October 30; Jennifer Cate and Sharon Hermonstine, October 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 swalker@epiphanydc.org.

Outreach Opportunities this Fall

By Susan Weinbeck, Outreach Ministry Team member

Thanksgiving Dinner is a tradition at The Church of the Epiphany. On Wednesday night, November 21st, 150 guests will be served a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Our priority is to serve the folks who are often Welcome Table guests on Sundays. Parishioners are welcome to volunteer with set-up, serving, and clean up, and especially to sponsor meals for guests. The cost of each dinner will be \$25. Due to increased costs related to the Thanksgiving meal, this charge is more than in previous years. Your generosity will enable those who are frequent guests at breakfast to also have a lovely Thanksgiving dinner at this annual event. Note on your checks, how many guest you wish to sponsor for dinner. Contact Susan Weinbeck at rweinbeck@comcast.net or the church office, 202-347-2635 to indicate your availability to volunteer.

Samaritan Ministry

Samaritan Ministry impacts increasing numbers of people helping change the lives of homeless and those experiencing poverty. In the twelve months ending August 2007, 1042 individuals were served thru the services at the three Samaritan Ministry sites. (That's a 32% increase from the previous year.)

Through the **Parish Partner Program** including some 40 local churches, we ask an annual pledge of time, talents, and or financial support. The Church Epiphany has been an active Parish Partner during the 25 history of Samaritan Ministry.

There are several opportunities for parishioners at Epiphany to expand the pledge of service:

Help the Homeless Walk-a-thon- Do you enjoy a brisk walk in the crisp fall air with others who are committed to helping? Walk with Samaritan Ministry in the Fannie Mae Foundation 2007 Help the Homeless Program November 17th on the National Mall. Call Diane Lewis (202) 722 2280 or contact her at dlewis@samaritanministry.org to sign up.

Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets are provided to program participants. Items are needed to fill these baskets to the top. See the Missions bulletin board for a list of needed edibles or contact Catherine Rodman (202) 722 2280 or at crodman@samaritanministry.org to sign up. Items are needed by November 19th.

Family Christmas Party – A program for participants and their families will be Sunday, December 2nd, from 2 - 4 PM at St. Timothy's Church in SE. Parents have a chance to shop for their children in the Santa Shop while children are engaged in activities. All sorts of items are needed to make this a grand event including : new books and toys, clothing for children, gift cards, gift wrapping, and volunteers to help with crafts, to transport guests, to

lead carol sing- a- longs. What a joyous event to be involved with. Call Catherine Rodman (202) 722 2280 or at crodman@samaritanministry.org to sign up. See the church outreach bulletin board for more information.

There's so much happening that makes Samaritan Ministry such a needed program. If you'd like to know more about the multiplicity of activities first hand, I encourage you to attend a Next Step Experience, an hour long overview. See the Church outreach bulletin board for more information or contact Diane Aten at (202) 722 2280 or at daten@samaritanministry.org.

St. Francis Church, Great Falls has an innovative way in which they support Samaritan Ministry. They offer a dollar-for-dollar match to any increases in giving this year from other parishes (including individual gifts) up to a total of \$5,000. Can you help take advantage of the potential of this grant?

Reaching Out Through Outreach

By Pat Pickering, Outreach Ministry Team leader

At Epiphany, we reach out in many ways both individually and as representatives of the parish. We know that dozens of volunteers help at the Welcome Table, and Street Church, reaching out to our guests with their time and talent. Others serve on the city's boards of social service and advocacy organizations. Epiphany contributes its treasure, while our representatives contribute their time and talent. Through them, we contribute to the welfare of the city, supporting our beliefs in a world that sometimes overlooks "the least of our brothers and sisters".

Samaritan Ministries is one of those organizations (see article about them in this same issue of the Guide). It works to help people who find themselves afflicted in some way to get them back on the road to a good life. We help support the organization financially through our Outreach contribution, and Susan Weinbeck represents Epiphany serving on their Board.

Episcopal Senior Ministries (ESM) assists the seniors both in our parishes and through several programs in the community. Parishioners Anne Schmidt and Larry Ellis serve on both the Board and several committees, while Epiphany contributes financially to ESM's work.

The Downtown Cluster of Congregations (DCC) advocates for the poor as well as downtown churches and provides direct services to the homeless through staff social workers. Anne Schmidt and Pat Pickering serve on the Board and Council while Outreach funds also help to support the organization.

The Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Day Care Center serves the frail elderly of the District helping them stay in their homes by providing day care so that their caregivers are able to continue to work during the day. Epiphany contributes to the support of the program and Anne Schmidt serves on the Board.

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

- *"It's time to either fish or cut bait. We have studied the issue long enough. It's time to see what the parish will support."*
- *"Keep the momentum going!"*

Parishioner Questions

Q. *"I'm concerned that we will not be able to raise enough money."*

A. The renovation proposal represents a master plan. The extent to which we carry out the plan will be determined by what we raise through Epiphany's Capital Campaign. What we don't accomplish now will perhaps be done in a later phase. If the entire plan cannot be funded now, the tough job comes in prioritizing what gets done first. Once the capital campaign is concluded, the Renovation Ministry Team will grapple with that issue and make a recommendation to the vestry. While phasing is a good plan, it's important to keep in mind that the more we can get done initially, the bigger bang we will get for the buck.

Renovation Feature

"Building On a Solid Foundation"

By Brad Carpenter

(RMT Leader's Note: Brad is a new Epiphany parishioner and the newest member of the Renovation Ministry Team. Professionally, Brad is a structural engineer.)

A few weeks ago, I was asked (as part of my work on the Renovation Ministry Team) to write an article for the Parish Guide; the subject would be repairs to the structure of the church and parish house. Now for those of you who don't know me, I am a forensic engineer, and am regularly called upon in the design, investigation and rehabilitation of buildings... sort of a physician for buildings new and old. While I quickly reveled in the opportunity to discuss the various structural items that are being proposed for the renovation project here at Epiphany, I found myself having difficulty putting my thoughts into a framework which you, the parish, may find both informative and interesting. To be sure, talking about structure, the building envelope, and

durability may not be the type of conversation most people strike up in their free time, nor does it have the same sort of glamour as discussing the interior improvements to the worship space, the parish house, or the support spaces. But the structure and safety of the building is likely it's second most important function to that of worship.

I have had the pleasure of reading the lengthy and quite thorough report by Rogers Krajnak Architects, Inc., the consulting architects hired to perform the investigation, analysis, and conceptual design of programmatic, aesthetic, and structural repairs and changes to the church and parish hall. What they have found is the building that we have inherited from previous generations has undergone countless renovations, additions, and modifications. They find that the bulk of the structure of the church and parish house is in relatively good condition; likely the result of the sturdiness of the initial design, time honored materials (namely 18 inches of brick masonry) and construction techniques, and proper maintenance which have all helped the church withstand the elements of time and the universal concern for all buildings, water. This being said, they also note that there are some concerns that must be looked at in greater depth, such as the cracks in the interior plaster of the nave and chancel, the condition of the masonry crenellations of the bell tower, the roof of the parish house, and several other building components that are nearing the end of their service life and will likely need rehabilitation well above plaster and a coat of paint.

The largest structural concern that is discussed in the report is of the movement observed in the masonry walls, particularly the east and west walls of the nave and chancel. The movement is the result of settlement due to the age of the building and the type of foundations (likely stone foundations only) as well as the adjacent construction. We know that most of the movement occurred during the construction of the adjacent office buildings; most is well documented and required permanent repair to stabilize the building. The previous movement of the east and west walls of the church required buttressing of the walls, improvements to portions of the foundation, and insertion of turnbuckles at the tops of the walls in the chancel. The movement caused a large amount of the cracking visible in the plaster finishes of the church, particularly the northwest corner of the bell tower, the arches at the transept, and the walls of the chancel. Much of the remaining damage to the plaster is the result of roof and wall leakage which has since been eliminated through repairs to the roofs.

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The Church of the Epiphany & The Washington Theological Union Invite You to:

Nourish Your Soul –Brown Bag Lunch and Presentation

**Thursdays, 12:30 – 1:30 pm
Parish Hall**

This is a free event open to all.

Epiphany is located at:

1317 G St, NW, Metro Center (13th and G Sts. exit)

Thursday, November 1

Spiritual Friendship: Being Part of the Communion of Saints Here on Earth

Presented by Kathleen Hope Brown, D.Min, Director of Formation for Ministry, with David M. Orr

Through poetry and narrative, this talk will explore what it means to walk with another in the journey of faith, why and how spiritual friendship is both a ministry and a gift. Kathy and David are the authors of a recent book, *Companions on the Journey: The Gift of Spiritual Friendship*.

Thursday, December 6

Advent Hopes

Presented by Edward McCormack, Ph.D.

Chair, Pastoral Studies Department

Although Advent is a season of preparation for the birth of Christ, much of society considers it the season of consumption! In this talk, Ed will speak about Advent as a season of hope that points to the risen Christ as the one through whom our deepest hopes will be realized.

Thursday, January 10

Living Well, Dying Well

Presented by Kevin O’Neil, CSsR

Associate Professor, Department of Systematic and Moral Theology

This presentation will focus on ethical issues at the end of life and how they also touch on issues that are at the heart of the moral life for the living as well as the dying.

Thursday, February 7

Repent and Live

Presented by James Wallace, CSsR

Professor, Department of Word and Worship

The Lent and Easter cycle of Sunday readings provides encounters and images for preachers, teachers, and all of us to enrich our own lives. Attention will be given to some of these texts and some suggested ways to work with them, whether for self-enrichment or in serving others in the church.

Thursday, March 6

Seeing Liturgically: The Arts in Christian Worship

Presented by Patrick Ellis, PhD

Director of Arts for Theology and Ministry Program

Art and aesthetics in Christian liturgical traditions is not simply a matter of taste ... but a theological and a teaching responsibility. This visual presentation will explore the history and development of liturgical art and aesthetics over the last fifty years.

The Washington Theological Union, a Roman Catholic Graduate School of Theology and Ministry, educates men and women who seek further understanding of their faith and spirituality. Washington Theological Union has been in the Washington DC area for nearly forty years as a graduate level institution and a resource for the greater metropolitan community for spiritual enrichment.

We are fortunate to have two new seminarians join us at Epiphany. This month’s Parish Guide introduces us to Libby Gibson. Next month we will hear from Beth Reed.

Meet Libby Gibson, Seminarian

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is such a privilege to be a learner among you at the Church of the Epiphany. When my family moved to Washington, Epiphany was the first church we attended and we instantly felt and saw how strong the Spirit is in this place! For the previous eighteen years, I lived in Charlottesville, VA with my husband (Miles), three children (Sophie, Phoebe, Teddy), two dogs (Ben, Lizzy), and one cat (Bailey). We were quite the sight driving up route 29 in our old VW wagon! We now live in Annandale, VA and the girls attend our neighborhood elementary school—ask them about Columbia Elementary as they love to talk about their school. Teddy comes to the seminary with me each day for preschool at “The Butterfly House,” and gets to ride “Mommy’s bus” to his school. Although Miles received his PhD in English, he now works in the Information Technology practice at the Corporate Executive Board and is really enjoying learning about the corporate world.

While in Charlottesville, I attended undergraduate and graduate school and later worked on the Hospice Unit at the University of Virginia Hospital. I loved being with the patients and their families at such critical times in their lives, and learned a great deal from them. As the only teaching hospital in central Virginia, we were the primary source of care for many people at the end-of-life. Many of our patients were far from home, so one of the hospice nurses and I developed a program called the “Art of Dying.” Each year we trained between twenty and fifty medical student volunteers to simply be with the dying. Much mutual

Christ House is a convalescent care community of homeless and poor people with no other access to residential health care. Epiphany provides one meal a month which is prepared and served by several Epiphany parishioners and friends. New volunteers are welcome to join us.

Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) advocates and organizes to assist low income and poor DC residents to have a voice in decisions of the city. Although we contribute to the organization, we currently have no one representing Epiphany on the Board. **Time, talent and treasure** - these are the elements Epiphany uses to reach out through our Outreach program. If you are interested in more information on the outreach programs, or in participating, please call Pat Pickering 703-243-6183.

THANKS AND THANKS AGAIN

Words cannot express the depth of my gratitude for your prayers, calls, visits and many kindnesses during my recent "troubles". I feel sure it is because all these things and the grace of God that I am feeling so well. Thank you my dear friends and Epiphany Family. Pat Pickering

Where Jesus Would Be Comfortable (8.27.2007)

By Paul Munn, <http://cimarronline.blogspot.com>

Paul Munn has taken on a pilgrimage lifestyle. This past August, he and wife Heather journeyed through Washington and attended Epiphany's 8 o'clock, Sunday morning Welcome Table Eucharist and Breakfast. With Paul's permission, here is his journal entry about that experience.

The city was very quiet yesterday morning, almost no traffic and few people on the street. Until I got to the church. There were guys waiting outside, and then most of the church was filled with homeless people, but still quiet. The bible study was lively. People's respect for each other and willingness to listen impressed me. And the leader was clearly not a graduate of the school of hard knocks, but the others seemed to respect him anyway, maybe because he also respected them. That gives me hope.

But the church service afterwards impressed me more. It was an assembly almost completely of people from the street. A congregation I could really see Jesus comfortable in.

The small choir seemed to be mostly made up of people from the congregation. One of the best male singers even told of being beaten and abandoned by his parents in a motel room when he was eight months old. He had a wonderful, booming voice. During communion

he sang a well-known, and quite intricate, version of the Lord's prayer; it gave me shivers as he reached the climax at the end.

About half of the people gathered in the church seemed to participate. Others were just waiting for breakfast, I guess. But there were several testimonies, and a large number of people came up for communion. Their eagerness to come was quite noticeable. When the invitation came, people just streamed out of the pews and flooded up around the communion rail.

I'll remember that image. I think sacraments like communion (and anointing, which they also offered after the service) may be very valuable ways to communicate God's love in a simple, physical way to the people who come to our retreats. People who may not be so interested in complicated talk or theology. Even if they are not familiar with such practices, the symbolism is easily grasped, and full of meaning.

Fall Fundraiser Report

By Nancy Augustine, *Community Funding Ministry Team Leader*

On Thursday, September 20, this parish did something it hasn't very often in recent years. It held two fundraisers, aimed at boosting community (i.e., non-parishioner) support for its ministries.

The first event of the day was a noon-time concert featuring a quintet of performers from the Washington Brass. Many of our regular Tuesday Concert Series attendees joined us, as well as others who heard about the program.

The second event was a garden party and silent auction. Attendees had the opportunity to bid on items donated by parishioners and other members of the community. Offerings included gift certificates to many area theaters, restaurants, and services. Parishioners donated and recruited weekend getaways, original art, and home-baked pies!

Tickets for both events were sold at the door and - another first for Epiphany - in advance through our website. Now that this capability is set up, we're able to accept online donations for a wide range of activities and events.

These events come on the heels of our second used book sale, held in August.

In the coming weeks, the Community Funding Ministry Team will start planning for the next round of events.

Big thanks to Sarah Papazoglakis and Mimi Tangum who took the lead in planning and coordinating the events.

ministry transpired during this time, and it was incredible to see God working in and among the patients, students and staff.

After eight years, I left my position with hospice and began working with the committees that oversee the conduct of research with human subjects. While I missed the intensity of the work with hospice, I learned a tremendous amount about the administration of a complex review system that integrated regulations from various federal and state agencies. My greatest accomplishment from my work during this time was coordinating a committee of forty people that actually reached a consensus and made a unanimous recommendation to our Vice President. The Lord is good indeed!

It was during my time with the Vice President for Research that I entered the discernment process in my home parish, St. Paul's in Ivy, VA. While I had felt called to ordained ministry much earlier in life, I was SURE that God didn't really mean it. Through the prayers and support of my friends at St. Paul's, I persevered in the process and was accepted as a postulant in the diocese of Virginia.

As I begin my work at Epiphany, I look forward to meeting each of you, hearing how God is working in your lives, and learning new ways to praise God and care for all of God's people.

Blessings,
Libby

Urban Missioner's Log

By The Rev. Anne-Marie Jeffery

This will be my last Urban Missioner's log. It has been a crazy few weeks getting ready to leave Epiphany, and preparing to be the Priest-in-Charge at St. James in Bowie and to be the Episcopal Chaplain at Bowie State University. It has been a quick transition. I have not had much time to say goodbye, pack my office and make sure my files so someone else can make sense of them. Even as I write, my office is filled with boxes, and much is left to be taken off the wall and packed away.

I am excited and sad at the same time. Epiphany has been a very special place for me. This is where I began my ministry as a deacon and a priest. I am also excited about facing a new and different challenge.

I learned a lot at Epiphany. I learned about reaching out, welcoming others – all sorts of others – and taking risks. I have been surrounded by people who are serious about their ministry in the world, and who continue to reach out despite financial and social challenges. This has been an amazing place for me where I have learned to be a priest. At Epiphany, I have learned to preach and to pastor among everyone from the poor to the well off. I have enjoyed getting to know the many different personalities who come through the doors.

Epiphany has also been a place of healing for me. My father died a couple of days after I started working here

and this was the community that held me up as I navigated those first few months of grief. At Epiphany, I was loved and supported through that time.

As I go forward to a new ministry, I feel that you have prepared me and sent me out to share your spirit. I will always remember that visit from Bishop Chane almost 3 years ago when he said we have to give away what we have at Epiphany. I will strive to do that wherever I go.

I want to say a special thank you for the portrait of myself from Mary Rand, the local artist who works in our courtyard and in the neighboring Au Bon Pain Restaurant. Apparently, she had quite the time getting it done, since I am in the habit of dropping in during the day and seeing what her latest project is. I also want to thank you for the monetary gift which I was instructed to spend joyfully – not on theology books and not on clergy shirts. I used it to spend the weekend that I had off between leaving Epiphany and starting at St. James at an inn on the Chesapeake Bay. It was absolutely wonderful weekend and very relaxing. I also am very thankful for the oil stock, the container for healing oil that you gave me. The healing ministry at Epiphany is amazing and life giving and hopefully I will be able to share this ministry of healing wherever I go.

So I want to say thank you very much Epiphany for all you have given to me and shared with me. The ministry that happens at Epiphany has many different dimensions and I feel privileged to have walked with you for a time on your journey. I wish you many blessings in your ministry as you go out and spread the love of God in this world.

Stepping Out With the Archivist Updates on Historic Walking Tours

By Tripp Jones, Parish Archivist

The parish archivist is offering three fun and interesting walking tours this fall of local sites featuring significant Epiphany history. 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 on Saturday mornings and will last approximately two hours, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Video of September's Washington Cathedral Tour

For those not able to join us, September's tour of Washington National Cathedral was videotaped. It is currently being edited. When finished, there will be a screening at church one Sunday after the 11 a.m. liturgy. Stay tuned for details!

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

The following is excerpted from an article entitled, "The Meaning of Life" by the Rev. Anne Kelsey in the most recent issue of *The Anglican Digest*. In her article, Anne describes some of the benefits received from visiting a cemetery.

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“This is a good place for the imagination and for reflection, whether you’re old or young. Often, a cemetery may be that rare quiet spot in the middle of the noisy, busy city. Trees provide shade on hot days, and there are always plenty of paths for walking. A place where the dead rest is a place that encourages the kinds of questions and ponderings that are frequently shoved to the backs of our minds.

“What is the greater meaning of life? What do I really believe happens after death? What problems or issues are understood differently if I see them in the light of my own mortality? What losses continue to define my life? How does my faith inform my responses?”

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

Due to security restrictions, there is a 15-person limit on this tour and unfortunately the reservation list is now full. You are welcome to add your name to the waiting list in case someone cancels.

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.

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Prior to implementing any of the cosmetic repairs in the church, one of the tasks that must be performed is to monitor the walls and cracks to determine if the building is still moving or if it is stable. If the building is stable, then the main goal of the structural work will be to prevent water infiltration into the masonry and provide added support to the most affected (i.e. out of plumb) structural elements where possible. One such opportunity which may be reviewed is the buttressing of the west chancel wall with the addition of new structural elements for the proposed addition to the parish hall. However, we must be cautious and expect that some structural work will need to be performed. I would expect that the masonry of the tower will require some rehabilitation prior to implementation of repairs to the finishes and other cosmetic work. Once any required structural repairs are made, we must still look after the structure of the church and parish house by minimizing the amount of water infiltration through the skin of the building. This will likely be performed hand-in-hand with any cosmetic work to the exterior of the church and parish house.

While I know that some of these challenges may seem uninteresting and have little reward, what I am driving at is that we should all try to avoid the quick-fix, and the rush to enhance the beauty of Epiphany without treating the underlying structure with the attention it needs. To do this, we will require patience and careful

planning to minimize the renovation work that will have to be “re-repaired” later down the road as structural work is performed. It is often difficult to visualize the end result while standing at the beginning of what I expect to be an exciting journey, however I am often told I have done my best work when the owner or caretaker of a structure is unable to tell at first glance that we have even been there; except that the recurring leaks, cracking plaster, wet paint, or stained finishes don’t return. While we will see many new and welcomed changes to both the finishes and the layout of our church and parish house, some changes and improvements may be obscured from view and difficult to value. This does not mean they are unimportant or any less worthy of our attention than those that are more readily visible to the casual observer.

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Parish Forum: Funding Ministry. On **October 14, at 10:00am, in the Willard Room**, there will be a Parish Forum about “Funding Ministry.” Parish forums are a time for us to discuss a specific parish issue and to consider how we can most faithfully and effectively address that issue. Parish forums are a time for honest and constructive conversation. All are invited. Funding our ministries is one of the greatest challenges that we face at Epiphany, so I encourage all of you to come and learn more about ministry and money, and to share your ideas.

Third Thursday Lunch. On **October 18**, we will have our first “Third Thursday Lunch.” Here’s the plan: on the third Thursday of the month, we will offer a free lunch to weekday associates and parishioners that work downtown. Third Thursday Lunches will begin at 12:30 in the parish hall and end by 1:30pm. An invited speaker will offer thoughts on a topic and lead a discussion as we share lunch. **The topic for October 18 is Caring for the Earth: What We Can Do;** the topic for November 15 is Finding Joy at Work: What We Can Do; the topic for December 20 is Taking Care of Ourselves: What We Can Do.

Annual Parish Meeting: November 18. At the Annual Parish Meeting, we will elect one warden and four new members of the vestry. I ask you to think about your fellow parishioners and whom you think might be called to serve as a parish leader on the vestry. Pray about it and then suggest it to the parishioner. If he or she feels called to pursue servant leadership, then let Teresa Hobgood, Warden, or me know. The Nominating Committee will then meet with the parishioner and assist that person in further discernment. Whom do you think God is calling to provide leadership for our parish?

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October 2007 Calendar The Church of the Epiphany	1 12:00 AA 12:10 Contemplative Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer 6:00 RMT	2 9:30 Ford's Theatre auditions 11:00 Street Church Prep 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert 1:00 Street Church Liturgy 2:00 Street S. Vendor Training 6:15 Westlink EMT training	3 10:00 Labyrinth 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist 6:30 Fellowship & Lt: Epiphany Course	4 St. Francis of Assisi 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 2:00 Street S. Vendor Train. 6:00 Street Sense New Volunteer Orientation 6:15 Westlink EMT training 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	5 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:00 Islamic Prayer Service	6
	7 Creation Sunday/19th 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 Blessing of the Animals/Choir Rehearsal 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Creation Eucharist /Godly Play 12:15 Coffee Hour 12:45 Epiphany Course	8 Church and Parish Office closed in Observance of Columbus Day	9 9:30 Ford's Theatre auditions 11:00 Street Church Prep 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert 1:00 Street Church Liturgy 2:00 Street S. Vendor Training 6:00 YSOP Dinner 6:00 Urban Ministry Comm. 6:15 Westlink EMT training	10 10:00 Labyrinth 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 AA / Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist 2:00 Street Sense Vendors' Mtg. 6:00 Street Sense Editorial Board 6:30 Fellowship and Light: Epiphany Course	11 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist - Empl. Diversity event 2:00 Street Sense Vendors Training 5:30 Capital Campaign Caller Training 6:15 Westlink EMT training 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	12 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Islamic Prayer Service
14 The 20th 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 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 C.B.S./Parish Forum: New Members 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist/Godly Play 12:15 Coffee Hour 12:45 20s/30s Brunch/Epiph. Course/OPALS Lunch 12:45 Capital Campaign Callers	15 12:00 Committee of 100 12:00 AA 12:10 Contemplative Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer	16 11:00 Street Church prep. 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert 1:00 Street Church Liturgy 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training 6:15 Westlink EMT training 6:30 Group Spiritual Direction	17 10:00 Labyrinth 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 AA / Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist 2:00 Street Sense Vendors Meeting 6:30 Fellowship and Light: Epiphany Course	18 Saint Luke the Evangelist 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 Third Thursday Lunch 2:00 Street Sense Vendors Training 6:15 Westlink EMT training 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	19 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Islamic Prayer Service 3:00 YSOP dinner	20 All day YSOP 8:00 Regional Assembly for Regions I and II 7:30 St. David's Welsh-American Society concert
21 The 21st 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 Choir Rehearsal/Community Bible Study 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist/Godly Play 12:15 Coffee Hour 12:45 Epiphany Course/Reader Training 5:00 Washington Metro. Philharmonic concert	22 12:00 AA 12:10 Contemplative Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer 6:00 Vestry	23 Saint James of Jerusalem 11:00 Street Church Prep 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert 1:00 Street Church Liturgy 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training 6:00 YSOP Cardoza Dinner 6:15 Westlink EMT training	24 10:00 Labyrinth 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 AA / Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist 6:30 Fellowship and Light: Epiphany Course	25 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training 6:15 Westlink EMT training 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	26 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Islamic Prayer Service 4:00 Dix-Golden wedding rehearsal	27 6:00 Wedding of Sara Dix and Jimmy Golden
28 The 22nd 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 Choir Rehearsal/Community Bible Study 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist/Godly Play 12:15 Coffee Hour 12:45 Confirmation Class 3:00 Welcome Table Choir Concert and Reception	29 12:00 AA 12:10 Contemplative Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer	30 11:00 Street Church preparation 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert 1:00 Street Church Liturgy 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training	31 10:00-3:00 Labyrinth 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist			

Looking Ahead.....All Saints' Day, November 1.

Celebrate this Principal Feast of the Church Year
Attend Holy Eucharist at 12:10pm on November 1
Stay for NOURISH YOUR SOUL,
A LUNCH AND SPEAKERS SERIES
Bring a bag lunch and Epiphany will provide
drinks and desserts

Our Topic:

*SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP: BEING PART OF THE COMMUNION
OF SAINTS HERE ON EARTH*

*Presented by Kathleen Hope Brown, D. Min,
Director of Formation for Ministry at
WTU, with David Orr*

Through poetry and narrative, this talk will explore
what it means to walk with another in the journey
of faith. Kathy and David are the authors of a
recent book, *Companions on the Journey: The Gift
of Spiritual Friendship*.

Creation Sunday Highlights

The Epiphany Choir will debut two exciting
new additions to our choral library on Sunday 7
October, our annual Creation celebration. The
Choir will sing Jonathan Dove's ecstatic anthem
"Seek Him that Maketh the Seven Stars" at the
Offertory, and a 1991 Northern Harmony (shape
note-style) anthem, "Emerald Stream" written by a
then-seventeen-year-old Vermonter whilst kayaking
in Quebec. The Organ Postlude will be Theodore
DuBois's "Fiat Lux" ("Let there be light"), a
delightful confection, depicting in music the
creation of light as called forth in the opening of
Genesis.

Eric Plutz Returns

Epiphany's former Director of Music returns to
the Tuesday Concert Series at 12:10 PM on 23
October for his first solo organ recital at Epiphany
since leaving in early 2005 to become University
Organist at Princeton. Please come to hear Eric's
wonderful musicianship again, and to welcome him
back.

Epiphany Seniors are invited to an

OPALS (Older Persons with Active Life Styles) Lunch

Sunday, October 14. After church in the Willard Room. Bring a dish for a potluck lunch.

Come to eat and catch up with one another

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