



Parish Guide

Newsletter of The Church of the Epiphany
Washington, DC

December 2007

Rector's Journal

By Randolph Charles

The Campaign for Epiphany. To date, there are 49 Renovation Fund pledges for a total of \$536,567, and 56 Ministry Fund pledges for a total of \$182,377. We are off to a good start, but we still have a ways to go to meet the Ministry Fund goal of \$350,000 and, even though we have already reached the Renovation Fund goal range of \$500,000-1,000,000, the more funds that are pledged and paid, the more funds we will be able to raise outside the parish.

Remember to be practical, passionate, and prayerful in considering your pledge amounts.

Pledge an amount that makes sense. Pledge an amount that brings you joy. Pledge an amount that you feel God is calling you to give in order for Epiphany to minister in downtown Washington. If you need another pledge card or Campaign materials, they will be in the narthex and the parish for the next several Sundays.

Parish leaders will be calling every household during the month of December to invite everyone to pledge to the Renovation Fund and to the Ministry Fund.

On January 6, 2008, we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and announce the total pledge amounts for the internal phase of The Campaign for Epiphany. Then we will move on to the external phase, during which we will invite the greater Washington area to support us in the renovation of our buildings.

Collect for The Campaign for Epiphany.

Almighty God, as we remember in Scripture and song your great acts of love throughout the ages, renew our faith, our courage, and our hope in you, and set our hearts on fire with your love, so that we may do your ministry in the world, and rejoice in the mystery of your presence in all Creation. This we pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

Greening the Church We Need Your Help!

When worshippers enter the sanctuary on the evening of December 24 or the morning of December 25, they will be greeted by a transformed church. No longer will Epiphany be decorated with the subdued colors of Advent, but the radiant colors and adornments of Christmas will greet them. How does this transformation happen? With the help of many people!

The activity of Greening the Church will be on Sunday, December 23, beginning at 12:45pm. There is *so much to do* in order to prepare the church for Christmas. Your Flower Guild encourages *everyone* to come to church that day and then stay a while to help, as we all prepare the Christmas wreaths and potted poinsettias, hang garlands of greens, and add all those special touches that adorn the church for our celebration of Jesus' birth.

If you have evergreens in your yard that you could contribute, please bring those in on or before the 23rd. We will have buckets of water on the parish hall stage for holding your cut branches and fronds. The greener the better!

There is also the need for monetary contributions towards the Christmas Flower Fund. Your donations will be used for purchasing poinsettias, flowers, and hanging greens that will adorn the sanctuary during the season of Christmas and also for the feast of the Epiphany on January 6. Please consider making a gift in memory of, or in honor of someone, or an organization. All tributes will be included in the Christmas bulletins.

Greening the Church is activity of parish community life. It is also a sign of our hospitality to all who find their way to Epiphany. Greening the Church is an opportunity for us to welcome Christ among us. We will look for you on December 23.

Note: The deadline for submitting articles to the January *Parish Guide* Newsletter is Wednesday, December 19.

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Parishioner News

We celebrate these new beginnings and accomplishments:

“Let us give thanks to God for all God’s gifts so freely bestowed upon us.”

For the marriage of Niko Dietsch and Stacey Krecji on November 17, 2007.

For Samuel Wright who graduates from Fairmont State University in Fairmont, West Virginia with a B.S. in criminal justice on December 12, 2007.

For our new vestry members elected at the November 18 annual parish meeting: Uchenna Alexander, Charles Burg, Jennifer Cate, David Downes, and Kevin Golden.

For Ann Gillespie’s ordination to the priesthood on December 17 and Joe Hensley’s ordination to the priesthood on December 19.

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.”

Deborah Otoo

Mark Ervin

Erin Haggerty

Myra Frazier

We remember those who have died

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

For Phyllis Wilson who died November 6, 2007

For Mary Siromany Sathianathen, Naomi Govindaraj’s mother, who died in India on October 21.

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, Anita Lakari, William Person, Norwyn Rowe, Buck Shinkman, and Jerry White;

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

We celebrate these December birthdays

Jane Price, Dec 2; Doris Gibson, Dec. 3; Carolyn Alcorde and Tonda Rush, Dec. 7; Marion Harrell, Dec. 13; Nesta Lewis, Wayne McOwen, and Michael Rusten, Dec. 14; Bertha Harrison, Dec. 16; Anne Kusserow, Dec. 17; Liz Halloran, Dec. 18; Betty Lester and Rich Whitehead, Dec. 19; Katie Kerns and Mike Kerns, Dec. 20; Carter Echols and Barratt Tatchell, Dec. 21; Barbara Robinson, Dec 22; Eleanor Engh, Dec 24; Dawson Nash, Dec. 27; Cyndy Carpenter and Erica Djoman, Dec. 28; Frank Taylor, Dec. 29; and Patricia Jefferson, Dec. 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.

Musical Highlights in the Incarnation Cycle

By Christian M. Clough, Director of Music Ministries

It's rare that I give over my monthly column to publicity, but there are some wonderful musical events, both liturgical and not, coming up at Epiphany in the coming weeks, and I want you to be able to spread the word to friends, family, neighbors and colleagues.



First, on Sunday 2 December, the First Sunday of Advent, our 11 AM liturgy will combine the popular Advent Festival of Lessons and Music with Holy Eucharist. The Epiphany Choir are preparing several wonderful anthems and motets for that liturgy, including five of Josef Rheinberger's Advent Motets (the remaining four can be heard over the course of the ensuing Sundays in Advent), Arvo Pärt's Magnificat, and Jonathan Dove's wonderful Advent carol "I am the day". Rheinberger, who was born in Liechtenstein spent most of his professional life in Munich, Germany, where he taught, conducted and composed. His music, while hardly groundbreaking at the time, is well-crafted, a joy to sing, and beautiful to hear. The Choir are enjoying learning them, and I think that you will find them an inspiring adornment to the liturgy. The organ music will include two of Johann Sebastian Bach's Leipzig settings of the well-known Lutheran Advent chorale, "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" ("Now come, savior of the gentiles"). Even my parents are coming!

The Tuesday Concert Series offering on 4 December is the Washington Bach Consort, J. Reilly Lewis, Founder and Music Director, and Neil Weston, organist, performing the Prelude and Fugue in D Major, BWV 532, and Cantata 150: "Nach dir, Herr, verlanget mich", BWV 150, with Rebecca Kellerman Petretta, soprano; Roger Isaacs, countertenor; Gary Glick, tenor; and Benjamin Park, bass. This is the last of the WBC Noontime Cantata performances until March 2008. If you haven't attended a WBC performance this season, I encourage you to come. They are using period instruments this season for the first time, as they begin another run through the whole two-hundred-odd cantata cycle. Levine School of Music piano faculty member Jacob Clark is giving the 11 December concert.

The Epiphany Choir's Annual Christmas Concert will take place at 12:10 PM on Tuesday 18 December, and takes a different turn this year. After years of a Christmas Readings & Music format, this year, we

present an all-music concert. The program's feature selection is Conrad Susa's "Carols & Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest", a set of ten traditional Spanish and Latino Christmas carols, beautifully arranged for mixed choir, harp, marimba and guitar. I conducted a performance of this piece several years ago with my community chorus in Wallingford, CT, where it was popular with singers and audience alike. The concert will include some additional choral music and an audience sing-along, and will continue a new tradition begun last year: everyone singing Sir David Willcocks's stirring arrangement of John Goss's Christmas hymn, "See amid the winter's snow". This concert will be a benefit for the Tuesday Concert Series, a significant part of The Church of the Epiphany's outreach to the people of downtown Washington – workers, residents and visitors. Although our audience members make weekly offerings for each concert, all of that money is directed to the performers. The administration of the Tuesday Concert Series is a considerable expense – approximately \$30,000 per year.

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If you value the Tuesday Concert Series, but can't attend the Christmas concert, you may still contribute:

A. Electronically via our website: go to www.epiphanydc.org, and click on "Make an Online Donation - Contribute to Our Ministries"; in the field "Purpose of Donation, enter "TCS General Fund"; or

B. By check or money order (memo: "TCS General Fund"; mail to: The Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20005-3102).

We also invite your ideas about ways to underwrite the Tuesday Concert Series. Please direct them to either Randolph Charles, Rector, or Christian M. Clough, Director of Music Ministries, who may be reached at 202.347.2635.

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THIS ADVENT
THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY INVITES YOU TO
PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST

WEEKEND

Saturday, December 1 - 9:00am – 12:30 pm

ADVENT QUIET DAY: Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary: Spiritual Friendship

Led by Kathy Brown and David Orr, authors of *Companions on the Journey:*

The Gift of Spiritual Friendship.

Join us for coffee and pastries, followed by presentations on the theme, and periods for reflection and quiet prayer. We will conclude with a contemplative Eucharist.

To register, please phone the church, 202-347-2635.



WEEKDAY MIDDAY

Thursday, December 6 - 12:30-1:30pm

NOURISH YOUR SOUL: ADVENT HOPES

Parish Hall

Bring your lunch and hear Ed McCormack, Ph.D., Chair, Pastoral Studies Department, Washington Theological Union.

Advent is the season of preparation for the birth of Christ, but much of society considers it the season of consumption! 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.

The talk is preceded by liturgy in church at 12:10pm.

WEEKDAY EVENINGS

Wednesdays - 6:30-8:00pm

Embodied prayer: the word made flesh

Willard Room

Nov. 28 Vocal Toning and Chant

Dec.12 Prayer through Body Movement

Dec. 5 Slow Walk Meditation

Dec. 19 Healing Touch through Reiki practice

Our teachers will be **Isabella Bates and Carole Crumley**. **Isabella** is Taizé Musician at the Washington Cathedral and staff member at The Center for Integrative Medicine DC where she teaches meditation. She was on the staff of The Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation for 22 years. **Carole** is an Episcopal priest, Director of Shalem's Clergy Life and Leadership Program, and a long-time retreat, pilgrimage and program leader.

Each evening will begin with a brief time for light refreshments and end with the night prayer of Compline.

All events are free and open to all

Shop, Shop, Shop

By Pat Pickering, Outreach Ministry Team Leader

My neighbor, Mary, (her real name) observed me carrying large kettles to my car every month, and then saw me driving away. She found that curious or at least intriguing and asked me what I was doing. I told her I was taking dinner to Christ House in Adam-Morgan, a convalescent care facility for the homeless. She asked if they could use canned goods and hygiene products. Indeed they could! Mary enjoys shopping and getting a bargain, so now she regularly brings at least two bags of food and other items for the people of Christ House.

Besides Christ House, other agencies in the city can use canned goods, such as Samaritan Ministries, bread for the City.

Good, clean, used clothing, especially men's clothing, is needed by many. Since winter is almost here, warm clothing such as socks, hats and gloves, and men's underwear are welcome. If you see a bargain and you can afford it, please think of those who would appreciate it and cannot afford it. I will be glad to carry it to an agency for distribution. Remember that Jesus said to his followers (that's us, folks!): "When I was hungry, you fed me. When I was naked, you clothed me" and his followers asked "When did we do that?" Jesus said, "What you have done for the least of my brothers and sisters, you have done for me." Let us go and do likewise.

Please speak to Pat Pickering for transporting food and clothing items by calling her at 703-234-6183.

CHRIST IS BORN! Celebrate

by remembering someone with a Christmas floral tribute.

Suggested Donation: \$25

All tributes will be listed in the Christmas bulletins.

**Please use this form for your dedication and submit to the parish office no later than
Sunday, December 16.**

You can pay by check, credit card, or through the website.

1. Check: payable to: The Church of the Epiphany (*memo: Christmas flowers*)

1317 G ST, NW, Washington, DC 20005

2. Credit card:

Your name as it appears on the card _____

Card# _____ CCV (3 digit code) _____

Expiration date ___/___

3. Website: epiphanydc.org, click on link to *Christmas Flowers*

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In memory of, or in honor of (circle one)

(full name of person(s))

In thanksgiving for

(Event or organization)

Your name _____

Vestry Election Results. Parish leadership is a specific ministry to which parishioners are called. I am very excited about the parish leaders that were called and elected at the Annual Parish Meeting on November 18. In 2008, we will offer leadership development events, through which current leaders will learn more about faith community leadership and potential leaders can explore a call to leadership. Listed below are the leadership election results.

Warden: Tanya Washington (Junior Warden)

Vestry:

Uchenna Alexander (3-year Term, 2010)

Charles Burg (3-year Term, 2010)

Jennifer Cate (3-year Term, 2010)

David Downes (3-year Term, 2010)

Kevin Golden (3-year Term, 2009)

Diocesan Convention Delegates:

Carolyn Bledsoe

Glenn Greene

Pat Pickering

Diocesan Convention Alternates:

Teresa Hobgood

Tanya Washington

David Downes

Returning Vestry:

Teresa Hobgood (Senior Warden)

Carolyn Bledsoe (2008)

Sandi Ingram (2008)

Jennifer McCarthy (2008)

James Rogers (2008)

Tom Lawler (2009)

Beatrice Moulton (2009)

Sara Papazoglakis (2009)

Duncan Stevens (Secretary)

Freeman Jelks (Treasurer)

Adult Faith Formation at Epiphany. At the Annual Parish Meeting, I invited parishioners to think about the needs that we at Epiphany have in regard to Christian learning or education or formation. When we talk about Christian learning, one challenge we face is terminology. Are we talking about learning how to let God mold and shape our souls, or learning how to understand and discuss the principles of Christianity, or learning how to live our faith through loving others as Jesus commanded us? Are we talking about using our minds, or feeling with our hearts, or

listening to God? Or, are we talking about all of the above? For me, it is the latter. I believe that God moves through our minds, our hearts, and our souls. I believe that adult faith formation (or whatever you want to call it) is all about using our minds, hearts, and souls to recognize God, to listen to God, to know God, and to obey God. As Christians, we learn about God best in some sort of communal environment, because Jesus Christ calls us all into loving and faithful relationships with each other and with God. So, if terminology is challenging or confusing for you, use the word that works for you, but remember that when we talk about adults learning about the faith, we are talking about preparing adults to be led by God.

Some Current Adult Faith Formation Activities at Epiphany.

Worship: Sundays and Weekdays

Welcome Table Bible Study: Building up The Welcome Table faith community by grounding our discipleship and our relationships more deeply in the Word of God

Community Bible Study: Building up the Epiphany faith community by grounding our discipleship and our relationships more deeply in the Word of God

Fellowship and Light: Building community, deepening our faith, and growing in our discipleship through participation in 6-session courses, which include both instruction and small group sharing. Evenings begin with supper and end with worship. Topics vary.

Seasonal and Occasional Events: Advent Quiet Day, Nourish Your Soul, Third Thursday Lunch, Lenten Retreat, Shrine Mont Weekend

Epiphany Course: The Christian faith as we experience it at Epiphany

Confirmation Class: Making a greater commitment to Christ and the Church

Some Possibilities for Adult Faith Formation at Epiphany.

Questions of Faith: One possibility is that, once a month, on a Sunday, 12:45-2:00pm, we could discuss a challenging question about the Christian faith, like "As a Christian, can I also be open to elements of other religions, such as Buddhist meditation and American Indian environmentalism?", or "Do I have to believe all of the Bible, even sections of the Old

Testament and the letters of Paul that offend me?”, or “If the Nicene Creed doesn’t mean anything to me, can I still receive Communion?” We could develop a list of “Questions of Faith” based on parishioner suggestions. In other words, what are your questions of faith, what questions concern you the most, what questions have you been hesitant to ask?

Core Courses. Another possibility is that we could offer a set of core courses that would cover significant areas of the faith. The courses could be offered on Sundays after Coffee Hour, Wednesday evenings, or weekends. The format would be the one we follow now with Fellowship and Light: six sessions, community building, instruction, small group discussion, and worship. Here are some possible course topics. **Leadership Course:** Being faithful, healthy, and effective parish leaders; **Spirit Course:** Developing a prayer life and discerning God’s will; **Emmaus Course:** Recognizing and following Christ; **Ministry Course:** Ministering and being ministers of Christ; **Stewardship Course:** Being faithful stewards.

What are your ideas?

At the Annual Parish Meeting, when we talked about adult faith formation at Epiphany, we got some excellent suggestions, many of them are included in this article. What are your ideas? When we develop any type of parish program, it is essential that it reflect the needs of the people, so please let us know. You can email Susan Walker at swalker@epiphanydc.org or me at rcharles@epiphanydc.org or ask one of the vestry members to pass on your suggestion or talk with Caroline Klam, who is the Education Ministry Team leader. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Sunday after Christmas will, once again, be A Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols with Eucharist. If there were any Christmas hymns that you will have missed singing on Christmas Eve, there’s a good chance that they will be part of this service of Christmas music for congregational singing.

Finally, the Feast of the Epiphany falls on a Sunday in 2008. And so, on Sunday 6 January, the Epiphany Choir, joined by a trio of trumpets, will perform the final chorale of Johann Sebastian Bach’s monumental Christmas Oratorio. (The Christmas Oratorio is actually a compilation of six cantatas for various events during the Christmas season. The final work is actually a cantata for Epiphany.)

There are two pieces of news to report about our Choir members. MGySgt Irvin Peterson, a tenor in the Epiphany Choir, retires from the U.S. Marine Band (“The President’s Own”) on 29 November, after thirty years of service as a saxaphonist. We congratulate Irvin on this milestone, and wish him well as he begins the next momentous chapter in his life. Ellen Hinkle, a member of the Epiphany Choir for several years and a fine professional flutist who has enriched our worship with her musical gifts, is moving to Cambridge, MA, for a new job, and to be nearer her daughter. We send her off with our prayers and best wishes, and will miss her!

The Church of the Epiphany
invites you to a
Christmas Benefit Concert

supporting the Tuesday Concert Series

*Epiphany's weekly free musical offering for the workers,
visitors and residents of downtown Washington*

PROGRAM

Conrad Susa: *Carols & Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest*

Avro Part: *Magnificat*

Jonathan Dove: "I am the day"

John Goss - arr. David Willcocks:

"See amid the winter's snow"

& *carols for choir & audience*

The Epiphany Choir — Christian M. Clough - *conductor*

Melissa Tardiff Dvorak, *harp*

Nathan Lassell - *marimba*

Srdjan Kolaravic - *guitar*

Irvin Peterson - *organ*

Tuesday 18 December 12:10 – 1:00 PM

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Thank you!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 2007 CALENDAR

The Church of the Epiphany

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9:00 Advent Quiet Day 3:00 Phyllis Wilson Memorial Eucharist
2 The First Sunday of Advent 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/Com. Bible Study/Parish Forum 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Advent Festival & Holy Eucharist /Godly Play 12:15 Coffee Hour 5:00 Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic	3 12:00 AA 12:10 Contemplative Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer 6:00 Urban Ministry Committee	4 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert Series 1:00 Street Church 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training	5 10:00 Labyrinth 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist 2:30 Street Sense Writers'	6 12:00 SLAA - 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 Nourish Your Soul Brown Bag Lunch Presentation 2:00 Street Sense Vendors Training 6:00 Street Sense New Volunteer Orientation 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	7 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Islamic Prayer Service	8 7:30 Washington Girls Chorus Concert
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CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
(Episcopal/Anglican)
1317 G St, NW (Metro Center, 13th St. Exit)



December 18	Christmas Benefit Concert
12:10pm	Epiphany Choir Concert of Readings and Music for Christmas
December 24	Christmas Eve
12:10pm	Christmas Eve Eucharist
9:30pm	Christmas Music featuring harp, marimba & vibraphone, guitar; organ, and choir
10:00pm	Festival Christmas Eucharist
11:15pm	Christmas Party
December 25	Christmas Day
11:00am	Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols
December 30	The First Sunday after Christmas Day
8:00am	Welcome Table Holy Eucharist
11:00am	Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols and Eucharist
December 31	New Year's Eve
12:10pm	New Year's Eve Eucharist
January 6	Feast of the Epiphany
11:00am	Festival Epiphany Eucharist
12:30pm	Epiphany Feast