



Parish Guide

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Rector's Journal

By Randolph Charles

God's dream for Epiphany. Do you know what God's dream for Epiphany is? Have you asked God? Have you wondered about it with a fellow parishioner? Is it a term that resonates with you – God's dream? I have a suggestion. In your evening prayers, sometime before your head hits the pillow, say to God, "What is your dream for me? What is your dream for Epiphany?" And then, in the stillness of the night, listen. Let your questions drift into the dark unconscious, into the space where our wills do not rule, into that corner of our being somewhere just beyond our closed eyelids, and listen with your soul. God wants to tell each one of us what God's dream is for us, but it is often so hard to hear and discern the voice of God. The same is true for faith communities. God wants to tell The Church of the Epiphany what God's dream is for our parish, but it is often hard to hear the voice of God through the din of worrisome challenges, crazy schedules, and unending demands on our attention. And yet, God speaks, and continues to speak. I hope that we all can listen more closely, openly, and faithfully to God in the New Year. We know what we are called to do now, our mission; we are called to minister with downtown poor, downtown workers, and a diverse congregation. But I don't think we are clear about what God is calling us to become, our vision, God's dream for us. And yet God is speaking a dream to us, calling out to us in soft encouraging tones, reaching out to us with strong and reassuring arms. Maybe we need to cry out to God, "Speak up; we can't hear you!" Or maybe we just need to listen. What do you think?

Leadership at Epiphany. In order to carry out faithfully and effectively the ministries that we are called to do at Epiphany, we need more parish leaders. Are you called to take on a leadership role at Epiphany? On Saturday, January 12, from 9:00am to 3:00pm, there will be Leadership Seminar in the Willard Room for all parish leaders and anyone who is interested in becoming a parish leader. The basic leadership roles are wardens, vestry members, ministry team leaders and members, and ministry coordinators, but leadership is called for all the time in all kinds of situations. Listed below are Epiphany's ministry teams. Let Susan or me know if you are interested in parish leadership positions.

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Gratitude Makes Us Better People, Happier People

"For these and all thy other gifts, may the Lord make us truly thankful." God doesn't need this thanks we offer at meals. God doesn't "need" anything. We are the ones who benefit by growing a thankful heart. Gregg Easterbrook writes, "research shows that grateful people are more spiritually aware and more likely to appreciate the interconnectedness of all life, regardless of whether they belong to specific religions."

Grace before meals and on Thanksgiving Day give us an opportunity to consider this truth and act upon it. New Year's and Lent give us more general opportunities to consider changes and perhaps adopt practices that emphasize gratitude. Chairing the United Thank Offering at Epiphany is my own personal opportunity to nourish gratitude (Google on "gratitude" to get a sense of what I mean.) So again here is my annual message about the United Thank Offering and Blue Boxes. It's not much different from last year's message since practicing gratitude is timeless and never out of date.

As Lent approaches (Ash Wednesday is February 6), consider adopting or strengthening the "Blue Box habit." Keep the pretty United Thank Offering (UTO) paper boxes around the house as a reminder to remember the blessings in your life. Deposit a coin in the box as you say a prayer of thanks. You are blessed as you become more focused on the positive, and others are blessed as your small coins join others. The coins do add up. In 2007, the 104 UTO grants to projects at home and abroad totaled more than \$2.4 million.

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Note: The deadline for submitting articles to the February *Parish Guide* Newsletter is Wednesday, January 16

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 safe birth of Anna Kathryn Zone on December 17, 2007 to Tish Ganier and Peter Zone.

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.”

Noorani Benazeer

Mike Salib

We remember those who have died

“Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants”
For Isabel Caputo, Patricia Rhodes’ grandmother, who died December 8, 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, Marcia Doerr, Floyd Godfrey, Anita Lakari, William Person, Pat Pickering, Norwyn Rowe, Buck Shinkman, and Marsha Shinkman;

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, Andrew Ferrill, 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, Ron Miller, Joe Mindell, Jeanne Moore, Bonnie Murphy, Hubert Nedd, Barbara Prignano, Victoria Prignano, Israel Rafalovich, Jesus Ramirez, Ann Riggs, Allene Robinson, Wanda Rucker, Rita Sabagh, Pete and Evelyn Scrimger, Irene and Edward Skocik, Juanita Simpson, Pauline Stumpf, Kate Thaxton, Ofelia Vitek, Amy Warder, Maureen Waters, Dee Wertlein, Thelma, Evie, Niki, Gurkan, Kevin, and Beth, Brianna

We celebrate these January birthdays

Michele Hutt and Melvin Palmer, January 5; Devry Boughner, January 6; Jamie Nelson, January 7; Mercedes Bautista and Laura Doster, January 8; Peter Tatchell, January 9; Jill Bezek, January 12; Carol Bove, January 13; Joan Bishop, January 17; Anita Lakari, January 18; Katy Chinworth, January 20; Susie Lewis, January 26; Henry Allison, January 30; and Matthew Rusten, January 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.

Group Spiritual Direction ? Another Name for Prayer

By Susan Walker, Program Associate

Do you ever wish that life would slow down so that you could just have the time to take in all that is happening? Do you ever yearn for an environment where you can talk and not be interrupted? Do you ever just want to be quiet and listen? It takes practice to be able to let go of all the “stuff” that we carry around with us in order to just be present to ourselves and to another person. And, that is just what we do at Epiphany’s group spiritual direction. We practice ? practice how to not be the expert, practice how to listen more deeply, practice how to wait and let God into the conversation. Since this kind of gathering is all about practicing and not perfecting, in a sense, we are all beginners at prayer.

What results come from this kind of practice? There is a trust that develops as the community is formed. With this sense of trust comes the freedom to take risks and speak more from the heart, as words and images come up. There is also a growing comfort in being silent. And, we have quite a bit of silence in group spiritual direction. That is how we practice listening for God. In a mysterious way, the silence knits us together into community.

If you are interested in finding out more, come and watch a video about this kind of prayer at 6pm on Tuesday, January 15. We will view the video and have some light refreshments. Then, if you’d like to stay for the group, you are invited to do so. We are a flexible bunch!

Eleanor Engh and Susan Walker facilitate group spiritual direction, and they would be glad to talk to you about it.

The Rewards of Renovation, a Liturgical-Musical Perspective

Christian M. Clough, Director of Music Ministries and Member of the Renovation Ministry Team

Each member of the Renovation Ministry Team has been asked to offer thoughts on the rewards to be reaped from rejuvenating our facilities at The Church of the Epiphany. In this column, I will try to summarize some of the musical and liturgical benefits to be gained in renovating our church and parish house

The Church of the Epiphany is fortunate to possess a very fine space for music-making, even in its current condition. The church has very fine acoustics, enjoyed weekly throughout the year by performers and audience members who participate in the Tuesday Concert Series. In addition, the church is used frequently by other area musical ensembles. If you have never attended a musical performance outside of worship at the church, I encourage you to do so. The room is spacious and resonant, but not so echoey to have muddy acoustics. Truly, it is a gratifying place to make and hear live music. The Epiphany Choir enjoys singing, and our organists enjoying playing for, services, and the acoustics support congregational singing (though the distances between worshipers in our small congregation temper this benefit somewhat). **The benefits of renovation for musical activities at Epiphany are numerous nevertheless. First, the renovation of the church will provide a larger and more flexible “stage” on which musical (and dramatic?) performances will take place.** Currently, it is a tight squeeze getting a full orchestra within the confines of the communion rail for a concert, or fitting the Epiphany Choir and a chamber orchestra behind the rood screen for a festival eucharist. The expanded platform, without permanent railings, will solve both problems. As a concert stage, the new platform will be much more spacious, as it will be both wider and deeper. And, for worship services, there will be enough room on the platform for both liturgical leaders and larger-than-average musical ensembles, such as we often have for Easter Day.

An important component of the renovation plan is the restoration of the Epiphany organ, which turns forty in 2008. Although a well-built instrument like ours can function well for many decades, it nevertheless requires periodic replacement of its more delicate components. Electro-pneumatic organs, so called for their mechanical system (there are other



types of pipe organs), are built with large amounts of delicate leather, which dries out and becomes brittle with time. Organs of this type require replacement of the leathers every few decades, lest the instrument becomes completely unplayable. Although the average listener at Epiphany is probably unaware of it, there are already several pipes in our organ that do not speak because of deterioration of the leather in the organ. Unless the work is done in the near future, more and more pipes will fall silent, diminishing the reputation of our fine instrument. Another issue that requires attention is the accumulation over the years of dust and grime that causes valves to stick, pipes to get partially blocked, and electrical contacts to go bad. The renovation of the Epiphany organ will address the growing number of mechanical problems. If enough money is available, we may even be able to enhance the organ by adding some of the pipes that were part of the original specification of the organ, but were never acquired because of financial limitations.

The third musical benefit to be gained from our renovation will be a much more hospitable facility for audiences and performers, with (finally!) adequate, accessible rest room facilities, including those on upper floors that are currently unavailable to mobility-limited visitors. Although it is not currently a problem for us, if there were a choir member who could not climb stairs, he or she could barely function at Epiphany, as the music room, changing facilities and choir storage are all on the second floor. The expanded narthex (the entry hall immediately inside the front doors of the church) will provide more space for audience members to escape the elements and socialize. And won't it be more inspiring to attend events in a building that is as aesthetically pleasing as the event itself? A renovated building will make attending worship services and concerts more pleasant for everyone. **The renovation of our facilities will bring improvements to our liturgical life, too. In the same way that the expanded platform will facilitate musical performances, it will also enliven our worship.** The last renovation of the church took place some forty years ago, early in the Episcopal Church's shift from Sung Morning Prayer with Sermon to Holy Eucharist as the principal

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liturgical act of the community. There have been many changes since the 1960s in both liturgical theology and liturgical practice, and though our worship space might have been on the cutting edge forty years ago, today it is dated in appearance and inadequate in its accommodation of these new ideas and practices. Renovating the church will both bring beauty and freshness to our surroundings, and enable us to worship authentically in the 21st century.

Perhaps the most obvious change will be in the way the gathering interacts in worship. The choir and organist will no longer sit behind the fence-like rood screen, segregated from the rest of the congregation, but will join the other liturgical leaders on the more spacious platform, or daïs. There will be seating for the congregation on either side of the daïs, so that the worshipping community will come together around the Lord's Table, facing each other from all four directions. Communion will become more of a gathering than a performance for an audience.

If you have ever worshiped at Epiphany at noon on a weekday, you have no doubt seen, if not thought about, how impersonal (even strange) it feels to have twenty or eleven or six individuals each occupying a pew alone, with everyone looking forward at the backs of other people's heads, instead of interacting with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. Especially when a gathering is small, it should also feel personal (Imagine having a dinner party... at a deli counter!). **The conversion of the current chancel into a chapel** (and columbarium – more on that below) will create a small-scale worship space with flexible seating that will accommodate more people in a more intimate, yet visible, setting than the current Phillips Chapel can. It is my hope that all of these smaller liturgies will move from the cavernous nave into the new chapel. **The relocation of the baptismal font** to the nave entrance, with a large gathering space around it, enables us to meet around the font as we will meet around the table, creating parallel experiences when we celebrate the two great sacraments of the Church. As the font stands at the entrance into the church, it symbolizes the entrance into the Christian life, and may remind worshipers and visitors of their own baptism and new life in Christ.

The inclusion of a new columbarium in the new chapel will be a constant reminder of both the limits of our earthly lives and of our resurrection



hope. And, when the baptismal font is moved close to the entrance to the nave from G Street, one will symbolically progress through the stages of the Christian life every time one enters the church, passes the font and the table and rests in the columbarium in the presence of our deceased brothers and sisters. The communion of the saints, in all stages of life, will join together in the church.

The renovation plan we have endorsed is the culmination of years of study, conversation, dreams, and prayer. To achieve this goal, we will need to stretch in many ways – in faith, in patience, in funding, in practice. It is through such challenges, though, that we achieve our greatest growth. Our community will be tested by the process of renovation, including the preparations for it, but it will also be nourished and strengthened for even more exciting ministries as we proceed. If you have questions or thoughts about the ideas I've raised here, I hope that you will discuss them with me, with another member of the Renovation Ministry Team, or with other members of the Epiphany Community. Your support and participation – indeed all of ours – is essential at this exciting, challenging time.

Gratitude makes Us Better People, Continued from page 1

In our area, the Capitol Hill Group Ministry received \$7,500 to expand emergency shelter facilities for homeless families.

The United Thank Offering was founded in 1889 when Ida Soule and Julia Chester Emery decided that women could accomplish more than the \$87 offering they gave at the Triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The great accomplishments that followed earned Julia Emery a place on the Church calendar – we honor her on January 9. Check out the UTO website www.episcopalchurch.org/uto for more inspiration about the Blue Box and what it does for us and for those we help.

This year's ingathering of our coins will take place the first Sunday after Ascension, May 4, 2008. Of course, gifts of coins, folding money, or checks are accepted at any time. Blue boxes are available in the church office all year round.

Abigail Nichols, UTO Chair,
(abigail_nichols@hotmail.com)

Community Ministries

Come and See Ministry Team

We are called to encourage parishioners to invite, greet, and incorporate new people into our parish, and to reach out especially to downtown residents.

Communications Ministry Team

We are called to proclaim to the Washington Metro Area our parish identity and mission, and to communicate the ministries and activities of Epiphany to parishioners.

Fellowship Ministry Team

We are called to strengthen and celebrate our parish community by offering Sunday and seasonal social events.

Pastoral Care Ministry Team

We are called to minister to the people of our parish by supporting parishioners in times of need, by encouraging parishioners to strengthen interpersonal relationships, and by developing ways for parishioners to care for each other.

20s-30s Ministry Team

We are called to develop ministry and fellowship with the 20s and 30s of our parish.

Formation Ministries

Arts and Religion Ministry Team

We are called to offer programs that celebrate and explore the historic relationship between the arts and religion.

Discernment Ministry Team

We are called to assist individuals and groups at Epiphany in listening for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Education Ministry Team

We are called to equip saints of all ages for worship and ministry by telling the story of our faith, by teaching Scripture and the tradition of the church, and by addressing the issues of our culture.

Environmental Stewardship Ministry Team

We are called to support the Epiphany community in transforming and healing our broken relationship with God and all of God's creation. We recognize the interdependence of life and the right of all living things to a safe and healthy environment. We will help one another honor the Creator by revering the earth and by using its resources rightly in the service of others.

Financial Stewardship Ministry Team

We are called to encourage parishioners to be faithful stewards of money, and to know that financial stewardship is a statement of faith and an expression of discipleship.

Worship Ministry Team

We are called to celebrate the love of Christ in prayer, music, and Word by providing faithful, inspiring, and inclusive corporate worship.

Outreach Ministries

Gospel Art! Ministry Team

We are called to support Welcome Table guests in exploring Scripture through art activities.

Justice Ministry Team

We are called to name and address issues of injustice in the world, and to encourage parishioners to work for justice and peace among all people.

Outreach Ministry Team

We are called to touch the pain of the world through outreach activities that respond to human need.

Street Church Ministry Team

We are called to take the Gospel and food to the poor and hungry in public places.

Weekday Ministry Team

We are called to minister with downtown workers through hospitality, worship, and faith formation events.

Welcome Table Ministry Team

We are called to feed the hungry and to provide a safe and healthy environment in which we can create a welcoming and affirming community.

Resource Ministries

Capital Campaign Ministry Team

We are called to raise the funds needed for the parish's renovation plans.

Community Funding Ministry Team

We are called to secure funding for the parish budget through grants, sponsorships, and fundraisers.

Finance Ministry Team

We are called to develop the parish budget and manage parish financial resources and obligations.

Personnel Ministry Team

We are called to oversee the personnel policies of the parish staff.

Property Ministry Team

We are called to provide a place for parish ministry in downtown Washington by restoring, preserving, and managing our historic buildings.

Renovation Ministry Team

We are called to guide the parish through the renovation of our buildings, and to develop principles and plans for the renovation.

Seminarians Ministry Team

We are called to support our seminarians in their field education at Epiphany.

The Feast of the Epiphany. January 6 is our parish feast, and we will celebrate it with a Festival Epiphany Eucharist at 11:00am, including the Commissioning of Parish Leaders. We will also announce the totals of the internal phase of The Campaign for Epiphany and have an Epiphany Feast in the church.

Episcopal Visitation. On January 13, the Rt. Rev. John Brice Chane will be at Epiphany for the entire day: Welcome Table Eucharist, Parish Forum which will focus on the Diocese of Washington, and 11:00 Eucharist. At the 11:00 Eucharist, Bp Chane will preach and preside and there will be four baptisms, Commissioning of New Parishioners, and Commissioning of Parishioners and Staff to Christian Ministry. I hope that the entire parish will be at Epiphany to welcome our bishop back to Epiphany.

Grant Activity at Epiphany: Where It Stands in 2007

By Mimi Tangum, Resource Developer

To date, Epiphany has been awarded \$116,100 in grants for the Welcome Table, Street Church, and other projects. Since May, we've submitted seventeen proposals (mostly to private foundations), eight of which have been funded for \$76,100. We've also received a matching gift from a foundation of \$15,000, as well as a bequest of \$25,000 which typically comes to us annually.

Five proposals, totaling approximately \$30,000, are still pending. We're happy to hear that one is "tentatively approved" (that's from the International Monetary Fund, a supporter of Epiphany's Welcome Table last year). And we're also pleased that we will hear the results of two of the remaining four by the end of the year.

In last September's *Parish Guide*, I mentioned that Epiphany had an exciting possibility of being awarded a block grant of \$25,000 for the Welcome Table from DC's Department of Human Services. Horace Kirby, Coordinator for the Welcome Table, suggested a contact who could provide information about DC Human Services grants. As a result, I was able to meet with Human Services program officers and, subsequently, to submit a proposal. After several months of sending the Department addenda (and more addenda) of information about the Welcome Table, Randolph received a contract, signed by the Departmental Director, for the entire \$25,000. And yesterday the official letter of award arrived. David Downes, who knows a lot about block grants (which, as you may know, are pass-through funds from the federal Department of Health and Human Services) as well as a lot about DC's Department, helped greatly in our work of crafting compelling answers to the Department's complex questions. As far as I've been able to determine from looking into Epiphany's former-years' grant records, this is the first grant from the DC Department of Human Services to be awarded to Epiphany. It's a huge help to the Welcome Table, given the current budget of \$94,000 for that project. Many thanks to Horace, for his initial suggestion, and to David, for providing the benefit of his experience, as Epiphany staff worked to meet all the requests of the Department.

Clearly, obtaining these highly competitive grants—whether from the government or from private foundations—is a team effort. I appreciate all the suggestions a number of you have given me this year. And I'd love to hear from you in 2008. We've identified some 15 sources not approached in 2007, and we're using the Foundation Center's Online Directory to identify more. But that still isn't enough to meet the needs of the Welcome Table (food costs keep rising), Street Church (happily, numbers of participants are growing), and the Tuesday Concert Series (which is difficult to obtain grants for, because many supporters of the arts do not accept unsolicited proposals). Please give me a call at 202-347-2635, ext. 19, or email me at mtangum@epiphanydc.org if you have any suggestions for grantors I may not have discovered or if you have contacts on the boards of private foundations. Thank you.

Nourish Your Soul – A Midday Series for the Downtown Community

You are invited to *Nourish Your Soul* on **Thursday, January 10**. Epiphany has partnered with faculty from the Washington Theological Union to offer a monthly, midday series focusing on topics that help us deepen our faith and understanding of spirituality. Kevin O'Neill, Associate Professor in the Department of Systematic and Moral Theology will be our presenter. His talk, *Living Well, Dying Well*, will focus on ethical issues at the end of life and how they also touch on issues that are at the heart of living. The series takes place right after the 12:10pm service of Holy Eucharist. We will gather in the Parish Hall at 12:30 and finish at 1:30pm. Light refreshments will be provided, and you may bring your lunch. This monthly series is free and open to all. Phone 202-347-2635 for more information.

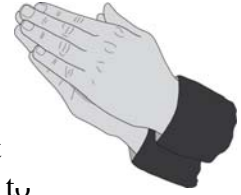
January 2008 Calendar

The Church of the Epiphany

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Street Church to Begin Healing Prayer Ministry

Street Church is Epiphany's weekly outdoor worship and lunch held in nearby Franklin Square Park. For over a year, Street Church has been a place for the homeless and others to worship and build community. Street Church is a place to pray for our city, to raise up the concerns of the streets, and to bring alive a presence of hope and faith and hospitality. Epiphany is joined by other Episcopal parishes in the diocese of Washington who are our partners in this ministry. We meet every Tuesday here at the church to make sandwiches and then take them to 14th and I St, corner of the park for a 1 pm liturgy of Holy Eucharist.



Beginning in January, the Street Church ministry team will be adding a new offering. As part of our celebration of Holy Eucharist, our dedicated volunteers will offer healing prayers during Communion. The availability of Healing Prayers after the Welcome Table Eucharist inspired the expansion of this ministry. Libby Gibson, Epiphany's seminarian, will be leading this initiative. If you would like more information, or are interested in volunteering at Street Church, please contact her at egibson@vts.edu.

Come join us for worship and lunch at Street Church!

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