



Parish Guide

Newsletter of The Church of the Epiphany
Washington, DC

September 2008

Rector's Journal

By Randolph Charles

Homecoming Sunday. September 7 is Homecoming Sunday. At the 11:00 Eucharist, the choir returns and we will welcome new parishioners. We will also send forth Susan Walker on her 3-month sabbatical. Following the Eucharist, there will be a Homecoming Potluck Lunch in the parish hall. Bring a guest to Epiphany on Homecoming Sunday; it will be a great celebration.

Leadership at Epiphany. A new warden and new members of the vestry will be elected at the Annual Parish Meeting on November 16. Who do you think is called and capable to serve our parish in these leadership roles? I ask all of you to pray and think about developing leadership at Epiphany. Listed below is the procedure that we will follow this year.

1. The Nominating Committee will be composed of the rector, wardens, and 3 other parish leaders that are comfortable with discernment.
2. Parishioners encourage other parishioners whom they think will be effective leaders to consider serving on the vestry and suggest their names to the Nominating Committee.
3. Parishioners can submit their own names to the Nominating Committee.
4. Everyone considering serving on the vestry is asked to attend the Leadership Lunch on Sunday, September 14, at 12:30, in the Willard Room.
5. Current vestry members bring potential vestry members to the Leadership Lunch.
6. Potential vestry members meet with members of the Nominating Committee to help the potential vestry members discern if God is calling them to the ministry of vestry leadership.
7. Every parishioner that feels called to be nominated to the vestry is placed in nomination.

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Community Bible Study Begins September 14th

By Teresa Hobgood and Tanya Washington, Vestry Wardens

As part of Adult Faith Formation, Community Bible Study will be offered on Sundays from 10:00 am to 10:45 am in the Willard Room beginning September 14 and ending December 21. The focus is to build up the Epiphany faith community by grounding our discipleship and our relationships more deeply in the Word of God. We will be using as our study guide "*Kerygma, Discovering the Bible*" along with your Bible. We will cover the first fifteen chapters, which go through the Old Testament. This study of the Old Testament is organized thematically, highlighting the interrelationships among Old Testament books. The purpose of this study is to gain familiarity with the people, events, places and ideas in the Old Testament and to reflect on how these stories of God's relationships with his people are meaningful to our lives today.

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Epiphany's **Books 'n' Bites**

Used Books and Bake Sale

made **\$3,000** in support of downtown ministries including \$143 from Mercedes Bautista's office bake sale!!!

A big thank-you to everyone who contributed to this fund raiser -

all who contributed books and baked goods,
all who donated their time and physical labor,
all who purchased books and treats....

And to Emilia King who organized and managed the book sale.

Thank-you!!!

Note: The deadline for submitting articles to the October Parish Guide Newsletter is Wednesday, September 17. Send articles to Tripp Jones at tripp.jones@mail.house.gov

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.”

The marriage of Ellen Downes, David and Willa’s daughter, to William Wildon Farwell on August 16th.

Bonnie Irvine began a new position with Mediserve Information Systems Company, providing software for therapists.

Susan Weinbeck was recently elected to the Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington board as Secretary.

We remember those who have died

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

Rosalie Oakes, member, died July, 30 2008

Wilbur Hanna, Tanya Washington’s grandfather, died in August 2, 2008

William Tutu, Luther Tutu’s father, died August 16, 2008

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 Dobson, Danny Horrigan, and Keith Scoon;

For all who seek healing, especially: Ed Adams, Margaret Barge, Theresa Davies, Floyd Godfrey, Anita Lakari, William Person, and Norwyn Rowe;

For John Patrick Barker, Winston Blackman, Wanda Brewer, Mike Brown, Tim Callard, Naomi Canty, Marian Cover, Elena Curris, Brian Dillard, Genevieve Duvall, Joy Eades, Mae Eversley, Andrew Ferrill, J.D. Fosdick, Rick Gallagher, Peggy Garner, Shirley Golden, Fred Gustafson, Ruth Hall, Kathryn Hardie, Cris Hernandez, Edmund Hilliman, Lucille Hilliman, Alan Holder, Millicent and Bill Hutt, Junior Jones, Larry Kerns, Rick Knettel, George Kurtz, Mary Larkin, Lisa Liebel, David Lyman, Ginny Mast, Claudia McClannahan, Sabine Mehnert, Jeanette Michael, Ron Miller, Jeanne Moore, Bonnie Murphy, Gloria and Morris Pasqual, Barbara Prignano, Victoria Prignano, Israel Rafalovich, Jesus Ramirez, Phil Richard, Ann Riggs, Allene Robinson, Ronald Ross, Wanda Rucker, Rita Sabagh, Pete and Evelyn Scrimger, Juanita Simpson, Irene and Edward Skocik, Ed Somers, Grace Stein, Pauline Stumpf, Alexandra Terninko, Kate Thaxton, Maureen Waters, Dee Wertlein, Vera Willis, Louise Wright, Thelma, Evie, Kevin, Beth, Anne, Bob, Bayse, Brad, and those on the Narthex Prayer List;

We celebrate these September birthdays

Emery Jackson, September 3; Sherwin Frank, Sept 6; Mary Riggs, Sept 7; Mark Erwin and Fil Williams, Sept 16; June Young, Sept 21; Carolyn Dallas, Emilia King and Mary Kell Powers, Sept 23; Janis Kerns, Eileen Nixon, Nikia Okoye, and Thea Wiley, Sept 24; Ed Adams and Jeanne Mitchler-Fiks, Sept 28.

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 mdail@epiphanydc.org.

An Invitation to a More Prayerful Way of Life

By Beverly E. Mitchell

Do you have a desire to deepen your prayer life? Have you wondered what it would be like to serve God and work for the good of others with greater passion and joy? Would you like to develop a set of spiritual practices that you can follow, even at your busiest times? If your answer to any or all of these questions is “yes,” then you are invited to join the Franciscan Spirituality Group (FSG) here at the Church of the Epiphany. FSG is a newly formed group committed to helping its members live out the meaning of the gospel of Jesus Christ by following the example of the beloved Christian saint, Francis of Assisi.

Why St. Francis?

Epiphany has been a strong supporter of the homeless in the downtown Washington area. With its Street Church on Tuesday afternoons and its Welcome Table services every Sunday at 8:00 am, members of Epiphany have been actively engaged in ministry to the poor and the homeless for quite some time, as an expression of God’s call on the Church of Epiphany. This thoroughgoing commitment of time, energy, human and monetary resources is in keeping with the spirit of St. Francis who took Jesus’ command to the rich young ruler literally to give up all he had and serve the poor. In this way, Epiphany is a “Franciscan” church!

What will the group meetings entail?

Members of FSG will be asked to compose and commit to a rule of life, based upon the rule St. Francis which was established for his own followers. This rule is designed to help one live according to biblical principles which will foster a more prayerful way of living. Monthly meetings will include members’ sharing the joys and challenges of living according to their rule of life; learning more about Franciscan spirituality, as practiced by lay and clergy associates of the Anglican Third Order of the Society of St. Francis; and supporting one another as they practice integrating their spiritual ideals with a life of service to God and neighbor.

Who is eligible to join?

All parishioners, downtown associates, participants in the Welcome Table ministry, and those looking for a way to grow in their relationship with God are eligible to join FSG.

When does it meet?

The Franciscan Spirituality Group will meet on the first Monday of each month, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The first meeting is scheduled for October 6 – the first Monday following the feast of St. Francis (observed on October 4).

Contact info

Look for next month’s Parish Guide for more information regarding the Franciscan Spirituality Group. If you would like to join FSG or learn more about the group, contact Beverly E. Mitchell at bem6223@aol.com or Randolph Charles at rcharles@epiphanydc.org.

Did you know.....

that every Friday afternoon, Epiphany’s Parish Hall becomes a satellite prayer center for more than eighty Muslim men? This idea, started by a board member of the All-Dulles Area Muslim Society, came about to help downtown workers who are unable to drive long distances for weekly prayer. Journalist Mallika Rao wrote about the Muslims at Epiphany for the online Religion News Service.

You can read her story and see a photo of Epiphany’s Parish Hall with the men at prayer, as well as find other news concerning religion at the website www.religionnews.com. Click on “free content”, and go to July 22, 2008.

During the month of September, Muslim men will observe Ramadan by praying at Epiphany each afternoon.

Group Spiritual Direction

By Eleanor Engh, Discernment Ministry Team leader

Do you have a desire for God? Are you willing to listen more and speak less in the hope of perceiving the call of the Holy Spirit? Do you have a desire for a group process to help you focus, to honor and to remember that God is active and at work in your life today?

If your answer to any of these questions is positive, then please consider exploring with the members of the spiritual direction group on Tuesday evenings, September 16th, October 21st, November 18th and December 16th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Here's the format for the evening:

We begin with a time of silence and recollection, centering ourselves and placing ourselves in God's hands. We then move into small groups of three to five participants. In the small group we follow this format: Prayer with silence; sharing by a participant; silence; response by group members; silence; repeat the sequence until all have shared; reflect on the time together; closing prayers.

What are the benefits of group spiritual direction? There are many. We learn to be present to God in the variety of life's situations. We become part of a group that teaches through our stories and collected wisdom. We come to understand our common desire for God is a gift and that we are seeking it together. And, in this process we often discover something new about ourselves and our image of God. Discernment is about making choices based on what a person believes is in line with God's will, and group spiritual direction helps us to focus on what that will might be. Other benefits include the fruits of the Spirit – joy, peace, patience and a sense of being loved in spite of our failures and imperfections. Ultimately, we receive the benefit of having a deeper sense of living life in the Spirit, being open to surprise, and developing an ability to live the questions for which we don't yet have answers. Come and be a part of this spiritual journey. We welcome all to our September 16th gathering in the Chapel at 6:30pm.

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A Study Bible will be useful, such as the New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha (NRSV), the New English Bible with Apocrypha (Oxford Study Edition), and the New Jerusalem Bible (hard-bound with notes). Group sessions will be centered on participants sharing their reflections on the Bible passages and other activities. The *Kerygma* Resource Book contains space for notes and a series of questions to guide your reflections.

In preparation for the study class on September 14th, please read the following passages: **Psalm 139:1-24**, Search Me, O God, **Isaiah 55:1-13**, **Seek the Lord and Matthew 13:44-46**, Hidden Treasure. We encourage you to attend all or as many sessions as you can attend, and to study each week's passages in preparation for discussion. Weekly reminders will be sent of each week's assignments.

Community Bible Study will be led by the Rector and the Wardens. Please e-mail the Wardens at wardens@epiphanydc.org or call the Church Office at 202-347-2635 if you are interested in attending the sessions and wish to purchase the *Kerygma* study guide. The cost of "*Kerygma, Discovering the Bible*" is \$30.00. It contains a total of thirty chapters and covers both the Old Testament and the New Testament. The New Testament will be our focus in the spring.

A New Program Year Brings Back Many of Epiphany's Musical Favorites

By Christian M. Clough, Director of Music Ministries

No big treatise this month; just a list of exciting musical opportunities at Epiphany during our new program year beginning in September.

The Epiphany Choir

The Epiphany Choir returns to the "choir stalls" on 7 September, and invites all interested singers to sing this year. Christian Clough, Director of Music Ministries, is always happy to welcome new members, and can answer questions about 'benefits of membership', expectations and scheduling; he may be reached at 202.347.2635 ext. 18 or <ccough@epiphanydc.org>. Rehearsals are held Thursdays 7:15 - 9:15 PM in the church. New members are welcome to join at any time during the season, so if you can't make it at the start of the year, don't give up. This year's music list includes a Bach cantata, Italian music for double choir, anthems by Arvo Pärt, canticles by Herbert Howells, selections from American traditional and modern repertoire, Anglican chant psalmody and much more. The Epiphany Choir sings for Sundays and Holy Days from early September until Trinity Sunday, and performs a Christmas Benefit Concert on the Tuesday Concert Series (see below). The Choir numbers about eighteen members, of whom six are professional section leaders and soloists. We are a friendly, gregarious group, and always open to new voices!

The Welcome Table Choir

...has new choir robes! If you haven't attended an 8 AM Welcome Table Eucharist for a while, you haven't seen the choir's new navy blue robes, set off with purple and white sashes. Nearing the beginning of its third season, the Welcome Table Choir's membership continues to expand, and the Choir is growing into its role as musical and liturgical leaders for our early morning worship. All are welcome to sing with this choir. We rehearse at 7:30 AM each Sunday morning, and specialize in gospel hymns and spirituals.

The Tuesday Concert Series continues (year round), and includes members of the Faculty of the Levine School of Music on the second Tuesday of each month from September through June. The Washington Bach Consort returns for Noontime

Cantata Concerts on the first Tuesdays of October, November, December, March, April and May. Concerts in the Series draw a diverse audience of between 50 and 350 people each week, bringing together Washington's workers, residents, retirees, homeless and tourists in one of Epiphany's most visible offerings to the community. Concerts begin at 12:10 PM (on Tuesdays, obviously!), and usually end by 1 PM. The caliber of our performers is exceptional. If you can find your way downtown on a Tuesday, you should check out the concert.

Organ and Piano Lessons Are Available

Last academic year, I took on two organ students and one piano student, and have really had fun guiding their musical growth. If you are interested in beginning, or resuming, keyboard study, please speak to me, Christian Clough. I have proved to be a patient, encouraging and helpful teacher, I think, if their progress is any indication. I would welcome the opportunity to work with you, too, whatever your abilities are. Please contact me (see above) to discuss details.

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8. Vestry election will be held at the Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, November 16, at 12:30, in the parish hall.
9. Nominations may be made from the floor.

Fall Raffle and Ice Cream Social. We are blessed to have significant, effective, and faithful ministries at Epiphany. Our ministries also require funding. One way to fund our downtown ministries is through the Fall Raffle. See the Raffle page. Linked with the Fall Raffle is our Ice Cream Social. On Thursday, September 18, 12:30-2:00pm, the Weekday Ministry Team will be giving out free ice cream to the first 400 guests in the garden. At the same time, the Community Funding Ministry Team will be selling the last raffle tickets before the drawing at 2:00. Buy your tickets at church or online, but get them now before we run out. The prizes are great, and the ministries are exciting. Another way to fund Epiphany's ministries is through sponsorships. See the Sponsorship page. You can pay for a sponsorship by using the attached form or online. Go to www.epiphanydc.org and click on "Funding our Ministries" on the home page.

Getting Ready for a Sabbatical

By Susan Walker, Lay Associate

This month I begin a twelve-week sabbatical, an extended time apart from my work here at Epiphany. I will be away beginning September 8 and will return on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30. Sabbaticals are generally designed as times for professional study, or taking on a project related to vocation. Whatever the sabbatical activities, the underlying principle is that they be grounded in rest and renewal, so that the participant can return to the workplace with energy and a renewed sense of purpose.

As I moved through the process of planning a sabbatical, I came to understand its nature as a gift. Not only am I benefiting from the obvious gifts of time and financial support from the Church, its staff and members, but I am also receiving the gift of God's invitation to connect with new people and experiences that seem to be a good fit for me. Shaping the sabbatical flowed from my desire for three things: an experience of living in community, a new and different setting for serving the poor, and an extended time of prayer and reflection. All three desires have been provided for by the grace of God.

Through conversations with friends, I heard about the two communities in Mississippi and Louisiana where I will be spending time. I learned that a small community of sisters living in the Mississippi Delta minister to the very poor by providing health care and educational opportunities. These five **Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary** work at the **Tutwiler Community Education Center**, serving a town that has no recreation programs for children or teenagers, no maintained parks or public transportation, and only a small library open three days a week. **The Tutweiler Quilters**, a group of women who make quilts to support their families, is part of the Center. **In Jonestown, the Family Center for Education and Wellness** houses a Montessori program for preschoolers, a fitness and health club, an after school program for elementary aged children, parent-child literacy classes, and GED classes. I am excited about how I will join in the life of the sisters, work with them, and get to know the residents who come to the Centers.

The other community I heard about is in **Grand Coteau, Louisiana**, Cajun country. I will be living at the **Jesuit Spirituality Center** located in south central Louisiana. It is described as having spacious grounds (900 acres) for walking and biking. I will be making a thirty-day directed retreat there, living in solitude and silence with God. When I tell people that I will be silent for that length of time, they are shocked – no talking for 30 days! Actually, I will be talking each day when I meet with a director and take part in daily worship. And, I can talk to God as much as I like...and listen for God's response to me! This 30-day retreat is known as the **Spiritual Exercises**, described as "a school of prayer, a means for growing in relationship with Christ." The text for the exercises was written by Ignatius of Loyola and is considered a spiritual classic. It "offers a method of prayer that allows the retreatant to follow Jesus and seek God's will in any circumstance." I look forward to this time with God and learning more about discernment and prayer, as I respond to God's invitation to come apart for a while. Please know how grateful I am to have this time.

When I get back to Epiphany, I hope to reflect with you on my times of prayer, community, and being with the poor. I also look forward to hearing from you about the twelve weeks in your life and ministry at Epiphany. Please keep me in your prayers during this sabbatical; you will be in mine.

On the Mountain

By Anne Ramsey

A small group of parishioners and their family members recently spent a weekend at Shrine Mont, the Diocese Of Virginia's Retreat Center in Orkney Springs, VA. This is an annual event for Epiphany, but it was a first-time experience for me as an Epiphany parishioner. This year's topic was the Psalms, and, that fact alone overcame any hesitation I may have experienced. Psalms are not only poems and songs, of course; they are principally amazing prayers that Jesus knew and prayed. I was looking forward to learning much more about them. I was not looking forward to spending two days in close quarters with people I did not know all that well.

I came for a second reason, as well: I had been to Shrine Mont once before, more than twenty years ago. What I remembered about that first visit was only one thing: the breath-taking view from the Cross at the top of the mountain. I wanted to see that view again.

At supper the first night, I became optimistic; the food was wonderful! And, the next two days were rich. I listened to music played by, and poetry written by, other members of the group—talents I didn't know my fellow parishioners had. I made it up the mountain to the Cross, even though the trail is steep and rough. I made it because I had a walking stick left behind by a stranger. I heard a piece of music that made me feel as if I were being lifted from the earth. The Society of St. John the Evangelist can sing to me any time. Later, at the bonfire, I saw the Big Dipper and watched the flames move like living things of blue and orange. And, I decided that "Mike's Hard Lime-ade" is a fine invention—a daiquiri in a bottle, ready-to-drink.

All because I went to Shrine Mont with a group of people I did not know well - not to mention that we worshiped together - I got to know my Epiphany companions better, and I learned about the Psalms. Talk about abundance! I wonder what the topic will be next year.

Samaritan Ministry Sunday, September 28th

By Susan Weinbeck, Welcome Table Ministry Team

When Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington was established over twenty-two years ago, its statement of purposes included these goals: *"To emulate the compassion of Jesus by helping others through practical and efficient means; to move people out of crisis into stability and dignity in a manner that fosters their growth, assists them in moving from dependence to independence, and empowers them; and to educate the community and raise consciousness about the injustice of poverty in the midst of affluence and about public policies that lack compassion."*

Does this sound like lofty rhetoric? Perhaps, but it is the reality of day to day business at Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington (SMGW). Since the population served by Samaritan Ministry is similar to our guests at the 8:00am Welcome Table worship and breakfast at Epiphany, it seems that our congregation might benefit from knowing more about the work of Samaritan Ministry.

On Sunday, September 28th there will be several opportunities at both the 8:00 and 11:00am services to learn about the programs of Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington. David Downes, Executive Director and Epiphany member, will speak during the liturgies. Knowing that pictures speak volumes, a 10-minute video will be shown after church during coffee hour. And, participants from our Next Step Experience will speak first hand about their journey and experience with SMGW.

Make time on September 28th to learn about and celebrate the work of Samaritan Ministry.

Funding Ministries at Epiphany

Sponsorships

The Welcome Table

(Total annual cost: \$130,000. Weekly food cost: \$500.)

I want to give \$ _____ to sponsor The Welcome Table.

Street Church

(Total annual cost: \$20,000. Weekly food cost: \$150.)

I want to give \$ _____ to sponsor Street Church.

Tuesday Concert Series

(Total annual cost: \$40,000)

I want to give \$ _____ to sponsor Tuesday Concert Series.

Sunday Flowers

(Total annual cost: \$3,000. Regular Sunday cost: \$50.)

I want to give \$ _____ to sponsor Sunday Flowers.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

Sponsor _____

Address _____

Please mail sponsorship form with check to parish office.

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SUNDAY **MONDAY** **TUESDAY** **WEDNESDAY** **THURSDAY** **FRIDAY** **SATURDAY**

Church of the Epiphany September 2008 Calendar

<p>7 17th Sunday after Pentecost Homecoming Sunday 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 7:30 Welcome Table Choir 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 9:10 Welcome Table Choir 10:45 Liturgical Leaders 11:00 Eucharist/Godly Play 12:15 Homecoming Lunch</p>	<p>8 12:00 AA 12:10 Contemplative Eucharist</p>	<p>9 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert 1:00 Street Church 2:00 Street Sense Vendors 6:00 Justice Ministry Team Committee</p>	<p>10 10:00 Labyrinth/Staff 12:00 AA/Al-Anon 12:10 Healing Eucharist 2:00 YSOB dinner 2:30 Street Sense Writers</p>	<p>11 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 2:00 Street Sense Vendors</p>	<p>12 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Islamic Prayer Service</p>	<p>13</p>
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Ready for a 42” LCD HDTV or Other Great Prize?

Epiphany is having a terrific raffle to support our downtown ministries, and we need your help.

- The tickets are only \$15 each or \$30 for three tickets (a real deal!),
- The drawing will be on Thursday, September 18, at our Ice Cream Social in the church’s garden,
- Only 2,000 tickets are being sold, so the odds of winning one of the 5 prizes are 1:134 if you buy three tickets.

The prizes are fabulous:

- **First Prize:** 42” Philips LCD HDTV
- **Second Prize:** Weekend for two at the Willard Hotel (2 nights)
- **Third Prize:** Redskins tickets for two to a 2008 season game
- **Fourth Prize:** Tickets for two to a Shakespeare Theater play
- **Fifth Prize:** Macy’s \$150 gift certificate

Here’s how you can help:

- Buy raffle tickets at Coffee Hour on Sunday or online at www.epiphanydc.org.
- Sell raffle tickets to your friends and family. Pick up a packet of tickets on Sunday at Coffee Hour, along with tips on how to sell them easily.

Epiphany’s downtown ministries include:

- Fellowship and faith formation events
- Open church weekdays for prayer and worship
- Street Church
- The Welcome Table
- Tuesday Concert Series

Our downtown ministries, which reach at least 500 people weekly, require significant funding. We need your help to make these ministries happen.

For more information, contact the parish office at 202-347-2635 or info@epiphanydc.org.

HOMECOMING LUNCH – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2008



Celebrate our faith community!

Enjoy fellowship and good food with one another!

Please bring a dish to share.

IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH:

A-D – BRING A FAVORITE DESSERT

E-Z – BRING A FAVORITE MAIN DISH, SIDE DISH, OR SALAD

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