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Announcements

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WELCOME BACK PICNIC: Please mark your calendar for Sunday, September 10th. On that day, church services will move back upstairs, and we will hold our annual Welcome Back Picnic following the 10:00 service. All are invited to join together to share food and fellowship in the undercroft and possibly outdoors. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the undercroft, for you to sign for the item(s) you wish to bring to share. (If someone has already signed for the item you wish to bring, please sign next to their name.) Feel free to bring lawn chairs, if you would like. Please see Betsy Dell if you are able to help with set up (Saturday) and/or clean up, following the picnic.

EPIPHANY HOSPITALITY: People will be church shopping during the next two months. Let's put our best foot forward to welcome visitors. Nothing says, "We're Glad You're Here!" like a clean environment and refreshments. Please take a turn signing up for Church Cleaning and Coffee Hour. We have many unfilled slots. Both sheets are posted in the undercroft. (You might consider teaming up with someone else.)

The church, undercroft and upper hall and restrooms of the education building are cleaned every two weeks on a rotational basis. The sign-up calendar to support this household work is on the wall between the kitchen window and the bathroom (available dates through November are Aug 27, Sept 10 and 24, Oct 22 and Nov 5 and 19). Pertinent details about what you're signing up for are at the top of the calendar. (You are not being asked to do the work.)

The coffee hour calendar is on the bulletin board to the right of the kitchen door. All dates are open except for this week, Aug 13, and Sep 10 (Church Picnic)

If you want to sign up now while you're thinking of it, send me an email me at rector@epiphanystar.net with name and date. Thanks! Beth+

RADA CUTLERY FUNDRAISER: The Church will hold a RADA CUTLERY sale beginning September 17th, 2017 to October 8th, 2017. Rada is very nice cutlery at a good price. We have held this fundraiser in the past. All items ordered will arrive before the holidays. They make great gifts for showers, hostess gift. Other items available are soy candles, cookbooks, quick mixes. Look for your book and order form in September. All orders, with payment at due October 8th. Please give your order to Betty Murphy, or put it in the Offering Plate. Any questions I can be reached at 610-322-4521. Thank you for your support with this fundraiser.

PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS NEEDED: One of the women I work with is a Baptist minister. Her church is making mats for the homeless and bags to carry them in. See the flyers have a picture of the mats posted in the undercroft. They use plastic grocery bags as "yarn" and crochet them as you would an afghan. They are the length of an average adult male and 1 inch thick.

In the winter, the cardboard or sleeping bags they lay on get wet. These are a plastic buffer between them and the ground. The one thing that was a challenge was carrying them around. A staff in our homeless services came up with the idea to make t-shirt bags. The sleeves are removed and the collar cut out a little more. The bottom is cut into strips and the strips are knotted creating the bag. The residents in one of our programs for people who have been street homeless are tying the shirts. One resident used to be a graphic designer. He made a logo for the shirts that says Homeless Helping Homeless.

What they need are lots of plastic grocery bags. This serves two purposes: making the mats to help the homeless AND we are recycling which helps our environment. People can also make a cash donation towards the t-shirt bags that carry the mats. A supplier angel is giving them the t-shirts for \$1.50 each and \$1.00 for the logo stencil. When these are distributed a person would get a t-shirt bag with the mat inside, a bag lunch, and an inspirational note from our residents who had been homeless and are now housed. Any questions please see Marie.

VALLEY FORGE DEANERY SUMMER PLENARY PICNIC: The Deanery picnic is Wednesday August 23rd from 4pm to 8pm hosted by St. James Perkiomen. Location is at the home of Mrs. Sally Tempelton 268 Hopwood Rd Collegeville. Swimming is available, so bring suits and a towel if you wish to take a dip. A signup sheet is posted in the undercroft. Please bring a dessert to share, everything else is provided. The evening will conclude with the Deanery Plenary Meeting.

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR HEALING SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY: All are invited to attend the services held in the undercroft. We will begin the service on a weekly basis in the fall, on September 6th.

SCRIP: The remaining date for the summer will be **TODAY**. In September, we will resume bi-monthly orders. I will try to have surplus cards on hand, should you run out during these longer intervals. Please contact Susan Garone if you have any questions or would like to help with the program.

Update on Parish Finances: As of the end of June we have \$5400 in operating cash in the bank. The line of credit is now paid off!

We collected approximately \$6000 in pledges for the month of June, and halfway through the year this represents 51% of what is expected.

Our expenses in June were around \$7400, reflecting partial payment of our Diocesan assessment and pledge and a deposit on bell refurbishment. Bell refurbishment is being covered by a combination of memorial funds and a gift from a parishioner. Our cash flow should be adequate through August, but we will earnestly need to attend to fundraising in the fall.

Outstanding expenses through the end of the year include catching up with payment of Beth's pension (\$7500), Diocesan Pledge/Assessment (\$4000), and payroll expenses (\$41,000). Repairs to the front of the church are looming, and we are awaiting more information about what the financial impact of that work will be.

Thank you to all who have kept up with their pledges over the summer- that has been enormously helpful. Please contact Susan Garone or Paul Atlee with any questions that you may have.

LET'S READ THE WHOLE BIBLE TOGETHER THIS YEAR! This week's readings:

August 14 Day 225 – Isaiah 25-27, Psalm 34, I Timothy 3
August 15 Day 226 – Isaiah 28-30, Psalm 35, I Timothy 4
August 16 Day 227 – Isaiah 31-33, Psalm 36, I Timothy 5
August 17 Day 228 – Isaiah 34-36, Psalm 37:1-18, I Timothy 6
August 18 Day 229 – Isaiah 37-39, Psalm 37:19-42, II Timothy 1
August 19 Day 230 – Isaiah 40-42, Psalm 38, II Timothy 2
Sunday 8/20 Day 231 – Enjoy hearing the Scriptures read aloud in church

OR... go to www.epiphanystar.net and...

Scroll down to Bishop's Bible Challenge, click day or week of your choice, find the red link: click & read

SAVE THE DATES:

8/19 (10am)	Choir Camp
8/23 (4pm – 8pm)	Valley Forge Deanery Plenary Picnic
9/10	Two service schedule resumes and picnic following 10 am service
10/14 (evening)	Oktoberfest at the home of Jack and Kathy Cobbs

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given In loving memory of Ginny and Don, Gregory, and our grandparents by The Conrads.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

9am
Eucharistic Minister: Marie Kearns
Lectors: Ed & Marsha Hill
Greeter: Mary Thompson
Usher: Sherri Quinlan
Counters: Tom Bailey & Frank Borst
Altar Guild: Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold,
Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet

ASSISTING IN NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP (8/20)

9am
Eucharistic Minister: Marti Wilson
Lectors: Paul Atlee & Joanne Arnold
Greeter: Betsy Dell
Usher: Sherri Quinlan
Counters: Vincent & Susan Garone
Altar Guild: Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold,
Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet

OUR PARISH LIFE AND WORK THIS WEEK

Monday	7:15pm	Vestry Mtg. (Office)
	7:30pm	N.A. (Undercroft)
Tuesday	8:00pm	A.A. (Undercroft)
Wednesday	6:00pm	TBMP Weight Loss Program (Office)
	7:00pm	Daisy Troop 7390 (Undercroft)
Sunday 8/20	9:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Music)
	10:30am	Parish Life Comm. Mtg.

Mats for the Homeless



HELP WANTED : donations of **clean, empty, plastic bags** which will be transformed into sleeping mats to be given to the homeless persons on the streets of Philadelphia. The bags are woven into what looks like a crocheted afghan throw. They are lightweight and fold or roll up for easy carrying.

If you would like to help in this effort, please bring in your clean plastic bags. Also, to save time for those working with the bags, it would be helpful if the bags were folded rather than balled up.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

MIDWEEK HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING LITANY

10:15AM BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY

9AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (MUSIC)

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