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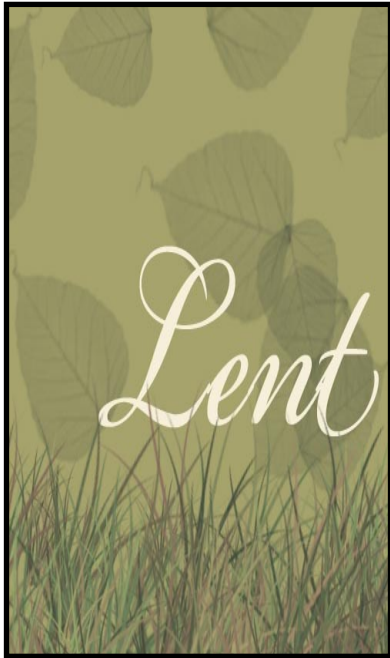
The Monthly Message

My dad used to say quite often, "Communication is difficult at best." I've found that simple observation to be quite true most of my life and I've spent lots of time and energy going many extra miles to speak clearly and listen deeply and well. Communication within groups has its own challenges. Just getting information about events out accurately can be challenging and requires an editor's eye for discrepancies between posters and brochures, bulletins and newsletters. If changes to customary rituals are involved, the process becomes even more complex as conversations about changes within groups and between individuals proceed over time. Finally, technological changes and the availability of human resources require adjustments and changes in communication venues...remember the mimeograph/Xerox machine transition? (Oops—I'm dating myself!

We at Epiphany are at such a point in our life together. In an age when email, internet and websites make information widely accessible to most of us, and as life happenings in our small community bring changes in the availability of time and talents, we are faced with decisions about how we do things. At the Vestry meeting in February, we discussed our newsletter. After many faithful years of service as our newsletter editor, Linda Dean is ready to retire from that responsibility. The observation was made that most all of what is contained in the newsletter is also found in weekly bulletins. Add in the potential our website has for communicating information in one place, and the vestry decided that, for the time being, we will focus our energies on weekly bulletins and website development. For a period of time we will take a break from newsletter production and we will all pay attention to and talk about what, if anything, is missed. This March 2017 issue will therefore be our last newsletter during a hiatus of undetermined length. The Vestry welcomes comments and concerns from all who may have them. Please make the Epiphany website (www.epiphanystar.net) a regular stop as you peruse the internet. We need your feedback in order to maintain this site as a lively and accurate depiction of who we are and what we do.

Linda, your patience and persistence, your attention to detail and the steadfast loving care that you have bestowed upon this parish family over the years as you have waited for submissions and month after month created an attractive, readable, and informative publication is to be celebrated by each and every one of us. Thank you for your service...we are so very grateful!!

In God's hope alive in US...
Beth+



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THE REV. BETH W. HIXON, RECTOR
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FROM THE BOOKSHELF

March 2017

Well, here we are folks, back in our usual slot with our monthly overview of our activity for the months you have not heard from us. We are alive and well, thank you, and ready to embark on our 2017 literary itinerary. To bring you up to date in November and December, we brought the year to a close with *The Banished Children of Eve*...by Peter Quinn, and for our final reading of the year we relaxed with a good ole mystery by none other than Agatha Christie's *Hercule Poirot's Christmas*. Yes, some of us did solve the mystery, and no, the butler did not commit the crime. This then brought our reading activities to a close and we have reverently placed those books on the "Have Read" bookshelf. When you do that with a book, you sometimes wonder how many of those tomes will be retrieved and once again be lovingly reread.

Having completed our reading labors for the year, we closed it, as we customarily do, with the selection of our readings for 2017 and a social time. You will find that new list at the bottom of this writing. Again it is a quite varied and interesting list, opening with *Love Anthony* by Lisa Genova for January and *The Ginger Man* by J. P. Donleavy and Jay McInerney for February, which happened to be our classic selection for this year. That in a nutshell has summed up our comings and goings during our absence from the editorial page.

Next on our list for the year is David McCullough's *The Wright Brothers*. This is a lengthy work about one of the great advancements in the early Twentieth Century, and I dare say I do not have to tell you what that advancement was. Not only do we follow along with them as they pursued what they truly believed to be a way that humans could travel by air, but in addition to those trials and labors, we also meet various other members of the Wright family and the dynamics that influenced their lives as well. McCullough is still the ever engaging storyteller of historical narrative. He truly makes the trip with the Wright brothers an engaging one, especially since it is one of the epic stories of the Twentieth Century. It makes you feel that if you could go back in a time machine and be there through all their trials and labors and their ultimate triumph, you would certainly take the time and effort to do it. Especially when that first successful flight took place. Do read it, enjoy, and come join us as we review it at our next meeting on Saturday, March 4th.

And in closing, we would certainly be remiss if we did not devote some space and time to one of our former members who recently passed away. I speak, of course, about Genny Aitken who was one of our first members of the club. She was very active in our activities and in addition to her reading would host some of the meetings, maintain our host schedule and, of course, avidly read most selections of the club. Her warm and charming personality lent a special grace to our meetings. Needless to say, she will be greatly missed. *Requiescat in Pacem*, Genny.

The following is our list of readings for 2017:

March	<i>The Wright Brothers</i> by David McCullough
April	<i>Flight Behavior</i> by Barbara Kingsolver
May	<i>Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood by Britain in its Darkest, Hour</i> by Lynne Olsen
June	<i>A Far Off Place</i> by Laurens Van Der Post
July/August	No meeting. Read September selection
September	<i>The Sea Hunters</i> by Clive Cussler

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October	<i>The Rule of Four</i> by Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason
November	<i>Jane and the Twelve Days of Christmas</i> by Stephanie Brown
December	Regular meeting to select readings for 2018 and the Christmas Social

At this writing, all meetings for this year have been scheduled for the first Saturday of each month, except for July and August when we take our summer break. Meetings start at 9:30 AM and are held in the parish office. Should any change(s) be made, they will be communicated through an appropriate channel.

2017 EPIPHANY ANNUAL POT PIE SALE UNDERWAY!!

Need a quick, easy, and delicious dinner? Fret not, Fisher's Pot Pies of Bristol has just the answer for you! **YES, FISHER'S FROZEN POT PIES!!** Prepared in individual serving packages, they are delectable as well as delicious. ELEVEN scrumptious choices plus one dessert from which to choose. **There aren't any new entrees this year. Which means the Cranberry Chicen that was introduced last year is on the menu again for our delight.** A complete description of each entrée is on the back of each order blank. **Order blanks can be found in this newsletter**, or additional ones are available on the table at the back of the church, or the tables in the undercroft. Feel free to make copies of the order form. All necessary information is on the order form. Any questions or clarifications, see Bill Hummer who is managing the sale again this year. **Since we do this sale only once a year, be sure to order enough to last you for the whole year, and be sure to ask your friends, neighbors, and other family members for orders as well.** Last year we had our best sale in five years with 25 orders received and 270 pies purchased. Can we beat that this year? As we have heard many times, **YES WE CAN!** And remember we **will** deliver for those who have transportation issues. Just check the appropriate place on the order form. Oh yes—did I forget to mention that the pick-up date is Saturday, April 8th from 11 AM to 12 PM (noon)? Happy ordering :-) & (!!)

As some of you already knew, and now all know from Beth's front page article, this is my last newsletter. My company was bought a few months ago; it has not been an easy transition, as the new owner's culture is very different from how our company worked, and the changes to my job cause me to put in a good many more hours than before. In fact, I brought my work laptop home with me on this 3-day holiday weekend that I'm working on the newsletter! My limited spare time is now less than before, so something had to give.

When I agreed to take on the newsletter several years ago (2010? 2011??), I had no idea just how much I'd come to love putting each issue out to you. I have taken great pride in making our newsletter look sharp and professional every month. Many, many thanks to Paul and Kile Exley, who taught me how to use Publisher and handled many panicked calls/emails from me when something didn't work right. This newsletter has been my baby and it is with great reluctance that I have to say goodbye to it.

Thank you to all who have fed me articles through the years. YOU wrote the newsletter; I just put it all together in a way that I hoped would be pleasing to look at and read!

It has been my pleasure to serve you.....

Linda Dean

CELEBRATE!

Happy Birthday

March

2 - Cherise (Bailey) Lutz, Gianna DiBattista
 3 - Holly Cross
 5- Marti Wilson
 15 - Paul Atlee
 25 - Susan Garone
 26 - Melissa Renner



March

None

Volunteer Schedules

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

05 - Volunteer	Paul Atlee
12 - Bill Hummer	Marti Wilson
19 - Volunteer	Marie Kearns
26 - Paul Atlee	Paul Exley

Greeters

05—Vicki Cox
 12— Cindy Lind
 19— Cathy Bailey
 26 – Bill Wilson

Lectors

05 - 8:00 am	Marsha Hill
10:00 am	K. DiBattista, Karen Kreider
12 - 8:00 am	Ed Hill
10:00 am	Dodi Kearns, Marie Kearns
19 - 8:00 am	Marsha Hill
10:00 am	Paul Atlee, Joanne Arnold
26 - 8:00 am	Ed Hill
10:00 am	Jack Cobbs, Kathy Cobbs

Counters

05—Garone
 12 - Wilson
 19 - Dell/Volunteer
 26 - Bailey/Borst



Crucifer/Server

05—Bill Hummer
 12— Marie Kearns
 19— Marie Kearns
 26 – Paul Exley

Ushers

Betsy & Charles Dell