



# Epiphany Star

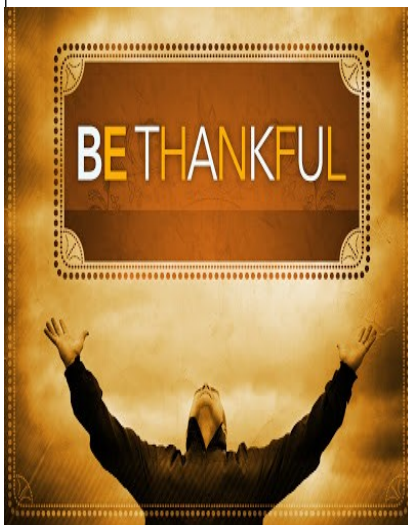


The light that shines in darkness!

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## One in Spirit / One in Mission

I hope anyone who counts themselves as a member, friend, parishioner or who is considering becoming one of the Church of the Epiphany faith community has, by now, had a chance to read our annual giving parish letter in which the One in Spirit / One in Mission theme guiding our 2017 Annual Giving conversation was introduced. This theme carries a richness of meaning and is grounded in Jesus' understanding of how we who love God, who love Jesus, are invited to live and move and have our being. Let's take a look at this theme a bit more deeply.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus explores the concept of Oneness as he prays ... oneness between himself, God the Father, and those who are to be given the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Church.

*"The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one..."*

*John 17:22-23a*

Does this mean that there are to be no distinctions between us? By no means and on the contrary, the more we discover who we individually are meant to be in God's life and love, the more capable we are of moving into the dance of oneness in the Spirit with others who travel the way with us.

There are many ways we, as members of the "Jesus movement" (Presiding Bishop Curry's designation for the Church) become more and more One in Spirit. We are called to worship, to listen deeply to scripture together, to play together, to be in honest relationship with one another, and to serve one another and those who are not and may never be part of our particular faith community ("the other").

We also intentionally discern God's call to us to give and receive as individuals and families and at all levels of our faith community. Individuals and families give and receive within the local faith community and then the leadership of the particular faith community gives and receives within our deanery, our diocese and beyond. We discover the gifts we have been given and how we are called to pledge those gifts... gifts of time, of talent, and of treasure to support God's mission. And then we support one another to do our best to meet our pledges. Pledges are not like taxes... they are not inflexible assessments. Rather, they are expressions of a combination of our loving and caring as well as our best guess at what we can realistically and faithfully offer. God knows that circumstances change even after we make commitments! There is never any shame in responsibly decreasing or increasing our pledge. Becoming contributing members, as we are able, of a faith community that is growing in oneness is a powerful way to honor the dignity of the life God has given us. The beauty of Christian community is that we never have to make these discernments and decisions alone for the blessings of true relatedness, honesty, mercy, care and peace are available as gifts of the Spirit.

We who are seeking to grow in Oneness as the Church of the Epiphany here in Royersford, Pennsylvania have committed to a mutual ministry that seeks to serve God, one another, and "the other". Together during this time of annual giving let us discover, name and pledge our gifts... and enter fully into the blessing of the dance.

In God's hope alive in us,  
Beth+

## Coventry Community Chorus

Once again the Coventry Community Chorus is happy to present a Christmas concert at Epiphany on December 14th at 7:30pm. The music is full of traditional Christmas songs which most of us have grown up with. It will make you want to sing along. Many of you will appreciate that Jim Tay, Epiphany's good friend and former choir director/organist, will be the accompanist.

So, mark the date on your calendar, bring your friends and neighbors and join us for a joyful evening--December 14th, 7:30pm.

Marsha Hill and Joanne Arnold, chorus members



Gratitude can transform common  
days into thanksgivings, turn routine  
jobs into joy, and change ordinary  
opportunities into blessings.

William Arthur Ward

### SCRIP:

We are entering the last two months of the year and historically, November and December have been the times of some of our largest orders. The dates for November are the 13th and 27th; for December, currently the only date is the 11th. If there is a need, we can place an order on the 18th for last minute items.

A number of people have helped with collecting orders and with selling cards this year. If you would like to help with either of these jobs in the coming year, please let me know.

Thanks as always for your participation.

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### THE SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE needs our help!

Seafarers are an essential part of the global system that brings us 90% of all our goods. Many of them are here at the Port of Philadelphia, far from home and family during the holidays. Help us show them our appreciation this upcoming holiday season.

We will be collecting items on the wish list for the seafarers. Please deposit your items in the box provided in the narthex. **The last day for donations is November 6th.**

This year's ingathering is being headed by Helen Warner; please see her with questions.

#### Ditty Bag Wish List

- Hats, scarves and gloves in dark colors
- Razors & Shaving Cream
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Shampoo & Comb
- Deodorant
- Work socks & Work gloves
- Mini sewing kit
- Pens & Stationary
- Nail Clippers

### CHILI SALE!!

Our SIXTH Annual Chili Sale will be held during the month of October, beginning on October 2nd and running thru October 30th. Our Epiphany Cooks will be making chili in a variety of ways, which are: mild beef chili, spicy beef chili, turkey chili, and white chicken chili. All will be made with beans! Chili will be sold in quart containers at the cost of \$8.00 a quart. We will also have available packs of corn muffins, which will sell at \$1.00 per pack of two.

Order blanks will be available in the church, or use the one included in your newsletter. Orders, along with payment, must be placed by October 30th. Please make checks payable to WOE. Pick up will be held on Saturday, November 12th, from 11:00 until 12:00, in the undercroft, or Sunday, November 13th, following the 10:00 church service. Please check which time you will pick up your chili, on your order blank.

All proceeds from this sale will be given to the church. We are looking forward to your support!!

### ITEMS OF NOTE

November 6:	Last day for Seaman's Church Institute donations
November 11 & 12:	Pick up your chili
December 4:	Annual Giving thanksgiving luncheon
December 14:	Christmas concert by the Coventry Chorus at 7:30
December 17:	Lori Exley's ordination at Epiphany
January 21, 2017:	Epiphany Party (details will be in December newsletter)
February 5, 2017:	"Souper" Bowl Sunday (details will be in January newsletter)

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## **ANNUAL GIVING CONVERSATION / 2017**

Since "Stewardship" is something we hopefully embrace as a Christian Community all year long, I've asked the Vestry to give our yearly "time / talent / treasure" campaign a more descriptive title and they agreed to the term "Annual Giving". It is my hope that from October 23 through the month of November we can have fruitful conversations about our Epiphany household... Let's talk about our hopes and dreams, the gifts we give now and those we hope to give in the future to keep our Christ-light burning brightly.

Our theme this year is One in Spirit / One in Mission. Each Sunday during announcement time we'll hear a word about one of our active ministries or about a potential ministry poised to come alive with willing hearts and hands. This year, rather than a breakfast, we will have a luncheon on Sunday, Dec. 4 following the 10 am service. The Rev. Canon Shawn Walmsley will preach at the service and speak at the luncheon... do mark your calendars! Beth+

# Happy Birthday

## November

6 - Katherine Garone  
 8 - Kaylee Boggust  
 10 - Jean Chernesky, John Cory,  
       CJ DiBattista  
 11 - Christopher DeMont  
 13 - Pat Conrad  
 16 - Cathy Bailey, Gwen Thompson  
 17 - Jacob Bailey  
 21 - Peggy Cox  
 25 - Dorothy Arrowsmith, Liz (Borst)  
       Leary  
 28 - Linda Print  
 30 - Linda Dean



## November

8 - Jason & Kate (Cobbs) Hall  
 15 - Bob & June Blauser  
 20 - Jim & Betty Murphy  
 27 - Bill & Marti Wilson

# Volunteer Schedules

## Eucharistic Ministers

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

06 - Volunteer	Bill Hummer
13 - Bill Hummer	Marie Kearns
20 - Volunteer	Paul Atlee
27 - Volunteer	Marti Wilson

## Greeters

06—Bill Wilson  
 13— Betty Murphy  
 20— Gwen Thompson  
 27 – Linda Dean

## Lectors

06 - 8:00 am	Volunteer
10:00 am	Helen Warner/Larry Way
13 - 8:00 am	Volunteer
10:00 am	Karen Krieder/K. DiBattista
20 - 8:00 am	Volunteer
10:00 am	Marie Kearns/Dodi Kearns
27 - 8:00 am	Ed Hill
10:00 am	Joanne Arnold/Paul Atlee

## Counters

06—Bailey Borst  
 13 - Garone  
 20 - Wilson  
 27 - Dell/Volunteer



## Crucifer/Server

06—TBD  
 13— Bill Hummer  
 20— TBD  
 27 – TBD

## Ushers

Susan & Vincent Garone

## Music Notes – November 2016

Hello again, Music Lovers in Christ!

November holds wonderful events for us found in the musical and liturgical calendar!

All Saints Day is on November 6<sup>th</sup> this year and the Handbell Choir will start the service off with a heralding arrangement of “All Glory Laud and Honor”. This choir has recently welcomed 3 new ringers to the fold – talented and quick-learning individuals – a welcome addition to our special group of “God’s Ding-a-Lings”! Also, the hymns for November are special, comforting ones that remind us of God’s gift of family. Join us as we sing “Come Ye Thankful People Come” and other hymns this month.

Our Adult Choir continues to meet for extra rehearsals on the Christmas Cantata on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am and Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. This year we are singing “Winter Rose” a beautiful Cantata with narration and musical advent offerings. The choir is working very hard! Please be sure to come to church on December 11<sup>th</sup> as the Choir and Handbells “Sing and Ring in the Season”!

If you or someone you know is interested in participating musically and offering your talents to God:

Adult Choir – Thursdays from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm – and on Sundays til Christmas at 9:15 am;

Handbells – Rehearse right after coffee hour in the sanctuary.

Please pray about joining us and then do it! We have fun and fellowship at every rehearsal! Reading music is not a requirement!

***Make music for the Glory of God – Join a Choir!***





THE MYSTIC CORDS OF MEMORY, STRETCHING  
FROM EVERY BATTLEFIELD AND PATRIOT GRAVE  
TO EVERY LIVING HEART... SHOULD SWELL INTO  
A MIGHTY CHORUS OF REMEMBRANCE,  
GRATITUDE AND REDEDICATION ON THIS  
SOLEMN OCCASION.

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

**Veterans Day  
November 11**