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Announcements

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PATHWAYS TO PEACE (8/27): The unrest between groups of people in our world is painful. What are we to do? Let's start by getting out of our comfort zones to worship and talk with our Royersford neighbors. **TODAY** at 6:30 pm we'll gather on lawn of the United Church of Christ for song and prayer and then we'll move inside for a discussion about how we live into the role of peacemaker.

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED: St Augustine's in Norristown has been serving a breakfast every Sunday morning for the past 30 years. Everyone is welcome. For the past 5 year, the Church of the Epiphany has been part of this critical ministry. For 3 of those years we have been a sponsor, which means we not only cook and serve the breakfast, we also buy the food. On the second Sunday of the first month of the quarter we feed our neighbors in need. The other 2 Sundays we go and help a sponsor from St Augustine's. The money for this ministry has come from the parishioners of Epiphany. Periodically we ask everyone to save their loose change over the course of several weeks and then we collect it and use that to buy food. Over the past 3 years Epiphany has been responsible for feeding over 1200 people. Well, it's time to collect our coins again.

Starting on September 10, Homecoming Sunday, and running until the last Sunday in October, we ask everyone to put aside their loose change and bring it in on Sunday October 29. On Sunday, September 10, Bill Wilson will have containers to hold your coins, bills or checks if you prefer not to save your coins. We pray that we continue our commitment to our brothers and sisters in need.

SCRIP: In September the dates will be the 10th and the 24th. 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.

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+

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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR HEALING SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY: All are invited to attend the services usually held in the undercroft. We will begin the service on a weekly basis in the fall, on September 6th. (**Please note:** On September 6th, the service will be held in the Rector's office.)

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

August 28 Day 239 – Isaiah 61-63, Psalm 45, Hebrews 1
August 29 Day 240 – Isaiah 64-66, Psalm 46, Hebrews 2
August 30 Day 241 – Jeremiah 1-3, Psalm 47, Hebrews 3
August 31 Day 242 – Jeremiah 4-6, Psalm 48, Hebrews 4
Sept. 1 Day 243 – Jeremiah 7-9, Psalm 49, Hebrews 5
Sept. 2 Day 244 – Jeremiah 10-12, Psalm 50, Hebrews 6
Sunday 9/3 Day 245 – 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

Update on Parish Finances: August 2017

We continue to have significant expenses ahead, which include payroll obligations of \$6400 each month. Beth's pension and health insurance cost approximately \$1400/month. We also have \$4000 of Diocesan Assessment/Pledge to honor before Diocesan Convention in November, so that we can retain our right to vote. It is more important than ever that pledgers keep up with their yearly pledges.

We collected \$7240 in pledges in July, partly owing to July having 5 Sundays, but we are still on track with our pledge income for the year. The Vanguard Endowment fund has increased by over \$7000 this year, as of the end of June. Fundraising so far this year has brought in around \$2000.

We have been able to realize significant savings in our phone and internet bill, thanks to Paul Exley's efforts, and we hope to see a reduction in Beth's health insurance premium soon.

As you are aware there is a big decision to be made about how to proceed regarding the repairs to the Narthex, and we will do our best to keep everyone informed about that process and how you can participate in it.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

	9am
Eucharistic Minister:	Paul Atlee
Lectors:	Jack & Kathy Cobbs
Greeter:	Larry Way
Usher:	Sherri Quinlan
Counters:	Bill & Marti Wilson
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet

OUR PARISH LIFE AND WORK THIS WEEK

Monday	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 9/3	9:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Music)

SAVE THE DATES:

9/10	Two service schedule resumes and picnic following 10 am service
10/7 5:30pm	Oktoberfest at the home of Jack and Kathy Cobbs [Note: this date has been changed. It was originally scheduled for 10/14]
10/8 12:30pm	Blessing of the Animals in the Courtyard

ASSISTING IN NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP (9/3)

	9am
Eucharistic Minister:	William Hummer
Lectors:	Kathy & Jack Cobbs
Greeter:	Kitty DiBattista
Usher:	Kathy Cobbs
Counters:	Charles Dell & Volunteer
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet

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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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