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Announcements

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WEEKLY HEALING SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY: All are invited to attend healing services held every Wednesday in the undercroft at 10:15 am beginning September 6th. (**Please note:** On September 6th, the service will be held in the Rector's office.)

DO YOU HAVE TIME TO HELP OUT IN THE CHURCH OFFICE? Paul Exley and Beth Hixon have need of some of your regularly donated time (every week or every two weeks) for a variety of tasks. If you're interested in finding out more, please contact Beth by texting (215-896-0828) or emailing (rector@epiphanystar.net). Being in touch is not a commitment; only a time to explore possibilities.

THE PATHWAYS TO PEACE GATHERING was a blessing for all (about 40 people) who attended last Sunday evening. We prayed together, sang about peace, talked about barriers to peace in hearts, homes, communities and what it takes to become active peacemakers at every level of relationship. Several local congregations in addition to the three sponsoring Washington Street churches were represented. We are in conversation about another gathering within the next 2 months. Watch for dates and mark your calendars!

RADA - BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST!: Starting September 17th to October 8th, the Rada Cutlery Sale will be happening. We have had the Rada Cutlery Fundraiser twice before. This is very nice cutlery. Other items available include soy candles, cookbooks, and quick mixes. Look for your booklet and order form in September. All orders, with payment are due October 8th. Any questions see Betty Murphy or call 610-322-4521. Thank You for your support with this fundraiser.

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 years, 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.

HELP NEEDED!!! Calling all Chili Makers! It's getting to be that time again, when we request your help in making Chili for the annual Chili Sale, to be held in October, with pick up on November 11th and 12th. As has been the case, we will sell mild and spicy chili with ground beef and beans, as well as turkey chili and chicken (white) chili, each with beans. If you are able to donate 5 quarts or a few more, please contact Betsy Dell asap. More info will be forthcoming! Thank you for your support.

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

PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS NEEDED: One of the women Marie Kearns works with is a Baptist minister. Her church is making mats for the homeless. 400 plastic bags are used to crochet each mat used as a plastic buffer between the person's "bedding" and the ground. (See the flyers posted in the undercroft.) The mats are large so T-shirts are being fashioned into bags by some of Marie's program participants. Each T-shirt bag stores and enables the homeless person to carry his/her mat. When distributed, each homeless person receives a t-shirt bag and mat, a bag lunch and an inspirational note from formerly homeless program residents.

Please recycle your plastic bags and bring them to undercroft to support this project. T-shirts for the carry bags are being made available for \$2.50 each should you wish to provide monetary support for purchase of the T-shirts. Any questions please see Marie.

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

Sept 4 Day 246 – Jeremiah 13-15, Psalm 51, Hebrews 7
Sept 5 Day 247 – Jeremiah 16-18, Psalm 52, Hebrews 8
Sept 6 Day 248 – Jeremiah 19-21, Psalm 53, Hebrews 9
Sept 7 Day 249 – Jeremiah 22-24, Psalm 54, Hebrews 10
Sept 8 Day 250 – Jeremiah 25-27, Psalm 55, Hebrews 11
Sept 9 Day 251 – Jeremiah 28-30, Psalm 56, Hebrews 12
Sunday 9/10 Day 252 – 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:

9/10 (8 & 10)	Two service schedule resumes! Homecoming picnic follows the 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

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:	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

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)
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Undercroft)
Sunday 9/10	8:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I (Spoken)
	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Music)

Church School Children process from the church nave to Education Building at 10 and return at the Peace Welcome Back Picnic following Service

ASSISTING IN NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP (9/10)

	10am
Eucharistic Minister:	Paul Atlee
Lectors:	Marie & Dodi Kearns
Greeter:	Cathy Bailey
Usher:	Susan & Vincent Garone
Counters:	Tom Bailey & Frank Borst
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Teacher	Marti Wilson
Godly Play Greeter	Kathy Cobbs

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SUNDAY

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