



# Announcements

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**WELCOME TO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD, AINSLEY AND SAMANTHA!** Today, Ainsley and Samantha Lacovitti, daughters of Dan and Becky (Cox), and granddaughters of Vicki Cox, will be baptized at the 10 am service. Godmothers are Melissa Cox and Casey McNamara. Please join the family in the undercroft following the service for a cake reception.

**GIL AITKEN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE:** The life of Gil Aitken, husband of our beloved, Genny, will be celebrated this Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Just one year ago almost to the day we were celebrating Genny's life. Gil and Genny have been reunited forever in the loving embrace of God's deep and abiding peace. Thanks be to God.

**PROJECT OUTREACH:** This Thursday the 11th is Epiphany's turn to pack and distribute the bags at Project Outreach located one block from the church in the library at Washington and 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Please come as close to 9:00 am as possible to help serve our community. Thanks, and I hope you can come!! Gary Vanatter



**Come one, Come All! Let's shake off the winter doldrums with some family food, fun, and fellowship!**

What: Family Game Night and Pot Luck

Who: All – families, singles, babies, kids, adults – the young and young at heart

Where: Epiphany Church in the Undercroft

Date: Saturday, January 27 5:30p – 9:00p ish (Snow date February 10)

Details: Please sign up yourself and family, including ages, and offer a covered dish to bring. Include your favorite board or card games. We will have activities for all. After breaking bread together, we will break into groups for game night. Imagine the kids playing Junior Pictionary or Candyland. (We will have facilitators as needed for the kids as kids will be kids). Adults can join a wild game of Trivial Pursuit, Pictionary or more subdued card games like Rummy 500 or Gin Rummy. Or other ideas!

Contact Mary Martin for more information [mmmartin33@outlook.com](mailto:mmmartin33@outlook.com) or 484-401-4732

Sign-up your family! It will be an Epiphany Game Night - without Jane Lynch

**“SOUPER BOWL” Coffee Hour!!** We will again hold our annual “Souper Bowl” Coffee Hour on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018, following the 10:00 service. All are invited to attend this time of fun and fellowship! There are several ways we can use your help. With your help, we will serve soup and bread as well as a light dessert, as the fare of the day, instead of the usual coffee hour fare. We ask anyone who wishes to contribute a pot of soup or one of the other items mentioned, to please sign up on the sheet provided in the undercroft. (Available in January.) We also ask EVERYONE to bring a can or more of canned soup to be donated to Project Outreach. Some of the cans will serve as our centerpieces for the tables!! Everyone will be invited to dress in their team clothes, even if their team is not playing. (I’d like to say, “Go, Eagles!” but it would be a dream!) After a bit of soup and great fellowship, everyone can be off to their own Super Bowl event! We are looking forward to a fun time, as it was last year! Any questions, please see Betsy Dell.

**TIME TO PASS THE BATON:** As is true in many parish communities, leadership is undertaken by a small percentage of parishioners. That reality often leads to burnout especially in small parish families if responsibilities and tasks are not passed along and accepted by others. Mutual ministry grows us in God and in all our relationships.

Four very important areas of leadership and service are coming available; an orientation and coaching along the way will be offered. Please pray about serving in one or more of the ministry leadership or service positions detailed below and contact me as soon as possible so we can continue to maintain our community in ways that are important to our mission. In God’s hope, alive in us .....Beth+

- 1. ALTAR AND HOLIDAY FLOWERS:** Sherri Quinlan has been leading this ministry for 16 years; she would like to pass it along. Here’s what is involved:  
ALTAR FLOWERS: Post the yearly flower calendar and encourage sign-ups, notify those scheduled prior to their flower week with how and where to order the flowers and how to submit bulletin info. HOLIDAY FLOWERS (Christmas & Easter): Get pricing from Miller’s Greenhouse, distribute and collect order blank flyers and money prior to the particular holiday, order the flowers, schedule delivery of the flowers, submit a list of thanksgivings and memorials for holiday bulletins.
- 2. COFFEE HOUR COORDINATOR:** The goal is to provide a warm, welcoming post-service experience for parishioners and newcomers alike. Here’s what’s involved: Post sign-up sheets every 3-4 months noting special events that fall on particular Sundays (e.g., parish gatherings and parish forums); announce the need for hosts both verbally and in written form; monitor supplies and arrange for replenishment as needed...an inventory list is available and others can be enlisted to purchase supplies and receipts are to be submitted to the office for reimbursement; help newcomers set up and host; report needs to parish life committee.
- 3. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE TASK FORCE:** Maintaining an attractive and well-cared for campus is vital to our well-being. Jonathan Bailey, a new member of our parish family and a mechanical engineer, has offered to coordinate a group of people who are willing to work individually and/or in task groups to repair, maintain, and spruce up our physical plant. If you like to problem solve, work with tools, fix things, or simply enjoy working with others and are willing to help and learn, please sign up for this task force.

**4. VESTRY MEMBER:** Our Vestry slate this year includes only 6 members of the parish. We sincerely believe a minimum of 7 is required to faithfully guide the parish into the future. Here's what's involved: Serve a three year term; attend a monthly two-hour vestry meeting at church (2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays from 7:15-9:15); serve as an officer (rector's warden, accounting warden, secretary) or as the liaison to one of the over-arching areas of church life (outreach, property, parish life, stewardship or Christian formation) which requires a short monthly report and anywhere from 2-6 hours of work per month relative to your area of responsibility; attend one over-night vestry retreat and 2-3 half-day vestry retreats per year. The Epiphany Vestry has become a close-knit group working creatively to vision, plan and care for the fiscal and spiritual well-being of the entire household. If you have questions or want to explore becoming a vestry member, please contact Beth Hixon... we need your gifts.

**SCRIP:** Scrip dates for January will be January 7 and 21. In February the only date will be the 18th. March dates will be March 4 and 18. Thank you to everyone who has supported the program! If you have questions or would like to help with the program, please speak to Susan Garone.

### ***One week into a new beginning. C'mon...***

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

- Jan 8 Day 8 – Genesis 19-21; Psalm 7; Matthew 7
- Jan 9 Day 9 – Genesis 22-24; Psalm 8; Matthew 8
- Jan 10 Day 10 – Genesis 25-27; Psalm 9; Matthew 9
- Jan 11 Day 11 – Genesis 28-30; Psalm 10; Matthew 10
- Jan 12 Day 12 – Genesis 31-33; Psalm 11; Matthew 11
- Jan 13 Day 13 – Genesis 34-36; Psalm 12; Matthew 12
- Jan 14 Day 14 – Enjoy hearing the Scriptures read aloud in church

OR... go to [www.epiphanystar.net](http://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 DATE**

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| <b>1/7</b>    | after 10am serv.       | Cake reception in honor of Ainsley and Samantha's Baptism<br>Bell choir practice and de-greening of the church |
| <b>1/14</b>   | 6:30am                 | St Augustine's   |
| <b>1/21</b>   | after 10am serv.       | The Annual Meeting of the "Household" (please plan to attend;<br>your voice is important)                      |
| <b>1/27</b>   | Sat evening (time TBA) | Epiphany Party: Family Potluck and Game Night  |
| <b>2/4</b>    | after 10am serv.       | "Souper" Bowl Lunch (Undercroft)   |
| <b>[2/10]</b> | Sat. evening           | Epiphany Party <u>Snow Date</u>  |
| <b>2/14</b>   | Noon and 7 pm          | Ash Wednesday Services   |

## FINANCIAL UPDATE / as of November 30<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Pledges to Support the 2018 Budget:** 30 pledges totaling \$87,390 (reflects corrected Oct. report)

**2017 Pledge Income Receipts** continue at about 85% of expected income

*To all who are holding the space for our mission and ministry in the world by submitting a pledge and staying current with pledge contributions... Thank you!! Pledging can take place at any time of the year though it is helpful for budgeting to have pledges by year's end.*

**Fundraising in 2017:** We anticipate \$5,000 from pot pie, chili, Rada, Scrip, WAWA, Thanksgiving bake sale, Cookie Cavalcade sales. *Thank you for all your amazing efforts!! What ideas might you have for future fundraisers? Those that bring us together as a community or open our doors to the larger community are especially desirable.*

**Endowment Withdrawal:** \$21,000 from the Endowment Fund has been withdrawn and deposited into the operating account.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding financial matters, please speak to Paul Atlee or Susan Garone.

## ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP, Christian Formation, and Fellowship

### 10am

Eucharistic Minister:	Kitty DiBattista
Lectors:	Paul Atlee & Joanne Arnold
Acolyte:	William Hummer
Greeter:	Cindy Lind
Usher:	Frank Borst & The DiBattista's
Counters:	Tom Bailey & Frank Borst
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Greeter	The Atlee's
Godly Play Teacher	Liz Leary

## OUR PARISH LIFE AND WORK THIS WEEK

Monday	7:15pm	Vestry
	7:30pm	N.A. (Undercroft)
Tuesday	8:00pm	A.A. (Undercroft)
Wednesday	10:15am	Holy Eucharist with Healing and Short Bible Study
	6:00pm	TBMP Weight Loss Program (Office)
	7:00pm	Daisy Troop 7390 (Undercroft)
Thursday	6:45pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Memorial Service for Gil Aiken
Sunday 1/14	6:30am	St Augustine's
	8:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I (Spoken)
	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Music)

### **ASSISTING IN NEXT Sunday's Worship, Formation & Fellowship (1/7 10 am)**

	<b>10am</b>
Eucharistic Minister:	Paul Exley
Lectors:	Jack Cobbs & Kathy Cobbs
Acolyte:	Paul Exley
Greeter:	Vicki Cox
Usher:	Frank Borst & The DiBattista's
Counters:	Vincent & Susan Garone
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Greeter	Atlee's
Godly Play Teacher	Marti Wilson

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**WORSHIP SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

8AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I (SPOKEN)

10AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (MUSIC)

**MIDWEEK HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING LITANY**

10:15AM WEDNESDAYS

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