



Announcements

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WELCOME, MARY CAMPBELL, Organist and Choir Director! Mary Campbell brings with her years of experience as a church organist and choir director. She lives in Kimberton, used to serve St. Basil's there as their music director, and most recently has served as organist and choir director at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Honeybrook. In addition to working with us part-time, Mary also serves several local retirement communities as a music therapist along with her Irish Wolfhound, Mungo, her singing therapy dog. Mary plays multiple instruments, enjoys directing bell choir and singing choir. She even understands the inner workings of organs and is eager to help us identify ways to care for and enhance our organ's capabilities. Let us warmly welcome her to the Epiphany family today!

LENTEN STUDY AND GATHERINGS: We meet today after the 10 am service!

This year, we will gather following the 10 am service, February 18 & 25 and March 4, 11 & 18 to discuss our experience with *Wondrous Encounters*, Richard Rohr's collection of daily Lenten meditations. The meditations begin this week on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14). **If you would like a copy, they are available for purchase after the service for \$9.30.** Or you can reserve a copy on-line at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094daaa622a5fd0-lenten>. (It is also possible to pay for the book at the time you reserve a copy for a nominal convenience fee.) You can read more about the book by going to: http://store.cac.org/Wondrous-Encounters-Scripture-for-Lent_p_290.html.

A SUPER THANK YOU!!!: Thanks so much to ALL of you who helped to make the 2018 SOUPER BOWL COFFEE HOUR a BIG SUCCESS!! We had eight kinds of soup to try. Our soup makers included the following: Charles Dell, Helen Warner, Kitty DiBattista, Tanya Fetzer, Cathy Bailey, Bill Wilson, Mary Martin, and Liz Leary! Thank you, Soup Makers! Thanks, also to those who brought bread and butter to share: Kathy Cobbs and Julie Dattilo. And thanks for the great desserts: Linda Dean, Betsy Dell, Joan McCracken, Cindy Lind, and Ann Dailey!! We also wish to thank all of you who shared this time of fellowship with us, and who helped with the set up and/or clean up!! **Many thanks to Betsy and Charles Dell for coordinating this wonderful, festive time of fellowship!** See you next year at the 2019 SOUPER BOWL!! Go EAGLES!!

OSCAR PARTY/EPIPHANY FUNDRAISER:

Where: Champps of Collegeville, 51 Town Center Drive, Collegeville, PA

Date & Time: Sunday, March 4th, 5:30 p.m. till ???

Come celebrate the movies and join the fun!!! Please join Holly's annual Oscar party as we enjoy good food and drink and raise a few funds for Epiphany. 10% of your check will benefit Epiphany. There will be games and prizes!!! Bring your movie knowledge. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Please RSVP as soon as possible to Holly Cross via Facebook or call/text Holly at 484-680-1467. HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!!!

OSCAR PARTY RAFFLE – Purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win movie gift cards. We will be raffling off two \$25 gift cards to Regal Theaters and two \$50 gift cards to Movie Tavern. All proceeds to benefit Epiphany. \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 10 tickets. The raffle will be held at the Oscar Party on Sunday, March 4th. You do not need to be present to win. Your friends and neighbors are welcome to participate so pass the word. Please see Holly if you would like to purchase raffle tickets. (Thank you Holly for your generosity in making arrangements for all aspects of this fellowship fundraiser!!!)

COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP: Our new year has started, and we have lots of openings for coffee hour sign up. It can be as simple as juice, cookies, pretzels; or coffee, juice, baked goods, or veggies or fruit or surprise us. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in undercroft. Any questions talk to Kitty DiBattista or Ben Millet.

BOOK CLUB: The next book club meeting will occur on Sat., March 9th in the parish office at 9:30 AM. We will be reading two books for that meeting. MAN'S SEARCH FOR MEANING by Viktor Frankl, and NIGHT by Elie Wiesel. Both books are short and are similar in content, but with different perspectives. Mary Guspan will provide the eats as we have some deep conversation. All are welcome. Do come.

SCRIP: In February the only date will be **TODAY**. 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.

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

Feb 19 Day 50 – Numbers 4-5, Psalm 41, Mark 15

Feb 20 Day 51 – Numbers 6-8, Psalm 42, Mark 16

Feb 21 Day 52 – Numbers 9-11, Psalm 43, Luke 1

Feb 22 Day 53 – Numbers 12-14, Psalm 44, Luke 2

Feb 23 Day 54 – Numbers 15-17, Psalm 45, Luke 3

Feb 24 Day 55 – Numbers 18-20, Psalm 46, Luke 4

Feb 25 Day 56 – 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 FINANCES: FEBRUARY 2018

Pledge income for January was more or less on track, and we collected \$7,032 in pledges. The unusually cold weather was responsible for a higher than expected gas bill (\$800+) and 2 snow removals (\$400). Hopefully, February will be kinder. Concerns were raised at the Annual Meeting about Project Outreach contributions, whether they were sent, and where they can be found on the financial statements. We know that checks were sent, because the check stubs are in the files in the office. The amount for 2017 is \$360. The way that the contributions are recorded is confusing, and was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. We are planning to explore a different way of accounting for the Project Outreach funds (and for other "pass-through income") that will be more transparent. If you have any questions or concerns regarding church finances, please speak to any Vestry member.

Susan Garone
Accounting Warden

SAVE THE DATE

2/18-3/18	after 10am serv.	Lenten Study on 5 Sundays in Lent
3/4	5:30-???	Oscar Party Fellowship Fundraiser
3/31		Easter Vigil and Post Easter Vigil Party
4/1		Easter Day Egg Hunt
5/5		All Parish Spring Clean-up and Work Day

WORTHY WORDS



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Lent 2018

My brothers and sisters, I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

During the sacred season of Lent, Christians around the world will journey together through this time of preparation. Lent is a time of fasting, reflection, and centering. And because we are a people and a world in need of the saving power of Jesus Christ, it is also a time to acknowledge and repent of our sins. As we walk together toward the promise of Easter let us make use of this time to go deeper in prayer and make our beliefs manifest to the world.

Our vision is "To know Jesus and make him known to the world through prayer, proclamation, and peace." As we live into this sacred calling, I invite you to participate in at least two of the various holy offerings: The Daily Office, Reconciliation of a Penitent, uplifting the Maundy Thursday liturgy and service to both church and community.

As a diocese let us pray the Daily Office. The ritual of daily prayer is a part of our heartfelt identity as Episcopalians. I pray the Office daily and can tell you that this regular grounding in prayer and scripture has profoundly deepened my connection with God, and it is my prayer that we will know and use it together. The Office also contains shorter forms that can be used as family devotions. It will be a fantastic sign to the Church if our dioceses can continue this practice throughout the year. If you need help getting started please visit:

www.missionstclare.com. It contains everything necessary to pray the office. There is also an app that you can download onto your smartphone.

In the midst of my hectic schedule I find myself yearning for the time when I hold our beloved Book of Common Prayer, and begin reciting those holy words. I trust the Holy Spirit and believe we will make the Office just as much a part of our daily routine as is our morning coffee or exercise. It is part of the beautiful, historical and sacred identity we share with Anglicans throughout the world. "*Jesus said, 'Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.'*"
(Mark 8:34)

I invite you to enter into the Service of the Reconciliation of a Penitent. In Reconciliation, we confess our sins and make restitution where possible with the intention to amend our lives. The Book of Common Prayer provides two forms of service for the Reconciliation of a Penitent. I read the service and reflect on my actions and seek God's loving hand and saving forgiveness. I encourage each of you to read it and also humbly ask the clergy to offer the service to your congregations. Moreover, I humbly request that both laity and clergy join me as we participate as penitents. *Holy God, heavenly Father, you formed me from the dust in your image and likeness and redeemed me from sin and death by the cross of your Son Jesus Christ.*

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

10am

Eucharistic Minister: William Hummer
Lectors: Larry Way & Helen Warner
Acolyte: TBD
Greeter: Kitty DiBattista
Usher: Ben Millet & Kathy Cobbs
Counters: Bill and Marti Wilson
Altar Guild Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold,
Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Greeter Kitty DiBattista
Godly Play Teacher Marti Wilson

OUR PARISH LIFE AND WORK THIS WEEK

Monday	7:30pm	N.A. (Undercroft)
Tuesday	8:00pm	A.A. (Undercroft)
Wednesday	11:00am	Healing Litany and Anointing for Healing
	6:00pm	TBMP Weight Loss Program (Office)
Thursday	6:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal... TBA
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 2/25	8:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I (Spoken)
	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Music)

ASSISTING IN NEXT Sunday's Worship, Formation & Fellowship (2/25 10 am)

10am

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Atlee
Lectors: Ben Millet & Tanya Millet
Acolyte: William Hummer
Greeter: Cindy Lind
Usher: Ben Millet & Kathy Cobbs
Counters: Charles Dell and Volunteer
Altar Guild Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold,
Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Greeter Kitty DiBattista
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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