



Announcements

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DEAR EPIPHANY FAMILY: Our Vestry has been considering alternative ways to better understand the needs and distress of our church building. To that end, we have contacted Baker, Ingram & Associates, structural engineers of Lancaster. The project will include a visual structural assessment of the church building and preparation of a report that documents findings and recommendations. Recommendations will be prioritized by stability issues, public safety and renovations needed to assure that the structure is stable and safe. The date of this project is not yet firm. Upon its completion, the findings will be brought to us all.

Edward Hill - Property Liaison for the Vestry

PARISH FORUM TODAY: This Friday and Saturday, your Vestry and Rector (Paul Atlee, Susan Garone, Cathy Cobbs, Julie Dattilo, Ed Hill, and Marti Wilson and the Rev. Beth Hixon) gathered with Canon Kirk Berlenbach from the Offices of the Diocese for a 24-hour work-intensive retreat. Today, we will offer highlights from the retreat and also discuss current fiscal and programmatic aspects of our life together. Bring with your thoughts, questions and ideas to share!

SCRIP ORDERS: The next scrip order will be placed today, April 22. There will only be one date in May, the 6th, and during the summer, there is only one order date each month. Those dates will be June 10, July 8 and August 5.

IT'S TIME TO ENROLL your 3,4 or 5 yr old in Episcopal Nursery School for the 2018-2019 school year! Please pass this on to your friends, neighbors and family too! You can call 610-564-2371 for a tour and information. Thank you, Wendy Benensky and Donna Rafuse

ALL PARISH WORK DAY: Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 5th and join fellow parishioners whenever you can during the day. We plan to rent a chipper to get rid of the downed tree, make repairs, work in the garden, clean and polish... whatever you most enjoy doing. Bring gloves and a few tools and pitch in! Thanks to Jonathan Bailey for developing the work plan... stay tuned for more details. (Virgin Cinque de Maya refreshments anyone?)

THE DESSERT AUCTION IS ON! Many thanks to Trish Atlee for coordinating this fundraiser which will be held on Mother's Day Sunday, May 13th. While the men of the parish have traditionally offered their best confections for auction, anyone is invited to enter an edible creation of any (sweet) kind. Contact Trish with a description of your dessert by talking with her or emailing her at tga711@aol.com no later than May 6th. Thanks to all!

IT'S FINALLY SPRING!!! If you love plants, Mary Campbell, our multi-talented organist/choir director, has many available for your "free will" offering that will actually be a pledge toward her rides for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or the American Diabetes Association. A total WIN-WIN. Take a look at the plants pictured on the bulletin board in the undercroft and be in touch with Mary!

COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY: Thanks to all who have signed up to cover April coffee hours!! The May sign-up sheet is now available... please take a look and host a coffee hour in May. It truly takes a village, not just a few of us, to provide welcoming hospitality! (How about signing up with a friend?)

BOOK CLUB --- The May gathering of the book club will be on Saturday, May 5th at 9:30 AM in the parish office. The book we will be reviewing will be our classic for this year: Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton. The story is about a black man's country under white man's law. The country being South Africa. It is primarily the story of a Zulu pastor and his son set against the background of a people riven by racial injustice. A classic work of love and hope, courage and injustice, courage and endurance born of the dignity of humanity. Do come and share your input with us. All are welcome.

EPIPHANY RESOURCES and COMMUNICATION: Remember...

- The parish calendar, lay ministry schedules and the parish directory can be accessed on the website (www.ephanystar.net). The parish directory requires a password that will be announced today in the service as a reminder.
- Prayer requests and announcements can be submitted by email to churchoffice@ephanystar.net. The announcement deadline for the following Sunday is Wednesday at 6 pm.
- Beth is available to all parishioners by text (215) 896-0828 or email (rector@ephanystar.net) She will usually respond within an hour or two. If you should not receive a response, please call rather than text. She appreciates knowing when and where you are in the event of an acute illness or crisis any time of the day or night and will come to you whenever you wish her presence.

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

- Apr 23 Day 113 – II Samuel 10-12, Psalm 93, Acts 8
- Apr 24 Day 114 – II Samuel 13-15, Psalm 94, Acts 9
- Apr 25 Day 115 – II Samuel 16-18, Psalm 95, Acts 10
- Apr 26 Day 116 – II Samuel 19-21, Psalm 96, Acts 11
- Apr 27 Day 117 – II Samuel 22-24, Psalm 97, Acts 12
- Apr 28 Day 118 – I Kings 1-3, Psalm 98, Acts 13
- Apr 29 Day 119 – 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: April 2018

Pledge income for March was \$9,023, and the total for the first quarter is \$21,217, or 24% of the yearly expected total at this point in the year. (25% of the year has elapsed.) THANK YOU to everyone for keeping up on pledges!!! Giving statements will be available Sundays in April for pick-up at the church. After that, they will be mailed.

We received one additional pledge, bringing our total to 31, and the total amount pledged to approximately \$90,000. It is NEVER too late to submit a pledge card!

We plan to pay at least 50% of our Diocesan Assessment this month (one of our largest non-personnel expenses) while we have a good cushion of cash in the bank.

The total revenue for the Oscar Night fundraiser was \$356. Thanks to Holly Cross for thinking of a creative way for us to enjoy fellowship, have fun, and raise money for the parish! Other ideas are needed for the coming quarter. Please do not hesitate to bring yours to the Parish Life committee.

SAVE THE DATE

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| TODAY | after 10 am | Parish Forum (following overnight Vestry Retreat) and Scrip |
| 5/5 | Sat | All Parish Spring Clean-up and Work Day |
| 5/13 | after 10 am | Mother's Day Dessert Auction |
| 5/20 | Sunday | Feast of Pentecost / Wear Red, Orange, Yellow ☺ |
| 6/3 | Sun/10 am | Recognition Sunday |

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

10am
Eucharistic Minister: Paul Exley
Lectors: Ben Millet & Tanya Millet
Acolyte: Paul Exley
Greeter: Vicki Cox
Usher: Mary Thompson & Bill Wilson
Counters: Charles Dell and Volunteer
Altar Guild Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold,
Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Greeter Betty Murphy
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	10:15am	Midweek Eucharist w/ Healing Litany and Anointing for Healing
	6:00pm	TBMP Weight Loss Program (Office)
Thursday	6:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday (4/29)	8:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I (Spoken)
5 th Sunday of Easter	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Music)

ASSISTING IN NEXT Sunday's Worship (4/29)

10am
Eucharistic Minister: Tanya Millet
Lectors: Paul Atlee & Joanne Arnold
Acolyte: TBD
Greeter: Bill Wilson
Usher: Mary Thompson & Bill Wilson
Counters: Tom Bailey & Frank Borst
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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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