



4-8-2018

Announcements

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IN GRATITUDE: Holy Week / Easter Day liturgies and special celebrations are always joyfully labor intensive. This year, we especially thank Joanne Arnold and Cathy Bailey who have seen to all the details involving “holy things” for so many back-to-back services; Paul Exley and Bill Hummer for the creation of many sets of service leaflets; Mary Campbell, Laurie Johnson (flutist), and our dedicated bell and singing choir members for the creative and lovely musical support of our liturgies; Joan McCracken for our always clean kitchen; Kitty DiBattista for coordinating rollout and cleanup of Easter Vigil Festive Reception supporting the Easter Egg Hunt (along with the Learys) , and Helen Warner for coordinating the purchase, reception and placement of Easter Flowers. It truly takes a loving, faithful community to glorify God so fully!

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 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?)

DESSERT AUCTION: The Parish Life committee is looking for someone to coordinate a spring dessert auction to be held late in May or early June. If you're interested in helping roll out this beloved fundraiser, please contact Beth.

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@epiphanystar.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@epiphanystar.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.

SCRIP ORDERS TODAY and on APRIL 22: If you have questions or would like to help with the program, please contact Susan Garone.

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

Apr 9 Day 99 – I Samuel 7-9, Psalm 82, John 17

Apr 10 Day 100 – I Samuel 10-12, Psalm 83, John 18

Apr 11 Day 101 – I Samuel 13-15, Psalm 84, John 19

Apr 12 Day 102 – I Samuel 16-18, Psalm 85, John 20

Apr 13 Day 103 – I Samuel 19-21, Psalm 86, John 21

Apr 14 Day 104 – I Samuel 22-24, Psalm 87, Acts 1

Apr 15 Day 105 – 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: MARCH 2018

Pledge income for February was \$5,162. We are now 16.5% of the way through the calendar year, but total pledge income collected for January and February represents only 13.8% of the expected annual total. Total expenses so far are about 16% of those expected for the year.

The recording of money donated to Project Outreach has been changed on the financial statements, and now appears in a much more easily understood form. \$70 was sent to the food pantry in February. Holly Cross hosted a very successful Academy Award party, which has resulted in at least \$250 for the church. We will know the final total when Champps sends their contribution. Our budget is counting on \$5000 from fundraising this year. We are looking forward to more delicious/creative ways of earning money to support Epiphany. If you are willing to oversee an activity, please speak to a member of the Vestry or to someone on the Parish Life committee. If you are interested in seeing the financial statement for March or for any other month, please speak with Susan Garone.

Susan Garone
Accounting Warden

SAVE THE DATE

4/22 after 10 am Parish Forum (following overnight Vestry Retreat) and Scrip
5/5 Sat All Parish Spring Clean-up and Work Day
6/3 Sun/10 am **Recognition Sunday**

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

10am

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Atlee
Lectors: Kathy Cobbs & Julie Dattilo
Acolyte: William Hummer
Greeter: Kitty DiBattista
Usher: Mary Thompson & Bill Wilson
Counters: Vincent & Susan Garone
Altar Guild Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold,
Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Greeter Liz Leary
Godly Play Teacher Marti Wilson

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	Healing Litany and Anointing for Healing
	6:00pm	TBMP Weight Loss Program (Office)
Thursday	6:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday (4/15)	8:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I (Spoken)
3 rd Sunday of Easter	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Music)

ASSISTING IN NEXT Sunday's Worship (4/15)

10am

Eucharistic Minister: Marti Wilson
Lectors: Larry Way & Helen Warner
Acolyte: TBD
Greeter: Cindy Lind
Usher: Mary Thompson & Bill Wilson
Counters: Bill and Marti Wilson
Altar Guild Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold,
Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Greeter Kitty DiBattista
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WORTHY WORDS

A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SEASONED, ACTIVE MAINLINE CHRISTIAN LEADERS HAVE JUST PUBLISHED A POWERFUL STATEMENT THAT ADDRESSES THE CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE AND OFFERS WELL-GROUNDED THEOLOGICAL / PASTORAL GUIDANCE TO THE CHURCH ABOUT RELATED BELIEFS, POSITIONS, AND ACTIONS

A website (ReclaimingJesus.org) has been created that contains the full statement which begins as follows. I encourage you to go to the website and read the full offering. It is time for Christians to learn and to have open, ongoing, respectful civil discourse that shapes prayer and leads to life-giving action

The Rev. Beth Hixon

“We are living through perilous and polarizing times as a nation, with a dangerous crisis of moral and political leadership at the highest levels of our government and in our churches. We believe the soul of the nation and the integrity of faith are now at stake.”

Signers of the Full Statement: Bishop Carroll A. Baltimore, President and CEO, Global Alliance Interfaith Network; Rev. Dr. Peter Borgdorff, Executive Director Emeritus, Christian Reformed Church in North America; Dr. Amos Brown, Chair, Social Justice Commission, National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.; Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann, Professor Emeritus, Columbia Theological Seminary; Dr. Tony Campolo, Co-Founder, Red Letter Christians; Dr. Iva Carruthers, General Secretary, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference; The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church; Rev. Dr. James Forbes, President and Founder, Healing the Nations Foundation and Preaching Professor at Union Theological Seminary; Rev. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, General Secretary Emeritus, Reformed Church in America; Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale, Senior Pastor, Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur, GA; Rev. Dr. Richard Hamm, former General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Rev. Dr. Joel C. Hunter, Faith Community Organizer and Chairman, Community Resource Network; Rev. Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, General Superintendent Emerita, The Wesleyan Church; Bishop Vashti McKenzie, 117th Elected and Consecrated Bishop, AME Church; Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., Co-Convener National African American Clergy Network; Dr. John Perkins, Chair Emeritus and Founding Member, Christian Community Development Association; Bishop Lawrence Reddick, CEO, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; Fr. Richard Rohr, Founder, Center for Action and Contemplation; Dr. Ron Sider, President Emeritus, Evangelicals for Social Action; Rev. Jim Wallis, President and Founder, Sojourners; Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, Director, NCC Truth and Racial Justice Initiative; Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner, Co-Convener, National African American Clergy Network; President, Skinner Leadership Institute; Bishop Will Willimon, Bishop, The United Methodist Church, retired, Professor of the Practice of Ministry, Duke Divinity School

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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

PAUL EXLEY, PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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