



Announcements

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VALLEY FORGE DEANERY ANNUAL PICNIC



- Where:** Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge
When: Wednesday, 22 August 2018
Time: 6:00 – 7:00 pm Dinner
7:00 – 7:30 pm Deanery Plenary Meeting
7:30 pm Carillon Concert
Food: Hot dogs, burgers, beverages: *Washington Chapel*
Appetizers: *Trinity, St. John's, and All Saints*
Chips & Condiments for hot dogs and burgers: *St. James'*
Salads: *Christ Church, Pottstown and St. Peter's*
Desserts: **EPIPHANY**, *Christ Church Old Swedes, Holy Spirit*

**Please bring extra lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the festivities...*
Looking forward to seeing you all for a lovely evening!

If you think you may attend the picnic, help Beth RSVP to Washington Memorial Chapel by signing up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0945ACAF28A7F58-valley

+Easy sign-up: Click on or enter the link / scroll to the bottom of the page / click on white box, then red box / enter your name and the # attending and submit

FILL A BACKPACK: Last week we blessed about 15 backpacks before giving them to Susan Garone to deliver to The Clinic in Phoenixville. We will gather any this week and do the same. Many thanks to all who participated in this much needed outreach

MID-WEEK PRAYER and PROJECTS: Beginning September 5th, every Wednesday, the 10:15 Holy Eucharist and Bible Study will be offered in thanksgiving for the life of the Church of the Epiphany... our past, our present, and our future. Following the Eucharist, those who wish will enjoy a "brown bag lunch" from 11:30 to 12:00. At noon, we'll work for an hour or two on projects necessary for our move from the church building. Come as you're able for prayer, for lunch, for projects... for blessed time together with God and one another.

WELCOME BACK PICNIC—September 9th!! On September 9th, following the 10:00 church service, we will hold our annual Welcome Back Picnic. All are invited to join together to share food and fellowship! A sign-up sheet has been placed in the undercroft for you to sign for the item(s) you wish to bring to share. (Online signup link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0945acaf28a7f58-welcome>.) You are invited to bring lawn chairs, if you wish. Please see Betsy Dell if you are able to help set up on the Saturday before the picnic, time TBD. Any questions, please see Betsy. (Direct questions about online signup process to Mary Martin)

EPIPHANY HOPE PROJECTS: As the vestry plans to exit the church building, we will be informing you of ways you can be involved in the many projects and tasks before us. Here are the first two for your consideration: **1) Pews:** By the end of October, all items in the church and the undercroft that are going to be saved, sold, donated or taken away... all must be gone from the building. We will not be removing and storing the pews for use in a future worship space. If you would like to have one or more of the pews, please email Beth at rector@epiphanystar.org by August 31st. You will need to make arrangements to remove the pew(s) during the month of October. **2) Invitees to Closing Eucharist:** Everyone in our current directory will receive an invitation to the final worship service in the church building which will take place on **Saturday, September 29th**. By August 31st, please submit to Kathy Cobbs (wixcob@verizon.net) the names and addresses (snail mail and email) of anyone else to whom you wish an invitation sent.

VISITING THE BLAUSERS: The Blausers have really enjoyed your visits!! What an incredible blessing you are to them. Bob and June would love to have these visits continue; they miss being with us!! If you would like to visit with them at their home in Pottstown, here are the specifics for setting up a visit. We will schedule visits on Thursdays, subject to change, depending on how June is feeling. Visits need to be limited to 30 minutes now as June tires easily. As the coordinator, I would ask that you call me to set a date. I will then check with Bob the day before your scheduled date to verify June is up to a visit the following day. Then I'll confirm or cancel with you. Thank you so much for caring for these fine folks! X Betsy Dell 610-323-0549 or charlesbetcha6@verizon.net

SUMMER READING INVITATION: As we begin our journey into the unknown future, we will be discerning anew our mission as a Christian Community. In order to prepare for and ground this prayerful work, please pick up and read the excellent little book, "The Dream of God: A Call to Return" by Verna Dozier. It's available on Amazon and can be downloaded as well. Please contact Beth if you would like to participate in a group order.

GENERAL CONVENTION: The triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church met mid-July in Austin, Texas. You can find reports to convention at: <http://generalconvention.org> and to get an idea about issues and concerns from a Diocese of PA perspective, go to :

<https://www.diopa.org/news/general-convention-recap>

POSTED: NEW SIGN-UP TO COVER CLEANING... Please Sign-Up! In place of where the big cleaning calendar used to be (by the bathrooms), I've posted a sheet with the dates we need to pay Lisa R-K to clean the undercroft and the upper floor of the Warner Education Building every other week during July & August. Please sign your name in the space provided to cover cleaning, and, as always, the Sunday preceding the cleaning you signed up for, kindly bring \$50 cash in an envelope marked "Cleaning," and give it to Kathy Cobbs. Thank you so much for helping to keep our space clean. Lisa does a terrific job. Questions? Contact Kathy Cobbs: [610-724-4059](tel:610-724-4059)/ wixcob@verizon.net

SCRIP: Because there are 5 Sundays in September, and the first one is Labor Day weekend, the dates for September will be September 9 and 23. If you will not be at church but would to order, please contact me before Monday at 9 a.m. I generally place the orders Monday, early in the day. I also have some Giant cards on hand for purchase. Thank you for all your support! Susan Garone

ONLINE SIGNUPS: You won't believe how easy it is!

COFFEE HOUR ONLINE Sign up! The correct address is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0945ACAF28A7F58-coffee>

LAY WEEDERS and MOWERS Sign Up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0945acaf28a7f58-church>

It is extremely important that we maintain the attractiveness of our campus during the summer months. Please help with mowing, clipping, weeding according to your ability and availability.

WELCOME BACK PICNIC Sign up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0945acaf28a7f58-welcome>

VALLEY FORGE DEANERY ANNUAL PICNIC

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0945acaf28a7f58-valley>

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.

Help Yourselves to TO CARE NOTES!

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

August 20 Day 239 – Isaiah 61-63, Psalm 45, Hebrews 1
August 21 Day 240 – Isaiah 64-66, Psalm 46, Hebrews 2
August 22 Day 241 – Jeremiah 1-3, Psalm 47, Hebrews 3
August 23 Day 242 – Jeremiah 4-6, Psalm 48, Hebrews 4
August 24 Day 243 – Jeremiah 7-9, Psalm 49, Hebrews 5
August 25 Day 244 – Jeremiah 10-12, Psalm 50, Hebrews 6
August 26 Day 231 – 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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE- JULY 2018

The ups and downs of summer cash flow are well known to us at Epiphany. During June our cash reserves were dwindling, but the month of July has been a blessing, due to lump sum pledges paid, pledge installments, and even excess pledge paid! We received a total of \$17,409 in pledge income in July, which puts us at 66% of expected for the year, with 58.33% of the year elapsed. We also received a gift from a "Friend of Epiphany" of \$500 to be put toward maintenance of our property. Thanks be to God!

SAVE THE DATE

8/31	Deadline for reserving a pew to be removed in October
9/5,12,19, 26	Deadline for names of invitees to Closing Eucharist
9/9,16, 23	Mid-week Prayer (10:15), Brown Bag (11:30) and Projects (Noon)
9/9	FINAL SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE CHURCH NAVE
9/16, 23, 30 & 10/7,14	Welcome Back Sunday Picnic
	Special Forums after 10 am services: "The Dream of God"
9/29 Saturday (11 am)	Church Building Closing Eucharist (St. Michael & All Angels)
9/30	First Sunday Service in New Location (Ed Building or TBA)
October 1-31	Disposal / Storage of All Church Building Items
	Church Boiler Layup and Plumbing Shut-down
10/6 Saturday Evening (Time:TBA)	Fiesta Mexicana / Adult Fellowship at the Way's
11/1... on	NO ADMITTANCE TO THE CHURCH BUILDING

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

	9am
Eucharistic Minister	Tanya Millet
Lectors:	Paul Atlee & Joanne Arnold
Greeter:	Betsy Dell
Ushers:	Sherri Quinlan
Counters:	Tom Bailey & Frank Borst
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	10:15am	Midweek Morning Prayer & Healing Service
	6:00pm	TBMP Weight Loss Program (Office)
Sunday (8/26)	9:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II

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ASSISTING IN NEXT Sunday's Worship (8/26)

	9am
Eucharistic Minister	Kitty Dibattista
Lectors:	Julie Dattilo & Kathy Cobbs
Greeter:	Larry Way
Ushers:	Sherri Quinlan
Counters:	Vincent & Susan Garone
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet

WORTHY WORDS

*Our Lord God,
We have no idea where we are going.
We do not see the road ahead of us.*

*We cannot know for certain where it will end.
nor do we really know who we are,
and the fact that we think we're following your will
does not mean that we are actually doing so.*

*But we believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.
And we hope we have that desire in all that we are doing.
I hope that we will never do anything apart from that desire.
And we know that if we do this, you will lead us by the right road,
though we may know nothing about it.*

*Therefore will we trust you always though
We may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
We will not fear, for you are ever with us,
and you will never leave us to face our perils alone.
Amen.*

*Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude (1958)
Written by Merton in the first person*

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WORSHIP

2018 SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICE

June 17 – September 2

9 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (MUSIC)

MIDWEEK HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING LITANY

10:15AM WEDNESDAYS

IN THE AIRCONDITIONED UNDERCROFT

PAUL EXLEY, PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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