



Announcements

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: This Tuesday 4-8. Come out and enjoy an evening designed to promote healthy community relationships. This year Bishop Daniel has given Epiphany the means to purchase Care Notes (tracts about grief, difficult circumstances, suicide prevention, etc.) that we'll distribute to NNO participants who visit our table. Thanks to Julie Dattilo for stamping the Notes with our new stamp "WE CARE ABOUT YOU / *Church of the Epiphany, Royersford*" If you're able to help us set up (anytime noon to 4) or tear down (8 to 9) or distribute Notes and Pizza during the event, please let Beth know when you're available.

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: *Christ Church Old Swedes, Epiphany, Holy Spirit*

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

SCRIP ORDERS: TODAY.

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. (An online signup will be available soon.) 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.

FILL A BACKPACK: Every backpack given to a child is filled with brand new school supplies according to the child's grade, so these children look and feel just like their classmates. Julie Dattilo has compiled lists, by grade, of ideas to make your shopping easier, if that would help! Typical items needed are: notebooks and 3-ring binders, lined notebook paper, pocket folders, planners, crayons, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, pencils and pens, pencil cases, erasers, sharpeners, glue and glue sticks, rulers and calculators. Please consider donating a filled backpack. We ask that you label it with the appropriate grade and note on the label what supplies are included. Bring them to church by August 19th and we will make sure they are delivered. Thank you!

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 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 be sent.

VISITING THE BLAUSERS: During the month of June, several of us visited with the Blausers. They enjoyed our visits as much as we enjoyed visiting with 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 might be half an hour or a bit longer. 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

ONLINE SIGNUPS: Thanks to Mary Martin, we have brand new online signups that will help us continue to be as hospitable a community as possible going forward. Take a look and signup. You won't believe how easy it is! (Without a computer? Sign up sheets are in the undercroft. If you sign up there, someone will enter the gift of your ministry online!)

****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.

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.

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

August 6 Day 218 – Isaiah 7-9, Psalm 28, I Thessalonians 5
August 7 Day 219 – Isaiah 10-12, Psalm 29, II Thessalonians 1
August 8 Day 220 – Isaiah 13-15, Psalm 30, II Thessalonians 2
August 9 Day 221 – Isaiah 16-18, Psalm 31, II Thessalonians 3
August 10 Day 222 – Isaiah 19-21, Psalm 32, I Timothy 1
August 11 Day 223 – Isaiah 22-24, Psalm 33, I Timothy 2
August 12 Day 217 – Enjoy hearing the Scriptures read aloud in church

OR... go to www.ephanystar.net and... Scroll down to Bishop's Bible Challenge, click day or week of your choice, find the red link: click & read.

FINANCIAL UPDATE- JUNE 2018

Pledge income for May was \$5,095.69 and we remain on target for the year overall in the areas of pledge as well as total contributed support. THANK YOU to everyone who is keeping up with pledging commitments! That being said, we still spent \$3,500 more during May than we took in. Some of this can be attributed to paying 50% of our Diocesan assessment. Occupancy expenses should be lower over the summer, given the fact that the weather is warm and the Nursery School is not in session.

During the summer cash flow is always more challenging since we are not receiving rent from the Nursery School. As of May 31, we had \$9,500 in the bank. We have 6 summer payrolls to meet and an invoice for \$3,700 owed to the structural engineering firm. If pledge income received follows past trends, we should be able to pay our bills over the summer.

There are many uncertainties lying ahead, so managing our finances is a day-to-day challenge

SAVE THE DATE

8/8	Tues 4-8pm	National Night Out
8/31		Deadline for reserving a pew to be removed in August Deadline for names of invitees to Closing Eucharist
9/9,16, 23		FINAL SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE CHURCH NAVE
9/9		Welcome Back Sunday Picnic
9/16, 23, 30 & 10/7,14		Special Forums after 10 am services: "The Dream of God"
9/29	Saturday (Time: TBA)	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 Ways
11/1 on		NO ADMITTANCE TO THE CHURCH BUILDING

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

	9am
Presider	The Rev. Mike Haines
Eucharistic Minister	Marti Wilson
Lectors:	Kathy Cobbs & Julie Dattilo
Greeter:	Bill Wilson
Ushers:	Sherri Quinlan
Counters:	Bill and Marti Wilson
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 (8/12)	9:00am	Morning Prayer
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ASSISTING IN NEXT Sunday's Worship (8/12)

	9am
Eucharistic Minister	Marti Wilson
Lectors:	Ben Millet & Tanya Millet
Greeter:	Betty Murphy
Ushers:	Sherri Quinlan
Counters:	Charles Dell and Volunteer
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet

WORTHY WORDS

My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end,
nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.

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

Therefore will I trust you always though
I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.
Amen.

– Thomas Merton, *Thoughts in Solitude* (1958)

With our beloved community, the Church of the Epiphany, in mind,
let us pray this prayer using plural pronouns:
"Our Lord our God... and you will never leave us to face our perils alone."

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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

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