



**9-9-2018**

# Announcements

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**WELCOME BACK PICNIC!** Following the 10:00 church service today, join us for the Welcome Back Picnic... a joyful time to share food and fellowship! A BIG THANK YOU to Betsy and Charlie Dell for coordinating this event and to everyone offering picnic food.

**GODLY PLAY RESUMES TODAY** in the undercroft. Children are invited to begin in the procession in the at the back of the church at 10 am

**WE BID FAREWELL:** Today and for the next two Sundays (9/16 & 9/23) we worship upstairs at 8 and 10 am. These are the last three *Sundays* that the Church of the Epiphany will worship in this sacred space, the physical spiritual home for so many for over 100 years. The very last service in the church building will be held on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am (Feast of Michael and All Angels). Invitation letters have been mailed. If you haven't received yours, it's available today at the picnic... please pick it up or let Betsy Dell know if you'd like it to be mailed to you!

**WALKABOUT & REMEMBER:** The sacred work of deep remembrance brings us intimately into God's Real Presence every time we gather around the Holy Table. The Church is the gathered community, the people of God in Christ, the Body of Christ. It is also true that we people, all people, become attached to and inspired by physical spaces where we experience and celebrate the love of God and one another. Births, marriages, anniversaries, burials, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost celebrations and the beauty and safety of ordinary time spent together in prayer weave the stories of our lives into a rich tapestry... a tapestry that is profoundly evoked by the sights and sounds and smells of a physical space, in our case, the church building that we will be leaving. During the month of September, there will be three times set aside for those who would like to re-member and share those memories with others who come together to walkabout the church, tell stories and have prayer at various places in the chancel and nave. **Meet Beth on the steps of the church at any or all of the following times: 9 am on the next two Sundays (9/16 and 9/23) and 9:45 am on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>... tissues provided!**

**THE DREAM OF GOD *for You, for Me, for Epiphany!*** As we begin our journey into the unknown future, we will be discerning anew our mission as a Christian Community. On five Sundays in September and October (see Save the Date listing below), we will gather after the 10 am service to prayerfully contemplate and discuss who we are called to be for God in the world.

We will ground our work in an excellent five-chapter book, "[The Dream of God: A Call to Return](#) by Verna Dozier. (Find it on Amazon for purchase or downloading.) Your participation is vitally important. Please plan to buy and read the book and to attend the gatherings. **Chapter 1 will be discussed next Sunday (9/16).**

**MID-WEEK PRAYER and PROJECTS on Wednesdays!** This and every Wednesday until further notice, 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. Please come as you're able for any or all events of the day... for prayer, for lunch, for projects... for blessed time together with God and one another. **This week we will be going through and deciding about Christmas decorations.**

**EPIPHANY HOPE...WE'RE MOVING!** Sunday worship on September 30<sup>th</sup> will be in the Warner Education Building. The vestry is busy renovating the two school rooms upstairs to the left as you enter the building. We've also decided to install a handrail on the steps. Hopefully that will work for everyone. If you think you will need a ramp, please be in touch with Beth right away so we can make plans.

**FIESTA MEXICANA:** Saturday, October 6, 5:30 at the home of Peggy & Larry Way (1225 Calista Lane, Phoenixville / 484-678-7630). Reserve with Helen Warner (610-901-3517) by September 29<sup>th</sup>. What would you like to offer? Suggestions follow and recipes available if wanted:  
DRINKS - Mexican beer (Cerveceria, Corona, etc.); Tequila Mojitos; Wine; Soft Drinks.  
NIBBLES - Guacamole Tostados (the layered bean, seasoning, sour cream, vegies, cheese and corn chips platter that is so popular); vegetable tray; empanadas; a Mexican cheese plate; shrimp (maybe in green sauce).  
MAIN - Chili; Vegetarian Chili; Vegetable Burritos; Tamale Pie; Sour Cream/ Tomato/Lettuce/Onion Add-Ins; Black Beans; Mexican Rice; Cooked Medley of Vegetables such as Squash, Tomatoes, Green Beans, Onions; Corn Something.  
DESSERT - Churros (anyone brave enough?); Flan; Key Lime Pie; Dulce de Leche something (maybe as topping for cake); Mexican Wedding Cakes (actually cookies); Tres Leche Cake; Chocolate Pudding.

**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](mailto:charlesbetcha6@verizon.net)

**POSTED: 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](mailto:wixcob@verizon.net)

**SCRIP:** It seems that most everyone is OK with the notion of once a month ordering, so we will try that and see how it works, at least for September and October. Those dates will be **TODAY** and October 14. If you will not be at church but would to order, please contact me before Monday at 9 a.m. Thank you for all your support! Susan Garone

**EPIPHANY RESOURCES and COMMUNICATION:** Remember...

- The parish calendar, lay ministry schedules and the parish directory can be accessed on the website ([www.ephanystar.net](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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:

Sept 10 Day 253 – Jeremiah 31-33, Psalm 57, Hebrews 13  
Sept 11 Day 254 – Jeremiah 34-35, Psalm 58, James 1  
Sept 12 Day 255 – Jeremiah 36-38, Psalm 59, James 2  
Sept 13 Day 256 – Jeremiah 39-41, Psalm 60, James 3  
Sept 14 Day 257 – Jeremiah 42-43, Psalm 61, James 4  
Sept 15 Day 258 – Jeremiah 44-45, Psalm 62, James 5  
Sept 16 Day 259 – Enjoy hearing the Scriptures read aloud in church

OR... go to [www.epiphanystar.net](http://www.epiphanystar.net) and... Scroll down to Bishop's Bible Challenge, click day or week of your choice, find the red link: click & read.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**9/12,19, 26...**

**9/9,16, 23**

**9/9**

**9/16, 23, 30 & 10/7,14**

**9/29 Saturday (11 am)**

**9/30**

**October 1-31**

**10/6 Saturday Evening (Time: TBA)** Fiesta Mexicana / Adult Fellowship at the Way's

**11/1... on**

**11/4 All Saints Sunday**

Mid-week Prayer (10:15), Brown Bag (11:30) and Projects (Noon)

**FINAL SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE CHURCH NAVE**

Welcome Back Sunday Picnic

Special Forums after 10 am services: "The Dream of God"

**Church Building Closing Eucharist (St. Michael & All Angels)**

First Sunday Service in New Location (Ed Building)

**Disposal / Storage of All Church Building Items**

Church Boiler Layup and Plumbing Shut-down

**NO ADMITTANCE TO THE CHURCH BUILDING**

Fall Back Time Change!

# HELP YOURSELVES TO CARE NOTES... A GIFT FROM BISHOP GUTIERREZ

## 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!

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

	<b>9am</b>
Eucharistic Minister	Paul Atlee
Lectors:	Tanya Millet & Ben Millet
Greeter:	Cindy Lind
Ushers:	Susan & Vincent Garone
Counters:	Charles Dell and Volunteer
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Teacher	Marti Wilson
Godly Play Greeter	TBA

### OUR PARISH LIFE AND WORK THIS WEEK

Monday	7:15pm	Vestry Meeting
	7:30pm	N.A. (Undercroft)
Tuesday	8:00pm	A.A. (Undercroft)
Wednesday	10:15am	Mid-week Prayer (10:15), Brown Bag (11:30) and Projects (Noon)
	6:00pm	TBMP Weight Loss Program (Office)
Sunday (9/16)	8:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
Proper 19	9:00am	Walkabout Remembrance in the Church
	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music
		Godly Play today in the undercroft. Children in procession at 10 am
		After the service... <i>The Dream of God</i> Chapter 1

**ASSISTING IN NEXT Sunday's Worship (9/16)**

	<b>9am</b>
Eucharistic Minister	Paul Exley
Lectors:	Joanne Arnold & Paul Atlee
Greeter:	Vicki Cox
Ushers:	Susan & Vincent Garone
Counters:	Tom Bailey & Frank Borst
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.  
We 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**

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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