



Announcements

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Settling In... The first service in our new worship space in the Warner Education Building went beautifully last week. We were up in the tree tops with light streaming through the windows. Everyone seemed to agree it was great to be able to read the bulletin! It won't be long before the carpet is in! This week we'll put up tables after the 10 am service, and enjoy a brief coffee hour before beginning our Dream of God discussion. (Those who are not participating in the discussion are welcome to go to the Rector's office to continue fellowship. Food and drink will be served in the hall.)

Godly Play will be held in the Rector's Office each week. Children will go there directly by 10 am rather than starting out in worship since there will be no procession.

THE DREAM OF GOD *for You, for Me, for Epiphany!* As we continue our journey into the unknown future, we are discerning anew our mission as a Christian Community using an excellent five-chapter book, "The Dream of God: A Call to Return" by Verna Dozier. We will gather for the next three weeks after the 10 am service and brief coffee hour to continue our inquiry into who we are called to be for God in the world. (Find the book on Amazon for purchase or downloading. It's never too late to join the conversation!) Our schedule has been extended, so **this week we will discuss Chapter 3**, chapter 4 next week (10/14), and Chapter 5 on 10/21. (See the revised Save the Date listing below.)

SEAFARERS WORK HARD FOR US - Every year Seaman's Church Institute distributes thousands of "ditty bags" to seafarers in our Delaware River ports between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Seafarers come from all over the world to deliver goods and produce to us. They are away from home for 9 to 12 months at a time, and their job is lonely and dangerous. A collection box for items listed below will be available in the vestibule of our new worship space from October 7 until November 4 for your donations. Helen Warner

Hats and scarves in dark colors

Work socks, work gloves

ChapStick

Nail clipper

Razors, shaving cream

ALL TOILETRIES FULL SIZE, PLEASE

Toothbrush, toothpaste

Deodorant

Shampoo

Pens & writing paper

Mini sewing kit

CHILI SALE!! Our seventh annual Chili Sale is now underway, and will end on November 4th. Our Epiphany cooks will be making mild beef chili, spicy beef chili, turkey chili, and white chicken chili. All will be made with beans. Chili will be sold in quart containers at the cost of \$9.00 per quart. We will also have available packs of corn muffins, which will sell at \$1.50 per pack of two. Order blanks will be available in the church, or use one included in your announcements. Orders, along with payment, must be placed by November 4th. Please make checks payable to Church of the Epiphany. Pick up will be held November 17th from 11:00 until 12:00, in the Ed Bldg, or November 18th following the church service. Please check on order blank, which time you will pick up your chili and muffins! All proceeds from the sale will be given to the church. Thank you for your support. This has been a successful fund raiser since 2011! We hope you will continue to support this fund raiser and enjoy what it has to offer!! Thank you ahead for your support. Betsy Dell

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 or Morning Prayer, 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 related to 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.

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

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 October. That date will 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

SAVE THE DATE

10/7,14, 21	Special Forums after 10 am services: "The Dream of God"
October 1-31	Disposal / Storage of All Church Building Items Church Boiler Layup and Plumbing Shut-down
11/1... on	NO ADMITTANCE TO THE CHURCH BUILDING
11/4 All Saints Sunday	Fall Back Time Change!
11/8-9 Fri Eve / Saturday	Diocesan Convention at the Philadelphia Cathedral

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE: AUGUST 2018

As of August 31, 2018 we had a balance of \$4,653 in the checking account. This is approximately \$10,000 less than our balance at the end of July, which means that we spent about \$10,000 more than we took in for last month. In August we met 3 payrolls, paid the balance of the bill for the engineering structural evaluation, and paid the last of our insurance bills for the year, so a lot was accomplished.

Pledge income for August was \$4,999, and we are currently ahead of expected income for pledge at this stage of the year. Nonetheless, we still have significant expenses ahead.

Since we will be vacating the church building at the end of September, and our plans for an alternate location have needed revision, we will be undertaking a small remodeling project in the education building to create a more hospitable space for worship, going forward. Details can be found in a separate section of the announcements. Despite the relatively good news regarding pledge income, the project will require some extra funds. If you are able to increase your pledge amount at all in order to help defray the costs of this project, the Vestry would be very grateful.

If you would like to see an estimate of our income and expenses from now until the end of the year, please see 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). The parish directory requires a password.
- 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:

Oct 8 Day 281 – Ezekiel 23-24, Psalm 80, Revelation 3
Oct 9 Day 282 – Ezekiel 25-26, Psalm 81, Revelation 4
Oct 10 Day 283 – Ezekiel 27-28, Psalm 82, Revelation 5
Oct 11 Day 284 – Ezekiel 29-30, Psalm 83, Revelation 6
Oct 12 Day 285 – Ezekiel 31-32, Psalm 84, Revelation 7
Oct 13 Day 286 – Ezekiel 33-34, Psalm 85, Revelation 8
Oct 14 Day 287 – 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.

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

	10am
Eucharistic Minister	William Hummer
Lectors:	Ben Millet & Tanya Millet
Greeter:	Betsy Dell
Ushers:	Ben Millet & Bill Wilson
Counters:	Charles Dell and Volunteer
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey
Godly Play Teacher	Marti Wilson
Godly Play Greeter	TBA

OUR PARISH LIFE AND WORK THIS WEEK

Tuesday	8:00pm	A.A. (Ed building)
Wednesday	10:15am	Mid-week Holy Eucharist with Healing Litany
	6:00pm	TBMP Weight Loss Program (Office)
Thursday	6:00	Bell Choir Rehearsal (New Worship Space)
	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal (New Worship Space)
Sunday (10/14)	8:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I (New Worship Space)
Proper 23	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music (New Worship Space)

ASSISTING IN NEXT Sunday's Worship (10/14)

	10am
Eucharistic Minister	Paul Atlee
Lectors:	Paul Atlee & Joanne Arnold
Greeter:	Larry Way
Ushers:	Ben Millet & Bill Wilson
Counters:	Tom Bailey & Frank Borst
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey
Godly Play Teacher	Marti Wilson
Godly Play Greeter	TBA

CHILI SALE

Sale begins on October 7th!

I would like to order the following:

_____ quart/quarts mild beef chili.
_____ quart/quarts spicy beef chili.
_____ quart/quarts white chicken chili.
_____ quart/quarts turkey chili.
_____ pack/packs corn muffins.

Chili: \$9.00 per quart.

Muffins: \$1.50 per pack of two.

Orders, along with payment, are due by November 4th. Checks to Church of the Epiphany, please.

Please give orders to Betsy Dell or place in offering plate.

Pick up will be held on two days: November 17th or November 18th. Please select the date which will be best for you.

Pick up: November 11th _____ (11:00 - 12:00)

November 12th _____ (following the 10:00 service)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Amount included: _____

Thank you for your order!!

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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