Announcements

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WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: TODAY (11/11) after 10am. Planning for Christmas…

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR DOROTHY ARROWSMITH: Dorothy Arrowsmith died peacefully in hospice last Wednesday from pneumonia after a one-week hospitalization following a fall. Dorothy's service is set for Tuesday 11/13. It will be at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Montrose, PA. Visitation will be held from 12-1. The service will begin at 1 with interment to follow at Rounds Cemetery in Union Dale. We will remember Dorothy today in our prayers.

SCRIP: SCRIP: Next date will be November 18. We will have 2 dates in December to help with holiday shopping: December 2 and December 16. Contact Susan Garone if you have questions or would like to help with the program

ORGAN RECITAL: Our own Mary E Campbell will be performing an organ recital at 12 noon on Tuesday, Nov. 20 at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Ardmore. This is part of that Tuesday noon recital series presented by the Philadelphia chapter of the American Guild of Organists and is free to the public. Each recital is just over a half hour or so in length. The series started many years ago as a lunchtime music opportunity. ***If you're interested in carpooling to Ardmore for brunch or lunch and the concert, please be in touch with Beth.***

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING IN ROYERSFORD on Friday, 11/23, 6:30 pm (Municipal Lot at 3rd & Main):
FOOD AND DRINK, SANTA VISIT, FUN FOR "KIDS" OF ALL AGES

The Royersford Pastors (Grace Lutheran, Church of the Nazarene, First UCC, Royersford Baptist, Royersford United Methodist) have been asked to gather their people and sponsor three initiatives this year, HUGE opportunities for faith communities to contribute to and be visible in Royersford Borough.

1) Pick-up Chime Choir led by Mary Campbell and Joyce Edelman will play carols at the tree lighting. Let Mary know if you'd like to participate! No rehearsals
2) Lebow's Main Street Annex Window Decorations: These are large windows and will be fun to decorate. A creche with life-size figures donated for use by Grace Lutheran will highlight the venue. Still, there is much to do to get the window's ready for prime time. Next meeting: Today at 1 PM at Lebow's… creative work of bachdropping, lighting and window dressing the remaining windows with a creative and energetic group of folks from our sister churches.
3) Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Project Outreach and Open Door are welcoming donations of toothpaste, deodorant, dish soap, shampoo & conditioner, bath soap, feminine products, laundry detergent and most importantly… SOCKS / men, women, children. See the flyer for businesses that are participating as drop off sites. (You can contribute these items at church, too!)
   If you can help with pick up from drop off sites on Wed., 11/21 (11-1), please contact Beth.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE CAVALCADE: The annual cavalcade of delicious Epiphany baked goods will be on **Saturday December 8**. We will use the worship space for the sale. Key dates:

Sunday, December 2: "Fold a Box" after 10:00am service
Friday, December 7: Cookie drop off and set up for the sale. Bill will be at church all day
Saturday, December 8: Sell cookies from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Breakdown after the sale

What can you do?

1. Bake of course. We are going to increase the price for a box of cookies to $15 this year. The more cookies we sell the better off we will be. For those of you who are baking, please bring a card describing the kind of cookies. This really helps the folks as they are selecting cookies.
2. Tell your friends. Let people know.
3. Help on the set up and day of sale
4. Buy gift certificates
5. Oh, did I mention Bake

If you have any questions, please see-call-text -email Bill Wilson

Come, join the deliciousness… Come

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.

SAVE THE DATE

NO ADMITTANCE TO THE CHURCH BUILDING

11/11	Sunday (after 10am)	Worship Committee Meeting
11/13	Tuesday (12 & 1)	Dorothy Arrowsmith Funeral in Montrose, PA (see above)
11/17	Saturday	Chili pick up in Ed Bldg 11:00am to Noon
11/18	Sunday	Chili pickup after 10am service
		Annual Giving Brunch after 10 am service
11/23	Friday, 6:30	Holiday Tree Lighting / Royersford Borough (3rd & Main)
12/2	Sunday (after 10am)	Fold a Box (Cavalcade)
12/7	Friday	Cookie Drop Off / Cavalcade Set Up
12/8	Saturday (11-1)	Annual Cookie Cavalcade
12/23	Sunday	Greening of Our Parish Home
12/24	Monday	Christmas Eve (Service time TBA)

FINANCIAL UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 2018

Pledge income for September was $7,525, which gives us about 80% of pledge income expected for the year, with 75% of the year elapsed. We were also blessed to receive about $1100 in open plate contributions at the Saturday, September 29 special service. This amount is designated for expenses associated with our transition out of the church. Total expenses and income were about the same for the month of September.

We do anticipate some significant expenses being paid during October, all of which will be visible as improvements to the WEB, as we establish our temporary home. These include new flooring in the bathrooms (upstairs and down), carpeting in the worship space, and installation of a handrail to facilitate entry into the building, totaling around $5000. Note that the painting in the worship space and in the upstairs bathrooms was a gift from one of the painters who attends the AA meeting at Epiphany. The hallway painting was a gift from an anonymous angel in our congregation. We are indeed fortunate to have so many people willing and able to help us.

Pledge/giving statements will be coming out in the next couple of weeks. Please look at yours carefully and be certain that your personal information and your contributions are accurate. If you have any questions, contact 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:

Nov 12 Day 316 – Amos 3, Psalm 109, Matthew 11
Nov 13 Day 317 – Amos 4, Psalm 110, Matthew 12
Nov 14 Day 318 – Amos 5, Psalm 111, Matthew 13
Nov 15 Day 319 – Amos 6, Psalm 112, Matthew 14
Nov 16 Day 320 – Amos 7, Psalm 113, Matthew 15
Nov 17 Day 321 – Amos 8, Psalm 114, Matthew 16
Nov 18 Day 322 – 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:	Joanne Arnold & Paul Atlee
Greeter:	Betsy Dell
Ushers:	Kathy Cobbs & Julie Dattilo
Counters:	Tom Bailey & Frank Borst
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold
Godly Play Teacher	Marti Wilson
Godly Play Greeter	TBD

PARISH LIFE AND WORK THIS WEEK

Monday	7:15	Vestry Meeting
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	6:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (New Worship Space)
	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal (New Worship Space)
Sunday (11/18)	8:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I (New Worship Space)
Proper 28	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music (New Worship Space)

ASSISTING IN NEXT Sunday's Worship (11/18)

	10am
Eucharistic Minister	Paul Atlee
Lectors:	Kathy Cobbs & Julie Dattilo
Greeter:	Betty Murphy
Ushers:	Kathy Cobbs & Julie Dattilo
Counters:	Vincent & Susan Garone
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold
Godly Play Teacher	Marti Wilson
Godly Play Greeter	TBD

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

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I am about to do a new thing;
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAYS
8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I (SPOKEN)
10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (MUSIC)

MIDWEEK HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING LITANY
10:15AM WEDNESDAYS

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY WORSHIPS
IN THE WARNER EDUCATION BUILDING

ALL ARE WELCOME

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