

THE STAR

May 2014

THE VIEW FROM MY WINDOW...

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

May marks the beginning of the end.

No, I'm not talking about the apocalypse. I'm talking about the parish's program year. Most parishes run on a schedule which is called a program year, which runs from Labor Day through Memorial Day, or early into June. As we enter into the summertime, when many of you go away on vacation, things slow down a bit around here.

Theoretically.

In fact, we here at Epiphany are usually pretty busy during the summer, with worship, Adult Forums, youth mission trip, Summer Vacation Bible School, and such. We do this despite the fact that our Sunday numbers are usually lower, because of the aforementioned vacations (more on that later.)

A couple of particularly exciting things are going on around here this summer. We are glad to once again welcome a priest-in-training, the wonderful **Dorothy White**. In July, we will go to New York with the youth to serve in soup kitchens, food pantries, homeless shelters, and senior centers. In August, we are inaugurating a great new summer vacation camp in partnership with musician Martha Burford – a camp centered on music as a way of connecting with and praising God. We will not only invite children from our parish and our neighborhood, we will also invite children from less privileged neighborhoods who might not otherwise have the chance to participate in such a program, and we will be graced with a number of gifted musicians who are helping with the event. Jessica Sarvay-Isemann will be our program coordinator (bravo – she will be seven months pregnant then, so she will need your help – say yes when she asks!) In between, I'll be taking two classes that will complete the coursework for my doctorate.

Lots of activity, right? Lots of good things! We are also making a change in our worship and Sunday Christian Formation activities this summer. We recognize that we have fewer folks in the pews, and we need to give our dedicated Sunday School teachers a break, so here's what we are going to do. Like many churches in the area, **we will go to a single service on Sundays, beginning on June 15th. It will be at 9:30 a.m.** After the service we will have an hour of intergenerational Christian education – a chance for all of us to have fun together learning and playing and growing in our faith. There will be a continental brunch – something light to keep us going after church while we share some time together. I'd love to see some volunteers to lead each Sunday's activities – I'll have curriculum ideas for you and I'm sure you can find willing helpers of all ages.

So the summertime will mean more of some stuff and a little less of others, and it will be a great adventure. Plan on celebrating all the best of Epiphany in this month of May and in the summer months to come, and be blessed!

Peace

Mary+

WHO WE ARE:

The Church of the Epiphany is one of 181 parishes of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, which is one of 110 dioceses in The Episcopal Church (USA), one of 44 member churches in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

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Vestry Highlights

The Vestry met on April 9th at 6:30 p.m. We began with a Bible study and general check-in.

We noted that finances are a little bit tight but within the range of manageability.

We heard that the installation for the new air-conditioning system has been completed and that we will look at replacing the carpet in the sanctuary and shortening some of the pews to provide wheelchair spaces.

We approved of a shift this summer to a single service, with summertime intergenerational activities after the church service.

We also discussed fees for use of the church and the possibility of a two-tiered fee structure for weddings (members versus non-members).

We talked about offering some of the daytime activities, like Book Group and Bible Study, in the evening as well, for those who work during the day.

All are looking forward to Youth Education Sunday on May 18th.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:15 pm. The next Vestry meeting is on Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. As always, all are welcome to come and observe.

Faithfully,

Sam Craver, Register

Senior Warden's Report ~ Ann Henderson

On April 5th the Vestry packed and delivered lunches for the Outreach Program. It was a beautiful day and with five of us working together it went quickly and was a lot of fun. If you have not had a chance to help with the Outreach Program, see Tillie Freeze for information and ideas on where help is needed. It is not too early to think about helping with CARITAS, July 19—25.

The vestry met on April 8th. The new AC unit was ordered and preparations were finalized to have the unit in place by Palm Sunday. Happily we can report that the work was completed ahead of schedule and we will be able to keep our cool during the hot summer months.

We have finished the busy season in the church with Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter behind us. The weather turned warm just in time and though I was with my family and away Easter Sunday, the Palm Sunday service was a wonderful service and chance to reflect. As the gospel is read each year I always feel a kindred spirit to John. If I had been with Jesus at the time of the crucifixion would I have acknowledged knowing Jesus or like John denied being a follower? I like to think I would have stood up and said "yes, I know him" but then I think that I would go with the crowd. How often have I told someone about my faith and then done something that does not reflect Jesus in me? Too often I am ashamed to say. All I have to do is be on a long road trip, tired and ready to be home for the devil to come out in my impatience with other drivers, or for a new tidbit of news to start flowing around the office and I find myself sharing the latest gossip. We all have human frailties and slip along the path. Isn't it wonderful to know that Christ blood allows us to ask for forgiveness and to move on knowing he loves us even in our weakness.

On a final personal note I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and words of comfort during my Mom's bout with cancer. I am happy to report that she had her final visit with the oncologist last week and was given a clean bill of health.

Blessings, Ann

May Parish Calendar

May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8:15 AM H.E. 9:30 AM No Adult Forum 10:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM H.E. Women's Corporate Communion & Breakfast @ 8:15	5 No Book Club Mary+ @ Spri	5:30 PM YOGA 7:00 PM JRRingers	7 4:00 PM -9:00 PM Kiwanis Club using Parish Hall No Noon Service	8 9:30 AM Lamb's Basket Volunte ers (Clients) 6:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal	9 Mary	10 6:05 PM Flying Squirrels game
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18 8:15 AM H.E. 9:30 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM H.E. YES - Youth Education Sunday	19 11:00 AM Book Club 7:00 PM Chapter 4 Mtg.	20 5:30 PM YOGA 7:00 PM JRRingers	21 12:00 PM H.E. with Healing Prayers Men's Bible Class & lunch after the noon service	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Grace Place using parish hall 9:30 AM Lamb's Basket Volunteer's (Clients) 6:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal	23	24 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal
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Epiphany's Women's Breakfast May 4, 2014

THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD AFTER THE
8:15 AM SERVICE ON
SUNDAY, MAY 4TH

SPEAKER: ROSEMARY RAWLINS

ECW Scholarships

The deadline for applying for an ECW (Episcopal Church Women) college scholarship is May 31st. All high school seniors or full time undergraduate students who are communicants of the Diocese of Virginia are eligible to apply. These scholarships usually range from \$500 to \$1,000 each are sent directly to your college.

Please e-mail or call **Kathy Jimerson**

<u>katiesj2007@comcast.net</u> or 804 651-2559 for an application or questions.



YES!

Youth **E**ducation **S**unday—On May 18th we will be having a special day to recognize the contributions of the youth at Epiphany. Sunday School participants will receive certificates and young people of all ages will be assisting in the service. Those who work with the youth at Epiphany will also be recognized.





Yard Sale: May 31st 8:00 AM—Noon

DONATIONS NEEDED..... For the Annual Epiphany Yard Sale! Please bring your clean, gently used items (no books or clothes please) to church, leave them on the stage in the parish hall and mark them "yard sale." The Yard Sale is on Saturday, May 31st from 8:00 AM until noon. Mark your calendars and tell your friends! Proceeds will benefit the Youth Group & the Shrine Mont Retreat.



Change of Address:

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Anyone Graduating??

Please give us their name, what college going to and if graduating from college, what degree, so we can list them in the June newsletter.



Adult Forum for May

Join us in the parlor at 9:30 AM on Sundays for Adult Forum—rich conversation and a deeper knowledge of God.

May 4—no class, because of the Women and Girls' Corporate Communion and Breakfast.

May 11—a new series begins as we prepare for Pentecost. Our first session is called "Who Will We Follow?" This Sunday we will reflect together on the Gospel passage: John 10:1-10

May 18—"The Way the Truth and the Life" John 14:1-14

May 26 —"The Spirit of Truth Within Us" John 14:15-21

Do try to read the passage ahead of time!

The Book Group

The Monday Book Group meets @ 11:00 AM on May 12th and May 19th. The book they are reading is "*Pastrix: The Cranky Beautiful Faith of a Sinner and Saint*" by Nadia Bolz-Weber. All are welcome to join them in the parlor!

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Class will meet with Mary+ on the 3rd Wednesday,

May 21st after the noon service. Bring a bag lunch and convene
in the parish hall.

St. Giles Gate Program

Will meet on Saturday, May 17th and May 31st @ 9:30 AM in the parish hall.

Worship Leaders for May

10:30 Ushers: Eddie Johnson, George Baynes, Herb Williams, Cory Isemann

Counters: Jean Riddick, Gray & Frosine Corbett

	May 4 — Easter 3
Altar Guild:	Joyce Melton, Karen Holden
8:15—Hol	y Eucharist -Women's Corporate Communion &
Usher:	George Baynes
Reader:	Stacy Mitchell
Chalice:	Harrison Higgins
	10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist
Lessons:	Gray Corbett
Prayers:	
Chalice:	Gray Corbett, Harrison Higgins
Acolytes:	Hunter Mitchell, Jay Tucker,
Acolytes:	Lucas Couturier, Caroline Couturier
Greeters:	Sam Craver, Aggie Gallagher
Nursery:	Jennifer Axselle, Stephanie Holden

	May 18 — Easter 5
Altar Guild:	Jean Riddick, Charlotte Lovelace
	8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist
Usher:	Paul Jones
Reader:	Harrison Higgins
Chalice:	Harrison Higgins
	10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist
Lessons:	Gray Corbett, B.J. Giannini
Prayers:	Ann Henderson
Chalice:	Buddy Dunn, Harrison Higgins
Acolytes:	Zack Nixon, Bailey Nixon, Gift Elionai, Hana Elionai
Greeters:	Ann Henderson, Joyce Melton
Nursery:	Patty White, Mary Sam Abernathy

	May 11 — Easter 4
Altar Guild:	Dottie Strabley, Lucy Whitlock, Lauryn Boyd
	8:15—Holy Eucharist
Usher:	Chris Tignor
Reader:	Harrison Higgins
Chalice:	Harrison Higgins
	10:30—Holy Eucharist
Lessons:	Randy Holden, Gray Corbett
Prayers	
Chalice:	Harrison Higgins
Acolytes:	Alex White, Ava Whittlesey, Logan Abernathy, Madison White
Greeters:	Christine Couturier, Megan O'Toole
Nursery:	Carol Campus, Caroline Couturier

	May 25 — Easter 6
Altar Guild:	Kathy Jimerson, Melba Shumaker, Pam Pegram
	8:15—Holy Eucharist
Usher:	Lauryn Boyd
Reader:	Harrison Higgins
Chalice:	Harrison Higgins
	10:30—Holy Eucharist
Lessons:	Jeri Townley, B.J. Giannini
Prayers:	
Chalice:	Harrison Higgins
Acolyte:	Sara Lassiter, Camille Wood,
Acolytei	Morgan Green, Stephanie Holden
Greeters:	Kristin Carver, Buddy Dunn
Nursery:	

Fellowship Activities

Want to go to Brunch in May?

Sunday, May 25th, after the 10:30 service,

the 'lunch brunch group' will be going to

lunch at the Yen Ching, 9033 W. Broad Street.

If you are interested please contact **Jean Riddick, 264-0935**,

or call Lucy in the office, 266-2503

Flying Squirrels Ballgame!

We will have our annual parish outing to see the Flying Squir-rels, Richmond's minor league baseball team, on Saturday, May 10^{th} @ 6:05 PM. The price is \$10 per ticket.

Sit N Stitch

We will be taking a break during the summer months!

Watch for more details later this summer.

Congratulations!

To Nick & Elizabeth Wolf on the birth of their daughter, Ruby Wolf, born on Sunday, April 13. The very proud grandparents are Paul & Debbie Jones.

Easter Egg Hunt!

Thank you for all of the compliments and cooperation in making the Easter activities meaningful and successful for all ages! Your donations totaled over \$127.00 with the most money going to the Lamb's Basket, then Fairy Godmother Project/Kim Ludwig, then Frog Shop.



Save the Date—July 19-26

Epiphany and Emmanuel-Brookhill will again serve as hosts for the CARITAS Program. Approximately 35 –40 women will be staying as our guest for the week @ Epiphany. More details will follow as we begin the planning of feeding, providing showers and laundry services, sleeping and entertaining our friends from CARITAS.

Shrine Mont Committee

is seeking your input for this years' Shrine Mont visit. Please take a few minutes to answer a brief survey at http://svy.mk/1tEK451 Paper copies of this survey will be available in the narthex. Deadline for the survey is May 11th.

Sympathy

The prayers & sympathy of the congregation are extended to Paul Jones & family on the death of his mother, June Ellen Jones who died on Sunday, April 13th. **Also to** Kathy Jimerson & family on the death of her nephew, Christopher McNeace. May their soul and souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Days of Blessing in May

Happy Birthday

	Lauren Williams	Happy Anniver:		
May 7	Hannah Schulte	7/~~	7/ - 7-7- 1	
May 5	Michael Stone	May 51	Deisy Walsh	
May 4	Stacy Van Valkenburg	May 31	Betsy Walsh	
	Doug Thorpe		Ron Russell	
		May 30	Jean T. Riddick	
	Mike White	May 27	George Baynes	
	Benjamin Gallagher	•	Bryan Lassiter	
May 3	Diane Durrer	05	Alexandra White	
May 2	Matthew Dolci	May 20	•	
May 1	Betty Van Valkenburg	May 20	Sloan Rutledge	

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Ma	y 2	Skip Choates & Meg Burley
Ma	y 20	Wes & Meghan Barger
Ma	y 21	Tim & Marty Shephard
Ma	y 24	Geoffrey & Melissa Chaplin
Ma	v 31	Ryan & Rebecca Mitchell

Standing in the Need of Prayer

Those who are ill or have special needs:

Melaina Russell

Melissa Chaplin

May 11 Nancy Tucker May 14 Pam Pegram

May 16 Elisabeth Ransom

May 8

In Our Parish Family: Carl Burley, Ray Hampton, Peggy Adleman, Dot Hudson, Dottie Strabley, Walter Reid, Ray Lovelace, Bob Jimerson, Bertha Morgan, Fred Bales, Martha Jenkins, Wayne Whitlock, Alice Elionai, Bob Giannini, Tillie Freeze;

Those in Care Facilities or Homebound especially:

Pat Dunn, Connie Neal, Marietta Spring, Roseanne Stockwell, Ruth Williams, Juliet Wynne;

Those Serving in the Armed Forces especially:

Matt Guyer, Amanda Hoffert, David Hoffert, Patrick Lineberry, Dennis Miller, Caitlin Mitchell, Bryan Murphy, Billy Tucker, Andrew Smith, and Chris Tuck.

Prayers for those preparing for the birth of a child: Cary & Jill Baynes, Bryan & Catherine Turner, Cory & Jessica Isemann

Prayers for family & friends:

Prayers for Healing, Wholeness, Comfort, Guidance, and Safe Travel: Kathryn Cook-friend of Connie Neal, Mary Stockdell—daughter-inlaw of Susan Josenhans, Stuart & Jean Swink—sister & brother-in-law of Irene Morris, Becky Smith—friend of Melba Shumaker, Jeff Eppes brother of Jim Eppes, Conrad Lawrence—Aggie Gallagher's brother, Gary Peper—Lucy Whitlock's brother-in-law, Debbie Williams—Herb Williams sister-in-law, Freda Bush—friend of Susie Wasiluk, Bucky Turner—friend of Jenn Whitlock, Meghan Thacker, daughter of Gray Corbett, Rick Lawrence — Jan Lawrence's son, Luke Murphy—Ray & Charlotte Lovelace's great-grandson, James McCoy—Sue Rasmussen's friend, Mary Brooks—mother of Anita Williams, Bill Wells—friend of Sarah Jenkins, Warren & Carl Powell—brothers of Shirley Hughson, Mary Anna Phillips—friend of Sue Rasmussen, Misty Compton—friend of the Holdens, Paul Bonuccelli & Barbara Malloy—-uncle & cousin of Jeannie Riddick, Buddy & Doris Barkley—family of the Strabley's, James Stillman—friend of Milton Jenkins, Braton Shewey—-husband of Nancy Shewey, Elsie Corbett—Gray Corbett's mother, Johnny Jorstad— Martha Jenkins son.

.Prayers for the departed: June Jones (Paul Jones' mother) Christopher McNeace (Kathy Jimerson's nephew)

Diocesan ECW—News



Episcopal Church Women

Diocese of Virginia

2014 Spring ECW Meeting

Theme: "Many Paths ~ One Journey... Many Gifts ~ Much Mercy"

Our program will feature the *GIRLs in Real Life* group out of St. George's, Fredericksburg with appearances from Emily Cherry, Communications Officer sharing information from the Faith and Females gathering. We will also have Tanzanian news from our Director of Mission and Outreach, Buck Blanchard.

Thursday, May 22, 2014 St. Martin's Episcopal Church

9000 St. Martin's Lane Richmond, Virginia 23294 804-270-6786

Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. - Cost \$25.00 (lunch included)

*********Registration Form: Please complete and return to address below**********
Cost: \$25 (includes coffee, breakfast and lunch) Make check payable to <u>ECW Diocese of Virginia</u>
Please use a separate form for each person. See box lunch selection below.
(Please print clearly <u>all information</u> below, if you want it to appear on your name tag. BE SURE to include <u>Designation</u> , i.e. Past Pres., Parish Pres., UTO, ECW Board, Rev., etc. and Church Name & Region.)
Name & Designation
Complete Address
Phone Email
Church & LocationRegion
Box Lunch - Please specify sandwich: Tarragon Chicken Salad w/pecans Vegetarian Turkey & Provolone
Will you need a nursery? # of children (<i>Please bring a snack & bag lunch for each child</i>) Mail to: Diane Wright 4440 N. 38 th Street Arlington, Virginia 22207
For more information please contact Jodie Pully at jodiepully@verizon.net (804) 320-1033
Please REGISTER by MAY 8th.

EPIPHANY – PLEASE CONTACT KATHY JIMERSON IF INTERESTED IN ATTENDING

Just the Facts:

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Timon Kenyi, Sexton

Vestry

Ann Henderson, Senior Warden

Aggie Gallagher, Junior Warden

Marty Shephard, Treasurer

Sam Craver, Register

Christine Couturier (2014)

Aggie Gallagher (2014)

Ann Henderson (2014)

Kristin Carver (2015)

Sam Craver (2015)

Joyce Melton (2015)

Buddy Dunn (2016)

Megan O'Toole (2016)

Irene Temple (2016)

Office Hours:

Lucy is in the office Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm. Mary+ is usually in the office Monday through Thursday, unless she is out visiting parishioners or attending meetings. She can always be reached on her cell phone (221–3421).

May the light of God's blessing, like the Epiphany star, always guide you on the path toward Him.