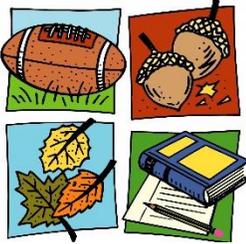


# THE STAR

SEPTEMBER 2019



# Church of the epiphany

## VESTRY VIEWS

By Kathie Entress

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### **SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

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Parish Office 247-4190  
Mon.–Fri. 9:30am–1:30pm

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### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

*8:00 & 10:00 a.m.*

Sometime in late 2018 the Grant Team was formed. In January of 2019 the team began meeting and creating our grant application. The purpose of these grants is to encourage congregational strength and vitality using the funds allocated for this purpose in the Diocesan budget. At that time, we at Epiphany were beginning our Small Group conversations, meetings and planning activities. We weren't aware at the time, that what we were doing in our small groups was something we could write into our Grant Application.

It took us a few months to complete all the necessary components for the application. In March, we met with the members of the Diocesan Grant Committee. At the meeting with this committee, we answered some questions and talked about what we at Epiphany are doing to grow our church. The Diocesan Committee members were very impressed with all we had done, were doing and were planning for the future. We clearly made an impression on them because we received the total amount that we asked for.

Our work at Epiphany continues. Our Grant team continues to meet regularly to make sure that our plans and financial data is up to date. We have submitted our renewal application for this year and we will continue to gather data for next year. The diocese has asked that we continue to do what we are doing and that we send one or two people to the College of Congregational Development (CCD). Jimmie Sue and I have completed the two year class and we will be looking for more people to attend in the future.

I want to thank the members of our committee Jimmie Sue, Nick Parisi, Don Metzinger, Heidi McGrath, Margaret Schweizer, and Gladys VanBrederode. We have worked hard and will continue to in the future. We can already see the great things that are happening here at Epiphany and we will continue to see great things in the future. We would also like to thank the members of the Small Groups for all that they have accomplished so far. Keep up the good work everyone!

## THE BISHOP

The Rt. Rev'd Prince G. Singh

## THE MINISTERS

The Congregation

## THE VESTRY

Kathie Entress, Warden  
Margaret Schweizer, Warden  
Nick Parisi, Treasurer  
Gail Renehan, Clerk

Pauline Ehle  
Kim Hyde  
Pat Leshner  
Heidi McGrath  
Cassie Metzinger

Mike Moffatt  
Lisa Steubing  
Gladys Van Brederode  
Laurie Zaso

## THE STAFF

Rector: Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe  
Parish Secretary: Faith Weston

Organist: Olivia Bradstreet  
Sexton: Robert J. Heslin, Sr.  
Church School Coordinator: Don Metzinger



## FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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| <b>September 1</b> Birdie Ames<br>Marsha Pulhamus                 | <b>September 6</b> Emily Klinzing                    | <b>September 18</b> Camaria Long              |
| <b>September 2</b> Hazel Richford<br>Amanda Steubing              | <b>September 9</b> Mike Parisi                       | <b>September 20</b> Emily Entress             |
| <b>September 4</b> Jack Phillips<br>Ann Pillman<br>Mark D'Anunzio | <b>September 14</b> Meg Smith                        | <b>September 24</b> Doug Craig<br>Jodi Strong |
|   | <b>September 15</b> Mike Grasso                      | <b>September 26</b> Dotty Stotts              |
|   | <b>September 16</b> Daniel McKane                    | <b>September 30</b> Kathryn Parisi            |
|   | <b>September 17</b> Rachel Steubing<br>Ryan Steubing |   |

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



*O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church. Send your blessing upon these your servants that they may so love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and godliness, that their homes may be havens of blessing and peace. Amen.*

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| <b>September 3</b> George & Sue Greenauer<br>Rob & Ashley Betteridge<br>Mike & Jody Parisi | <b>September 15</b> Mike & Debbie Grasso |
| <b>September 5</b> Charles & Bonnie Ayers  | <b>September 16</b> Jim & Laurie Zaso    |
| <b>September 6</b> Alan & Amy Ward   | <b>September 19</b> Pat & Nancy Hatz     |
| <b>September 8</b> Bill & Pat Leshner  | <b>September 26</b> Pat & Heidi McGrath  |
| <b>September 9</b> Bill & Marian Chapman   | <b>September 27</b> Chris & Joyce Plail  |
|  | <b>September 28</b> Joe & Barb Woo       |



## CHANGES & ADDITIONS



If you have changes to your contact information, please notify Faith Weston in the Parish Office: 247-4190 or [coeoffice@frontier.com](mailto:coeoffice@frontier.com). Office hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 9:30 am-1:30 pm

## **STAR DEADLINES**

<b><u>Issue</u></b>	<b><u>Deadline</u></b>	<b><u>Mailing</u></b>
October	September 15	September 25
November	October 13	October 25

Please email **photos** and **articles** to Faith Weston at [coeoffice@frontier.com](mailto:coeoffice@frontier.com). Thank you!



We continue our discussion on the Gather-Transform-Send model this month with our focus on Transform. The information comes from our CCD training manuals.

“The unique purpose and work of a congregation is to gather those called by God into Christ’s body, the Church – a community of **transformation of mind, heart, and action** so that those gathered can live out their baptismal identity and purpose – and to send these same people into the world both to be and to act as God’s loving and transforming presence.

Congregational life is the place where we are baptized, fed, and renewed both to become the people whose presence the world needs and to do the work we are sent into the world to do. By transformation we mean the gradual process begun in baptism by which the Church experienced in the local congregation comes to shape us more and more into the people God calls us to be. This process is an organic one in which our Christian identity and purpose are shaped by the sacraments and other community forms of prayer, learning, and life as well as the practice and actions we ourselves engage in.

These elements are not the only sources of transformation. A congregation’s culture and climate, informal relationships, decision-making processes, ways of handling conflict and transition, personal presence of leaders, physical property, neighborhood, and attitude toward that neighborhood – all of these are sources of

transformation as well. Thus, the transformation process is never the sum total of programs and liturgies. It is an organic web of actions, dynamics, relationships, and so on that make up the living system – that is the congregation, a specific and local manifestation of the Body of Christ.”

This is a very nice segue into stewardship. Stewardship is a heart-intentioned word which holds for us all that we do and are yet to do in the service of God. Stewardship is instead, a way of being, a way of thinking about how we show compassion, and using the gifts we have been given by God to make our lives, our family’s lives, the lives of our neighbors, the life of our planet earth our island home - better. Stewardship is an outward manifestation of how we give of our time, our talents, and our money. And there will be moments in our lives where we utilize one way of showing the generosity within our hearts over other ways. My hope for us is that there is a balanced mix to the way we give of ourselves and of our resources. And that we give from a sense of joy and pride at being part of the Church of the Epiphany.

Our stewardship helps other people and enables us to create an amazing and sacred space for worship, creates a fun and love filled space to come together to share our lives with one another in fellowship, creates a space where we learn and explore how to live more fully into our faith, and creates ways for us to help our neighbors.

May we always be good Stewards of the gifts given us to give to others.

Blessings,

Rev. Jimmie Sue



### **The Genesee Brew House**

We’ll meet at the Genesee Brewery to have lunch on **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm**, and then we’ll walk along the scenic falls area for a bit. Walk is dependent upon the weather ☺

## **Save the Date – September 8<sup>th</sup>:**

A lot is happening this Sunday! One worship service at 9:30am to kick-off Stewardship Sunday with Church School Brunch, Blessing of Backpacks and Teacher Commissioning. **Remember** to bring your backpacks so that they can be blessed during the Sunday Service.



### **Annual Giving/Stewardship**

Sunday, September 8th starts the beginning of our Annual Stewardship program for 2020! Epiphany is a wonderful parish that has so much to be proud of as a community, we are a community that is filled with love and kindness and generous hearts. So, as we think about Stewardship as a community, not only our finances, but our response to God in all aspects of our lives, I believe we will discover how we seek to live authentically into our faith, because we're a community that makes a difference in peoples' lives.

Epiphany needs your continued and increased support, and I invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge contribution for 2020. Sunday, October 6th is Commitment Sunday and there will **one service at 9:30AM** with a brunch and live Jazz music to follow.



### **UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)**

We will collect our UTO Boxes Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. United Thank Offering is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the UTO monies to support mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world. All of the collected UTO monies will be offered up by our parish at the Diocesan Convention at the end of October.

## **Special Activity: Blessing of the Backpacks**

Please have your children bring in their school backpacks on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> so they can be blessed during the 10am service. It can be a backpack for school, daycare, homecare, dance, etc. So come with your backpack and start your new school year on the right track!



### **St. Francis Sunday:**

On Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the feast of St. Francis to honor all God's creatures and creation. Children (and adults) are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animals to get a blessing during the service, and to be part of the procession at the 10am service either dressed as a favorite creature or with their stuffed animal.



### **Blessing of the Animals:**

All animals welcome! On Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm we will be outside on the front lawn of the parish, or inside depending on the weather. Parishioners and guests, please have your animal on a leash or in a crate, and we will bless our animals as they bless us with their love and companionship. People are also welcome to bring photos of their animals for a blessing too. We will also have a prayer station to remember our furry companions who are no longer with us.



### **Small Group Updates:**

I will continue to share what our Small Groups are up to, and y'all are up to a lot! Also, if you see an idea or event you want to help with, please feel free to reach out to that Team and join in for the getting the event going. This update reflects a mix of carry-over ideas and new ideas.

Next "All Groups Meeting" is **Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30-45am.**

## Social Media:

- Create event notices for other Small Group Events
  - Looking into creating backpack tags for Blessing of the Backpacks

## Welcome & Invitation:

- Sunday, October 20th: Bring a friend. Bell Choir will be performing that Sun. Committee will host the Coffee Hour after the service.
- Soup & Chili Fund Raiser:
  - Soup and chili fund raiser will be November 7, December 12, January 9 and February 6.
  - There will be two entrees each month and any left overs will be sold on Sunday.
  - Will discuss if we want cookies or brownies, price and size of containers
- Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, discuss if we want jazz music and open to public. Need to discuss with Don also.
- Set up Euchre dates
- Looking at Roc Paint Sip to come to church for a night of painting. Margaret looking at date.
  - Minimum 10 people. We could invite friends. BYOB. We would supply soda, water and snacks.



## Liturgy & Music:

9/8: Blessing of the Backpacks, Teacher Commissioning, Church School Breakfast

- 9/29 St. Francis Day Service
  - Invite children to dress up as animals
  - Invite Children & adults to bring stuffed animals to church for blessing
- 10/3 Blessing of the Animals
  - Outside or In fellowship hall depending on the weather
  - Parishioners and Community invited to bring their pets to be blessed
- 2020 Pentecost Sunday
  - Print out Lord's Prayer in different languages for the service bulletin

## Children & Youth:

- Youth Group – exploring new ideas with the Youth in Confirmation Class
- Going to put quarterly events together for young children and families
- Late September/Early October camp fire and s'mores

## Adult Formation:

- Working on an October Wine Tour and Lunch outing
- Genesee Brewery Lunch and Walk
- Movie night in January or February

## Renewal Grant Update

Dear Parish,

Epiphany's Grant Team has worked hard in putting together our renewal application for the Diocesan Congregational Development Grant. We met with our Coach who will share our stories and our experiences to go along with the written renewal grant application with the Diocesan Grant Committee. Our time with our Coach went very well because each of you adds to the vitality of the parish and this enables us to write grants that reflect the joy, trust, and growth happening in our parish.

Epiphany's Grant Team and I want to give a big thank you to each one of our Small Groups and to those who support our small group events, you are making a difference!

Next, we will share the application questions and our responses below, and the we will hear back from the Diocesan Grant Committee in the October/November time-frame.

### **1. What actions have you taken in the last year to promote the Diocesan vision and mission in your congregation and community through your grant-funded activity?**

Our growth plan mirrors the Diocesan vision and mission by striving to grow numerically, deepen our spiritual lives, and adapt to the changing needs of our local community.

How we have explored and expanded on this is that we have currently put together 18 different events that span from outreach to fellowship events meant to both invite people to Epiphany and to provide us opportunities to be out in the community.

For example, in a conversation with the Chief of Gates Police, Rev. Jimmie Sue was sharing about how she was impressed with how the Police Department was using their social media to create community. The Chief shared that he could send his Sargent over to talk with our Social Media Small Group to share tips with us. From that conversation with the Sargent, he put a wonderful video together promoting our Chicken BBQ, which he shared on their YouTube Channel and Facebook page.

**2. Summarize the primary goals of your plan from the original application or from last year’s revised goals. Have you needed to change your goals this year? If yes, what new goals emerged?**

Summary of our goals:

- A. Grow the parish family by continuing to build and nurture caring relationships that connect us to each other, and help strengthen our spiritual bonds.
- B. Continue our outreach in the community and continue to support the mission of the Diocese.
- C. Continue to grow a more visible presence in the community through opportunities outside of our own outreach ministry.

The Vestry at each of its meetings evaluates our goals, and we have determined that we do not feel that our goals need to change for this year. The Treasurer continues to offer Quarterly Reports to the parish, and this has a positive financial impact upon giving, and increases transparency and appreciation.

**3. What progress have you made toward meeting your goals this year?**

We have tried out the following new things to help aid us towards our goals:

Event	# of Parishioners	# of Guests	Notes
Hula Hooping (held 3x)	10/5/3	2/1/2	
Cookies, Stress Balls, Euchre	21	2	
Shrove Tuesday	80	10	
Yoga & Mimosas w/HikYoga)	13	11	31 had signed up
Earth Day Clean Up-Gates	1	0	
Guys & Dolls	11	0	
Euchre	10	0	
Wine Tour & Lunch	21	1	
May 19 Invite a Friend Sunday	62	10	
Lobster Dinner at Ascension	25	0	
- Supporting sister parish event			
Red Wings Youth Group	4	2	
Yoga	3	2	
Pride Parade	4	1	
- Diocesan Supported event			
Red Wings Baseball Game	17	0	
- Episcopal Nite			
Red Wings Concessions	51 (3 games left)		
- Fundraiser/Outreach (Throughout Summer)			
Turning Point Hike & Lunch	10	4	
Ice Cream Social-Outreach	8	0	
Camp Out at Epiphany	13	1	
- Children/Youth			

## 20 Minute Conversations

- new formation idea using social media and coming together in person

Chicken BBQ – Notes: Sold over 250 dinners – more than the year before, sold out of our bake goods; The weather was very bad, but people still stayed and went down to Fellowship Hall to eat and listen to live music. Gates Police Officer came and put together a Community Video which he shared to the Gates Police Facebook and YouTube channel. We then shared the video to our Facebook page.

#### **4. What indicators demonstrate that your plan is achieving its goals?**

These indicators demonstrate that we are achieving our goals:

- ASA has increased approximately by 5
- Increase of 5.7% in pledge & plate giving (does not include the Grant Funds or an unexpected bequest)
- new members (since the start of 2019)
- 21 new Sunday Guests (since the start of 2019)
- Our Facebook page has an increase of views and interactions this year. We have seen that a created Facebook Event has lower responses; however, live sermons, prayers, and pictures from events draw in 150 – 250 views on average, sometimes even reaching above 300 views.

#### **5. How will you continue to evaluate the goals of this plan in the coming year?**

We will continue to evaluate our plan by keeping track of our ASA, our pledged income, the number of new members, and the number of participants in our small group endeavors.

Indicators we will continue to use is the Financial Model provided by the Canon Todd Rubiano, we will compare Parochial Reports and Treasurer’s Annual Meeting Reports from one year to the next, and continue to track guests at Sunday Services along with ASA

At each of its meetings the Vestry evaluates our goals and looks at the success and participation of our offered endeavors. The Small Groups evaluate the outcomes of their events. We track the number of parishioners and guests at each event held by the Small Groups as part of our evaluation process.

Also, we publish the minutes from every Small Group meeting in our monthly newsletter, the STAR, to share what the groups are trying out and planning for future events. We advertise events in our weekly bulletin announcements, Facebook, Instagram, and encourage parishioners to extend personal invitations to people within and outside the parish.

#### **6. How has your plan affected your congregation and the community over the past year?**

Our small groups have invigorated and created excitement within the parish, there’s a definite collective positiveness that you can feel and sense. For example, at coffee hour people stay for an hour or more and people move from group to group sharing, the energy at coffee hour is very warm and welcoming. You can feel the positive momentum and excitement about growth and the future.

Our Free Veggie Stand is something the community has started to look forward to. One Sunday a woman wasn’t able to stop and pull over for veggies, so she came into the office Monday morning and asked if we had any more vegetables left. Unfortunately, we didn’t but invited her to check the following Sunday.

Overall, our plan has helped us be much more intentional about inviting more people to Sunday services, events, and service ministry opportunities and about the “why” of what we do. It has also brought about a renewed overall excitement, commitment and vitality within the parish.

#### **7. What is the amount requested for next fiscal year? Is this request different from the projection of needed funds you listed in your original grant request? If yes, explain the change. - \$30,000.00**



## **VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

**AUGUST 20, 2019**

Vestry Meeting Minutes: **-M-S-A** to approve the June 18, 2019 Vestry Meeting Minutes.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Treasurer's Report: **-M-S-A** to approve the July, 2019 Treasurer's Report.

### **Action Items (Require Vestry Action/Vote):**

- Approval of the CDG Renewal Grant: The Grant Application was presented. Discussion followed. **-M-S-A** to approve the CDG Renewal Grant Application.
- Parish Administrator Job Description: The Job Description was discussed. **-M-S-A** to approve the updated Parish Administrator Job Description.

### **Reflection Time:**

- Stewardship Update:
  - The Stewardship Committee is trying a different approach this year. Jimmie Sue shared the new Stewardship brochure with the Vestry – nicely done!
- Small Group Check In
  - Small Group Representatives shared many of their new ideas/projects for the coming months. A lively discussion followed. Lots of good stuff!

### **Rector's Report:**

- I made Pastoral Care and Hospital visits.
- Thank you to the Small Groups for all of the fabulous Summer Events!
- Thank you to the Grant Team for all of their hard work on the 2020 Renewal Grant Request!
- The ROC Pride Parade was very warm and also glad the Diocese and Epiphany had a presence in the Parade: GPD was in the Parade this year too.
- Update on how parish administrator interviewing is going.
- We need to have Epiphany representation in 2020 as part of the CDG Grant Application qualifications. Jimmie Sue will continue to ask for volunteers.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Renehan, Vestry Clerk



## **JULY 2019 FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

<b>Income</b>	<b>July YTD</b>	<b>2019 YTD Budget</b>
Pledges & Plate	\$88,227	\$127,250
Investment Income	15,000	30,000
Diocesan Grant	20,000	
Flowers	1,215	1,950
Special Offerings	1,137	1,600
Building Use	1,421	1,200
Other	1,911	5,350
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>128,911</b>	<b>167,350</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Worship	5,328	7,135
Formation	800	1,450
Diocesan Apportionment	13,846	23,736
Stewardship	2,376	4,700
Other Action	(60)	650
Youth	408	700
Evangelism	1,227	1,600
Oversight	18,395	30,991
Salaries & Benefits	81,062	146,147
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>123,383</b>	<b>217,109</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>5,528</b>	<b>(49,759)</b>

*Submitted by Nick Parisi, Treasurer*

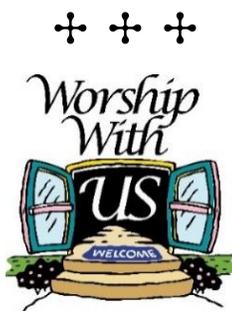
## Thank You Note for John VanBrederode Scholarship

Dear Epiphany,

I would like to thank everyone from the church on the tremendous growth you have given me through the years. This is a very special community and to that thank you for supporting me till now and to the years to come. I am blessed to know the caring people of Epiphany. This place is like another family to me so continue what the church does best and bring out the best in people and teach the lessons you taught me to the new generation to come.

From,

Macguire Morien



### CHURCH SCHOOL KICK-OFF

**Sunday, September 8**  
**Kids, Families, Teachers**

Please join us for this year's Church School Kick-off. We will begin with a **continental breakfast** at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall for all children, parents/guardians and teachers.

*Church school programs include children & youth in pre-K through 12th grade, ages 4 - 17.*

Church School Registration Forms and Photo Release Forms are on page 13 & 15. Please fill out one registration per child; additional forms are on the table in the hall. Put completed forms in Don Metzinger's mailbox or mail to the church office.

After the breakfast, Church School classes will begin as usual at 9:45 a.m.



## Commissioning of Teachers

Teacher/Leader Commissioning will take place at the 10:00 service.



### **Special Activity:** **Blessing of The Backpacks**

Please have your children bring in their school BACKPACKS so they can be blessed during the 10 am service. It can be a backpack for school, daycare, homecare, dance, etc. We don't want to leave any child out. So come with your backpack & start your new school year on the right track !! Any questions please see Don or Pam Metzinger.



### Church School Calendar

Classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, Sept 8- Breakfast, 9:15am

Church School

Teacher Commissioning

Sunday, Sept 15 - Church School

Sunday, Sept 22 - Church School

Sunday, Sept. 29 - Church School, St. Francis Day service

Sunday, Oct 6 - No Church School, Commitment Sunday

Sunday, Oct 13 - Church School

Sunday, Oct 20 - Church School

Sunday, Oct 27 - Church School

Don Metzinger, Youth Coordinator



### **SAVE THE DATE !!** **SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 29, 2019** **ST FRANCIS DAY SERVICE**

Some Background:

The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi occurs on October 4. He is considered the patron saint of animals because he loved all of God's creatures, and allegedly, even preached to the birds..

At Epiphany, we will Celebrate his life and love for the natural world by including animals in our procession on Sunday, September 29. How ?

Kids (of any age) are invited to wear an animal costume in our procession that Sunday. We have a variety of animal headpieces and small animal figures from Noah's Ark on hand for families that would like to use them.

We will have children and/or adults join the procession, in costume or not; with 1 of their favorite stuffed animals to bring up to place in front of the altar for a blessing. The blessing of 1 favorite stuffed animal will occur at both the 8:00am and 10:00am church services.

To go along with that, on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 at 6:00pm, Jimmie Sue will be blessing any of our loved animals that live at home, in the fellowship hall. If it's not raining, we will be outside. We are hoping to have K9 Sonny attend to get a blessing as well.

There will also be a station for Departed Pets to be remembered.

A collection plate will be on hand with donations going to Lolly Pop Farm.

Come and join the FUN !!

## THANK YOU'S

### SUMMER COFFEE HOUR

Thank you to those families who served treats and beverages during our July & August services; Thanks to: Nancy Mancini, Amy Deppe, Kim Hyde, Barb D'Anunzio, Cat Engert and Meg & Kristen Smith.



### Spruce Up Day

Thank you to those who came out on Saturday, August 24 to take part in another Spruce Up Day. We cleaned bathrooms, all the church school classrooms, meditation room, fellowship hall, and kitchen. We are all ready for Church School, Coffee Hour and activities.

Thanks to: Pam Metzinger, Marsha Pulhamus, Kim Hyde, Carole Haase, Gladys VanBrederode, Terry Barker, Jimmie Sue Deppe & Bo Heslin.



## RED WINGS CONCESSIONS FUNDRAISING

Another Red Wings season is coming to an end and so will our Concession Fundraising efforts. It was a great year. Total figures raised and volunteers will be posted in the next STAR.

Thanks again go to Don Metzinger & Jack Merrick for going above & beyond the organizing.



### PARKING LOT

Thank you to those folks who came out on Saturday, Aug 3 to paint the stripes on our parking lot. It was an extremely hot & sunny day. It looks awesome !!

Thanks to: Steve Entress, Don & Pam Metzinger, Marsha Pulhamus, Lisa Steubing, Ryan Steubing, Cat Engert & kids, Meredith Woo, Jesse Albano, Evie Gargan, Jimmie Sue & Amy Deppe, Janna Deppe & Friend, Gladys VanBrederode, Bo Heslin.

We had a great lunch prepared and then enjoyed a cookout with a campfire and s'mores to top off the day. Thanks to Barb & Joe Woo for donating the use of their fire pit.



### Service Ministry Update

#### September 2019

Our September Ministry Project will be helping Huther Doyle Drug and Alcohol Addiction clinic which is located on 360 East Avenue. This program provides a number of out-patient services for adults struggling with addiction. This clinic is in need of personal toiletry items, as well as monetary donations. Service Ministry would like to try and help with both needs.

As you are aware, 2/3 of loose offering on the first Sunday of the month which is the Rector's

discretionary fund is donated to a worthy organization. The monies for the first Sunday of September (September 1<sup>st</sup>) will be donated to the Huther Doyle clinic. Anyone who would like to support this cause could make a donation on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Second, the personal toiletries being collected over the summer will be going to Huther Doyle clinic. If anyone is planning a trip in the next few weeks and able to get toiletry samples for their hotel stay is encouraged to bring in for this collection. We will be collecting until September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Third, we are hoping to plan another fund raising event later in September. Please watch the bulletins for update on this event to help Huther Doyle Clinic.

Our October project will be serving a Sunday Supper at Cameron Ministry on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Please save the date if you would like to help us cook and serve the meal. More details will be coming.

I would like to thank all the parishioners for their generous donation of school supplies to Hope Hall School. A special thank you to Diane and Mike Moffatt for delivering all the supplies. The picture of the school donation is a testament to the generosity of our church.

Thank you all for your continued support.

The Service Ministry Team- Marsha Pulhamus, Birdie Ames, Amy Deppe, Nancy Mancini and Mike and Diane Moffatt.



## Evangelism & Fellowship

### WOE

### (WOMEN OF EPIPHANY) Annual September Pot Luck Dinner



When: Thursday - Sept 12, 2019  
Time: Wine & Cheese - 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner - 7:00. pm.

Where: Fellowship Hall

- . Bring a dish to pass – All women are welcome!
- Signup sheet on board in main hallway
- Questions – see Pam Metzinger
- Hope to see you there.



The Adult Formation Small Group is planning a lunch at the Genesee Brew House (located at 25 Cataract Street, Rochester 14605) on Sunday, **September 15, 2019 at 12:00.** Sign up on the bulletin board and note if you want to carpool from church at 11:45AM. If the weather cooperates, people can also take a stroll on the nearby bridge. Any questions please contact Kathie Entress at 748-9276 or email at [ent1@frontiernet.net](mailto:ent1@frontiernet.net).



### SAVE THE DATE!

### Trip to The Windmill

The Adult Formation Committee is planning a trip to The Windmill Farm and Craft Market on **Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**. There are crafts, clothing, produce, housewares and just about anything you can think of. Several local wineries offer tastings, and there are several places to eat.

More information can be found at <http://thewindmill.com/>

We will meet in the COE parking lot at 9:15 and leave by 9:30 AM. We will arrive at The Windmill around 11 AM and you can shop, look around and have lunch on your own, then meet back at the cars at around 1:30 and return to Epiphany by about 3:00. A sign-up sheet will be posted. Please indicate whether you are willing to drive, and how many you can take. Passengers, please help our drivers with gas money. Last day to sign up is Sunday, October 12. Join us for a great time, and bring your friends! Any questions, please see Cassie Metzinger or Nancy Mancini.



### **SAVE THE DATE!**



### **Friday** **December 6, 2019**

The Welcome Committee is hosting a paint night. Bobby Padilla from "Roc, Paint, Sip" is coming to Epiphany and will walk us through

painting a lovely picture. He plans on making this a fun event for everyone. He provides all the materials we will need to paint. Our committee is providing snacks and non-alcoholic drinks (soda, water). You may bring whatever other beverage you would like. We will have a choice of two different size paintings. One is 8 X 10 and costs \$20 and the other is 16 X 20 and costs \$25. Everyone will be doing the same painting and the committee will choose what that is going to be. As soon as it's selected we can let everyone know. You are also welcome to invite a friend if you'd like.

I will be putting up a sign up sheet on the board in the hallway. You will need to select which size you want to paint and making the appropriate payment. We will need all money in by Sunday, December 1st. We are going to have to limit the sign up too no more than 35 people. Sign up soon so you don't miss out on this fun night!! Any questions you can ask Margaret Parisi.

## **WOE THANK YOU LETTERS FROM THE RECEIPIENTS OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE**

*Because of limited space in the newsletter the following thank yous have been edited. All of the letters will be on the bulletin board in the hallway*



**RAIHN** – Thank you very much for your continued support from Women of Epiphany in the amount of \$250.

**Christian Appalachian Project** – Your recent gift of \$500 towards furthering our mission is such a blessing. Your support and gift allow us to continue building homes, transforming lives and sharing Christ's love through service in Appalachia.

**St. Theodore's Food Cupboard** – Thank you for your most generous donation of \$250.

**Honor Flight** – On behalf of Rochester area Veterans who benefit directly from your gift of \$500, all of us at Honor Flight Rochester wants to thank you for your support of our critical mission.

**Visiting Nurse Foundation** – Thank you for your wonderful support WOE has given to Meals on Wheels through the years! This check for \$1,000 will help keep someone from going hungry this year and help to keep them safe in their own home.

**House of Mercy** – Your gift of \$250 to the House of Mercy is truly appreciated. Thanks to you, several thousand men, women, and families who experience homelessness and severe poverty in our community, will be helped.



### **Thank you from the Bishop**

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation of \$250 in response to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. I am honored to partner with you in sustaining programs.

Rt. Rev. Prince G. Singh,  
VIII Bishop, Diocese of Rochester

Church of the Epiphany  
Church School Registration Form 2019-2020

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized:      Yes      No

Confirmed:    Yes      No

Special needs/Allergies/Other Concerns:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is it permissible for your child to receive  
communion with her/his Church School class?

Yes      No

I have signed the Children & Youth Photo Release  
Form:          Yes      No

Does your child play a musical instrument?

Yes    No

If so, what instrument? \_\_\_\_\_

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 3:30 PM - MITE -ESL	4	5	6	7
8 8:00 AM HE 9:15 AM CS Kickoff Breakfast 10:00 AM HE, Teacher Comm., Bless Backpacks Stewardship Kickoff	9	10 3:30 PM MITE -ESL	11	12 6:30 PM WOE Pot Luck Supper	13	14 11:30 - 2 PM Seabury Annual Block Party
15 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM 12:00 Lunch - Genesee Brewery	16	17 3:30 PM MITE -ESL  7:00 PM Vestry	18	19	20	21
22 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE  11:30 AM Small Groups	23	24 3:30 PM MITE -SL 5	25 11:00 AM Widows Group	26	27	28
29 St. Francis Day Service 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE 11:30 Property Committee	30	1 3:30 PM MITE -ESL	2	3 6 PM Blessing of Animals	4	5

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**CHILDREN & YOUTH PHOTO RELEASE FORM**

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Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Parent or Legal Guardian

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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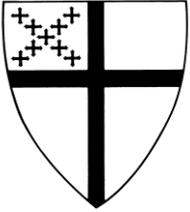
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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



*13<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament  
(More pictures in next month's STAR)*

**EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS**

**Church School Kick-Off... Sept. 8**

**Stewardship Program Begins... Sept.8**

**WOE Pot Luck Dinner... Sept.12**

**Genesee Brewery Lunch...Sept. 15**

**Widows Group...Sept. 26**