

# THE STAR

MARCH 2019



# Church of the epiphany

## VESTRY VIEWS

I thought I would take a moment to talk a bit about Stewardship. It can be a confusing word and one that most people don't like to talk about. Most people think of stewardship meaning – give money. It is way more than that and I wanted to highlight what I mean by that especially here at Epiphany.

- The Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary defines stewardship as "the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care."
- The Episcopal Church ([www.episcopalchurch.org/stewardship](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/stewardship)): "Stewardship is about being grateful, responsible stewards of the gifts we receive from God. The tradition of giving back to God and to the church comes from the Biblical practice of "tithing," which means to give back a tenth of our earnings to God (Numbers 18:26). **The Episcopal Church sees stewardship as more than simply contributing money to the church; it's also about contributing time and talents, and volunteering for ministry and mission. It's about reaching out to build relationships from a perspective of abundance instead of scarcity.**"

I love how the Episcopal Church puts it into perspective: "**The Episcopal Church sees stewardship as more than simply contributing money to the church; it's also about contributing time and talents, and volunteering for ministry and mission. It's about reaching out to build relationships from a perspective of abundance instead of scarcity.**" This is Epiphany in a nut shell – look around Epiphany and one can't help but see all the good "stewardship" that is happening every single day! I look around and I don't see one individual that isn't being a good steward – from the youngest to the oldest. The young ones building lasting relationships with other parishioners – sharing their love of being in church, passing the peace and above all the smiles they bring everyone they encounter! To the

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## March 10 Daylight Savings Begins



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### MARCH CALENDAR

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### BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Parish Office 247-4190

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Sundays*

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

**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: Reyers Brusoe

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



**FROM THE PARISH REGISTER**



*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.*

- March 1** Mark Hill
- March 2** Selena D'Anunzio  
Ruth Jameson
- March 4** Amanda Entress
- March 6** Hazel Ploettner

- March 7** Pat McGrath
- March 10** Dean Bennett  
Valerie Jones
- March 12** Jason Hyde
- March 14** Sara Heslin
- March 17** Jack Merrick

- March 17** Jim Stotts
- March 23** Sarah Michaels
- March 26** Charles Ayers  
Glenn Hyde
- March 29** Retta Gamet
- March 30** Adam Metzinger



*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.*

**March 6** David & Judy Ploettner

**March 19** George & Birdie Ames

**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:  
Monday–Friday, 9:30 am–1:30 pm

**STAR DEADLINES**

Please email **photos** and **articles** to Sue Guglin at [coecommunications@frontier.com](mailto:coecommunications@frontier.com). Thank you!

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Mailing</u>
April	March 17	March 27
May	April 14	April 24

young adults – sharing their talents painting the youth room, being an alter person, making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday – just to name a few. To all young and young at heart – alter guild, flower guild, Eucharistic Ministers, readers, counters, folks who take care of the coffee hour and other gatherings such as the breakfast before the annual meeting – setting up, preparing and clean up, serving on the vestry, rummage sale – donating, preparing the church, unloading, set up, selling and clean up, RAIHN ministry, all the collections throughout the year – hot chocolate, soup, food for the food pantry, preparing meals, Red Wings concessions stands, Bible Study groups, Wednesday Café, the list goes on and on and could fill the STAR from all the stewardship happenings going on right here at Epiphany! With all the wonderful stewardship we do day in and day out – why do we not like to talk about stewardship?

It is a blessing to me to be a part of this wonderful family – thank you all for being you! For loving each other and people we don't know! For being good Stewards of your time, talents, and treasures!

God Bless!

Margaret



Please take a moment to read the Grant Team's responses to the Congregational Development Application Questions. A lot of good and thoughtful work went into these questions. And it will take each one of us working towards the goals of the questions to help Epiphany

continue to build and nurture our relationships, grow our outreach ministry outside the parish, and continue to support the mission of the Diocese. I hope all of you are having fun building new relationships within your small groups! These small groups are another vital piece of our success towards growth. I hope each of you will use our 40 days of Lent to focus on nurturing our relationship with Jesus, and how we are each

Blessings,  
Rev. Jimmie Sue



### **Congregational Development Application Questions:**

#### **1. How does your plan align with Diocesan vision and mission?**

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.

#### **2. What are the primary goals of your plan? (List 3)**

- 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.

#### **3. What specific actions will you take to meet these goals?**

To meet Goal A, our actions are that we created five small growth groups focused on (social media, welcome and invitation, liturgy and music, children and youth, adult formation) with the intention of getting as much of the parish involved as possible to explore what we do well, where can we improve, and what new things can we try. Each group is generating momentum and connections and excitement around new ideas that will help us to be seen and heard in our community.

To meet Goal B, our actions will be to continue to volunteer and support our Service Ministry, outreach in the community and in support of the Diocese by using our time and talents. We will continue to explore new outreach opportunities within our local community and in collaboration with Diocesan efforts.

To meet Goal C, our actions will be to seek out and support events of other congregations and of the Diocese. We will seek to support our members who volunteer with outside organizations in their endeavors towards doing good works.

**4. How will you evaluate this plan? What indicators will you use?**

We will 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 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 look at the success and participation of our offered small group endeavors.

**5. What is your timeline for this plan?**

Over the next 5 years we will continue to try new ideas, evaluate and explore what we are doing and what works what needs tweaking, all of which, are intended to sustain, nurture, and grow Epiphany.

**6. Who will these goals benefit and in what way(s)?**

Epiphany will benefit through our actions to sustain, nurture and grow the parish spiritually and numerically. The local community will benefit from our continued presence and efforts to give back through our giving of specific material goods through our service projects, and through the funds we donate to various local non-profit organizations. The Diocese benefits as we become stronger and more visible within the community as we continue to be genuinely warm and welcoming.

**7. What amount are you requesting?**

\$35,000.00



**Lenten Pretzels**



The youth and children will be baking pretzels to give out to everyone on Shrove Tuesday ☺  
The pretzel has been a Lenten symbol for over 1500 years. It is thought that originally pretzels were made by monks to resemble arms crossed in prayer. These breads were called "little arms" and they are meant remind us to pray and fast during Lent.



**A request was made by the Welcome & Invitation Small Group for a description of our Holy Week Services ☺ Below are brief descriptions of each service:**

Reconciliation:

This is a Tuesday evening contemplative service and is an opportunity for all who attend to privately offer up petitions, and then as part of the service to receive absolution.

Maundy Thursday:

This is a Thursday evening service and it comes from the Latin mandatum novum, "new commandment," from John 13:34. The ceremony of washing feet was also referred to as "the Maundy." Maundy Thursday celebrations also commemorate the institution of the eucharist by Jesus "on the night he was betrayed." Following this, the altar is stripped and all decorative furnishings are removed from the church.

Veneration of the Cross:

This is a Friday afternoon service where we offer our reverence to the cross as the cross makes its way to the altar in honor the sacrifice that Christ made for us.

Tenebrae:

This is a Friday evening sung service that is structured around psalms, readings, and responsories. A distinguishing characteristic of this service is the series of readings from Lamentations and the use of fifteen lighted candles. One candle is extinguished as each of the

fourteen appointed psalms is completed. The fifteenth candle, symbolic of Christ, is left lighted at the end of the final psalm. But it is carried away to be hidden, which signifies the apparent victory of the forces of evil. A sudden loud noise is made at the end of the service, symbolizing the earthquake at Christ's death. The lighted candle is then restored to its place, suggesting Christ's eventual triumph.



## Vestry Highlights February 19, 2019

**Vestry Meeting Minutes: -M-S-A** to accept the January 15, 2019 and January 27, 2019 Vestry Minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nick will present the February, 2019 Treasurer's Report in March

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

- Approve Key Bank Memos:  
-**M-S-A** to approve designated Vestry members of the Church of the Epiphany for signature authority for check's written off the Church's bank account.  
-**M-S-A** to accept the changes of Wardens approved and authorized by the Vestry of the Church of the Epiphany for the opening of new bank accounts and the maintaining of bank accounts at Key Bank on behalf of the Church.
- Approve Parochial Report: -**M-S-A** to approve the 2018 Parochial Report.
- Approve Safer Churches Resolution: That the Vestry of Church of the Epiphany, Rochester, NY meeting in regular session on February 19, 2019, here by confirms that Safer Churches Training certification will be completed or renewed by June 30, 2019, for all existing personnel detailed below and prior to the start date for any new personnel after June 30<sup>th</sup>. -**M-S-A** to approve the Safer Churches Resolution.
- Approve Sexual Harassment Resolution: That the Vestry of Church of the Epiphany, Rochester, NY meeting in

regular session on February 19, 2019, hereby confirm that Sexual Harassment Policies and Training will be completed or renewed annually, for all existing personnel and prior to the start date for any new personnel after October 31, 2018. -**M-S-A** to approve the Sexual Harassment Resolution.

- Approve Epiphany's' Congregational Development Grant Application: A motion was made to accept and approve the 7 Questions, the Narrative, the Financial Documents and all supporting documents for the applying of the Congregational Development Grant. -**M-S-A unanimously** to accept and approve the 7 Questions, Narrative, Financial documents and all supporting documents of the Congregational Development Grant application.

**Rectors' Report:** The Rev. Jimmie Sue gave a verbal report of her February activities.

**Reports and Housekeeping:** None.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Renehan



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH**  
**6TH**

Imposition of Ashes and  
Holy Eucharist -  
12:30 noon & 7:00 p.m.

"Ashes To Go" 4:00-5:30 p.m.



## **CHURCH SCHOOL & J2A SCHEDULE**

(Class begins – 9:45 a.m.)

Sunday, March 3 - Church School – making pretzels

Sunday, March 10 - Church School

Sunday, March 17 - Church School

Sunday, March 24 - Church School UNLOAD Rummage Trailer

Sunday, March 31 – Church School

Sunday, April 7 - **No** Church School

Sunday, April 14 - Church School

Sunday, April 21 - **No** Church School - EASTER Sunday

Sunday, April 28 - Church School



### **SPRUCE UP DAY**

**Saturday, March 2nd  
9:30 am – 12 noon**

Mark your calendars now for the next Church Spruce Up day. It will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, beginning at 9:30 am till noon. We will be tackling the auxiliary room, bathrooms, and hallways. Many Hands make light work!



### **EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT SUNDAY MARCH 10**

At the 2009 General Convention, Lent was officially designated as a time to encourage dioceses, congregations, and individuals to remember and support the life-saving work of Episcopal Relief & Development.

The Church of the Epiphany joins with the larger Episcopal Church in celebrating the work of Episcopal Relief and Development by designating the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent March 10** as Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday.

You will find Lenten meditations, mite boxes, envelopes and ER&D information in the hallway.

During Lent we ask that you offer prayers for those that are helped by the work of E R &D as well as prayers of thanksgiving for ER&D and the work they do.

Please donate to the mite box during Lent as you say a prayer of thanksgiving for your own blessings or pray for those less fortunate.

Any questions please contact Deb Grasso.



### **EASTER CASCARONES**

We are continuing the tradition of cracking cascarones (confetti eggs) on Easter Sunday! Help us out by saving your eggs shells. To do this, simply crack your eggs so that there is a small opening. Shake or pour out the egg. Then rinse out the shell with soapy water.



If you are collecting egg shells, please bring them to church by April 7th.

During coffee hour on April 7th children & young at heart can dye the eggshells. During coffee hour on April 14th we will fill them with confetti and cover with tissue paper.

Contact Amy Deppe via phone or text, 210-861-0107, or during coffee hour with questions.



### **SACRED SPACE**

I always want to feel closer to God, but convince myself I am way too busy to read the Bible and contemplate during the day. SACRED SPACE, a free phone app, is now on my phone. The Prayer Message changes daily beginning with Presence, Freedom, Consciousness, Word of God, Conversation and Conclusion. It only takes a couple of minutes to read wherever I am, though I prefer first thing in the morning. Try it, you might like it.

Birdie Ames



## Evangelism & Fellowship



Thank you to those who helped out on Saturday, February 2 at the Funeral Reception for Keith Jobs. Thanks to: Pat Leshner & Pam Metzinger.



Dear Epiphany Family:

Thank you for all the get well wishes and cards. I miss being there with everyone to give our thanks for each new day and all of you. God willing I will be there again.

God Bless,  
Dotty Stotts



### ROCHESTER REDWINGS - 2019

Did you know there are less than 50 days till the Redwings Opening Day ?? Planning has begun for our next fundraising activity this summer. Check your calendars - we need lots of help ! Yes, we will be pouring beer and serving pizza at the games again this year. Please consider donating your time !!!

Here are the dates we are scheduled for this season:

Thursday - May 9	Monday - July 1
Tuesday - May 21	Wednesday - July 24
Friday - May 31	Wednesday - July 31
Wednesday - June 12	Tuesday - August 20
Friday - June 28	Friday - August 30

**SEE YOU AT THE BALLPARK!!!**



### PANCAKE SUPPER

#### J2A FUNDRAISER

Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Where: Church of Epiphany Fellowship Hall

Who: All of Epiphany & friends

Price: Single - \$ 4 Family  
(4 or more) - \$ 15

Tickets are on sale through March 3. Tickets will also be sold at the door. *This is a fundraiser for the J2A class, so come and bring your friends & support our youth!*

Questions? See Don Metzinger or Elaine Bagley



Bakers Needed  
for  
Rummage Bake  
Food Sale



Sign up sheet in hallway

Please deliver goods on  
Thursday 3/28 in choir room  
before 4:00 pm



**COMMUNITY YOGA & MIMOSAS  
AT CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**

10:30AM to 12PM  
Saturday April 6th



Join us for a free community yoga and mimosas class at the Church of the Epiphany! We are so excited to be working with the Church of the Epiphany this year to teach an amazing yoga class to the community. This class is free and open to everyone to sign up and enjoy this amazing yoga and mimosa flow! Check-in begins at 10:30am Class will begin promptly at 11am! Please bring your yoga mat!

APR 6 Community Yoga & Mimosas at Church of the Epiphany  
Public - Hosted by Hikyoga



**Are you proud of being a member of Epiphany?**

**Have you always wanted a POLO SHIRT or other apparel with the Epiphany Logo?**

**Here is your opportunity!**

The logo will “POP” on either black, red or white apparel.

In the past we have ordered Shirts and Fleece Vests, available in the following sizes:

Women’s shirts are available in sizes XS to 3X

Women’s Vests are available in sizes S to 3X

Men’s shirts are available in sizes S to XXL, BIG 2XL-5XL

Men’s vests are available in sizes M to XXL, BIG 2XL – 3XL

We can also order similar shirts in children’s sizes.

If you would like something else let me know. You can search the website at <https://business.landsend.com/>

I would like to get order preferences and then watch for promotions on shipping and Logos. Once the promotions are published we will have to move fast!

Any questions please contact Deb Grasso [debibear123@gmail.com](mailto:debibear123@gmail.com)



## RUMMAGE SALE 2019

Are you thinking Rummage Sale yet? Planning has begun! THE TRAILER HAS ARRIVED!! Any items for the sale can be brought in to place into the trailer. There is no lock, so it is available all the time. Please be sure to close the door so it doesn't swing open.

The sign-up poster is up!

### **We need your help:**

- \* Save paper bags (brown grocery bags; all sizes of paper shopping bags with & without handles). Do not put any of the saved paper bags, handled bags, etc., into the trailer. There is a collection box in **Room 3**.
- \* All boxes put into the trailer must be closed all the way (they are easier to stack to utilize storage space). Clothes may be bagged. **NO FURNITURE GOES IN THE TRAILER.**
- \* **NO TV's, computers, monitors.**
- \* **IMPORTANT NEWS** - There will be NO large pickups this year. If you have large items to donate, you will need to get them to church on your own - the day we unload the trailer. Questions about this change, please contact Pam Metzinger.
- \* **LAST day to bring in items for the sale is: TUESDAY, March 26th. NO exceptions!**
- \* Flyers are available to post around town at businesses, school, work place, etc.

**Saturday, March 23** - Set up the building

**Sunday, March 24** after 10 o'clock worship -Unload the trailer

**March 25-28** - Sort, arrange & price

**Friday & Saturday, March 29 & March 30**

**10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Sell, Sell, Sell!**

**Saturday, March 30, 5:00 p.m. - Clean up**

PERKS for working the Rummage Sale:

- \* Fellowship with other parishioners
- \* it's FUN!
- \* viewing items before they go on sale
- \* setting aside previewed items to purchase

Please do not come to look around on Thursday, when everything is priced & done and expect to shop. The people who have worked all week long deserve that courtesy. Shop on Friday & Saturday when we are open to the public. Thank you for your understanding!

Any questions, please see Pam Metzinger

TRAILER  
HAS ARRIVED

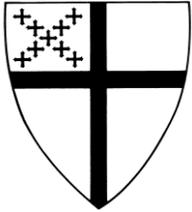


**Pictures from the “Bake, Make, & Play Euchre” Night  
February 22nd**

# MARCH

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>24</b> 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM HE	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 3:30 PM MITE - ESL	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30 PM Handbell Choir	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM – Noon Spruce Up Day
<b>3</b> 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM Church School-make pretzels 10:00 AM HE	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 3:30 PM MITE - ESL 5:30 – 7:30 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	<b>6</b> 12:30 PM & 7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday 4:00 – 5:30 PM – Ashes to Go	<b>7</b> 6:30 PM Handbell Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  11:00 AM Memorial Service – Lu Powers
<b>10</b> ERD Sunday 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM HE 11:30 AM Liturgy Planning	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 3:30 PM MITE - ESL	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM – Bible Study		
<b>17</b>  8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM HE <b>STAR DEADLINE</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 3:30 PM MITE - ESL 7:00 PM Vestry	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30 PM Handbell Choir	22	23
<b>24</b> 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM HE Unload trailer – Rummage Sale Week	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 3:30 PM MITE - ESL  <b>RUMMAGE</b>	<b>27</b>   <b>SALE WEEK</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10:00 – 5:00 PM <b>RUMMAGE SALE</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00 – 5:00 PM Rummage Sale
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## **EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS**

**Spruce Up Day - 9:30 AM - March 2**

**Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Supper - 5:30-7:30 PM  
March 5**

**Ashes to Go - 4:00 - 5:30 PM March 6**

**Ash Wednesday - 12:30 PM & 7:00 PM - March 6**

**Rummage Sale- March 29 & 30**