THE STAR NOVEMBER 2019





VESTRY VIEWS

Heidi McGrath

As I listened to the scriptures and Jimmie Sue's sermon this past Sunday, I wondered if I, through my faith can be as strong as Jesus calls us to be. Oh yes, I can persevere and persist with the best of them, but at what cost. For example, will I become so weary with the struggle that I no longer notice the beautiful foliage as the seasons change before my eyes? Or because the injustice around us is too painful and overwhelming to think about, that I become numb and insensitive?

And then I remembered my friend D, who died just 2 months ago. D, was a nurse for 30 years, one of the best, who raised four children and helped them through their challenges, and fought for years against both breast and ovarian cancer. D was a fighter, but what made D special to her colleagues, friends and family, was her little kindnesses. Through all of her struggles and pain, there was always the birthday card, a gift that she remembered you admiring once upon a time, an invitation to sit on her front porch with a cup of coffee and share the bumps of life, the act of giving meaning to, and respect for, another person's life. I miss my friend D. Mostly I miss her simple acts of kindness. That's something all of us can do while we persist – to remember to give meaning to someone else's life and the same time give meaning to our own.

Set your clocks back Saturday night, November 2nd. (Official time change is 2 am Sunday, November 3.) Enjoy your extra hour of sleep!



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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Daniel Office 247, 4104

Parish Office 247-4190

MON-FRI:9:30AM-1PM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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 Mike Moffatt
Kim Hyde Lisa Steubing
Pat Lesher Gladys Van Brederode

Heidi McGrath Laurie Zaso

Cassie Metzinger

THE STAFF

Rector: Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe Sexton: Robert J. Heslin, Sr.
Parish Secretary: Jennie Bowker Church School Coordinator: Don Metzinger

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Nov 2	Karen Cunningham	Nov 12	Pat Lesher	Nov 21	Jim McGrath
	McKanna Morien	Nov 16	Bruce Pillman	Nov 23	Donna Waterman
Nov 3	Florence Townsend		Gladys VanBrederode	Nov 24	Lisa Durkin
Nov 4	Nancy Cohen	Nov 19	Carol Kohan	Nov 25	Judy Ploettner
Nov 6	Bill Chapman		Lisa Steubing	Nov 28	Kathie Entress
	Betty Frisch	Nov 20	Dakota VanBrederode	Nov 30	George Ames
Nov 11	Judy Brown	Nov 21	Ann Merrick		o .



O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience,

in wisdom and true godliness, that their homes may be havens of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

November 10 Jack & Ann Merrick

November 20 Robert & Margaret Schweizer November 27 Dean & Helen Bennett



CHANGES & ADDITIONS



If you have any changes to your contact information, please notify Jennie Bowker in the Parish Office: 247-4190 or coeoffice@frontier.com.

Office hours: Monday– Friday, 9:30 am – 1 pm

OFFICE CLOSED Thurs., Nov. 28 & Fri., Nov. 29

STAR DEADLINES

Please email photos and articles to Jennie Bowker at coeoffice@frontier.com. Thank you!

Issue	Deadline	Mailing
December	November 17	November 27
January	December 15	December 30

STEWARDSHIP ANNUAL GIVING

As of 10/20/2019 we have a commitment of 69 pledges, 6 of which are new pledges, for a total of \$119,574.00. Last year, we received 72 pledges for a total of \$129,956.52. At are current pledging, we will be close to the last year's total pledge with an amount of \$134,229.00. Every pledge makes a difference to the vitality of the parish.

THANK YOU to all who have turned in their commitment cards and pledged their financial support to Epiphany. Your regular giving continues to make a difference in the lives of the children, youth, and adults in our church, as well as, in the lives of people in our community and around the world.

The Finance Committee took their first look at the 2020 Budget on October 17th, and will begin finalizing the budget in early November. To help Finance, the Vestry, and Rev. Jimmie Sue make the best decisions for us as a parish, if you haven't sent in your pledge card we would really like to hear from you as soon as possible.





Vestry Meeting Minutes: -M-S-A to accept the September 17, 2019 Vestry Minutes.

Treasurers Report: -M-S-A to accept the September 17, 2019 Treasurers Report. Budget preparation will begin October 17, 2019.

Action Items (Require Vestry Action/Vote):

 RESOLVED: That the Vestry of Church of the Epiphany, Rochester, N.Y., meeting in a regular session on October 15, 2019, hereby confirmed Sexual Harassment Policies and Training will be completed or renewed annually for all existing personnel detailed below and prior to the start date for any new personnel. –M-S-A. to approve the Sexual Harassment Policy.



Commitment Sunday



Kids' Pumpkin Painting

Reflection Time:

Stewardship update, 62 pledges are in with 20 outstanding. Begin first of two mini-MMR reviews. Focused on Formation, Evangelism & Fellowship, and Service.

Rector's Report:

- I have made PC visits, baptism planning.
- A **big thank you** for the beautiful gift for my 5 year ordination anniversary!
- St. Francis Sunday was wonderful!
- The kiddos had a blast making t-shirts and s'mores ©.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 Respectfully submitted, Gail Renehan

Cameron Ministry, Oct. 27



SEPTEMBER 2019 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income	September	2019 YTD	
Pledges & Plate	\$108,585	\$95,438	
Investment Income	22,500	22,500	
Diocesan Grant	26,000		
Flowers	1,490	1,436	
Special Offerings	1,137	1,200	
Building Use	1,431	900	
Other	5,780	4,013	
Total Income	\$166,922	\$125,513	
Expenses			
Worship	5,858	5,351	
Formation	1,053	1,088	
Diocesan	17,802	17,802	
Stewardship	3,476	3,5253	
Other Action	(60)	613	
Youth	408	525	
Evangelism	1,337	1,200	
Oversight	20,488	23,243	
Salaries & Benefits	101,880	109,610	
Total Expenses	152,242	162,957	
Surplus/Deficit	14,679	(37,444)	

Submitted by Nick Parisi, Treasurer



Call for Nominations

Yes, it is the time of year to prayerfully consider serving Epiphany on the Vestry, as a Warden, or as a Diocesan Convention Delegate. How does one get nominated for an office or nominate a friend or acquaintance for an office?

Two of the objectives of the Nominating Policy are:

- (1) To identify candidates whose unique strengths and gifts are most needed by the parish at a particular point in its life.
- (2) To provide sufficient time to check and ensure that potential nominees meet canonical and Epiphany's qualifications for the office for which they are

nominated. If not, the policy provides time for them to meet the qualifications.

As you consider who to nominate, please think first of people whose unique strengths and gifts are most needed by the parish at this time. Then, please remember that all people nominated must meet the qualifications to vote at parish meetings, and eligibility requirements for the office for which they are nominated.

Qualifications to Vote at Parish Meetings

All of the following:

- 18 years old or older.
- Belong to the parish (baptized, confirmed, received or transferred in from an Episcopal Church, as recorded in the parish records).
- Regularly attend the parish's worship.
- Contribute to the parish's financial support for at least the 12 months preceding the Annual Meeting or a special parish meeting.

Eligibility for Offices

- <u>Delegate to Diocesan Convention</u>: Be a Qualified Voter, and on parish rolls for past 12 months.
- <u>Vestry</u>: the above and pledger and giver of record.
- Warden: all of the above plus a confirmed Communicant of the Episcopal Church with at least 3 years' experience, 2 years of which are on Epiphany's Vestry with at least 1 additional year on a Vestry.

If you have questions about the nominations process or are considering being nominated, please contact a member of the Vestry. Many perspectives bring vitality to our parish.

In Christ, Kathie Entress





We are approaching the season of Thanksgiving, a season dedicated to expressing thankfulness. During Thanksgiving we give thanks for our family and friends, and we do this through the sharing of a feast of food. We bring out family heirloom recipes, we

dust off holiday traditions, we share all the embarrassing "when you were little" stories. It is a time of connection. And it is meant to fill us deeply with gratitude, so when things get hard, we can look back upon the goodness in our lives. Thanksgiving is about remembering to share with God our thankfulness for God's love in our lives, and it's about sharing our faith steeped in traditions of stories of love, compassion, and generosity

When we give thanks and when we show thanks, this grounds us in gratitude. Prayerful giving thanks, recognizing what we are grateful for offers us a way to intentionally explore our day, seeking God in the midst of our lives. Giving us the anchor of God's love to come back to and hold onto and seek towards this helps us to feel God's grace like arms wrapped around us holding us tight.

I invite you to try this exercise to help you make intentional time to pray, reflect, and give thanks:

- 1. Open your heart to become aware of God's presence.
- 2. Review your day with gratitude.
- 3. Pay attention to your emotions.
- 4. Choose one part of your day and pray from it.
- 5. Look forward to tomorrow.

May everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and may we all be blessed with a day filled with family and friends, safe travels, and much love.

Blessings, Rev. Jimmie Sue

United Thank Offering

Our Annual UTO In-Gathering concluded on September 29th, and we raised \$87.00. Thank you everyone for making a difference in so many ways. The collected UTO monies will be offered up by our parish at the Diocesan Convention at the end of October.



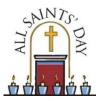
Small Group Reminder

Small groups will meet on Sunday, November 10th around 11:30am. Thank you everyone for all of your participation in Small Groups it is making a difference in our parish!



THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

will be commemorated on Sunday, November 3 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.





Bring Flowers for The Feast of All Saints

On All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 3rd, there will be a small cross available in the

Sanctuary. You are invited to bring a flower to place in our Cross in memory of your loved one or a remembrance or thanksgiving.

Baptisms

We will also be celebrating baptisms at 10 a.m. November 3rd and Sunday, November 17th!





VETERAN'S DAY PICTURES

The Liturgy Planning Team would like to honor our Veterans on Sunday, November 10th during the Prayers of the People. If you are a Veteran or you have a family member who is a Veteran, and you would like your name and/or their names prayed for that day, then there is a sign-up sheet to place your name and/or your family members name on the sheet.



CHURCH SCHOOL & J2A SCHEDULE

CHURCH SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:45 A.M.

Sunday, November 3 – No Church School Baptism

Sunday, November 10 – Church School

Sunday, November 17 – Church School Baptism

Sunday, November 24 – Church School

Sunday, December 1 – No Church School

Sunday, December 8 - Church School

Sunday, December 15 - Church School

Sunday, December 22 - Church School

Sunday, December 29 – No Church School

Don Metzinger, Youth Coordinator



Adult Formation Wednesday Nite Café at Epiphany

THE OPIOID CRISIS

Presented by Gates Police Chief VanBrederode

DECEMBER 4 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Our next Café will be on December 4 at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome! There is a signup sheet in the hallway.

Formation Committee NEEDS idea for formation meetings. If you have any thoughts/ideas, talk to any committee member.



CHILDREN & YOUTH GAMES & PIZZA DINNER



Saturday, November 16, 3:00 p.m. November 16 starting at 3pm, we will have lots of fun games to play and pizza for dinner!

GREENING OF THE CHURCH



The GREENING OF EPIPHANY committee has planned to spread the greening out during a 4-week period, beginning on Sunday, Dec. 1 and ending on Sunday, Dec. 22. This will spread out the festive atmosphere for all to enjoy before the final pieces come into place.

So, with that said, we will need help on Dec. 1, Dec. 8, Dec. 15 & Dec. 22, so mark your calendars & see if you can be of assistance any of those Sundays (beginning at 11:15 am).

<u>Dec. 1</u> - We will hang the large wreath on the back wall, hang the Christmas quilt & display Nativity needlepoint (NEED a brave soul who is not afraid of heights to climb a ladder).

<u>Dec 8</u> - We will put up and decorate the artificial tree in the back of the church. Plus we will hang the greens from the rood beam and hang the Christmas banner. (Need a brave soul to be on a ladder).

<u>Dec 15</u> - We will put bows on artificial wreaths & hang in Chancel: we will have our 2 live trees to decorate on each side of the altar rail.

<u>Dec 22</u> - Finally, change altar hangings from blue to white, change out the Advent wreath from blue to white, arrange fresh poinsettias around the church, decorate window sills, decorate wall sconces with greens and bows, & assemble crèche in front of altar.

If you have any questions, or comments, feel free to email or talk with me.

Thank you.

Pam Metzinger



Bible Study: The Story

God goes to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people. That is what The Story is all about: the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. Condensed into 31 accessible chapters, The Story sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Using the New

International Version, it allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. Like any good story, The Story is filled with intrigue, drama. conflict. romance. redemption. We will begin this Bible Study in December on Thursday evenings. We will meet in the Auxiliary Room at 7pm on 12/5, 12/12, 12/19 to start. Please come to the first gathering having read Chapter 1 and Chapter 2. At the first meeting we will also talk about how our time together in study will flow. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Jimmie Sue. The full name of the book is: The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People (Selections from the New International Version) by Max Lucado, Randy Frazee.



SERVICE MINISTRY UPDATE

November 2019

Despite some confusion on the part of Cameron Ministry , Epiphany did a great job hosting the Sunday Supper at Cameron on October 27th. It was a very busy night as we served 95 meals to the guests at Cameron. We had many more families with children than in past years. The guests enjoy the meatloaf but they LOVED the homemade cookies. NONE of the guest went home hungry.

Many thanks to the volunteers that went to Cameron to prepare the dinner, set-up, serve and clean-up after the meals. The Sunday Supper volunteers included Joe and Barb Woo, Terry and Jim Gerhart, Meg and Kristin Smith, Jimmie Sue and Amy Deppe and Marsha Pulhamus. A big thanks to the volunteers that help make the meatloaves and bake cookies include Pat Lesher, Terry and Jim Gerhart, Birdie Ames, Nancy Mancini, Audrey Barclay, Sue Greenauer and Marsha Pulhamus.

The Sunday Supper would not have been possible without the generous donation of food, paper products and monies from many of Epiphany's parishioners. Thank you to the Renehans, Gerharts, Deppes, Entresses, Hydes, Woos, Leshers, Morts, Kohans, Pulhamuses, Mancinis, Ameses, Frischs, Haases, Browns, Grassos, Smiths, D'Anunzios, Bennetts and Engerts family.

The Cameron Ministry project this year also included supplies that were collected for the new Teen Center and a total of \$87 that was donated from the Rector's discretionary fund.

The Cameron Ministry project was a testament to Epiphany's commitment to help other in need. Thank you all for your time and generosity for this project.

We have just completed to fund raiser at Bill Grays on Monday, October 28th which will donate \$15% of sales that evening to the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP). The monies collected on Sunday, November 3rd which is designated to the Rector's Discretionary fund will also be donated to CAP. We will report the total amount of monies donated to CAP in the December Service Ministry update.

The two projects that will start in November include A Meal & More Christmas Bag project and donating Christmas gifts to family known to RAIHN (Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network. More specifics from these service projects will be announced in the bulletin and collections will start in mid- November. Epiphany has always been very generous with these 2 projects to help individuals/ families enjoy the Christmas holidays.

On behalf of the Service Ministry team, thank you Epiphany all for your support. Please feel free to contact any member of the Service Ministry team (Diane and Mike Moffatt, Nancy Mancini, Birdie Ames, Amy Deppe or Marsha Pulhamus if you have any questions or ideas for other service ministry projects.

Marsha Pulhamus

EUCHRE AND FELLOWSHIP FUN



Friday, November 15th **from 7 pm - 9 pm**. Euchre fun will be had on Friday, November 15th from 7pm - 9pm & Friday, December

13th from 7pm – 9pm. Come on and join us for an evening of playing cards together in friendly rounds of Euchre. Light refreshments will be available, and everyone is welcome to bring snacks to share.



SPRUCE UP DAY



Saturday, December 7th 9:00 am - Noon

Our next Spruce Up Day is coming up on Saturday, December 7 from 9:00am - 11:30am. We will be concentrating on our Worship

space. Including- the Chancel, Nave, Robing room and Sacristy. This gives us a chance to get the spaces clean & shiny for the holidays. Many hands make light work. So please, consider coming out to help. You do not have to stay the whole time. Any help is appreciated!! Thank you, Pam Metzinger.





Thank you to those who helped out at our Commitment Sunday Brunch on Sunday, October 6! Pat Lesher, Kim Hyde, Margaret Parisi, Cassie Metzinger, Nancy Mancini, Laurie Zaso, Deb

Grasso, Kathie Entress, Gail Renehan, Pam & Don Metzinger.



To my Epiphany Church Family,

I deeply appreciate your expression of sympathy during this difficult time of my Dad's passing. I am so grateful for all my friends at Epiphany for all the support and comfort you provide. God Bless.

Love, Jorja





Dear Jimmie Sue,

Thank you for serving at the First Responders' Day event. You were awesome!

Peace, Chief Jim VanBrederode



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**, **November 10th at 11:30 am**.

Social Media:

- Continue to share events, mark as interested even if you can't come
- Discussed using the sign in front of the church to catch people's attention, look online for fun/funny sayings
- Episcopal Memes may get people to laugh, engage with our Facebook, see we don't take ourselves too seriously
- Are the Instagram and Facebook pages linked? Can we post links to profiles?
- Can we use Social Media to get more people seeing the sermons? Download from Facebook Live and post them on Instagram or create a Youtube channel?

Welcome & Invitation:

- Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, discuss if we want jazz music and open to public. Need to discuss with Don also.
- Euchre dates: Nov 15 & Dec 13 at 7pm in Fellowship Hall
- 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.

(Small Group (cont'd.)

Liturgy & Music:

- 11/3 All Saints Sunday
 - Flower Cross
- 11/10 Veterans Day Sunday
 - Names of Veterans in bulletin with their branch of service
 - Deb planning on doing pics on the monitor; will ask for photos of Veterans
- 12/20 Blue Christmas Service at 7pm
- Will need assistance with Readings and a Greeter
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Services
- Bruce looking into having Bells &
 Brass at both services, possibly voice
 musician(s); will speak with Olivia for
 input.
- Hopefully little ones will provide a low key activity at the 4:30pm service – Youth Small group helping with this
- 1/5 Epiphany Sunday
- Stars on the monitor; white lights around the church door
- King's Cake at coffee hour
- Candle lighting for peace and hope
- 2020 Pentecost Sunday
- Print out Lord's Prayer in different languages for the service bulletin Print out Lord's Prayer in different languages for the service bulletin

Children & Youth:

- Game Time + Pizza Dinner November 16th at 3pm.
- Peanut Clusters December 7th at 4pm make and bag clusters, dinner, activity.
- Possible future events ice skating, Amerks hockey game.

Adult Formation:

- Wed Nite Café 12/4 at 7pm: Chief VanBrederode will present on topic of overdose
- 2nd Annual Tree Lighting 12/7 at 4pm
- Look into Spring Brewery Trip
- Other Future Wed Café topic discussion:
- It was suggested that maybe in the winter we could hold Café on Sunday after

- church with a pot luck lunch. We should check with Don to see if he wants any ideas.
- Vaping Evie is working on this
- Leshers talking about their most recent trips
- Beer or wine making Steve working on this
- Tuba Christmas, lunch at church and go to the concert on 12-15-19. Kathie will call the box office to check about tickets and report back to the committee.
- January event pajamas and movie night
- We should check to see if we could have Tom, from Gates Presbyterian who takes mission trips to Honduras come back and talk at Epiphany, maybe on a Sunday afternoon.

GRANT UPDATE

The Epiphany Grant Team met and put together our 2020 Congregational Development Renewal Grant and then submitted this to the Diocesan Congregational Development Committee. We were notified that pending the approval of the Diocesan Budget at Diocesan Convention Epiphany will receive \$30,000. This is amazing! And it is because we as a parish through our Small Groups and growth initiatives continue to work together to spread God's love and to share about why Epiphany matters in our community – thank you everyone for all you do!

Blessing of the Animals





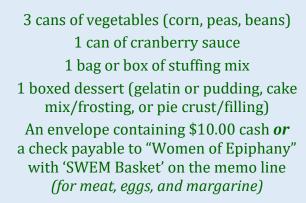
WOE WOMEN OF EPIPHANY

Again, WOE will be sponsoring Christmas food baskets for the clients of SWEM (Southwest Ecumenical Ministries) this year. Delivery date is Sunday, December 1. Please do not put the \$10 for perishable foods in the basket! (Please put into the WOE box.) Watch for the signup sheet. Thank you! See below for details.



Christmas Basket for 3-4 People

1 fruit cocktail or canned fruit 2 soups 1 large fruit juice



<u>Please put your envelope in the WOE mailbox, not in your basket!</u>

Feel free to include small candies, mints or other holiday treats; if you can, include tea bags, a small box of instant coffee, or hot chocolate. The boxes look festive if you wrap the outside. Laundry baskets or totes to hold the contents make an additional gift.

Thank you for your generosity!









Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10:00 AM Yoga 11-1:00 PM Mimosas 3 PM Ice Cream
3 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY NO Church School 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE Baptism	4	5	6 6:30 PM Handbell Choir	7	8	9:30 AM Faith in the World – St. Paul's
8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM HE 11:30 AM Small Groups	UETERANS DAY	12	13 6:30 PM Handbell Choir	14	7:00 PM Euchre Night	16 3:00 PM Children & Youth Games + Pizza Dinner
17 STAR DEADLINE 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM HE Baptism	18	19 7:00 PM Vestry	6:30 PM Handbell Choir	21	22	23
24 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM HE	25	26	27 Star Mailing 11:00 AM Widows Group 6:30 PM Handbell Choir	28 Happy Thankstring 8:00 AM Gobble Wobble OFFICE CLOSED	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30









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EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS

All Saints Day Nov. 3 – 8 a.m.& 10 a.m. Euchre & Fellowship – Nov. 16 – 7:00 p.m. Happy Thanksgiving – Nov. 28 Epiphany Café – Dec. 4 – 7:00 p.m.