

THE STAR

FEBRUARY 2020



Church of the epiphany

VESTRY VIEWS

As I look back at the past six years I have served on Vestry, I can see clearly just how very far we have come. Epiphany six years ago was not the happy,

joy filled community that you see today. We as a Vestry have worked incredibly hard on leadership, setting boundaries, setting goals, supporting each other through outreach, stewardship and fellowship. Coming together as a team to achieve success through problem solving and creating a positive vision for Epiphany.

We now have a vestry with a full set of complementary skills required to take Epiphany to the next level. Welcoming newcomers into Christ's love, keeping our daily working operation of Epiphany organized, well kept, and financially secure. The Vestry has become more than just a collection of people with common views; we are a partnership with a mutual commitment to spreading warmth and joy, being open to new ideas, improving communication, dependability and consistency in all that we do.

I urge all of you to consider joining Vestry.

- It is not a huge time commitment
- It is not hard
- It is vital to the life of the parish as you directly take action in all of the important aspects of running a church.
- Vestry is a tremendous bonding experience with other Epiphany members.
- You will form friendships that will last a lifetime.

I have truly found my time on Vestry to be an honor and a pleasure.

With Jimmie Sue's leadership this is what I know to be true!

- She appreciates everything we accomplish no matter how small.
- She respects our time during meetings.
- She gives us feedback.
- She helps us to skillfully maneuver Diocesan rules and regulations.

Please consider joining Vestry and look at it as a welcoming into your Epiphany church family. I guarantee you won't regret your time and it will deepen the commitment of your faith journey. I wish you all God's peace,

Respectfully,

Laurie Zaso, Outgoing Vestry member

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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BULLETIN PRAYER LIST
Parish Office 247-4190
*Prayer requests remain for
6 weeks unless notified*

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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

Roberta Ames
Pauline Ehle
Emily Entress
Kim Hyde
Heidi McGrath

Don Metzinger
Mike Moffatt
Lisa Steubing
Gladys Van Brederode

THE STAFF

Rector: Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe
Parish Secretary: Kelly Jo Stone
Organist: Gail Hyde (Substitute)
Sexton: Robert J. Heslin, Sr.
Church School Coordinator: Don Metzinger



FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

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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| February 1 Katherine Woo | February 12 Heidi McGrath | February 24 Deb Grasso |
| February 4 Norma Shannon | February 18 Michael Carrier | Alex Monroe |
| February 6 Teagan McKane | Susan Gaskill | Gail Schulze |
| February 7 Barb Rfoth | February 19 Kristin Strong | February 25 Eunice Naulin |
| February 9 David Bagley | February 21 Connor Dingee | February 26 Diane Mancini |
| Gretchen Murray | February 22 Amy Ward | February 28 Drew Bagley |
| February 11 Valerie Porter | Leah Ornt | John Bagley |
| | Linda Bonneau | Alan Ward |



CHANGES & ADDITIONS



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

Office hours:

Monday–Friday, 9:30 am–1:00 pm



STAR DEADLINES

Please email **photos** and **articles** to Sue Guglin at coecommunications@frontier.com. Thank you!

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Mailing</u>
March	February 16	February 27
April	March 15	March 27



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 2020

Vestry meeting Minutes:

- Vestry Meeting Minutes: **-M-S-A** to approve the December 19, 2019 Vestry Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's Report: **-M-S-A** to approve the December 19, 2019 Treasurer's Report.

Action Items (Require Vestry Action/Vote):

- **Sarah A. Jones Fund Request:**
- - MSA to approve **Be It Resolved That:** the Vestry of the Church of the Epiphany meeting during a regular vestry session on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 where the majority of its members were present and voting request of the Diocesan Trustees to 1,000.00 from the Sarah A. Jones Fund.

Reflection Time:

- Explained the Sarah A. Jones Fund;
- Organist update;
- Roberta Ames has said yes to attending CCD, need one more person ideally;
- Year in review.

Rector's Report:

- I made Pastoral Care and Hospital visits.
- Christmas Eve services were wonderful! Thank you to everyone who helped with the service and an extra thank you to our musicians!
- Blue Christmas service was very well received, will hold this again next year.
- Thank you to everyone who Greened and then De-greened the Church – it was stunning 😊
- WOE Christmas dinner was lovely 😊
- Bible Study has gone very well 😊
- So happy to have Kelly Jo Stone as our new Parish Secretary.
- Thank you to everyone who set-up for our 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event - it was great fun!

- Roc, Paint, Sip was a lot of fun.
- Bible Study is going well.

Reminders:

- Vestry Meeting Sunday, January 26, 2020 following the Annual meeting.
- Vestry Retreat, February 21st and 22nd at Church of the Epiphany.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe



DECEMBER, 2019 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income	Dec. YTD	2019 Budget YTD
Pledge & Plate	\$140,699	127,250
Investment Income	30,000	30,000
Diocesan Grant	35,000	--
Flowers	2,280	1,950
Special Offerings	2,773	1,600
Building Use	1,431	1,200
Other	5,949	5,350
Total Income	\$218,131	\$167,350
Expenses		
Worship	6,725	7,135
Formation	1,722	1,450
Diocesan Apportionment	23,736	23,736
Stewardship	5,513	4,700
Other Action	440	650
Youth	580	700
Evangelism	1,566	1,600
Oversight	27,021	30,991
Salaries & Benefits	139,205	146,147
Total Expenses	206,508	217,109

Submitted by Nick Parisi, Treasurer

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It's pretty amazing and hard to believe because the time has gone by so quickly – but, February marks the beginning of my fifth year at Epiphany ☺ I am very proud and honored to be at Epiphany and of all our hard work!

Part of growing our parish is that we ourselves, each one of us, has to experience growth. We do this by staying curious, learning new things, trying out new things, finding our own adventure. Life is exciting and beautiful, and we have to be mindful of the lives we seek cultivate for ourselves and our families. We have to be mindful of what our motivations are, what drives us, what nurtures us? And when we can begin to answer these questions, then how do we go about sharing our wisdom?

We need to keep seeking to grow our personal relationship with Christ, keeping our faith grounded in worship and prayer to God. Then we need to focus on how do we create these moments in our parish and our lives?

I'm going to shift gears a bit, and talk about how we become part of sustaining our growth initiatives. One way to accomplish this is by attending the College of Congregational Development. This is a great opportunity to learn new things, meet great people, and have time for reflection and prayer. I and Roberta Ames will be going the week of July 19-25th but I still need one more person to join us – I hope you will consider. If you think you might want to attend come and talk with me for more information. Also, go to the Diocesan website at this link for more information:

<https://www.episcopalrochester.org/content/college-congregational-development>

I love our parish and our community, as do each one of you, so let us continue to have fun together, be serious when required, eat lots of food together, keep exploring in our faith, and

get really good at invitation and sharing with others about why we are an awesome parish!

Blessings,
Rev. Jimmie Sue

ORGANIST UPDATE

Dear Parish, our search for a permanent Organist continues, but while we are searching Gail Hyde will be our supply Organist. I am very excited to welcome and have Gail with us.



Focus on Creation Sunday – February 16th

Creation Sunday is an opportunity for us to reflect upon our relationship between our faith and the environment. Earth refers to the fragile green blue planet, that piece of stardust in the solar system we now call home. Earth is also the domain that is filled with God's glory, the living presence of God that appeared on Sinai, in the tabernacle and now permeates Earth itself (Isa. 6.3). That same glory is revealed in the Word made flesh from Earth and born on planet Earth (John 1.14). So you will notice some different prayers to help us hold our island home gently, lovingly and with gratitude in our and with our actions.



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, February 9th at 11:30am**

Social Media

- Encourage the parish to continue to like, share and check in with Facebook
- Reply "interested" to Events, even if unable to attend
- Create seasonal posts with service times
- Create upcoming Facebook Events

Welcome & Invitation

- Our next Euchre date is Friday 1/31/2020 at 7pm
- Pancake supper 2/25 we will be making cookies and brownies.
- Music for Easter, Sue G will contact Jimmie Sue to review what they may want
- Rummage Sale 3/27 and 3/28 we will be doing the bake food sale. Next meeting we will work on details
- Bring a friend to church dates for 2020 are May 17 and October 18
- Chicken BBQ will check with choir to see if we can do bake sale
- Discussing a December project

Liturgy & Music

- 2/26 – Ash Wednesday
 - Hopefully Ashes to Go
 - Ideas for Lent services to be discussed at the next meeting
- 2020 Pentecost Sunday
 - Print out Lord's Prayer in different languages for the service bulletin
- 2020 Easter Sunday
 - Brass and Handbells will play at the 10am service

Children & Youth

1. **Youth-**
 - a. Christmas Eve- Sunday School class did a great job at service- singing song, James and Jessica playing piano, and bringing figurines to manager scene with opening procession.
 - b. Game night on 11/18 went well. 18 people attended- everyone enjoyed board games and movie.
 - c. Youth event- pizza dinner and attend Basketball game at CC high school on Friday 2/7.
2. **YAC-**
 - a. Peanut Clusters- sold after church 12/8,12/15, 12/22- final sales 1/12 and 1/19. Profits going to fund youth events.
 - b. Pancake Supper – Shove Tuesday 2/25- older youth to help serve and cook. Profits go to funding youth

- a. events. Ticket will be sold soon after church. Usual attendance 80-100 people. Profits to fund youth events.
 - c. YAC event- Amerk's hockey game on 3/13.
 - d. Pilgrimage- Summer 2020- 7/15- 7/19/20. 4 youths signed up for event at this point in time. Don M. and Elaine B will be youth chaperones with other adults as needed. Trip to Washington, DC for service project, sight-seeing and to attend church service at Washington Cathedral.
3. **Sunday School-**
 - a. Discussion about starting Youth Church service during Sunday school time on a monthly basis. Gladys will discuss with Rev. Jimmie Sue.
 - b. Next year, divide Sunday school class into 2 classes – school age and Kindergarten/Pre-K. Need to look for additional teachers.

Adult Formation

- 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; lots of people have signed up
 - *Lesher's-talking about their most recent trips
- January 24th (January 31 snow make up day) family movie night with hot coco and popcorn
- Wine by Design will come to a Wednesday Cafe to talk about making wine either February 19 or February 5, 2020.
- Ideas for 2020-Lunch in Canandaigua at NY Kitchen maybe in April or May, they can accommodate 15 people at one time. Caves in Lockport NY, perhaps in the late spring or summer.





Dr. Laura Pillman and Dr. Jason Patterson were married in Denton TX on Dec. 27th, 2019

And YES, this was a surprise to us :) They got married at the courthouse with only their friend Megan in attendance. They will throw a small party/reception for family and friends in May. (Very cost-effective all around, LOL). I think the timing of this was Laura just putting a stake in the ground saying that “this separation has to end” — they have been separated for the past 1 1/2 years with Laura living near Tulsa Oklahoma and Jason living in Denton (5 hrs apart). They still have this semester apart, then come May they will have to make some decisions about how to get co-located (including both of them having jobs with living wages, which right now has been tough, with both of them as adjunct professors... it’s hardly a living wage for either of them).



Church School Calendar

Class begins at 9:45 a.m.

- Sunday, February 2- NO Church School
- Sunday, February 9 - Church School
- Sunday, February 16 - Church School
- Sunday, February 23 - Church School
- Sunday, March 1 - NO Church School
- Sunday, March 8- Church School
- Sunday, March 15- Church School
- Sunday, March 22- Church School (empty rummage trailer)
- Sunday, March 29- Church School



Wednesday, February 26th



Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist -
12:30 noon & 7:00 p.m.
“Ashes To Go” 4:00–5:30 p.m.



SPRUCE UP DAY
Saturday, March 7th
9:30 am - 12 noon

Mark your calendars now for the next Church Spruce Up day. It will be held on Saturday, March 7th, beginning at 9:30 am till noon. We will be tackling the auxiliary room, bathrooms, and hallways. Many Hands make light work!



Thank you to those who came out on Saturday, January 11 to help de-decorate our Christmas décor. It was a warm morning, so we were able to get everything packed away and stored into the Pole Barn. Thank you so much to all of our workers:

Kathie Entress, Bob & Gail Renehan, Pam Don, Adam & Cassie Metzinger, Jimmie Sue & Amy Deppe, Kim Hyde, Terry Barker, Laurie Zaso, Barb & Joe woo, Pauline Ehle, Cat Engert, Lisa Steubing, and Bruce Pillman.



ANNUAL “SOUPER” BOWL FOOD DRIVE
Sunday, February 2, 2020

This year’s “Souper Bowl” will be on Sunday, Feb. 2nd. Please start bringing in cans of soup for donation starting January 12. Epiphany has always scored a big touchdown on this event! Oh, and there is a football game that day also.



Thanks from the Service Committee



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

TUESDAY, FEB. 25, 2020

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

\$4.00 PER PERSON

(\$15.00 MAX. FOR FAMILY)

Pancake dinner fundraiser will benefit the Church of Epiphany Sunday school class. Sale of tickets will be through February 23rd at both 8 am & 10am services: Questions see Don Metzinger.



Evangelism & Fellowship



EUCHRE AND FELLOWSHIP FUN

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

FROM 7 PM – 9 PM

Come learn to play or just 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. Signup sheet on board in hallway.



GET IT COVERED

FIBER MINISTRY NEWS

Christmas is being dismantled in our homes and colder weather will be here for a while. It is early to anticipate Lent, but not our 40 Items for Lent project. Please think about starting a fiber project for those in need. The projects will be displayed, blessed and distributed to those in need in our community after Lent. Thanks for your continuing support. Birdie Ames, 356-1394.



WOE February Potluck Dinner

Our next meeting will be our Annual Winter Potluck dinner.

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Time: 6:30 pm - wine & cheese

7:00 pm - dinner

All women are invited - young and old.

Please bring a dish to share.

Questions: See Pam Metzinger

Sign-up sheet in hallway



Wednesday Night Cafe



WINES BY DESIGN

COMES TO EPIPHANY!

February 19th – 7:00 pm

The Adult Formation Committee is excited to announce that our **Wednesday Night Café on February 19th at 7:00p.m.** will feature two special guests – the owners of Wines by Design on Buffalo Road will come and talk about the wine making process and what they offer at their business. They will be bringing some samples to share with us! If there is enough interest, we may look at signing up for a group class at their location sometime later in the spring. A sign-up sheet will be posted. “Wine” not join us! All are welcome. Hope to see you there. For questions, see Don Metzinger.



MOE (MEN OF EPIPHANY)

BREAKFAST

Join us for breakfast at **Yianni's on Sat., February 22nd at 9:00 am**



ST. OLAF CHOIR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 5:00 P.M.



We have been asked to host a dinner for St Olaf's Choir. They are performing at Roberts Wesleyan College. The dinner is Tuesday - February 4. Time - 5 P.M. **sharp!** We will need lots of help!!

A signup sheet is posted in the Main Hallway with more details on it. . We will need chili, soup and desserts.

- Rev. Jimmie sue received a Thank you from Reach Advocacy for our recent donation to their program.

• **Thank you from Hope Hall:**

"Jimmie Sue and friends, I can never thank you enough for this wonderful gift, and for helping to change the lives of our children by your great goodness and generosity to our school. The way you live out your gospel call to discipleship is a tremendous blessing for our children. I continue to pray for each of you every day. Count on those prayers! May God's love, light, and peace fill you now, and every day of the new year."



EPIPHANY SUNDAY - JANUARY 12



EPIPHANY SUNDAY



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT





LENTEN SPIRITUAL OFFERING

Starting every Sunday in Lent, we will try out 20 Minute Conversations one more time, using the book *Praying Lent: Renewing Our Lives on the Lenten Journey* by Andy Alexander and Maureen McCann Waldron. Be ready to dive right in on March 1st at 9:10am in the Auxiliary Room.

Week 1: Chapters 1-3; Week 2: Chapters 4-5; Week 3: Chapters 6-8; Week 4: Chapters 9-10; Week 5: Chapters 11-12.

Here's an introduction to the book: "Lent can be wonderful time of spiritual renewal, however for many, Lent and Lenten prayer is often thought of as an 'ordeal.' What can often be overlooked amid Lenten observances, such as fasting, abstinence, or the common tradition of giving something up, is the opportunity Lent presents, through Lenten prayer and preparation, to deepen our commitment to a way of life rooted in our baptism.

Praying Lent: Renewing Our Lives on the Lenten Journey reminds us that if we focus too much on what we give up we may miss the message of what God wants to give us during this grace-filled time. Created in partnership with Creighton University's popular Online Ministries, *Praying Lent* provides readers with a rich, full, and transformative Lenten prayer experience, one in which hearts, minds, and lives are truly renewed as Lent takes on a far deeper and more meaningful purpose."



RUMMAGE SALE 2020

Are you thinking Rummage Sale yet? Planning has begun! Watch for the collection trailer to arrive the week of February 10th, and the sign-up poster will be up soon!

Donation Drop-off

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday 9:00 a.m. - noon

Or call to schedule a time.

We need your help:

* Save paper bags (brown grocery bags; all sizes of paper shopping bags with & without handles).

A collection box is in the Auxiliary Room.

* 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 24th. NO exceptions!**

* Flyers will be ready soon to post around town to advertise the sale.

Saturday, March 21 – Set up the building

Sunday, March 22 after 10 o'clock worship –Unload the trailer

March 23-26 - Sort, arrange & price

Friday & Saturday, March 27 & March 28

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

Saturday, March 28, 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!

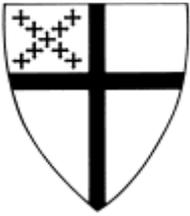
Any questions, please see Pam Metzinger



February

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00 AM - HE 10:00 AM - HE, Souper Bowl Sunday 11:30 AM Property Comm.	3	4 5:00PM St. Olaf Dinner	5 6:30 PM Handbells	6	7 7:00 PM - 9:00 Euchre 7:00 PM – CC Basketball	8
9 8:00 AM - HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM- HE Comm. Vestry 11:30 AM – Small Groups Meeting	10	11	12 6:30 PM Handbells	13 WOE Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM – Wine/cheese 7:00PM - Dinner	14 	15
16 STAR Deadline 8:00 AM - HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM - HE	17	18 7:00 PM - Vestry	19 6:30 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Wed. Night Café - Wines by Design	20	21 PM Vestry Retreat	22 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM Vestry Retreat
23 8:00 AM - HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM - HE	24	25 Shrove Tues. – 5:30-7:00 PM Pancake Supper	26 12:30 PM Ash Wed. Service 4:00-5:30 PM – Ashes to Go 7:00 PM Ash Wed. Service	27	28	29 11:00 AM Judy Brown Memorial Service



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EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS

Souper Bowl Sunday...Feb. 2

WOE Potluck Dinner... Feb. 13

Wednesday Night Café – Feb. 19

MOE Breakfast – Feb. 22

Shrove Tues. Pancake Supper – Feb. 25

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 26

Rummage Sale... March 27 & 28