

The  
**STAR**  
December 2020



Church of the  
**epiphany**

**VESTRY VIEWS**

Wow, I actually get to write the final Vestry View for the Pandemic year of 2020.....lucky me!!!

I really did not want to mention the “P” word in my thoughts but how the h\_\_ do you do that these days?? I will try.....

Epiphany is celebrating an Anniversary this December, as we moved from the city to Gates in 1961. Maroon five has a song written by Adam Levine called; Memories. It was re-written recently for One Voice Children’s Choir and is on the internet.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XB6yiGVuzVo>

If you have not listened to it, please take the time to. It is one of the more positive events to come from this pandemic.

We as an Epiphany Family have gone through many memories together as a parish. From Happy to Sad and everything in between but we have traveled the road as a family. Members of the family may/will change along the way over the years, but the one common bond is Christ. He will be with each one of us as we make our way through this thing called life. 2020 has certainly been a challenge for all of us, some more painful than others. Know we do not walk alone, there are footsteps right next to us...we just can’t see them.

*“Toast to the ones here today, Toast to the ones that we lost on the way ‘Cause the drinks bring back all the memories and the memories bring back, memories bring back you.”*

May the church family of Epiphany make many, many memories to come.

Peace,  
Lisa Steubing



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**December Calendar**

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

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

*9:30 Zoom*  
*&*  
*11:00 a.m.*  
*Indoor Service*  
*(Suspended for now)*

**BULLETIN PRAYER  
LIST**

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

**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 VanBrederode

**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**

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



*O God, our times re 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.*

**December 1** Nicholas Grasso  
**December 5** Lill Poppleton  
**December 6** Lance Guglin  
**December 8** Danielle D'Anunzio  
**December 10** Terry Barker  
**December 11** Sharon Raetz  
**December 12** Sam Guglin

**December 15** Bill Raetz  
**December 16** Donna Craig  
**December 17** Diane Moffatt  
**December 18** Daniel Resch  
**December 19** Mike Moffatt  
**December 21** Larry Burling  
**December 21** Doug Collinge

**December 22** Joe Woo  
**December 24** Elaine Bagley  
**December 28** Macguire Morien  
**December 29** Zack Durkin  
**December 31** Brenna McKane

**DECEMBER 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 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. Amen.*

**December 3** Gretchen Murray & Fredrick Larham

**December 18** Carol & David Kohan



**OFFICE CLOSINGS:** The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

*Jimmie Sue, Kelly Jo, Bo, Don, and our families wish all of you a blessed, safe and joyful Christmas and New Year.*





## Changes & Additions

If you have any changes to your contact information, please notify Kelly Jo in the Parish Office: 247-4190 or

[coeoffice@frontier.com](mailto:coeoffice@frontier.com)

Office hours: Mon. + Thurs., 9:30 am–1:00 pm



## STAR DEADLINES

Issue	Deadline	Mailing
January	December 13	December 17
February	January 17	January 28

Please email photos and articles to Kelly Jo at [coeoffice@frontier.com](mailto:coeoffice@frontier.com). [Thank you!](#)



FROM THE



Dear Parish,

Greetings of joy and good tidings as we begin our journey into Advent with expectant hope and into the blessings of Christmas. In church time, Advent is our time of being reminded of God’s love and humility, God’s vulnerability and desire for a deeper relationship with each one of us. This season is our reminder to share the good stuff in our lives with each other and the people we care about.

This year in particular, it is super important for us to share with our family and friends how much we care about them and are thinking about them. This is definitely the year to send out Christmas card cheer!

With the many uncertainties and unknowns we will have to be creative in how we safely gather together to celebrate. It is easy to let our safety

guard down, but we need to stay vigilant and not let our hand washing, physical distancing, and face mask wearing radar down. It’s been a long haul, and we’ve a ways to go, but together we can get through this!



Please know you are always welcome to invite family and friends to our Zoom services. This can be a hard time of year for folks, and we never know what kind gesture will have a big impact upon someone’s life.

Lastly, a small parish team will “green the church,” even though there will be fewer decorations the beauty of the season will still shine through! I will share as much of this beauty as I can through pictures and as part of our Zoom services.

## Advent and Christmas Eve Services Update

I know y’all must be wondering about our Advent Services and Christmas Eve Services. On November 19th the Diocese held one of their Check-In Zoom Meetings. At this meeting we were told that:

- we would find out about In-person Service suspensions every two weeks
- we are to remain closed through December 6<sup>th</sup>
- we were told it is highly likely that by December 6<sup>th</sup> parishes would remain closed for another two weeks
- funerals are still limited to only 10 family members
- up to 10 people could be in the building to assist with preparing for live stream services [NOTE: currently, Epiphany doesn’t have the broadband capability to live stream via Zoom]
- a number of Clergy shared that they had already spoken with their Vestries and that they had made the decision to close their parishes through January 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Bishop Singh and the Diocesan COVID Task Force also said that parishes do not need to wait to make a decision, that we could make this decision ourselves now.

After the Diocesan Check-in I reached out to my colleagues, and they too have made the decision to suspend in-person worship through January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I then reached out our Vestry to inform them of what I had found out, and to share my recommendation to them for our parish family. We also held a Special Vestry meeting on Monday, November 23rd. **We have made the decision to suspend the In-person Christmas Eve evening service and our In-person Sunday Services through January 3rd.**

This was a very hard decision to make, it brings us sadness to make this decision. But it is the right decision to ensure the health and safety of our church family.

### **Worship Services through Advent**

Our Sunday Advent Services will continue to meet via Zoom (9am for coffee time and 9:30am for worship). You can find the Zoom link in this newsletter, on Facebook, and in the Announcements.

I will lead a *Blue Christmas Service via Facebook Live* from Epiphany on Friday, December 18th at 7:30pm, I hope you will join me via Facebook for this service. You can find out more details about this service in this newsletter and in upcoming the Announcements.

### **Christmas Eve Service**

On Christmas Eve, we will have only the *4:30pm Christmas Eve Service via Zoom*. You can find the Zoom link in this newsletter and in upcoming the Announcements. As part of this service we are working on organizing a Virtual Children's Pageant! We are putting together an Epiphany Christmas Video Show of Christmas' past. And we will bless our Crèche. Lastly, Gail Hyde and I are working on recording Christmas Eve hymns.

I ask that you hold me and your Vestry in your prayers as we do are best during COVID to keep the parish safe, to keep us connected to one another, to keep us connect to our sacred space, and to keep us connect to our wider community.

Blessings,  
Rev. Jimmie Sue



### **Christmas Eve 4:30pm Worship Service via Zoom**

Christmas Eve Zoom Service link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82879233369?pwd=djNoT0YzQlhKOExNQmtHNk9OWWtyZz09>

Meeting ID: 828 7923 3369

Passcode: 817174

One tap mobile:

+16465588656,,82879233369#,,,,,0#,,817174#

Dial by your location: +1 646 558 8656



### **BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

Friday, December 18th at 7:30pm *via Facebook Live*

I will lead this service from Epiphany via Facebook Live, and I will send the service bulletin out in an Eblast and will also post it on our Epiphany website.

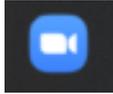
What is a Blue Christmas Service? Well it's a service, that helps ground us in a time when we can, with others, acknowledge the "blue" feelings we have at Christmas time, the reasons for them, and offer them to God. This time has been called the "long dark night of the soul" and "the winter of our discontent" in which memories of past experiences and the pain of present experiences can become overwhelming.

For some, Christmas Day is the most difficult. For others, it may be Christmas Eve, or New Year's Eve, or the beginning of another lonely New Year. We will invite you to reflect on the pain, the loneliness, and the sadness you may feel and offer it to God for healing and transformation. We pray that you

will find hope and comfort in knowing that you are not alone. Always remember that God knows your pain and loves you unconditionally.



### **Sunday Services at 9:30am on Zoom**



If you use your computer and click the Zoom link to enter the Sunday Service, then you do not need to enter the Meeting ID or Password. However, if you use your phone to join a Zoom meeting, then you have to enter the Meeting ID AND the Password number.

Here is the Sunday Service Zoom link, you will use this link every Sunday:

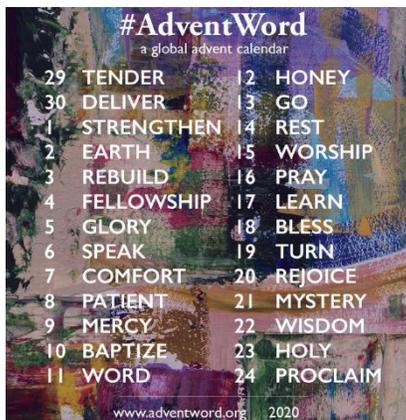
<https://zoom.us/j/194833778?pwd=emtUSFVDYkZGdDF4T3U0LOtxMHNDUT09>

Meeting ID: 194 833 778 Password: 026770



### **#AdventWord**

For the seventh year right away, [#AdventWord](#) (Words of Advent) will gather prayers through a global calendar, online for Advent. The Virginia Theological Seminar is offering meditations and



images during this holy season, starting Sunday, November 29 Images and meditations can be experienced by the [#AdventWord](#) website, emails sent every day, and also by Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and videos on ASL on YouTube. Join an international community in prayer to explore the mystery and wonder of Advent!



### **YOUR PLEDGE & THE IRS**

In early January you will receive your 2019 pledge statement, listing all the contributions you made this year. Please review this statement and contact Mike Grasso at 293-1712 or [mgkinge@aol.com](mailto:mgkinge@aol.com) with any concerns. In order to ensure the accuracy of your tax information, please do not file your

2020 income tax return until you have received and reviewed your final 2020 statement. **The last “collection plate” Sunday is December 27th.** Please take advantage of the fullest deduction allowed and complete your pledge for 2020 by that Sunday. The Church of the Epiphany does follow the “IRS Rules” in that any contributions received by or postmarked on December 31, 2020 will also be credited in 2020.



**Thanks for Your Support!**

### **Stewardship Annual Giving Update**

As of 11/17/2020 we have a commitment of 66 pledges for a total of \$114,890.00 Last year, we

received 75 pledges for a total of \$129,956.52. Every pledge makes a difference to the vitality of the parish. The Finance Committee took their second look at the 2020 Budget on November 19th, and will finalize the budget in early December. 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. Every pledge makes a difference!



### **Campaign D and Epiphany Parish Partnership Mission Grant (thru the Diocese) Team up**

Campaign D was scheduled to be with us at our December 6th in-person worship service, but due to our needing to suspend in-person services we thought we would need to reschedule. However, Dalton Letta, the Founder of Campaign D, shared that he was so thrilled to be with us on Sunday the

15th, that he asked if we could keep Campaign D as part of the service on December 6<sup>th</sup> – and I said of course! This will be an opportunity for us to meet other members and to hear about the work they do in the Community :)

Also, to re-share, this is a Diocesan grant that Epiphany and Campaign D applied for together. The grant offers monetary assistance to Campaign D, while we work with Campaign D in building community support and Autism awareness.



## **VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

**NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

**Vestry Meeting Minutes: -M-S-A** to accept the Tuesday, October 20, 2020 and the Thursday, November 5, 2020 Special Vestry Meeting Minutes.

- **Treasurers Report:** Nick reported that we are in much better shape financially than we expected to be, everything considered. **-M-S-A** to accept the October, 2020 Treasurers Report.
- **Shared Draft Budgets:** Jimmie Sue presented and discussed the 2021 Salary and Parish Operating portions of the Budget.

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

- None at this time.

### **Reflection Time:**

- Parish Partnership Mission Update (Campaign D)  
Campaign D received a \$7,200.00 Diocesan Parish Mission Partnership Grant that will be used for Campaign D administration costs (website development, office equipment, etc.) and outreach and fellowship opportunities. Thank you to Dalton and Tyler for their Zoom presentation on Sunday. They will join us again on Zoom in December.
- Epiphany's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update  
Due to COVID 19, the Committee has decided to postpone festivities until 2021 and re-name the celebration "60+1". The congregation is encouraged to send old photos with stories for a slide presentation.
- Christmas Eve Service

At this time, it seems likely that our only service will be on Zoom at 4:30 p.m. A lengthy discussion followed on ways to make the service appear "normal" and more joyous. One suggestion was to take pictures of the church after it was decorated and do a brief slide show during the service.

### **Rectors' Report:**

- I have made Pastoral phone calls.
- Held a Committal Service for Donald MacDonald.
- I have attended Zoom meetings offered by the Diocese.
- Attended Zoom Diocesan Convention. Thank you to Bo, Bruce and Tom for being our Delegates. Thank you to Bruce for your notes to share with the parish.

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

- Thank you to Kathie and Margaret for attending the Gates Halloween Event! It was wonderful seeing all the children and families. Thank you to the parish for your generous cand donations!
- Submitted BSA Proof of Claim per Diocesan Recommendation for all parishes in the Diocese.
- I offered opening and closing prayers at our Gates Veteran's Day Remembrances at Memorial Park.
- It was wonderful having Campaign D founding members at our Sunday service.
- Thank you to Pam, Don, Cassie and Marsha for organizing the Trunk or Treat! And thank you to all the parishioners who decorated their vehicles and thank you to everyone who donated candy! You made our children's day!
- Thank you so much to our Service Ministry Team for keeping us connected with the community!

### **Reports and Housekeeping:**

- Hope to have Small Groups meet in January.

**Next Meeting:** December 15, 2020

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Renehan,  
Clerk of the Vestry



## Vestry Nominating Process:

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:

- To identify candidates whose unique strengths and gifts are most needed by the parish at a particular point in its life.
- 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 and eligibility requirements are set forth in national canons, Diocesan canons, Parish Charter and approved Vestry motions.

### **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**

Delegate to Diocesan Convention: Be a Qualified Voter, and on parish rolls for preceding 12 months.

Vestry: all of the above and pledger & 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.

The process allows some time for discernment and to ascertain if the nominees met the requirements for office. If you have any questions about the nominations process, please contact a member of the Vestry. Many hands and perspectives bring vitality to our parish.

## Epiphany's 60th Year + 1 in Gates Celebration



On December 24, 1960 the first service was celebrated in the current home of the

Church of the Epiphany. Due to COVID-19 severely limiting our options for the 2020 Christmas Eve Service there will be a delayed but extended celebration throughout 2021.

We are hoping folks will share stories from each decade starting in the 1960s through the present. If you have a story and/or pictures please send them to Deb Grasso at

[deb.grasso.epiphanypix@gmail.com](mailto:deb.grasso.epiphanypix@gmail.com). Please identify the decade of your story and also any people in the photos.

We will then have monthly STAR articles beginning with the February issue with each month focused on a different decade in the life of our parish. The articles will include stories from parishioners along with pictures. **Imagine the amazing collection of memories and history we will have accumulated at the end of the 6 months. OUR stories, OUR memories, OUR history.**

- 1960's - February
- 1970's - March
- 1980's - April
- 1990's - May
- 2000's - June

- 2010's thru 2020 – July

The hope is that by August we will be able to have an in person celebration. If you have questions please contact Rev. Jimmie Sue, Gladys VanBrederode or Deb Grasso.



**OCTOBER 2020 FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Income	Oct. YTD	2019 Budget YTD	% of Budget
Pledge & Plate	\$120,762	112,583	107.3%
Investment Income	5,945	19,817	30.0%
Diocesan Grant	25,000	25,000	100.0%
PPP Loan	25,000	--	0.0%
Flowers	1,080	1,750	61.7%
Special Offerings	1,028	2,308	44.5%
Building Use	6	1,000	0.6%
Other	565	4,500	12.6%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>179,386</b>	<b>166,958</b>	<b>107.4%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Worship	4,171	5,196	80.3%
Formation	881	1,458	60.4%
Diocesan Apportionment	17,987	19,187	93.7%
Stewardship	2,165	3,917	55.3%
Other Action	460	625	73.6%
Youth	--	167	
Evangelism	1,118	1,667	67.1%
Oversight	22,090	25,347	87.2%
Salaries & Benefits	110,747	121,253	91.3%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>159,618</b>	<b>178,816</b>	<b>89.3%</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	19,768	(11,858)	-166.7%

Submitted by Nick Parisi, Treasurer



**Epiphany Zoom Party for Christmas**

Join us on Wednesday, December 9th at 7pm for a parish gathering to wish one another a Merry Christmas! Wear your funkiest Christmas Swag and “share” a mug of cocoa or egg nog :)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82881890781?pwd=SFJnWFZxRnR2c09MOXBERjQwejZkdz09>

Meeting ID: 828 8189 0781

Passcode: 436182

One tap mobile

+16465588656,,82881890781#,,,,,0#,,436182#

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656

Peace,

Jimmie Sue



**Virtual BINGO Night!**

Virtual BINGO night was a blast so we’re going to host another evening of bingo fun!

There will be another game night scheduled for late January, watch for details in the coming weeks.

The game night originally scheduled for early December is cancelled. Any questions please contact Kathie Entress at [ent1@frontiernet.net](mailto:ent1@frontiernet.net)





### **Church School & J2A Schedule**

#### **Church school starts at 8:45 a.m. via Zoom**

Sunday, December 6 - Church school  
Sunday, December 13 - Church School  
Sunday, December 20 - Church School  
Sunday, December 27 - NO Church School

Sunday, January 3 - Church School  
Sunday, January 10 - Church School  
Sunday, January 17 - Church School  
Sunday, January 24 - Church School  
Sunday, January 31 - NO Church School



### **GREENING OF THE CHURCH UPDATE**

Greening of the Church will be different this Advent and Christmas season. A small team will decorate the church this year. There will be fewer decorations, but the beauty of the season will still shine through!



### **Fiber Ministry News**

It is early to anticipate Lent, but not our 40 Items for Lenten project. Please think about starting a fiber project for those in need. Get you creative ideas for fiber projects going and try to help those less fortunate in the community. Collection of the projects, display, blessing and distribution will be made after Lent. Thanks for your continuing support and God Bless..

Birdie Ames, 356-1394.



### **Service Ministry Update**

Christmas time is always a busy time for the Service Ministry team. We have two ongoing service projects to make the Christmas season brighter for individuals/families less fortunate then we are. The first ministry project is to provide hot chocolate packets and individual Kleenexes for the Christmas Bag Project sponsored by "A Meal & More, Inc.", which is located at Christ Church in downtown Rochester. Our goal is 675 packets of Hot Chocolate and 150 packages of Kleenex which is due by December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our second ministry is to provide Christmas gifts for a family involved with RAIHN (Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network). Our family consists of a mother and 2 children. Located in the back of the church is a small Christmas tree with ornaments with suggested gifts for the family. Please select an ornament and buy the item requested. The gifts can be wrapped but MUST have the ornament taped to the outside of the package. The gifts are due to church by December 8<sup>th</sup>.

After the New Year, we will again have a "Souper Bowl" collection of soups, chili's and pasta which will be donated to St. Theodore's Soup Kitchen. The collection will end on Super Bowl Sunday, February

2, 2020 and we will all celebrate by wearing our sport attire to church that Sunday.

At the time of this publication, we do not have the final total of monies raised at the Bill Gray fundraiser on October 28<sup>th</sup> for Christian Appalachian Project (CAP). I was amazed by the generosity of the parish for donating \$203 dollars toward the Rector's Discretionary Fund on October 6<sup>th</sup> which was designated by Rev. Jimmie Sue to go to CAP fundraiser as well.

A big thank you to all the parishioners for their generosity toward our service ministry projects. Best wishes for a very blessed Christmas season and a Happy 2020.

*Marsha Pulhamus and the Service Ministry Team*



### **RAIHN CHRISTMAS FAMILY**

This year our family consists of a Mom and 3 boys ages 6,14, 16.

ALL gifts must be wrapped and labelled with gender, age, and family no. 2LB on the outside of each gift. Gifts must be delivered to church by Sunday Dec 6. Below is the list of requested items for each person. You MUST call me before purchasing any gifts. This will ensure no duplicate gifts purchased. I can be reached at Diane 281-1286. As always thank you for your generosity.

Drop off dates:

- Sunday, November 22nd from 12-1pm
- Sunday, November 29th from 12-1pm
- Sunday, December 6th from 12-1pm

#### **Mom 34yrs. Old**

XL tops  
16W pants  
Size 9 slippers  
Size 9 boots  
XL Pajamas  
Bathroom Décor set, colors yellow and/or green (soapdish, toothbrush holder)  
Dining room Décor – table cloths, placemats

#### **Male 16 yrs. Old**

Medium men's tops  
34/36 pants  
size 10.5 shoe or slipper size  
Hat and glove set  
Walmart gift cards to buy a gaming chair (would like to total 100.00)  
Radio

#### **Male 14 yrs. Old**

Large men's tops  
36 pants  
Size 9 shoe or slipper size  
Hat and glove set  
V-Bucks gift cards (can be bought at Best Buy in \$10.00 and \$25.00 incr)  
Bean bag chair or Walmart gift cards to buy his own

#### **Male 6 yrs. Old**

Size 7 tops  
Size 7 pants  
Size 7 pajamas  
Size 1 shoes, boots, slippers  
Lego sets  
Blocks  
Games, ex: Leap Frog or other age appropriate



### **CHRISTMAS BAG PROJECT**

**THROUGH DECEMBER 6**

For a Meal & More, INC.



Epiphany is participating in the Christmas Bag Project again this year. This project is sponsored by A Meal & More, Inc. which is housed at Christ Episcopal Church in downtown Rochester. A Meal & More, Inc. help many homeless individual in Rochester by providing meals and other services. At Christmas time, this organization provides their clients a Christmas stockings with many necessities and some luxury items such as hot chocolate packets.

Epiphany will be providing hot chocolate packets and individual Kleenex packets for the

Christmas stockings. A Meal and More, Inc will put together 130 Christmas stockings and is requesting 130 individual Kleenex packets and 390 hot chocolate packets (3 packets per stocking). There will be a collection bin in the main hallway at church and we are requesting donations by December 6th. Please drop off your donations to church either

- Monday or Thursday from 9:30-1pm
- and on Sundays, November 29 and December 6th from 11-12:30pm.

Thank you for helping others in need so they can have a nicer Christmas. Please contact any member of the Service Ministry with questions. Marsha Pulhamus, Birdie Ames, Amy Deppe, Nancy Mancini, Diane and Mike Moffatt.



*O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; rejoicing in your whole creation, may we learn to serve you with gladness. Help us to remember that in the birth of Jesus we share in the song of the angels and the gladness of the shepherds. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. May this Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts for Jesus' sake. Amen*



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**Halloween 2020 Trunk or Treating and Gates Halloween event**

*Thank you to everyone for making both events fun and safe!!*



# WOE

## WOMEN OF EPIPHANY

### WOE is Sponsoring Christmas Food Baskets

for the needy thru SWEM (Southwest Ecumenical Ministries) this holiday season.

**Drop-off Date Deadline: Sunday, December 6, 2020**

There will be NO signup sheet, so if you are planning on donating a basket, please call-text-or-email Pam Metzinger at 889-8756

Email: [pammetz2@aol.com](mailto:pammetz2@aol.com) to get on the list.

#### Basket Drop off dates at church:

Sunday, Nov 29 12pm - 1pm  
Monday, Nov 30 9:30am - 1pm  
Tuesday, Dec 1 call office before you come over  
Thursday, Dec 3 9:30am - 1pm  
Saturday, Dec 5 10:00am - 11:00am  
Sunday, Dec 6 12pm - 1pm (last day to bring in baskets)



#### Christmas Basket for 3-4 People

- 1 fruit cocktail or canned fruit
- 2 soups
- 1 large fruit juice
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes  
(two 6 ounce or one 15 ounce)
- or
- 1 Large can of sweet potatoes
- 3 cans of vegetables (corn, peas, beans)
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- Can of Gravy
- 1 bag or box (two 6 ounce or one 12 ounce)  
of stuffing mix
- boxed dessert (gelatin or pudding, cake mix/frosting, or pie crust/filling)
- An envelope containing \$10.00 cash *or*  
a check payable to "Women of Epiphany"  
with 'SWEM Basket' on the memo line  
(for meat, eggs, and margarine)
- Please put your envelope in the  
WOE mailbox, not in your basket!**
- 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!*

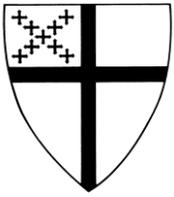




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Coffee Time” before the service at 9:00am 9:30 a.m. Zoom Worship AdventWord begins	30	1	2	3	4	5
6 Coffee Time” before the service at 9:00am 9:30 a.m. Zoom Worship Campaign D visits	7	8	9 Zoom Christmas Party 7:00 pm	10	11	12
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20 STAR Deadline Coffee Time” before the service at 9:00am 9:30 a.m. Zoom Worship	21	22	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> - 4:30 PM HE OFFICE CLOSED	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 Coffee Time” before the service at 9:00am 9:30 a.m. Zoom Worship	28	29	30	31 <b>Happy New Year's Eve</b> Office Closed	1 Office Closed	2





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### **EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS**

- December 6 – 9:30 AM Campaign D Zoom visit**
- December 6- Christmas Project drop-off deadlines**
- December 9 - 7:00 PM Epiphany Zoom Christmas Party**
- December 18 – 7:30 PM – Blue Christmas Service**
- December 24 – 4:30 – Christmas Eve Services**