

The

# STAR

February 2022



# Church of the epiphany

## VESTRY VIEWS

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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*  
*10:00 a.m.*



Well, it happened... slowly over time...I finally started to pack away the Holiday decorations!!! Little by little I said goodbye to my Santa collection, then my angel collection, pictures hanging around the house. I have saved some of my favorite snowmen out of my collection because as we speak it is -5 outside and I think that is justification for a few more weeks at least!!

It was dismantling my tree that was the most difficult to move forward with. First the ornaments were neatly packed away. I enjoyed the lights on the tree for a few more evenings and then the lights, the tree skirt and the angel were also neatly packed away.

My house is a very modest little colonial on a pretty tree lined street with very nice neighbors around me. It is comfort decorated and I enjoy my little home. Why is it after we take down all the holiday lovable decorations and lights does the space seem so dull?? I don't think about the decorations in June and that my home would look nicer.....

What I try my best to do is remember the miracle of Christmas in June and all the other months in the year. To be a wiseman and remember the journey, the illuminated star they followed. We all have a journey and our stars may not always be bright, but the star is always there, Jesus is always there. "Jesus in June!"

We have all had a tough past 2 years some good, some not so good. Some up, some down. Some happy, some sad but Jesus has walked with us, He promised us. We will not be alone. So, take your journey and hold his hand.

Lisa Steubing



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The Rt. Rev'd Prince G. Singh

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The Congregation

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Susan Gaskill  
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Patty Sharkey  
Don Metzinger

Lisa Steubing  
Kristen Smith  
Roberta Ames

**THE STAFF**

Rector: Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe  
Organist: Gail Hyde  
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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|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---|
| <b>February 1</b> | Katherine Woo                   | <b>February 12</b> | Heidi McGrath             | Gail Schulze                                  |
| <b>February 4</b> | Norma Shannon                   | <b>February 18</b> | Michael Carrier           | <b>February 25</b> Eunice Naulin              |
| <b>February 7</b> | Barb Rafoth                     | <b>February 18</b> | Susan Gaskill             | <b>February 26</b> Diane Mancini              |
| <b>February 9</b> | David Bagley<br>Gretchen Murray | <b>February 24</b> | Deb Grasso<br>Alex Monroe | <b>February 28</b> Drew Bagley<br>John Bagley |



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<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Mailing</u>
March	February 17	February 27
April	March 17	March 27



## **Vestry Highlights**

**January 18, 2022**

**Vestry Meeting Minutes:** -M-S-A to approve the Vestry Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, December 18, 2022.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Nick reported that December was a good month. Bottom line, we need more money coming in and we need to grow. Our Budget is bare bones – nothing left to cut.

-M-S-A to accept the December, 2021 Treasurer’s Report.

**Vestry Meeting after Annual Meeting:** If you are unable to attend, send Jimmie Sue your vote.

**Zoom Vestry Retreat:** The February Zoom Vestry Retreat for all Vestry Members will be Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Sarah A. Jones Fund: Be It Resolved That,** The Vestry of the Church of the Epiphany meeting during a regular vestry session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 where the majority of its members were present and voting, request of the Diocesan Trustees to pull 5% from the corpus of the Sarah A. Jones Fund. -M-S-A to request the Diocesan Trustees to pull 5% from the corpus of the Sarah A. Jones Fund.

**Furnace in Fellowship Hall Repaired:** The furnace/boiler was repaired. However, our model is outdated and no longer manufactured. It was suggested that we research the cost of a new unit. The Property Committee will be asked to look into it.

**Diocesan Task Force Recommendations:** Discussion was held re’ Diocesan Task Force new guidelines due to the increased COVID numbers. It was decided to continue with our current rules and that everyone must be masked at all times while in the building.

### **Rectors’ Report:**

- I have made Pastoral phone calls.
- Christmas Eve was wonderful, and thank you to our musicians and choir.
- We had fun at our Zoom Backseat Drawing fellowship event 😊

- Preparing for Annual Meeting and Parochial Report.
- I have attended Zoom meetings offered by the Diocese.
- I have attended Board Meetings and Province II meetings.
- Thank you so much to our Service Ministry Team for organizing our January and February service projects!
- Thank to everyone who decorated and then de-decorated the church for Advent and Christmas!
- Kelly Jo will be deeply missed.

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> (in person) following the Annual Meeting and Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> (in person).

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Renehan



We’re still in the season of Epiphany through the end of February; this year Epiphany is nearly the full nine weeks it can be.

I read a book called Comfort Crisis, and the big take away is to get outside, keep your body moving, try hard things, eat more whole foods, fruit and veggies, and you will surprise yourself and your body will thank you for it. Also, that it’s too easy to go from bed, to office chair, to couch, back to bed...this is very bad for humans. And total bonus for me was hearing someone else describe backcountry backpacking in the Arctic Circle the same way I experienced it 😊

I know this is the chilly time of year, but why not bundle yourself up and take a walk outside. I love walking in the early morning hours. Depending on the time of year the morning sky is very different, and dependent upon the weather for that morning too.

And I really like the silence, well as silent as you can get in a rural-suburban town. It’s interesting too how sound travels differently when everybody else is mostly still asleep.

Some mornings I don't think about anything, which apparently is also good for our brains. Other mornings the day's worries creep in. Sometimes I pray the rosary while I walk.

I also like to take some deep breaths (albeit only if I'm sure no one else is around and hasn't been anywhere near where I'm walking). My neighborhood is filled with pine trees and one house has some super fragrant tree that only flowers in the spring. And winter air is sharp and smells like water a lot.

I share all of this, because it's still possible to enjoy our surroundings, to feel wonder and awe, to allow our bodies and minds to relax.

And that's my hope for you in the second half of the season of Epiphany.

Blessings,  
Rev. Jimmie Sue

**Help Needed**

**Outside Signage:**

I have gotten consistent feedback that we could be doing more with our outside sign. I agree 😊

However, to make that happen I need a Team of 2-3 people who are willing to update the sign either on Sundays or when the office is open, so that it doesn't require me being at church to make the updates, and for you to have to wait on me 😊 If you are interested in this new ministry opportunity let me know and I will walk you through how changing the outside sign works.



**Shoveling Team – 2023:**

If you're able to help shovel on Sundays, or after big snow storms – your help is greatly appreciated.

Please email me, Rev. Jimmie Sue, if you are interested in these opportunities and needs.

**December 2021 Financial Summary**

Income	Dec. YTD	2021 Budget YTD
Pledge & Plate	\$126,365	\$128,000
Investment Income	23,309	23,309
Diocesan Grant	22,000	22,000
PPP Loan	--	--
Flowers	1,849	1,900
Special Offerings	2,884	2,291
Building Use	6	650
Other	3,350	100
<i>Total Income</i>	180,348	178,250
<b>Expenses</b>		
Worship	\$6,088	\$4,560
Formation	889	1,650
Diocesan Apportionment	22,333	22,333
Stewardship	2,861	4,500
Other Action	180	650
Youth	83	200
Evangelism	1,209	1,625
Oversight	25,022	29,891
Salaries & Benefits	114,432	130,462
<i>Total Expenses</i>	182,968	207,731
<i>Surplus/(Deficit)</i>	(2,620)	(29,481)

Submitted by Nick Parisi, Treasurer



**The start of Rev. Jimmie Sue's 7th Year at Epiphany**

This February marks the beginning of my seventh year at Epiphany! I am deeply thankful for each one of you 😊 I am so proud of everything we accomplished in 2021! You all make a difference in my life, thank you.



## Church School & J2A Schedule

(classes begin at: 9:45am)

Sunday, February 6.....Church School  
Sunday, February 13.....Church School

13.....Church School

Sunday, February 20.....Church School

Sunday, February 27.....No Church School

Sunday, March 6.....Church School



## Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange



There are many parishioners who love doing jigsaw puzzles especially during the winter months. Instead of us all continuing to purchase

puzzles let's exchange the puzzles we already have. Feel free to bring any puzzles you have into church and place them on the table in the Auxiliary Room and borrow what you would like from the selection. Once completed we can bring them back for someone else to enjoy. If you have any questions please contact Deb Grasso.



## Service Ministry Update

Epiphany will be continuing its "Souper Bowl" collection through Super Bowl Sunday in February. We are collecting cans of soup, canned pasta and chili that will be donated to St. Theodore's food pantry. Our goal for this year will be to collect 300 cans for donation. We will celebrate our generosity by wearing our favorite sports attire to church on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Service Ministry team is going to coordinate a service project to benefit our furry friends. We will

be accepting donations to benefit Verona Street Animal Shelter from February 27<sup>th</sup> through March 13<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming regarding needed items for the animal shelter.

The annual Fiber Ministry collection this year will occur during Lent from March 2<sup>nd</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for fiber projects that will help keep people warm and provide comfort. We are looking for various items such as lap blankets, baby blankets, scarves and hats of various sizes from premature infant to adult. Our goal is 40 projects for the 40 days of Lent. Our collection bins will be put in the main hallway starting March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you in advance for sharing your creativity for others in need.

Please feel free to stop a member of the Service Ministry team if you have any future ideas for Service Ministry projects. Thanks for your continued support.

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

**\*\*TBD - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner\*\***

**Shrove Tuesday is March 1, 2022**



## Wednesday, March 2nd

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



## Thank You!

Thank you those who showed up to take down and put away all of our beautiful Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 8, 2022.

Thank you to: Pauline Ehle, Laurie Zaso, Patty Sharkey, Marsha Pulhamus, Lisa Steubing, Bonnie Ayers, Gladys VanBrederode, Pam & Don Metzinger, Barb & Joe Woo, and Bob & Gail Renehan.



Thank you to those whose helped out at our Spruce Up Day held on Saturday, January 22.

We vacuumed the church, pew cushions, hallway rugs, classroom rugs. Cleaned the bathrooms. Swiffered the chancel floor, back of the church & bathrooms. Cleaned all the floors and dusted. Thanks goes out to: Pam & Don Metzinger, Laurie Zaso, Kathie Entress, Patty Sharkey & Jimmie Sue Deppe



## Small Groups to Meet in March

Small groups will meet on Sunday, March 20 at 11:30am at church. **UNLESS** Covid numbers are still bad, then we will meet April 24th. Thank you everyone for all of your participation in Small Groups - it makes a difference in our parish!

## Small Group Updates from January

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.

### **Liturgy/Music:**

Focused on de-decorating from Christmas and decorating for the Season of Epiphany.

### **Social Media:**

- possible Wednesday Night Cafe about avoiding online scams

- plan to post when there is an urgent need for the food pantry

### **Welcome & Invitation:**

- Invite a friend to church is on hold until next year.
- Pat is looking into a craft project with Bonnie. Pat has contacted Bonnie and they are looking into a few ideas.
- Margaret is checking a few restaurants to see about a Holiday dinner.
- We will have a dessert table to go along with the shrove pancake supper (need to coordinate with Church School first).
- Euchre is on hold for now.

### **Children & Youth:**

- Peanut Cluster Sale in December
  - Gross profit was \$320
  - Set-up meeting after church in the next 1-2 weeks for youth to discuss where to denote the monies from Peanut Cluster sale – Don will send out emails to parents to set-up meeting
  - Possible ideas for donations – shop for “Blessing Box” at church, possible pet shelter donations, and/or donations to Gifts for Life-ER & D or Food for the Poor
- Youth Participation in Christmas Eve
  - Sang “This Little Light of Mine” during the Christmas Eve pageant – did a great job
  - Participated in procession and brought figure up to Crèche
- Youth Events in Spring
  - Possible options include Movie Night, Ice Skating event
  - Plans on hold for now due to Covid
- Pancake Supper for Mardi Gras (3/1/22)
  - Possible options include smaller dinner numbers ( not open to public) or take-out
  - Postponing decision about pancake supper until closer to date due to Covid

### **Adult Formation:**

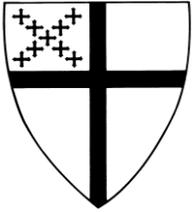
*Future ideas being looked at:*

\*Wreath Making; Rohrbachs Tasting; Social Media Scams-planning with Social Media Small Group



## 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> Annual Meeting	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:45am Church School  10:00am HE	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:45am Church School  10:00am HE  <b>Souper Bowl Sunday Commissioning the Vestry</b>	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b>  7pm Vestry	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Vestry Via 7pm – 8:30pm	<b>19</b>  Retreat Zoom 9:30am – 2pm
<b>20</b> STAR Deadline  9:45am Church School  10:00am HE	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> No Church School  10:00am HE	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>  <b>Shrove Tuesday</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 12:30pm 7:00pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>



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## **EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS**

Souper Bowl Sunday...Feb. 13

Ash Wednesday...Mar. 2nd

Small Groups...Mar. 20