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DECEMBER 2022

Church of the epiphany

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DECEMBERCALENDAR

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Parish Office
247-4190
Tue.–Fri.
9:00am–1:00pm

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
8:00 A.M. HE
10:00 A.M. HE

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

VESTRY VIEWS

Greetings fellow Epiphany,

The word advent comes from the Latin term adventus meaning "arrival" or "coming," particularly the coming of something with having great importance. Advent season, then, is both a time of joy-filled, anticipatory celebration of the arrival of Jesus Christ. We celebrate our advent season starting on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continue throughout the day before Christmas. We begin each week by lighting one candle at a time until all four candles are lit. We have celebrated this tradition with the hymn Candle, Candle for many years; in fact it is one of my fondest memories at Epiphany. I remember being asked to help light the candles and what a treat it was to be a part of our celebration of Jesus's birth with everyone. The candles represent so many things, but the two I most think of is warmth and light. Candles can provide light during darkness and provide a source of heat to us. Candles are also used at birthday celebrations, so how fitting it is that we celebrate the birth of Jesus with lighting 4 candles as we await the birth of Jesus. I don't know about you but I am looking forward to our Advent season here at Epiphany. I am sure Epiphany will be filled with warmth throughout the season and I invite you to join us on Sundays in Advent season. The Epiphany congregation and I look forward to seeing you and hope you will be filled with the light of Christ this season!

~Kristen Smith

THE PROVISIONAL BISHOP
The Rt. Rev'd Stephen Lane

THE MINISTERS
The Congregation

THE VESTRY

Margaret Schweizer, Warden	Patty Sharkey	Lisa Steubing
Jack Merrick, Warden	Kim Hyde	Don Metzinger
Deb Grasso, Treasurer	Roberta Ames	Emily Van Scooter
Gail Renehan, Clerk	Kristen Smith	

THE STAFF

Rector:	Organist: Gail Hyde
Parish Secretary: Maureen Durie	Church School Coordinator: Don Metzinger

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

DECEMBER 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.

Dec. 1 Nicholas Grasso Braylon Grasso	**Dec. 17** Diane Moffatt	**Dec. 24** Elaine Bagley Dan Pulhamus
Dec. 5 Lill Poppleton	**Dec. 18** Daniel Resch	**Dec. 26** Crystal D'Anunzio
Dec. 8 Danielle D'Anunzio	**Dec. 19** Mike Moffatt	**Dec. 28** Macguire Morien
Dec. 10 Terry Barker	**Dec. 21** Larry Burling Doug Collinge	**Dec. 29** Zachary Durkin
Dec. 16 Donna Craig	**Dec. 22** Joe Woo	

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 your blessing upon these your servants that they may so love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and godliness, that their homes may be havens of blessing and peace. Amen.

December 3 Gretchen Murray & Fredrick Larham

December 18 Carol & David Kohen

CHANGES & ADDITIONS

If you have changes to your contact information, please notify Maureen Durie in the Parish Office: 247-4190 or coeoffice@frontier.com Office hours: Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 am–1:00 pm

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Small Group Updates

Youth Group Fundraiser

The Youth Group will be selling peanut clusters after both the 8:00 & 10:00 Services, beginning this Sunday, December 4th until they sold out. Cost is $3.00 a bag or $5.00 for 2 bags. Your support is always appreciated.

Vestry Highlights
NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Business:

- **Authorized Account Bank Signatures:** Deb reported that a mix-up occurred at Kay Bank and three Vestry members need to re-sign their signature cards. This was completed.
- **Vestry Meeting Minutes: M-S-A** to approve the Vestry Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, October 18, 2022 and the Zoom Vestry Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, November 2, 2022.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Deb Discussed our financial status. It is important to return pledge cards so the Budget Committee can have accurate figures for planning the 2023 budget. Deb will give a budget update at both services on Sunday. **M-S-A** to accept the October Treasurer's report**.**

Discussion Items:

- **Bringing the Cup back:** After much discussion, it was decided to bring the Cup back at our Christmas Eve services for those people who wish to partake. More information to follow.
- **Vestry Retreat:** It was decided to cancel the 2023 Vestry Retreat.
- **December and January Vestry Meetings via Zoom:** The Vestry Meetings in December and January will be via Zoom.
- **Search Committee Updates:** Seven positions, plus one alternate position were chosen. Names will be announced at a later date.

- **Nominating Committee Update:** The four available positions have been filled.

Warden Report:

- **Part Time Staff vs Full time:** The Search Committee will attempt to hire a full time Rector if possible. Moving forward, the Finance Committee will determine the budgetary restraints as to salary, etc.

Small Group Updates:

- **Peanut Clusters:** The youth will be making their "famous" peanut clusters December 3rd and will be selling them December 4th, 11th and the 18th.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, **December 13, 2022** via Zoom.
Monthly Meeting: Prayers – Emily Vestry Views – Emily
A motion was made to adjourn the Tuesday, November 15, 2022 Vestry Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Gail Renehan, Clerk of the Vestry

Service Ministry

Service Ministry December Update

The Service Ministry team is busy finishing up the November Service Ministry project which will benefit the Junior League of Rochester Diaper Bank. Thank you Epiphany for all the diapers, diaper wipes and diaper creams donated by our parishioners. They will be distributed to many organizations and social workers in Monroe County since there is no government assistance available for diapers and other necessities to help lower income families.

The final tally for our donation to the Christian Appalachian Project for the Kentucky flood victims was $742. This donation came from several fund raisers include the free-will donations from the Pot luck dinners on October 1st, funds raised from the cans and bottle deposit drive and monetary donations from the Youth of the Epiphany and the Service Ministry team.

Our Christmas holiday projects will be very familiar to our parish. We will sponsor a family at Family Promise of Greater of Rochester (RAIHN) to provide Christmas gifts for our chosen family. The Family Promise tree will be in the back of the sanctuary starting Sunday, November 20. Please take a tag from the tree for whatever gift you wish to donate to help a local family have a Merry Christmas. Gifts need to be wrapped and returned to the bin by the tree no later than Sunday, December 4. Please attach the gift tag to the wrapped gift to help us keep a tally of gifts received.

We will also be involved in the Christmas Bag Project which is sponsored by "A Meal & More, Inc." at Christ Church in downtown Rochester. We will be providing hot chocolate packets and individual size facial

tissue packets again this year for 135 clients in this program. Donations will be needed by Sunday, December 11.

Thank you for your continued support of the Service Ministry Projects. Please feel free to contact any member on the Service Ministry team if you have suggestions for future projects or would like to join our team.

Marsha Pulhamus, Nancy Mancini, Birdie Ames, Donna Perry and Valerie Jones.

WOE UPDATE

SWEM CHRISTMAS BASKETS

WOE is again sponsoring Christmas food baskets for the needy thru SWEM (Southwest Ecumenical Ministries) this holiday season.
DROP-OFF Date Deadline: Sunday, December 4

Basket Drop-off times at church
Sunday's – 8:00am – Noon

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the parish of Epiphany for all the support we received during Bruce's illness and passing. The prayers, cards and love were really appreciated.

Thanks to the Reverend Sandy Cordingley for her help and for conducting the funeral service. The choir's singing added beauty to it along with our bagpiper, Steve MacLeod. The Lord looked kindly on us with bright sunshine for the comital. Pam Metzinger and the women of WOE provided a lovely reception. Many thanks to all of you.
We have been at Epiphany for 65 years. Bruce loved the church and I'm glad he is resting in the garden.

Much love to all,

Audrey Barclay and family

Widows Group

Please mark your calendar for our next lunch on **Wednesday, December 28 @ 11:00** weather permitting.

Church De-Decorating & Spruce Up Day:

Our next Spruce Up Day will be Saturday, January 7 at 9:00am-noon
We will first de-decorate the Christmas decorations & get the church ready for Epiphany Sunday.
So cleaning up the church will be essential, then we can vacuum, do bathroom, see how the auxiliary room looks & foyer area. Also, mop some floors.
Many hands make light work, so please consider helping out for a bit.
Thank you
Any questions, see Pam Metzinger.

October 2022 Financial Summary

Income	**Oct YTD**	**2022 Budget YTD**
Pledge & Plate	$96,538	100,000
Investment Income	17,981	19,978
Diocesan Grant	16,667	16,667
Flowers	1,465	1,583
Special Offerings	1,307	2,292
Building Use	150	42
Other	3,765	3,417
Total Income	$137,871	$143,978
Expenses		
Worship	8,500	5,113
Formation	552	1,392
Diocesan Apportionment	17,316	17,316
Stewardship	1,485	3,750
Other Action	(900)	625
Youth	-	167
Evangelism	914	1,708
Oversight	23,095	27,681
Salaries & Benefits	97,788	104,521
Total Expenses	**$148,750**	**$162,272**
Surplus/(Deficit)	**(10,879**	**(18,294)**

Submitted by Deb Grasso, Treasurer

Christmas Flowers

Please share in making the church beautiful for Christmas. You may wish to offer a gift in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for a particular blessing in your life.

Please use Christian names (John & Mary Doe,

not Mr. & Mrs. John Doe), **printing clearly with only one name per line**; use additional sheets if necessary. Bring your form with your check, payable to "Church of the Epiphany, Memo: Christmas Flowers," to the office, or mail it to the Parish Office, by **Sunday, December 18th.**

In memory of:	In thanksgiving for:

Donor: _____

Amount of Check: $_____ Phone: _____

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Church School Schedule

(classes begin at: 9:45am)

CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE:
(classes begin at: 9:45am)

Sunday, December 4……Church School
Sunday, December 11…..……..Church School
Sunday, December 18……..…..Church School
Sunday, December 25…..……..NO Church School

Sunday, January 1……NO Church School
Sunday, January 8 ……Church School
Sunday, January 15……..Church School
Sunday, January 22……..Church School
Sunday, January 29……..NO Church School

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Greening of the Church

The Greening of the Church has again planned to spread our Christmas decorating out during a 4-week period. This will spread out our joyous celebration throughout the Advent season. So mark your calendar and see if you can help out on the dates below beginning at or around 11:15am.

Dec 4 - display Nativity needlepoint, assemble small tree in Auxiliary room, hang outside wreath, hang wreaths in Chancel
Dec 11 – Assemble & decorate artificial tree in front of church, decorate sconces
Dec 18 – change altar hangings, change advent wreath, assemble crèche, decorate window sills
Dec 22 – Arrange fresh poinsettia plants

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me.
Thank you – Pam Metzinger

DECEMBER

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	**29**	30	31

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