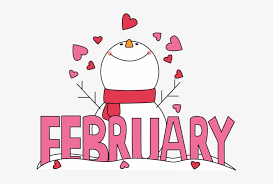


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#### February 2024



**Vestry Views**

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Words that come to mind when thinking of Lent…. Prayer, Fasting, Repentance, Charity, Forgiving... I am going to go out on a limb and ask if ‘Beginnings’ could be added to the list??

We usually associate New Years Eve, Christmas Day, Birth(days) with that word. We get a chance every year to improve on ourselves spiritually during Lent. To take the time and repent for things we know we should not do and the things we know we should do. The Forgiveness we are promised is a chance to begin again. Lent is not just about giving things up for 40 days. It’s also about adding time to reflect on oneself and add new meaning to our walk on our pathway with Jesus.

New beginnings can be challenging, scary, exciting, trusting and even fun. Most of us can look back at a new beginning and remember all those feelings and more! We can see growth in ourselves, new friendships, new strengths, and the fact that we didn’t “walk the walk” alone. Sometimes I wish I could see Jesus holding my hand on my walk-in life. Like New Beginnings, trusting that Jesus is there holding our hand can be challenging, scary, trusting, exciting and even fun.

Fr. Greg, I am sure is feeling all those feelings as he takes his new walk with Epiphany. We are starting a New Beginning with him as our Rector February 10th at his Installation (during Lent!:). I am guessing that Robert Poovey might be feeling some of these feelings as he begins his new position as our Organist! We all need to “walk the walk” of life but we must never forget none of us do it alone.

Happy Lent

Lisa Steubing

**THE PROVISIONAL BISHOP THE MINISTERS**

The Rt. Rev’d Stephen Lane The Congregation

**THE VESTRY**

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| Don Metzinger, Warden | Helen Bennett | Lisa Steubing |
| Kathie Entress, Warden | Kim Hyde | Mike Grasso |
| Deb Grasso, Treasurer | Donna Perry | Nick Parisi |
| Pat Lesher, Clerk | Kristen Smith | Susan Gaskill |

**THE STAFF**

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| Rector: Fr Greg Kremer | Organist: Robert Poovey |
| Parish Secretary: Maureen Durie | Church School Coordinator: Don Metzinger |

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**From the Parish Register**

**February 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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| **Feb. 1** Katherine Woo | **Feb. 12** Heidi McGrath | **Feb. 26** Diane Mancini |
| **Feb. 4**  Norma Shannon | **Feb. 18**  Michael Carrier  Susan Gaskill | **Feb. 28** Drew Bagley  John Bagley |
| **Feb. 7**  Barb Rafoth | **Feb.24** Deb Grasso  Alex Monroe |  |
| **Feb. 9**  David Bagley  Gretchen Murray |  |  |
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**No February 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.*

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**Changes & Additions**

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

Dear Church of the Epiphany Parishioners,

I give thanks every day to God for leading me to the priesthood (the anniversary of my ordination was January 23rd), and for bringing me to you. I continue to feel like I am in the right place at the right time, and I hope you feel the same.

January had some momentous events and activities.

* We reconvened the Liturgy Committee, after a long hiatus, and had an effective meeting in which we planned our Sunday services through Pentecost.
* The Altar Guild and Liturgical Ministers have been working with me to realign our practices for the handling of the reserve Sacrament with the church’s rubrics. You may now see us after communion consuming the consecrated wine that is left.
* Our fellow parishioner and retired Episcopal priest, Catherine Volland, provided, for the first time one Sunday, a meaningful and moving sermon, which we hope will be the first of many.
* We have been participating in the diocesan discernment for the election of a new bishop. Our diocesan delegates held a parish listening session on zoom to gather input from you to guide them as they prepare to attend the Electing Convention at Hobart and William Smith Colleges on February 24th, where they will cast votes for the new bishop.
* Vestry has been busy on many fronts.
  + In November Vestry wrote a grant application to the diocese for staffing support in 2024 and we were recently notified that it has been funded to the tune of $25,000.
  + Vestry also prepared and produced an effective annual meeting replacing outgoing members with new. They are retreating for a day on February 17th to deepen working relationships with one another and begin a strategic planning process to guide future activities.
  + In addition, Vestry interviewed and hired a new organist/music director, Robert Poovey, who began leading our liturgical music on February 1st. Robert recently retired as Director of Music at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Rochester, N.Y where he served for about 17 years. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in Organ Performance and Literature degree from the Eastman School of Music, and bachelor’s and master’s degrees in organ from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and Southern Methodist University, respectively. From 1995 to 2006, he served as director of music ministries at historic St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Atlanta, where he developed a varied, innovative, and active music program involving seven groups, with an emphasis on intergenerational participation. Robert maintains active memberships in the Association of Anglican Musicians, and the American Guild of Organists. BTW Robert’s husband is Gordon Porth, a renowned pianist, who was the Director of Liturgical music here at Epiphany many years ago.

There are a few things in our near future to mention.

* Looking ahead we are planning, with the help of our new organist/music director, to enhance our liturgical music program with the goals of increasing congregational singing and expanding our choir.
* We are exploring a move back to our tradition of receiving the Eucharist at the altar railing. We are also considering a move back to the common cup. Your comments and recommendations are welcome.
* We are reforming the Columbarium Committee to clarify vacancies and reevaluate policies and procedures. Anyone interested please let me know.
* We will be engaging in a strategic planning process to help guide us into an even more vibrant future together. A team will be formed for this purpose. If you have relevant experience or skills, please step forward!

Coming Soon:

* February 10: Fr. Greg’s Installation as Rector
* February 11: “Souper” Bowl Sunday collection of canned soups, etc.
* February 13: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30-7:30pm
* February 14: Ash Wednesday Eucharist Services:
  + - * 1:00 pm at Seabury Woods (all are welcome)
      * 7:00 pm at Epiphany
* February 17: Vestry Retreat, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
* February 24: Bishop Electing Convention

God bless you!

***Fr Greg***



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**VESTRY MINUTES DECEMBER 19, 2023**

**ZOOM MEETING**

Present: Fr. Greg, Don Metzinger, Kathie Entres, Susan Gaskill, Mike Grasso, Kim Hyde,

Nick Parisi, Donna Perry, Kristen Smith, Lisa Steubing, Deb Grasso, Pat Lesher

Opening Prayer: Kathie opened with a prayer. Tuesday, December 19, 2023 Vestry Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Before opening the Business portion of the meeting, we noticed a new face at the Zoom meeting. Fr. Greg introduced Catherine Volland, a fairly new parishioner at Epiphany. Catherine explained she wanted the Vestry to know she is a retired Episcopal Priest from the Diocese of the Rio Grande, N.M. She moved here about a year ago and bought a home in Ogden and started attending Epiphany. She offered to Fr. Greg that she doesn’t want a regular assignment but if needed to fill in a pinch, she would be pleased to step in. She has been licensed by Bishop Steve to serve in this diocese. Also, the bishop of the Rio Grande has authorized Catherine to serve here. This license has to be renewed annually. She shared that she was originally from the area and when she retired decided to move back to be closer to family.

BUSINESS:

1. Approve November 21, 2023, Vestry Minutes. The November 21 Vestry Minutes were amended to list Kristen Smith as being absent for the November 21 Vestry Meeting. M-S-A with correction.
2. Finance Report and Motion to approve.
   1. Deb reported a little short with pledges right now. December looks good. Will send out an email reminder to have pledges in by December 31, 2023. Nick asked if pledges were slow like in Summer months. Deb stated things are going well. The market is up as are our investments. M-S-A
   2. Fr. Greg asked Mike about a $3100 check from the Diocese. Mike responded that it wasn’t from the Diocese, but from parishioner for pre-payment of 2024 pledge.
   3. Deb reported that the change to Paychex is going very well. When her rep wasn’t available, she was immediately connected with someone who was very helpful. In a follow-up to the Employee Retention Tax Credit Epiphany will receive approx. $25,000.00 from the IRS with approx. $5,000 fee for Paychex to be charged per pay period until paid. The HR group would like to work with Deb writing an employee’s manual, looking at OSHA requirements to see if we are fine with OSHA. Deb would need help from someone on the Vestry. In her former job she worked establishing policies and procedures, but now she is the numbers’ person. Nick volunteered to help with this project.
   4. The Altar Guild has requested $390.00 to replace linens and other items that need to be purchased throughout the year that haven’t been purchased in a few years. Don made a motion to authorize up to $500 to purchase linens and other needed items.
   5. Fr. Greg brought up Mike’s request to step down as pledge clerk. This position is an appointed position, Don inquired what our approach would be to select a new pledge clerk. Mike offered up a description of what the job entailed, how much time is involved and what skills were necessary to do the job. A positive aspect of the job is you see how the church really operates. A candidate would need to be trustworthy, have computer skills (entering pledges into church windows, quarterly pledge reports via email), work with numbers and calculations and devote 1 to 2 hrs./wk. Discussion followed and a name was suggested. It was decided to give it more thought and come up with list names by the next Vestry meeting. Mike will help with the transition.
3. Gift update. Deb reported that the gift from her Mom’s estate, $33,777.20 has been deposited into the Building Fund. Her Mom’s concern was to make sure that Epiphany was around for the kids to grow in their faith. Fr. Greg suggested we invest in some kind of evangelism that would grow our Church. A discussion ensued about what that would be, i.e. ask younger families what they are looking for their children, contemporary music, ministry programs that bring in new families with children, more community type events. It was suggested that a task force be formed to discuss this in more detail before we decide where to invest these funds. It was proposed that the Vestry wait until 2024 when there will be new Vestry members to help make up a task force. If there are any ideas from the present Vestry, just write them down so we’ll have them for the new Vestry members. Kim also suggested maybe incorporating younger families for their input.
4. Safe Church training - Church sexual harassment. Kathie reported not much has changed since the last report. Don said he had worked on it today. Sue said she had worked on 3 more items today. After the first of the year, Kathie will send out an email to Vestry members to complete it as soon as possible.
5. Internet update/Spectrum updates. Mike called Spectrum and they are still waiting for one of the utilities to come out to work on the pole. He had hoped the work would be done by the end of the year. It looks like it won’t be ready until next year.
6. Facebook live enhancements - update - Kim reported everything is going smoothly. At the peace the number watching is given to the ushers to report on
7. Sunday attendance form. Fr. Greg said there was a little problem with that number being included in the total attendance. He will have the form changed for a line item of online attendance to be separate from total attendance in Church. Kim reported that her brother-in-law (a video person) had come in to look into our Facebook setup during a service. He said our present system can’t be improved. Once we have our new internet system, he would be glad to come back and help set up the whole video and sound for Facebook. Nick inquired about the sound and what could be done. Fr. Greg said we moved the camera closer to the homilist that helped a little. We need a system that plugs into the microphone in the church. Again, we should wait for the new internet system and input from Spectrum on how to handle this issue.
8. Xmas mass - Fr Greg reported there is no morning service on Christmas Eve Day, There will be 2 services on Christmas Eve, 4:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. For music at the 4:30 service, Gail will play the organ, Jessica will play the clarinet and the Sunday School children will be singing and Carlene will play the bells. Caroling before the 4:30 service. Don and Marsha have updated the street sign with Merry Christmas and Join us Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m. or 10:30 p.m.
9. Annual Meeting Report deadline - Fr. Greg said the deadline for reports is January 7, 2024. Printed copies of the Annual Meeting Report will be available the week before the Annual Meeting. Also available online for parishioners to look at prior to meeting.
10. Annual Meeting date - The Annual Meeting is January 28, 2024
11. Fr. Greg’s Installation - The Installation service will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 10, 2024. Following the service at approximately 2:30 p.m. there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Small group updates - Vestry rep. - Kim wrote up a report on Social Media to summarize what has been happening for the past year for the Annual Report. She, Emily, and Cassie contribute to Facebook and Instagram. Regularly. They don’t have meetings, but they each know what to do. Kim is the one who updates the website. She recently added Father Greg, events, and some new pictures to Epiphany’s website. Any of the Small groups that want to make any changes to the website, please let Kim know.

Sue reported the Youth Group made peanut clusters with proceeds going to Water for Sudan. They also made angel ornaments for Seabury Woods and hung them on doorknobs of assisted living apartments this past Sunday. They gave 2 different kinds of ornaments to be distributed in the Memory Care Unit. She let them know the one that looked like it might be candy (which it isn’t) if the resident thought it was candy, not to give it to them. Most of the people were at lunch but the ones they saw were very appreciative. Juanita reported the residents really enjoyed seeing the kids and receiving the ornaments. The parents of the kids have been very supportive.

1. Karen Maar Scholarship - Scholarship Committee. Don reporting nothing new has happened because we don’t have any way of putting out to the parish what is out there. Fr. Greg said there will be a write-up in January STAR about the 3 scholarships that are available, a brief explanation of each one and how to take advantage of them. This information will be included in all the following STARs as a monthly reminder. Don will contact Amy (Karen’s daughter) and let her know what we are doing. He will see if they can tweak this scholarship a little bit to have it not be so restrictive.
2. Nominating Committee - update. Don reported Kim, Sue and Nick are going off the Vestry. Sue and Nick have agreed to reup for a 3 year Vestry term. Heidi McGrath was interested in being on Vestry again, replacing Kim. We have advertised to the parish for anyone interested in being nominated to serve on the Vestry to please contact one of the Wardens. Fr. Greg reported that Jack had talked to him about running for Warden and had decided not to run for Warden or Vestry again. Since Jack will not be reupping, a new candidate has to be nominated with the necessary requirements to serve as Warden. Don and Jack will look at possible candidates to be nominated prior to the Annual Report going out. Nick mentioned we have more people attending church again. He sees this as a good sign that we might begin to have enough nominees for Vestry to have elections rather than presenting a slate. Don reported that we presently have 3 delegates to Convention, Emily, Bo and Bruce with Tom as an alternate. Bruce is actually coming off. He has agreed to stay on until the election of the Bishop in Feb., since he is familiar with the process. He’s not sure if Bruce would stay on for a year. If not we could appoint an interim during the year. Fr. Greg will contact Bruce and the other 2 delegates to make sure they will be able to travel to Hobart & William Smith and be there for the Bishop’s election. Also, to ask about possibly carpooling to Hobart/William Smith. Tom said if one of them can’t make it, he would be available.
3. Parish grant - update. Kathie reported that, with a change to an incorrect sentence, the grant was submitted. We are waiting to hear from our contact at the Diocese if the grant was approved.
4. COE Organist/Pianist. Fr. Greg reported at the last meeting we had put out ads for organist/pianist to local colleges and the National Organist Org. We received 2 bites, not too interested. Gail has said she will stay on until we find a replacement. Mid-year is not the best time to be advertising. Easier to find a pianist than an organist. So, we’ll start to look for pianist/organist for the position. He did reach out to the organist at St. Georges, who is a doctoral student at the Eastman to show our ad to any students that might be interested. He would contact her again to see if she had any success.
5. New Organ/used organ/Funds-Bruce Pillman. Don reported that Bruce Pillman had an organ(pipe) company to look at our organ while they were in the area. Bruce wanted to know what to do about looking for a new organ or maybe refurbish the current organ. A pipe organ- $300,000, an electronic organ over $100,000, and to refurbish with parts to make a new organ with what we have about $20,000. Gail has been limping along with the problems with our organ. We need to address this issue. Don said that Grace Plouffe made a donation on her demise in 2014 towards a new organ. Right now, we can’t find a record of the amount. Deb will investigate past minutes, past Annual Reports and other financial records to find out the amount of the donation. Also, where it was invested until needed. Sue and Nick brought up that a church that had closed, like St Stephens might have an organ available for sale. The company that looked at our organ also goes around looking at organs that might be for sale also. Fr. Greg said that 2 churches have closed in the Diocese. He doesn’t know if the Diocese still owns them. but he will investigate it to see if any organ is available for sale. Fr. Greg asked if we had an estimate to rebuild the organ we have. Don said if we find the donated funds, we would have someone come in to look at our organ. This discussion was FYI. For now, nothing will be done.
6. Advent Evening series - update. Father Greg stated we started out with 22 people signed up and ended with 22 people. Last session we had even more. All went well and he was appreciative of the turnout for the series.
7. Catherine Volland was introduced after the opening prayer.
8. Vestry Retreat. Fr. Greg stated the Vestry Retreat will be held at Epiphany on February 17, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
9. Street Sign - update. Mike reported they have 2 light tubes to install to take the sign through the winter. Some LED light strips will be purchased to put on the sign and rewire the sign, so it runs off the 120 current
10. Fr. Greg’s retreat. Fr. Greg said he is looking forward to taking a retreat for 5 days, March 15-20, after Ash Wed. before Palm Sun. The YMCA in Lake George is offering a pastoral respite program open to priests to attend for free, including room and food. So, he is taking advantage of this offer. His time away does span a Sunday. He suggested morning prayer or asking Catherine to be the supply priest (with payment). He will check with Catherine to see if that’s what we choose.

Vestry meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with closing prayer by Kathie. M-S-A

Next Meeting: January 16, 2024 @ 7 p.m. via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Lesher. Clerk of the Vestry

**Thank You**

Thank you to all who came out on Saturday, Jan 6 to De-decorate the Church. We took down all of our Christmas décor & packed it away for next year. We brought out our wonderful Epiphany kings & décor to spread the season of light. Thanks to the following: Bonnie Ayers, Pam & Don Metzinger, Lisa & Ryan Steubing, Marsha Pulhamus, Bruce Pillman and Terry Barker.

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**Save The Date**

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 13, 2024

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

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**Family Promise of Greater Rochester**

Bowl-a-thon on Sunday, March 10,2024

**Family Promise of Greater Rochester**, formally RAIHN, will be hosting a fundraising Bowl-a-thon on Sunday, March 10, 2024 with registration beginning at 12:45pm at Bowl-A-Roll, 1560 Jefferson Road in Henrietta. Epiphany would like to get a team of bowlers together to help raise funds for this worthwhile organization. The cost of the event is $50 per bowler. To help defray the costs, **a fundraising baked food sale** will occur at the **Shove Tuesday Pancake dinner** on Tuesday, February 14, 2024. We are requesting that individuals that sign-up for the event would contribute a minimum of $25 for the bowling event.

Look for a sign up sheet if you are interested in bowling. The **deadline** for sign-up will be **Sunday, February 18th**. Please submit the money by that date so that we can submit the application for the team.  Please put the money ( cash) in a labeled envelope and place it in the Service Ministry box. Please contact Kathie Entress or Marsha Pulhamus with any questions

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**WOE Winter Potluck Dinner:**

When: Thursday March 14, 2024

Time: 6:15pm - Wine & Cheese

7:00pm – Dinner

\*\* Please provide a dish to pass (wine & cheese, main dish, side dish, dessert)

\*\* Bring your own beverage, if you wish

\*\* Look for a signup sheet, so we know how many to set up for

Questions: see Pam Metzinger

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**Widows Group**

Widows group will not be meeting for the Winter months – January, February & March. See you in the Spring!

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**February Service Ministry Update**

We started the new year with our annual “Souper” Bowl Collection of soups, chili, and canned pasta for St. Theodore’s Food Pantry. The collection started on 1/21/24 and will end on Super Bowl Sunday on February 11th. Our Goal is one can for each day of the year. Since this year is a Leap Year, we will need to push our goal to **366 cans**. Don’t forget to wear your favorite team jersey to church on February 11th to celebrate the end of this worthwhile ministry.

For all the creative parishioners at Epiphany, please remember that the Fiber Ministry collection will be during Lent (2/14-3/31/24). It’s time to start making blankets, prayer shawls, hats, stockings, and mittens to provide warmth and comfort to others. Our goal is to have at least 40 fiber projects for the 40 days of Lent.

The other Lenten service project is to provide Easter Food Baskets to our neighbors in need in the town of Gates. We will be working with the Town of Gates Police Department to help distribute the food baskets the week of March 24th. More information about the Easter food baskets will be posted in the bulletin in early March.

Our behalf of the Service ministry team, we would like to thank all the parishioners at Epiphany for your support.

Marsha Pulhamus, Birdie Ames, Nancy Mancini, and Donna Perry

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**January Youth of Epiphany Update**

The Youth of Epiphany continue to be active members of our Church community. In addition to attending Sunday school, the youth continue to be involved in several service projects. The proceeds of $460 dollars from the peanut cluster sales were donated to Water of South Sudan and the Sunday school has almost reach ½ of our Goal of $1000.

The youth will be involved in helping with serving and cleaning up at the Shove Tuesday Pancake dinner on February 13th. Any free will donations from the dinner will be donated to Water for South Sudan.

For Lent, the youth will be involved in the Weekend Backpack ministry which is coordinated by Gates Presbyterian church. The youth will pack non-perishable breakfasts and lunches for needy students in the Gates elementary schools. More details will be forth coming about when the packing event will be held at Epiphany.

Thank you again for your support of the Youth of Epiphany.

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**MOE Breakfast**

Please mark your calendars for breakfast for February 21st @8:30 am at Jonny D’s.

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**“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY IS COMING!**

It’s that time again for the Service Committee’s annual collection of cans of soup, chili, and pasta (eg. Spaghetti-os) to help stock St. Theodore’s Food Pantry! They are always grateful for our generous donations. This year’s collection will run January 21 through Super Bowl Sunday, **February 11**. Our goal this year is 366 cans – one for each day of the year (the extra can is because 2024 is a leap year!) Be sure to wear your favorite team’s jersey/sweatshirt to church on Feb. 11. Go Team Epiphany!

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**Rummage Sale**

Just a reminder that the WOE Rummage Sale is being held on April 19-20, 2024.

Keep saving your items to donate!

There will be NO donation trailer!

It is again, a scaled down sale.

**The following donations WILL be accepted**:

Books, toys, holiday décor & knick-knack items, housewares (kitchen items), linens (sheets, blanket-stitch), small table-top appliances, miscellaneous items, sporting goods, sneakers & boots only, youth & adult coats ONLY, notions/crafts (yarn, material, sewing items, purses), CD’s, jewelry.

**NOT accepted:**

Baby items, stuffed animals, shoes, furniture, lamps, large artwork, large appliances, clothes of any kind- except coats, VHS tapes, large power tools, TV’s

As always, we will be looking for lots of help with unloading, sorting, pricing & on our 2 sale days, plus clean up.

Any questions, concerns, or clarification of donations – feel free to contact me through email, text or phone call.

Thank you…………… Pam Metzinger

**Kids Heart Challenge**

Please see Carlene Engert or Cat Engert regarding this challenge. There is a poster with information hung in the hallway as well. Carlene will be collecting donations for this worthy cause.



**Parish Scholarships**

Thanks to the generosity of the families and friends of the Rev’d John VanBrederode and Karen Marr, we are fortunate to have two funds which provide assistance for post-secondary education. The deadline for both is **Sunday, May 5th.**

**How are recipients chosen?** The Scholarship Committee meets and reviews all applications. It may, at its discretion, interview the applicants.

**Who serves on the Committee?** A member of the Vestry, a representative from the Church School or J2A program, a representative from one of the parish’s Teams or Committees, and an “at-large” parishioner.

**Notification**: The Committee will notify each applicant of its decision in writing by June 2nd. Recipients will be announced on a Sunday in June, at the 10:00 a.m. service.

**John VanBrederode - Memorial Scholarship**

**Eligible applicants:**

\* Graduating High school seniors

\* have been active in the life of Epiphany

\* will continue their studies in college or trade school

**Karen Marr - Memorial Award**

**Eligible applicants**:

\* have “special need.” Special need can be a physical or learning disability.

\* have completed one year of post-high school education. Continuing education can be college or trade school.

\* be a confirmed member of The Church of the Epiphany for at least one year.

*Note*: The Marr Award is available 3 times per year. Application deadlines are May 1st, August 1st and December 1st.

**Marion Hunter Youth Assistance Fund**

**Purpose:** Awards from the Hunter Youth Assistance Fund are to be used to sponsor young people's attendance and participation in church-related or religiously based special events, such as Creation Camp, national and local youth gatherings, etc.

**Eligible applicants:**

**\***Youth ages 8-18 years who have been active in the life of the parish.

\*Applicants shall submit a short letter to the Rector, naming the event they wish to attend and what they hope to get out of it.

**December 2023 Financial Summary**

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| **Income** | **Dec YTD** | **2023 Budget**  **YTD** |
| Pledge & Plate | $105,517.25 | $112,000.00 |
| Investment Income | 24,000.00 | 24,000.00 |
| Diocesan Grant | - | - |
| Flowers | 2,080.00 | 1,900.00 |
| Special Offerings | 3,524.00 | 2,400.00 |
| Building Use | - | 50.00 |
| Other | 4,998.30 | 4,100.00 |
| ***Total Income*** | $140,119.55 | $144,450.00 |
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| **Expenses** |  |  |
| Worship | 10,042.73 | 9,710.00 |
| Formation | 748.63 | 1,050.00 |
| Diocesan  Apportionment | 21,013.00 | 21,013.00 |
| Stewardship | 8,724.76 | 9,300.00 |
| Other Action | - | 650.00 |
| Youth | - | - |
| Evangelism | 749.87 | 1,225.00 |
| Supplies & Utilities | 11,575.56 | 17,950.00 |
| Insurance | 8,260.52 | 9,500.00 |
| Copier Expense | 3,386.33 | 3,391.00 |
| Other Office | 4,006.73 | 2,350.00 |
| Oversight | 27,229.14 | 33,191.00 |
| Salaries & Benefits | 60,908.41 | 84,650.00 |
| ***Total Expenses*** | **$129,416.54** | **$160,789.00** |
| **Surplus/(Deficit)** | **10,703** | **(16,339)** |

*Submitted by Deb Grasso, Treasurer*

**Church School Schedule**

(classes begin at: 9:45am)

Sunday, February 4..……………Church School

Sunday, February 11……………Church School

Sunday, February 18……………Church School

Sunday, February 25…………....NO Church School

Sunday, March 3………………..Church School

Sunday, March 10……………….Church School

Sunday, March 17……………….Church School

Sunday, March 24……………… Church School

Sunday, March 31……………….NO Church School-Easter Sunday

**Wednesday, February 14th**

We will have one service at Seabury Woods @1:00 pm

We will have a 2nd service at Church @ 7:00 pm

Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist



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| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
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| 04  5 Epiphany  8:00 AM HE  10:00 AM HE | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10  1:00 pm  Fr. Kremer’s Installation |
| 11  Last Epiphany  **8:00 AM** HE  10:00 AM HE  Souper Bowl – due  Wear your favorite team’s shirt to Church. | 12 | 13  Pancake Supper  5:30-7:30  Fellowship  Hall | 14  ASH Wed  1:00 pm Seabury Woods  7:00 pm Church | 15 | 16 | 17  **Vestry Retreat** |
| 18  1 Lent  **8:00 AM** HE  [10:00 AM HE](https://calendar.churchart.com/calendar/927942/event/259305256/2018-01-21) | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24  Bishop Electing  Convention |
| 25  2 Lent  **8:00 AM** HE  [10:00 AM HE](https://calendar.churchart.com/calendar/927942/event/259305256/2018-01-21) | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |  |  |

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**Epiphany Highlights**

**February 10 – Fr. Greg’s Installation as Rector**

**February 11 – “Souper Bowel Sunday**

**February 13 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

**February 14** **– Ash Wednesday**

**February 17 – Vestry Retreat**

**February 24 – Bishop Electing Convention**