

Epiphany Star

336-623-9410

epiphanyeden.org

February 2012

Sisters and Brothers,

Last month, our diocese came together for the 196th Diocesan Convention. It was an exciting and inspiring few days. We were especially blessed to have our Presiding Bishop, The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, as our keynote speaker and preacher at the convention Eucharist. Her pastoral insight and her vision for the church were evident as she spoke on several occasions throughout the convention.

We were also inspired by our own diocesan bishop, The Right Reverend Michael Curry, as he led us through the convention and especially as he gave his convention address. You can watch the address or read a copy of it at the diocesan website, <http://www.episdionc.org>.

Over the past couple of years of diocesan convention, the theme has centered around Galilee. Though we might think of Galilee, where Jesus spent much of his time, as a place with rolling hills and happy shepherds and fishermen, it really was a dangerous and difficult place to live. Crime, political unrest, and financial strains made it hard for ordinary people to feel secure. It was not entirely unlike the world in which we live today. And that's the point.

It was to this difficult environment that Jesus came to bring his ministry of teaching, healing, reconciliation, and hope. And it is to our modern-day Galilee, the world in which we find ourselves, that we are called to carry Christ's Good News. It is to God's world around us - our own version of Galilee - us that we must bring the Gospel message.

Bishop Curry reminded us throughout our time together that we are called to do what Jesus did – to go to the people and bring the message of love, healing and reconciliation to a world which desperately needs it. For us, that means dreaming big and envisioning all the ways we can bring Christ's love to the world outside our doors.

We do that in some ways now, through Room In The Inn, CCM, and the Lord's Pantry. Yet there is so much more we can do. Each one of us – from the youngest to the most mature – has gifts and talents to share with those around us, and we are mandated by Christ to do just that. In order to change the world in Jesus' name, we have to get out into that world. We have to be willing to go where the people are, to go to Galilee, and to show the world what Christlike love looks like.

We cannot stay inside the walls of our parish and expect folks to come to us. We have to go to the places where the people are. To the stores and the streets, to restaurants, soccer fields, parks. We have to take the love of Christ outside our walls and let it reach people where they already are, in places we already go. I'm not suggesting that we stand on street corners or malls and wave a Bible. I am suggesting that we be conscious of the fact that wherever we go as Christians, we have a responsibility to share Christ's love with everyone we encounter. That we use our talents and our intuition and the Holy Spirit within us to show others what Christian love looks like.

This is a message I hope we will consider in Sunday School, in sermons, and in all of our programs in the weeks and months to come. In the meantime, I hope you will begin thinking about all the things you have to share with people around you. Look for ways, even small ways, to share God's love with the world around you.

Let us go together to Galilee, our Galilee. We can be sure that the Living Christ will meet us there.

Blessings and Peace,

Mother Linda

Stewardship reminder: Who am I and who are my people that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

Conservation tip:

* Turn water off while brushing your teeth !

Have you noticed? We are using paper products less often, and making good use of our dishwasher!

“Locks of Love”

Tatum Maness has donated 14 inches of her hair to “Locks of Love,” to make wigs for children who are losing their hair due to cancer treatments. Tatum has always had a special place in her heart for cancer patients. In the past she has gone to the center to help patients who are losing their hair or to help with their makeup to boost their confidence. There are strict guidelines for this organization and we commend Tatum for her willingness to help others. She has not cut her hair in a very long time, but when she decided it was for a very good cause!

GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTABLE DONATIONS

- Hair that is colored or permed is acceptable.
 - Hair cut years ago is usable if it has been stored in a ponytail or braid.
 - Hair that has been bleached (usually this refers to highlighted hair) is not usable. If unsure, ask your stylist. We are not able to accept bleached hair due to a chemical reaction that occurs during the manufacturing process. **If the hair was bleached years ago and has completely grown out it is fine to donate.
 - Hair that is swept off of the floor is not usable because it is not bundled in a ponytail or braid.
 - Hair that is shaved off and not in a ponytail or braid is not usable. If shaving your head, first divide hair into multiple ponytails to cut off.
 - We cannot accept dreadlocks. Our manufacturer is not able to use them in our children’s hairpieces. We also cannot accept wigs, falls, hair extensions or synthetic hair.
 - Layered hair is acceptable if the longest layer is 10 inches.
 - Layered hair may be divided into multiple ponytails.

 - Curly hair may be pulled straight to measure the minimum 10 inches.
 - 10 inches measured tip to tip is the minimum length needed for a hairpiece.
- Please Note:
- Shorter hair will be separated from the ponytails and sold to offset the manufacturing costs. Although the shorter hair cannot be used in the hairpieces, it still greatly helps to reduce costs.
 - Gray hair will be accepted and sold to offset the manufacturing costs.
 - Colored hair is not usable if it is colored over bleached hair.
 - Because Locks of Love creates custom hairpieces for each child, we are unable to accept donations of wigs, falls, hair extensions or synthetic hair.



Leap year: 2012 is a Leap Year

A leap year consists of 366 days, as opposed to a common year, which has 365 days

Leap Years 2008 – 2032

Year	February 29 – day of the week
2008	Friday
2012	Wednesday
2016	Monday
2020	Saturday
2024	Thursday
2028	Tuesday
2032	Sunday

Why do we need Leap Years?

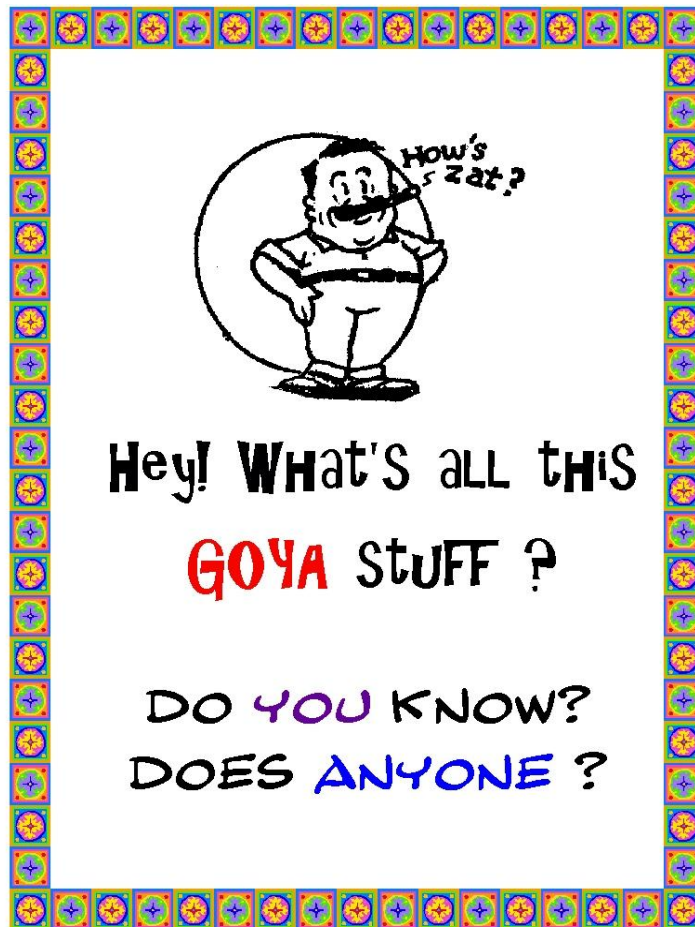
Leap Years are needed to keep our calendar in alignment with the Earth's revolutions around the sun. It takes the Earth approximately 365.242199 days (a tropical year) to circle once around the Sun.

However, the Gregorian calendar has only 365 days in a year, so if we didn't add a day on February 29 nearly every 4 years, we would lose almost six hours off our calendar every year. After only 100 years, our calendar would be off by approximately 24 days!

Note: The illustration is not to scale.

Shrove Tuesday ~ Ash Wednesday

Please join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 21. We will serve from 5:00 – 7:00p. At 7:30 we will have a brief liturgy to burn the palms from Palm Sunday, 2011. These ashes will be used for the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Services at 12 noon and 6:00 pm.



Epiphany's Wish List

Small bookcases (to fit under windows in library)

Sturdy 10 ft. ladder

Paper towels (always a need)

Coffee, creamer, sugar, and sugar alternatives for coffee

We can always use donations of paper products such as napkins, cups, etc.; however, we try to avoid using Styrofoam products due to the negative impact on the environment.

Room In The Inn

We need volunteers to help with meals. Our nights to prepare food and stay overnight are February 16, March 1 and 15th. If you can help with food and/or spending the night, please contact Rachel Wright at 623-2881. RITI is a wonderful way to spread God's love to people in need in our community. Signup sheets are also located in the kitchen and narthex.

{There are still a few boxes of offering envelopes left. If you have not picked up your envelopes for 2012, they are in the narthex. If you would like envelopes and did not receive a box, there are extra boxes as well.}

Jesus Calling

Give up the illusion that you deserve a problem-free life. Part of you is still hungering for the resolution. This is a false hope! As I told My disciples, *in the world you will have trouble*. Link your hope not to problem solving in this life but to the promise of an eternity of problem-free life in heaven. Instead of seeking perfection in this fallen world, pour your energy into seeking Me; the Perfect One.

It is possible to enjoy Me and glorify Me in the midst of adverse circumstances. In fact, My Light shines most brightly through believers who trust Me in the dark. That kind of trust is supernatural; a production of My indwelling Spirit. When things seem all wrong, trust Me anyway. I am much less interested in right circumstances than in right responses to whatever comes your way. (*John 16:33 ; Psalm 112:4, 7*)

Taken from "Devotions for Every Day of the Year" by Sarah Young. They are written as if Jesus himself were speaking directly to you.

Memorials

Given in loving of Sarah Devereaux

By

Pug & Tommy Webster

Betty Walton

2012 Parish Directory

Are now available and located in the narthex.

Lector & Layreaders Schedules:

Feb 5: Ted Fix

Ben Tucker & Rob Martin*

Feb. 12: Charlotte Maness

Mack & M.J. McKinney*

Feb. 19: Wayne Seymour

Mike Redman & Charlotte Maness*

Feb. 26: Ginny Sharrow

Ginny Sharrow & Babby Dineen*

Acolytes:

(Team 1: Nash Tetterton, Breanna & Drake Watson, Steven Dallas)
(Team 2: Caysey & Josh Petty, Hannah Kallam, Jacob Southern)

Feb.5: Team 2
Feb. 12: Team 1
Feb. 19: Team 2
Feb. 26: Team 1

Punch in the Parish Hall

We have enjoyed the fellowship following the 11 o'clock service. Being together as a church family warms the soul. We will continue in the "punch on the lawn" tradition, and a calendar will be posted outside the kitchen. If you are unable to be here on the Sunday you've chosen, have your refreshments at the church, and someone will be glad to put the goodies out for you. Just let a parishioner know that you won't be here. Please join us for fellowship.

Souper Bowl of Caring

On Sunday February 5, Epiphany held a "Souper Bowl of Caring." They collected non-perishable foods and monetary donations for Cooperative Christian Ministries. We do not have an amount at the present time but will provide that in the March Epiphany Star issue. There is still time to make a donation. You may make your check out to Church of the Epiphany and in the memo write in CCM, or make your check payable to CCM and place it on Betty's desk or in her mailbox in the copy room. Any monetary gifts are tax deductible.

Thank You Corner

To the church women of Epiphany,
My mom was down visiting this past weekend and she brought me your wonderful surprise. How beautiful! The frame is so elegant and special. I have already selected the perfect picture of Miss Vivian to display. It was so thoughtful of you to celebrate and commemorate this joyous time in our lives. We are so incredibly blessed to welcome our beautiful baby girl with open arms and open hearts. I am glad that she was able to briefly meet some of the church family at my grandmother's memorial service and I am looking forward to bringing her to Epiphany again under happier circumstances...maybe for Easter to help decorate the beautiful floral cross! I have such wonderful memories of my childhood at Epiphany and each of you are a part of what makes our church so special. Thank you for everything that you do.
With love and gratitude, Whitney Vaughn Finley and Baby Vivian.

A "Big Thanks" to the Ladies of Epiphany (and Mike Redman) for all your help with Hunter and Brianna's wedding. We are so grateful. Sincerely, Gina, Whitney and Heather.

Recycling

Church of the Epiphany is only collecting aluminum cans and #1 or #2 plastic. Please do not drop off any steel cans or plastic that is not numbered 1 or 2. You will find this on the bottom of the plastic container. Bryant Lemons takes the soda cans to sell at the recycling center; they do not accept steel cans. The money Bryant collects goes to the youth group fund. The recycling bins are located in the fenced area with the trash cans and HVAC units.

Altar Flowers for February 2012

Feb. 5: OPEN

Feb. 12: Linda & Steve Nye

Feb. 19: Page Nelson Lyon

Feb. 26: LENT

Note: The amount for altar flowers is \$59.50 if purchased through the church.

If you would like to memorialize or honor someone consider providing the Aumbry candle, which hangs over the altar. Call or email Betty in the church office 623-9410 if you are interested.

Please remember in prayer: The family of Sarah Devereux. Jo Kissenberth, Joslin Gordon, Sanford & Evelyn, Marvin Newton, Irene, Lonnie, J.C. Crist, Linda Hubbard Setliff, Sarah Pell, Alicia Pace Riddle, Lily Seymour, Zane, Theda Rudd, Eldred Cherry, Dolly Hopkins, Hamer Pender, Thomas Garner, Buena Martin, Charlotte Tulloch, Victoria, Jennie, Alice Morelli, Ann & Bobby, Jim Garner, Penny Horsley, William, Jerry Garner, Joanne, Allison, Anne, Cora, Donny, Laurel, Allison, Carolyn, Allen & Angie Burns. All the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad (especially your servants Lloyd Payne, Eddie Sullivan, Charlie Fosbroke, Michael Sumner, Frank Caparulo, Jr., Rob Bunnell) (Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, if they need to remain longer please call Betty in the office 623-9410 or email her to let her know.)

Also remember our homebound:

Zane Mizell & Charlotte Tulloch (home)

Prayer Chain

For Prayer Chain information, or to put someone's name on the prayer chain, call the church office: 623-9410
Thank you!

Altar Guild for February:

Jill Dineen

Next Vestry Meeting is scheduled for

Monday, Feb. 13, 2012, @ 7:00 pm

Meals on Wheels:

Epiphany is scheduled for Feb. 20 & 21.

Each Sunday

Coffee & snacks are being served in Moncure Hall following the 11 am service. Please join us!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Norma Parker:	February 1
Kylee Horsley	February 3
Jacob Southern	February 3
Logan Barbour:	February 4
Duane Maness, Jr.:	February 4
Mike Redman:	February 5
Don Margensey:	February 8
Diane Vaughn:	February 9
Caysey Ann Petty:	February 11
Jo Kissenberth	February 11
Wayne Seymour:	February 12
Hannah Kallam	February 16
Anne & Pete Osborne:	February 18
Tommy & Pug Webster:	February 19
Ginger Salmons:	February 21
Ronda Woodall:	February 24
Karen Cox	February 26
Deedra Ivie	February 28

If you don't see your name listed for the birthday / anniversary month or listed incorrectly, please call Betty in the church office (623-9410) so we can correct our information.

The first and third Fridays of each month, meet at the Lord's Pantry on Bridge St., to unload a food truck. This is one easy way to help in our community. We meet at 4pm. Please help out!

The non-designated offering on the first Sunday of each month is given to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to help those in need in our community.

Epiphany is a sponsor of Cooperative Christian Ministry. Please remember to bring non-perishable items to place in the red wagon for our food bank. Thank you for your contributions.

The Episcopal Church Men meet the first Friday in each month at Whistle Jacket, 11:30am.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, Feb. 14: *Valentine's Day*
(February is Heart Month)

Lent Begins:

Feb. 21: Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Supper at 5pm.

Liturgy for Burning of the palms at 7:30 pm)

Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday ~ Services at 12 noon and 6:00 pm.