

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! In this most joyous season, as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, I hope that we will remember that we are also resurrected people. As we are buried with Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism, we are also raised with him in the Resurrection.

So what does it mean to be people of the resurrection? Among other things, it means that we are people with hope. We have the hope of the promise of new life in Christ. We have the hope which comes from Christ's victory over death. And we have the hope that comes from knowing that we are part of God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Being part of the Kingdom includes making it visible to everyone we meet. Because Christ has no hands in the world except ours, it is our responsibility to do the things that show Christ's love to everyone around us. The people who are easy to love, and the ones who are less lovable. The people who are nice to us, and the ones who treat us poorly. We are called to love the people who Jesus loves, and that includes everyone.

There are many ways to show Christ's love, and many of our ministries at Epiphany do just that. So do the other community ministries which we support. On Saturday, May 14, we will have a chance to explore those ministries at the First Annual Epiphany Ministry Fair. Our parish ministries, as well as others such as the Lord's Panty, Cooperative Christian Ministries, and Meals on Wheels, will be represented at the fair. We'll have the opportunity to learn more about the ways we can serve God's people through the Church of the Epiphany, and to discover which of them will best allow us to use our God-given skills and talents.

I hope that you will join us on May 14 from 9 – 11 a.m. to see just what's happening at Epiphany and in our community. Not only will you be able to register for wonderful door prizes – a Keurig coffee maker and an iPod Nano - but you can ask questions, see how God is working in our parish and our community, and learn how you can help.

Please join us for the Ministry Fair. Show your support for our work on Christ's behalf, and find out how you can become more involved. See you there!

Blessings and Peace,

Mother Linda

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Ministry Fair at Epiphany

Mark your calendars for Epiphany's first Ministry Fair which will be held on May 14th from 9:00 until 11:00. Ministry fairs are not the first thing

most people would think of for bringing in new members, but the connections they can create can be as powerful for visitors as for long time members. A ministry fair is a collection of manned tables, each featuring a ministry of the church or supported by the church (CCM, Pastoral Care, Nets for Life, etc.), who showcase what they do, describe their volunteer roles, and invite people to join in. It's meant to connect people with ministry opportunities, and the goal is reached when ministries are connected with volunteers who get to explore where their gifts and talents might best be used within the church. We hope to have volunteers from the following ministries represented: Pastoral Care, Evangelism, Heifer, Nets for Life, The Lord's Pantry, Rockingham Help for Homeless, CCM, The Community Garden, Worship, Stewardship, the Columbarium, the Endowment, Youth, Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, ECW, Parish Involvement Committee, Outreach and the Choir. These ministries will be contacted shortly by someone from the Evangelism Committee to see if they would like to participate. If you would like to participate in this event, please see Meg McGuire, Pub Webster, Linda Nye, Jill Dineen, Nancy Garner, Vickie Byrd, Ann Morrelli, Elizabeth Devereux or Kelly Horsley. Door prizes – a Keurig coffee maker and an iPod Nano.

Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM)

CCM helped in the month of March, 31 families (46 adults, 24 children) with heating, electric, rent, medicine and kerosene). Our food bank helped 44 families (68 adults, 47 children) with food. The food drive that was sponsored by Eden Chamber of Commerce and churches around the Eden area donated 2,250 non-perishable items to our food bank. Thank you for reaching out and helping in this food drive. We can still use canned meats, saltine crackers, peanut butter and jelly and spaghetti sauce and noodles.

Our Service Men

Edward Sullivan is the grandson of Don Margensey, nephew of Jeff Margensey, Jeanne and Ron Purdy and cousin of Meg McGuire. He served as an acolyte in Epiphany until his graduation from Morehead High School in 2001. He joined the Army August 2004 and is stationed in Fort Bragg - Fayetteville, NC. He was deployed to Iraq with A-Battery 1-319 in 2006 to 2007 for 15 months doing house clearing operations. During the deployment he received one Good Conduct medal, three Army commendation medals and an Army Achievement medal and one Combat Action Badge. He re-enlisted in Iraq to become a 15T a UH60 Blackhawk maintainer and operator. He is now in Aco 2-82 a Flight company as a door gunner. He was deployed again to Afghanistan 2008 to 2009. During this deployment, he flew over 600 combat hours in the UH60L helicopter receiving one Air Medal and two Army Commendation medals and one Army Good Conduct medal. He recently attained the rank of sergeant E-5 in December 2010. He will be deploying again to Afghanistan this year in a few months. He is married to Ashley Sullivan but does not have any children yet.

James Purdy is the grandson of Don Margensey, son of Jeanne and Ron Purdy, nephew of Jeff Margensey and the brother

of Meg McGuire. He served as an acolyte in Epiphany until his graduation from Morehead High School in 2001. He joined the National Guard in December 20, 1999 and went to Boot Camp the summer between his junior and senior year at high school. He served 3 tours in Iraq between 2005 and 2007. He is now an employee of Dyncorp International and works to train Afghanistan police in Shahr-e Herat, Afghanistan. He is not married and does not have any children yet.

Frank Caparulo, Jr. is Elizabeth Devereux's nephew (by marriage: his father is married to Elizabeth's sister). He has a wife & three children and they live in Arizona. Frank is a civilian, but works & lives on an army base. He is a computer whiz & works in 'tactical support.' He joined the Army Reserves after 9/11. Last year he volunteered to be deployed to Afghanistan to support units from his base. He has been in that war zone for six months and frequently comes under enemy fire. Frank is 44 years old and considers his service 'a patriot's duty.'

Lloyd Payne is married to Guy and Rosemary Buckle's granddaughter (Beth Moore Payne). He is currently in the National Guard stationed in Dunn North Carolina. He has served two tours of duty in Iraq and one tour in Bosnia.

David Kallam is the nephew of Tina Kallam and cousin to Hannah Kallam. He joined the Marines April 5, 1998 and is currently a Motor Transportation Chief for the Marine Special Operations Command at Camp Lejeune, NC. He has served one tour of duty in Nicaragua for the Nicaragua Humanitarian Relief (Operation Build Hope), 2 tours in Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom 1) 2003 & 2005 and one tour in Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom) 2009-2010.

Jack Gray is the son of Debbie Lee and stepson of Bruce Lee. Jack graduated from Morehead High School June 10, 2006 and left for Navy Basic Training June 17, 2006. He has been deployed 4 times. He has deployed two times on board the USS NIMITZ. The first deployment started February 2007, which was in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom (OIF,OEF) in the Persian Gulf . His second deployment was on board the USS NIMITZ and started January 2008, which was also in support of OIF and OEF in the Persian Gulf . His third deployment was on board the USS CARL VINSON, and began January 2010. They were re-routed from their original destination to aid in the Haiti Relief Act following the Haiti earthquake. He is currently deployed on board the USS CARL VINSON. This is his 4th deployment and his 3rd to the Persian Gulf in support of OEF and OIF. On this deployment, he has participated in "In Country" joint operations in Bahrain and Oman . He received the Navy and Marine Core Achievement medal for his superior duties while serving 5 years in Strike Fighter Squadron 81. Jack received his enlisted aviation warfare specialist pin. He has received his Global War on Terrorism medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary medal, and a National Defense ribbon, and a Humanitarian Service medal for his efforts in Haiti everything else has been work related.

Ed Wilson is the husband of Laurie Wilson and father of Buddy, Harry, Maria & Ellie Wilson. He is in the National Guard and is stationed at Fort Bragg North Carolina during the week.

Michael Sumner is in the Army and has had two tours of duty in Afghanistan. He is connected to Epiphany because his family is close to Mother Linda. Michael has recently returned from Afghanistan and is currently stationed at Ft. Bragg. He has two young daughters who live in Charlotte.

Charlie Fosbroke is the younger brother of the Rev Frances Cox. He is currently in the Massachusetts National Guard and is stationed in Quincy Massachusetts. He has served two tours in Afghanistan and two tours in Iraq. He is married and has a 3 year old son.

Bradley Cox is the grandson of the Rev Frances and Edwin Cox. He is currently serving in the Marines and is stationed on the USS Enterprise working with jet aircrafts.

Sam Gordan is married to the granddaughter of the Rev Frances and Edwin Cox. He is serving in the Marines and is currently serving a tour in Afghanistan. He has one son.

Thank You

“Sarah and I would just like to say a big thank you to all the church women who put on the wonderful baby shower last Sunday. It was so much fun sharing this happy occasion with old friends from her "growing up" years. I guess it was also obvious that my mother had a grand old time! We feel very lucky to be part of such a warm, caring church. Thanks so much, Susan and Sarah”

Many thanks to the 23 people who helped with our Spring Clean-Up Day on April 9th! Working together we accomplished a great deal both inside and outside to make Epiphany sparkle. Special gratitude to the following people for their gift of time and talents: Jo Sherwood (who worked on Friday); Cathy Cherry; Ed and Laurie Wilson plus Buddy, Harry, Maria and Ellie Wilson (who did a wonderful job pushing the wheelbarrow and picking up trash); Mike Redman; Linda Nye; Pug Webster; Babby and Jill Dineen; Rob and Teresa Martin; Wayne Seymour; Ben and Martha Tucker; Ted Fix; Gene Burns; Joey Spencer and Mack and MJ McKinney. If you were unable to help that day, there will be other

opportunities!

What is the Episcopal Foundation?

The Episcopal Church Foundation, a private, independent foundation set up in 1949, located in New York City serves the Episcopal Church and all its members. In its Philanthropic Services department it assists parishes and dioceses in building their financial resources so future ministries will be assured.

The Foundation helps givers select vehicles for planned gifts so both they and their parishes benefit. Further, the Foundation provides support for individuals, parishes and dioceses in the form of Conferences, the Academy for Episcopal Philanthropy and Field Consultations from their regional representatives.

Lector & Layreaders Schedule

May 1: Gene Burns

Ginny Sharrow & Babby Dineen

May 8: Ted Fix

Ben Tucker & Rob Martin

May 15: Charlotte Maness

Mack & Mary Jane McKinney

May 22: Wayne Seymour

Mike Redman & Charlotte Maness

May 29: Ginny Sharrow

Ginny Sharrow & Babby Dineen

Acolytes

May 1: Team 2

May 8: Team 3

May 15: Team 1

May 22: Team 2

May 29: Team 3

Wish List

We have replaced some shrubbery and plants around our church. Thank you for any contributions toward the landscaping needs. Thanks to Martha and Mary Jane for spending an extra day planting and putting out pesticides to kill the root rot we are experiencing. Our yard looks very pretty!

Community Garden

Please check with Rob Martin or Mother Linda to see what you can do to participate in the garden at First Christian church located on Oakland Avenue. There are 2 gardens - one shaped as a cross and another one that is 16' x 4'. Any and all help is welcome or just come out and watch.

Cost at Epiphany

We are switching over from heat (Piedmont Natural Gas) to air conditioning. Let's work together to keep the cost affordable. If you turn the air down while you are here, please be responsible and turn it up to a setting of 78 degrees when you leave. Thanks again for caring and being a team player.

Youth Mission Trip

We are planning a trip to Greenwood, Mississippi. We will work with St. Thomas in Reidsville, St. David's in Cheraw, Sc and a church in Greenwood, Mississippi. We worked with all these churches last year in SC.

We have been invited to go to Mississippi this year and work with The Fuller Center there. Next year the plan would be to work in NC. The dates are July 9th through July 17th.

Recycling aluminum cans

Thanks to all that bring their cans to Epiphany to donate to our youth fund. Bring all you aluminum cans to Epiphany and Bryant Lemons will take them to recycle and collect the money for our youth mission trip that is scheduled for July. This is a win-win for our environment, youth and you!

May 5: Nat'l Day of Prayer

May 8: Mother's Day

May 14: Ministry Fair 9 – 11 am

May 20: Spaghetti Dinner 6pm

(Proceeds go to CCM)

May 30: Memorial Day

Altar Flowers for May 2011

1: OPEN

8: Steve Nye

15: OPEN

22: Helen Frenette

29: Ted Fix

Note: The amount for altar flowers is \$58.50 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 Betty in the church office 623-9410 or email if you are interest.

Please remember in prayer: Louise Soyars, Charlotte Tulloch, Ken Campbell, Melvin Garner, Amy Dix, Deborah, Bob & Lu, Ann & Bobby Shelton, Rosemary Miller, Jim Garner, Carmila Dillard, Tommy Dunn, Betty Cruise, "Little" John & James Ivie, Dale Robertson, Betty Stevenson, Robert, John & Judy Feeney, Nancy Martin, Caleb Pulliam, Elizabeth & Sarah Devereux, Alice Morelli, Alicia Pace Riddle, Pat Radke, Grace Atkins, Shearra Miller, Anne Walker, Guy Buckle, Zane, Penny Horsley, Kathy, Dale, William, Jane, Jerry Garner, Phyllis, Leonard, Tim, Mike, Tanya, Deb, Deborah, Joanne, Allison, Jeff & Anne, Georgie, Loretta, Sarah, Shannon, Brad, Jewel, Cora, Marianne, Cindy, Frank, June, Eunice, Tom. Our service men, James Purdy, Lloyd Payne, Eddie Sullivan, Jack Gray, Charlie Fosbroke, Michael Sumner, Frank Caparulo, Jr.)

(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:

Grace Atkins (Well Spring, GSO), Guy Buckle (home),

Rosemary Miller (home)

Charlotte Tulloch (Brian Ctr., Eden)

Louise Soyars (Morehead Nursing Ctr.)

Prayer Chain

For Prayer Chain information or to put someone on the prayer chain, call Zane Mizell at 623-6631 or the church office: 623-9410 Thank you!

Altar Guild for May:

Mary Jane McKinney

Next Vestry Meeting is scheduled for

Monday, May 9, 7 pm

Meals on Wheels:

Epiphany is scheduled for May 16 & 17.

Epiphany Schedule :
Sundays: 8:30 & 11 am service
Wednesday: 6:00 pm Centering Prayer
6:30 pm Youth
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Upcoming events:

Men's Luncheon (first Friday of each month) Whistle Jacket Grille 11:30am

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Ron Purdy:	May 1
Barbara Davenport:	May 2
Nancy Ragsdale:	May 6
Randy Sharrow:	May 6
Pam Hunnings:	May 7
Rocky Petty:	May 10
Ben Tucker:	May 11
Charles Tisdale:	May 11
Melanie McKinney:	May 11
Lauren Grace Nichols	May 13
Randy & Betsy Sharrow:	May 15
Ezra Roberson	May 15
Ray Sharrow:	May 16
Jeff & Katie Seymour:	May 18
Brittany Petty:	May 22
Debbie Lee	May 23
Madison Enders:	May 23
Doug Nichols	May 24
Helen Frenette:	May 25
Dave & Roya Scales	May 25
Giles Hunnings:	May 27
Mack & Mary Jane McKinney:	May 28
Ann Shelton:	May 29
Fred & Lynn Reynolds:	May 30
Pug Webster	May 30
Warren Robert Ivie	May 30

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 your 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 CCM. Thank you for your contributions.

Epiphany 2011 Pledges

2011 Goal: \$165,103.00

January 12, 2010 (37 Pledges \$130,496.00)

We are still short: \$34,607.00

Actual Income vs. Expenses:

YTD: 1-31-2011 we were under: \$3,504.00

YTD: 2-28-2011 we are over: \$5,760.00

YTD: 3-31-2011 we are under: \$1,816.00

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