

## Epiphany Star

November 2011

Brothers and Sisters,

November is the month when we concentrate specifically on our blessings and give thanks for all that we have received through God's generosity and mercy. Thanksgiving Day is about more than turkey and football and even family gatherings. It's a time to reflect on all the blessings of our lives, the big and the small, and to give thanks to God, who is the source of them all.

We all know that God is the source of all that we have and all that we are. But sometimes we don't focus on that fact as much as we could. It's easy to take for granted all that we've received. It's also easy to take credit for it, as if we received it through something we did or refrained from doing. Although we may work hard, God alone has given us the ability to do so. Although we might achieve great things, we do so because God has gifted us with intellect and talent. Although we may find love and happiness with family and friends, they, too, are gifts of God, created in God's own image, just as we are.

During the coming weeks, we will turn our attention to our thanksgiving with special attention to the ways in which we give back to God from all that has been entrusted to us. Our annual giving efforts will focus on generosity in light of the generosity that has been shared with us. A study series called *Practicing Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving* will be shared throughout our parish. We will focus on the things at Epiphany, and throughout our lives, for which we are especially thankful, and will look at how we can put that thanksgiving into action by returning to God a portion of the bounty which has been entrusted to us.

Giving back to God what truly belongs to God is our natural response if we are truly thankful for all that we have been given. As I've gotten to know you better in the past (almost) two years, I feel a deep sense of thankfulness within our congregation. Many of you have mentioned to me the things for which you are grateful to God: restored health, family and loved ones, financial success, homes, jobs, leisure, this church family, and so many more. As we turn our attention in the coming weeks to our gratitude, I hope each of us will remember the source of our blessings, and will consider what those blessings mean to us. And when we remember that God has given us all these things, I hope that our response will be extravagant generosity toward the source of all that we love and all that we have.

May we always give heartfelt and generous thanks to God, our Creator, the source of all good things. And may we do so with our hearts and minds, our prayers and praise, and our words and actions.

*Blessings and peace,*

*Mother Linda*

## Advent Wreaths

Sunday, November 27, is the first Sunday in Advent. We will make Advent wreaths for our homes during the Sunday School hour on that day. If you can help by providing greenery, please bring it to church that day (or the day before). If you'd like a specific size wreath, please bring a wreath form to use. There will be some forms available at the church that day. Invite your friends and family to join us as we prepare for this holy season in which we await our Savior's birth.

### Message from the Seymour's

Born tonight (November 2) to Jeff and Katie Seymour. Charles Jefferson Seymour, 8 and ½ lbs., 20 ½ inches long with a head full of black hair. Mother and baby are doing fine, and grandparents are in the mountains! We'll be back...sometime....Wayne and Lyn

## Caring for Creation

Each month, we try to include a “Caring for Creation” article to offer ways we might save energy, use fewer natural resources, and generally take care of our fragile earth. This month, we’re highlighting some things that are already happening at Epiphany, as well as noting things that we might do in our parish to take being green a step further.

We’re trying hard to recycle at Epiphany. We have receptacles for aluminum cans and plastic on the patio where the HVAC units are, near the kitchen and sacristy doors. Bryant Lemons has graciously offered to recycle the aluminum cans for cash, which benefits our youth programs. Plastic bottles are carried to the recycling center downtown, often by the youth or their leaders. We hope you’ll use these receptacles for your recyclable materials at church, and that you’ll bring your aluminum cans from home so that the income they bring can be used to help our youth.

We also recycle paper in the work room (the room with the copier). There is a large trash can for mixed paper next to the paper cutter. Please use that for any office paper waste you have. Betty Walton takes the paper to be recycled when the can gets full.

We’re happy for your participation in these efforts, and we hope that you’ll join us in our other efforts to save energy. When you leave a room, please turn off the lights. And when you leave the building, please make sure that all thermostats are set at an appropriate level for the season. If you’ve turned on anything – heat, air conditioning, computer, lights, etc., please make sure they’re turned off before you leave. We can all make sure that doors close behind us so that we aren’t heating and cooling the outdoors. And when you leave the kitchen or restrooms, please make sure that the water is turned off completely and that toilets have stopped running.

These are small things, and easy ones to accomplish once we get in the habit. But they make a big difference in our expenses and in the resources we use. We have been entrusted with the care of God’s world, and are called to protect it and use its resources in the best ways possible.

If you have other ideas about ways we can protect the planet, please email them to the church office at [epiphanyeden@embarqmail.com](mailto:epiphanyeden@embarqmail.com).

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### **United Thank Offering (UTO)**

It’s time again for the Fall Ingathering of the UTO. Letters will be going out to all women in the church shortly. The deadline to contribute is Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please give as you are able. Helen Frenette is the UTO Coordinator.

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### **Happening #57 (for high school youth)**

**November 11 – 13<sup>th</sup>**

Camp Walter Johnson, Denton, NC

Registration is open now thru October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Bishop’s Ball (for middle and high school youth)**

**December 9 – 11<sup>th</sup>**

Camp Walter Johnson, Denton, NC

Registration open now thru November 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **Sunday, November 27, Second Annual Chili-Cookoff!**

The Second Annual Advent Festival and Chili Cook-off will be held on Sunday, November 27 at 6:00 pm in Moncure Hall. We hope to make this event bigger and better each year. Last year, in addition to some delicious chili, we enjoyed a visit from Saint Nicholas (the Bishop of Myra, not to be confused with a guy with a similar name who may have been spotted around town), and the treats he left behind. This year we plan to add more activities for all ages. Please plan to join us and invite your friends to this evening of great food and fellowship. All entries in the chili competition are welcome. There will be winners in the regular and vegetarian categories, and the overall winner will take home the coveted Golden Ladle Award. Please include a list of ingredients with your entry for those with food allergies. We look forward to seeing you there!

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### **November Kickoff**

Our kickoff for this year's Giving Campaign will be Sunday November 6. The theme this year is Practicing Extravagant Generosity. We've ordered a devotional booklet (one per household) which will be available to all parishioners. If you are able, a donation of \$7.00 to cover the cost of each book would be helpful. However, every family should feel free to take a book whether or not you are able to defray the cost. We look forward to growing together in our faith and expressing our thankfulness over the coming weeks. On November 6, following the 11:00 service, there will be a soup and sandwich lunch, during which we will begin thinking about our response to God's extravagant generosity. Please join us!

### **Book study Extravagant Generosity**

November 6<sup>th</sup> starts our 3-week annual giving campaign. There will be a soup and sandwich lunch following the 11:00 service. That Sunday evening will also be the start of our book study on the book Extravagant Generosity. Each session will be offered three times. There are no plans to have food with the sessions. The following is the schedule for the book study:

#### Session 1:

Sunday November 6 – 6:30 pm  
Tuesday November 8 – 11:00 am  
Thursday November 10 – 6:30 pm

#### Session 2:

Sunday November 13 – 6:30 pm  
Tuesday November 15 – 11:00 am  
Thursday November 17 – 6:30 pm

#### Session 3:

Sunday November 20 – 6:30 pm  
(Skip the week of Thanksgiving)  
Tuesday November 29 – 11:00 am  
Thursday December 1 – 6:30 pm

December 4 will be the closing Sunday for the campaign. At this time we hope to have all pledge cards. There will be the annual meeting and a covered dish dinner following the 11:00 service.

### **Habitat House**

On November 19<sup>th</sup> Epiphany will provide lunch and snacks for the volunteers working on the Habitat house on Greenwood Street. Please contact either Rob Martin or Jill Dineen to volunteer to bring something for the lunch or snacks.

## Epiphany's Thanksgiving service will be Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm.

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### Soles4Souls Shoe Drive

The diocese is sponsoring a Soles4Souls Shoe Drive. Some of our youth will be attending the Bishops Ball where the shoes will be delivered. Bring your gently used shoes to the church for distribution. *Your gift of gently used footwear is important to children and adults around the world. Footwear can help eliminate the spreading of disease through the foot as well as help children obtain an education - as many schools have footwear requirements to attend. When you take the time to RECYCLE your footwear, you are in fact changing lives! To learn more about this program visit <http://www.soles4souls.org>*

### Annual Christmas Tree & Wreath Fundraiser

Annual Christmas Tree and Wreath Fundraiser: We are selling Christmas Trees and Wreaths for our Fall Fundraiser this year. **Our quality and prices cannot be beat!** Wreaths 24" – 26" to 36" – 38" finished size. Prices range from \$20 - \$51. (Fraser Fir, Fraser Fir mixed with White Pine and/or Boxwood and specialty wreaths available in the shape of a Cross or Heart. There are also Straights for your mantel and Garland for your other decorating needs). The deadline for all orders is **November 6<sup>th</sup>! Choose your Delivery Date: Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> or Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** To order, contact the church at 336-623-9410 or Vicky Petty at 336-432-7426.

### Reminder:

If you change your telephone number or drop your land line and are using only a cell, please contact the church office to give us an update. It is very important we that we have your current information.

A donation was made to the Columbarium Fund for the West Coast Laurel  
in honor of Joan Sherwood by Frances Reid.

### Memorials

*Given in loving memory of Rosemary Miller*

By

Mary & Jimmy Ivie  
Jimmy & Ann Walker  
Mackey Toole & Scott Szabo  
Pug & Tommy Webster  
Daniel & Kenette Robertson  
Ben & Martha Tucker  
Bob & Diane Vaughn  
Ruth Sherwood  
Steve & Jo Sherwood

*In loving memory of Louise Soyars*

By

Will Dallas  
Martha & Ben Tucker

*In loving memory of Guy & Rosemary Buckle*

By

Martha & Ben Tucker

*In loving memory of David & Ann Arnold*

By  
Trish Arnold & sisters

*In loving memory of Shelby I. Sherwood*

By  
"Mama" Ruth Sherwood

*In loving memory of Grace Atkins*

By

Will Dallas  
Janet Collins  
Art & Alison Maccord  
Rex & Judy Rouse  
Ginny Sharrow  
Mary Tulloch  
Zane & Howard Mizell  
Nancy Garner  
Charles & Marcia Mason  
Carol Melvin & family  
Helen Gardner  
Ben & Martha Tucker  
Pug & Tommy Webster  
Terry & Jill Slatter  
Sarah & George Pratt  
Billy & Judy Sears  
Jo & Steve Sherwood  
Ruth Sherwood  
Toni Flanagan Burchell  
Andy & Lynn Wilbourne  
Dr. Robert & Diane Vaughn

**With much appreciation...**

Dear Women of Epiphany,

On behalf of my family I thank you for the wonderful reception you provided for us and our guests after my mother's memorial service. It was bountiful and delicious. Thank you for the time and love that made it so special. Sincerely, Linda Strong (The family of Grace Atkins)

**Lector & Layreaders Schedules:**

Nov. 6: Susan Stone  
Ben Tucker\* & Rob Martin  
Nov. 13: Ted Fix  
Mack & Mary Jane McKinney  
Nov. 20: Gene Burns  
Mike Redman & Charlotte Maness\*  
Nov. 27: Mike Redman  
Ginny Sharrow & Babby Dineen\*

**Acolytes:**

Nov. 6: Team 2  
Nov.13: Team 1  
Nov.20: Team 2  
Nov. 27: Team 1

**Cooperative Christian Ministry**  
**(CCM)**

We would like to thank Mohawk of Eden for donating 389 non-perishable items to the CCM Food Bank. This is appreciated and needed at this time of year. In the month of October we gave out 113 bags of food to 186 adults and 116 children. We appreciate all or anything you are able to give monetary gifts are few right now. Our income for this past month was \$1,577.00 and our expenses were \$4,368.77.

*Seek joy in what you give not in what you get.*

**Epiphany will sponsor a CCM Thanksgiving Food Drive.**

Thanksgiving is a time to remember how blessed we are and to share with others. If you would pick up an item or two while at the grocery store or look in your cupboard and share an item with the less fortunate this thanksgiving it would be much appreciated. For your convenience there will be marked boxes located in the narthex and in McGinniss hall.

Items needed for Thanksgiving Food Drive: Canned turkey, chicken or ham, boxed stuffing, canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned cranberry sauce, or anything you are able to give.

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**Winter Homeless Shelter**

There will be a meeting concerning Room in the Inn on Sat. Nov 12, 1 pm at Leaksville United Methodist. We would like to have a minimum of 2 people attend. In case you have not heard, the group that organized RITI for the last few years will not be able to do so this year. To fill the need, a single individual has taken it upon herself to get it done. Your help is needed. And helping starts with attending this meeting. There is no need to contact anyone about attending; please be there if you can.

*Have a Happy Thanksgiving*

## Altar Flowers for November 2011

6: OPEN

13: Seymour's

20: Mark Parker

27: Ruth Sherwood

*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 or email Betty in the church office 623-9410 if you are interested.

**Please remember in prayer:** The family of Grace Atkins. Peggy Andres, Betsy Scales, Becky Reamey, Arnold McKinney, Gene Davis, Linda, Jack Richardson, Charlotte Tulloch, Allison, Victoria, Betty Weiss, Charlotte Maynor, Jennie, Melvin Garner, Ridley Smith, Ann & Bobby Shelton, Jim Garner, Zane, Penny Horsley, Joanne, Anne, Cora. All the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad (especially your servants Ed Wilson, David Kallam, 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:

Charlotte Tulloch (home)

#### Prayer Chain

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

### Altar Guild for November:

Helen Frenette

### Next Vestry Meeting is scheduled for Monday,

November 14, 7 pm

### Meals on Wheels:

Epiphany is scheduled for Nov.1,

Nov. 28 & 29

### Each Sunday

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

### Epiphany's Upcoming events:

**Thanksgiving Service**, Wednesday Nov. 23, 6pm

Sunday, November 27th –

Advent Festival & 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off -- 6:00p

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Cathie M. Covington:	Nov. 1
Ken Lankford	Nov. 1
Bobbi Kozel	Nov. 3
Lydia Grace Sharrow:	Nov. 4
Bryant & Azile Lemons:	Nov. 4
Richard Copeland	Nov. 6
Margaret & Rob Bunnell:	Nov. 6
Rachel Rouse:	Nov. 7
Keith & Michelle Dallas:	Nov. 12
Joanna Atkins	Nov. 12
Victor Rouse:	Nov. 13
Karen & Garry Cox:	Nov. 15
Joan Sherwood:	Nov. 16
Steve Sherwood:	Nov. 16
Vickie Byrd	Nov. 18
Mark Parker:	Nov. 19
Gavin Joseph McGuire	Nov. 21
Bonnie & Bob Enders:	Nov. 22
"Jo" & George Kissenberth	Nov. 28
Mary Ivie:	Nov. 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. 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.

### Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

*(The church office will be closed 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> to observe Thanksgiving)*