

Epiphany Star

September 2011

Sisters and brothers,

September is definitely in the running as the busiest month of the year. School has just begun, and many of us are settling back into that routine. Even those who don't have children at home are allowing extra time for school traffic as we drive to work or go on errands. Students and teachers are filled with excitement, and perhaps some apprehension, about the start of a new school year. Teachers have worked hard to prepare their classrooms; students are loaded down with backpacks full of supplies and books. Just as we prepare physically for the beginning of a new year, it's important to prepare spiritually. And everyone – whether or not we have students or teachers in our homes – can help with the spiritual preparation. Recently, I came across the following prayers for those returning to school, and for those in particular education roles. I hope you will include them in your daily prayers throughout the academic year, and that you will also remember those who do not have the opportunity to receive an education. These prayers come from ForwardMovement.org:

For Teachers

O God, our heavenly Father, we pray for those whose lives are spent in teaching or in other service in our schools and colleges. Grant them strength to carry them through their tasks, and let them see the reward of their labors in sound Christian character and good citizenship.

For Youth in School and College

Lord Jesus, who as a young adult heard and obeyed the call to give your life in sacrifice for the salvation of all people and for the kingdom of God: Help me in this time of my youth to discover how best to serve God. In my days of preparation at school, keep ever before my eyes the prize that is better than any earthly prize. Save me from material aims and ambitions, and direct me in all my studies that they may serve above all things to make me better prepared to do the work which you will give me to do. Keep me day by day loyal to you; strengthen me to resist the temptations of the body and the mind; and help me to influence others towards love of you and your holy church.

For Schools, College and Universities

Almighty God, behold our universities, colleges, and schools with your gracious favor, that knowledge may be increased among us and all good learning flourish and abound. Bless all who teach and all who learn; and grant that in humility of heart they may ever look to you, the fountain of all wisdom.

For Education

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom. Grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth. Amen.

Of course, school isn't the only exciting thing happening in September. On Sunday, September 11, we'll welcome our Diocesan Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, to Epiphany. Bishop Curry is, of course, the chief pastor of all congregations in our diocese, and we are delighted that he will be with us on that day. Several people will be received into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Curry, and your presence and support of them is important.

It's especially nice to have Bishop Curry with us on that day, since we will also celebrate the 167th anniversary of the founding of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany. Please invite any members or former members of Epiphany to be with us to celebrate this anniversary. Following the 11:00 service (and please note that our service time changes back to **11:00** that day!) there will be a pot luck lunch in Moncure Hall. Bring your favorite dish to share, and invite your friends to join us for the celebration. I look forward to seeing you!

Blessings and peace,

Mother Linda

Welcome

Communities of faith in the Greensboro area will gather in the spirit of Taize for a service of Peace in Commemoration of Victims of Violence and Terror on Thursday, September 1 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Greensboro. Silence observed at 6:45pm, service at 7pm. This is an ecumenical worship space; all are welcome to participate

Fall Schedule Returns

It is once again time for our Sunday school year to begin. We will start classes September 18th from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. between the early service and the 11:00 service. Our preschool/Kindergarten teachers are Kelly Horsley, Jill Dineen, and Laurie Wilson. The Elementary (1st-5th grades) will be taught by Meg McGuire and Debra Kidd. We have combined our middle school and high school youth into one classroom taught by Vicky Petty and Charlotte Maness. We are looking forward to a new year with a new Episcopal curriculum. In addition, Rob Martin will be teaching the adult class and our babies will be cared for by Tatum Maness and Brittany Petty in the nursery. Please join us and enjoy the learning and fellowship!

*Nets For Life Campaign continues through the end of the year. We would like to have a net purchased for each member of the church. Each net is \$12 and protects 3 people from Malaria.
See Vicky Petty or Wayne Seymour for more information.*

**Sunday, September 11th
Anniversary/Bishop visit/cover-dish.**

Riverfest

We need volunteers to man our booth at Riverfest this year selling baked goods. The dates and times are: Friday, September 16th 5:00pm - 10:00pm and Saturday, September 17th 10:00am - 10:00pm. We would like you to sign up for 1 hour time slots (more if possible). Please contact Vicky Petty to choose your time.

We will sell Christmas Trees and wreaths again this year for our Fall Fund Raiser. We were successful with this fund raiser last year and expect this year to be even better. Please plan to purchase your tree and wreaths from us.

Punch on the Lawn

Punch on the lawn has been such a success this summer. We have all enjoyed the opportunity to visit and share stories about grandbabies, trips, and any event we wish to giber about. So a new tradition is beginning Sunday September 18th; punch and coffee in Moncure Hall after the 11 o'clock service. This time is in addition to the Sunday school coffee time. We do love all opportunities to eat, so please plan to join us each Sunday.

Starting September 18th

Coffee and eats to be served in Moncure Hall following the 11:00 am service.
Please Join Us!!!!

*Congratulations to Jill Dineen who recently retired from many years of teaching.
I understand that everyone at Draper Elementary School really misses her.*

Fall Youth Gathering
November 4th – 5th
Everyone is invited for all or some

The youth are planning an overnight retreat to the Christmas Tree farm in Elk Creek, Virginia. Mr. And Mrs. Rosser have invited our group to come stay in their renovated farm house as a way to thank us for selling their trees for our fundraiser. We plan to go up Friday afternoon. We will get settled in, eat dinner and then have a meditative walk to the top of the mountain where the largest Christmas Trees are grown to have an evening service with communion. Saturday we plan to go to the Virginia Creeper trail and bike from Abingdon to Damascus (about 16 miles). This trail is very friendly as it is a slight decline down an old railroad line. We plan to go to Damascus to catch a shuttle (you can rent bikes there also) to Abingdon, then ride back down to Damascus. It is suppose to be a very enjoyable ride with lots of things to experience along the way. We will return to Eden Saturday evening.

Everyone is invited to come enjoy the fun and relaxation with us.

For more information on the farmhouse go to: www.rosserchristmastrees.com

For more information on the Virginia Creeper Trail go to: www.vacreepertrail.com

Contact Vicky Petty or Teresa Martin if you have questions or are interested in coming with us.

Youth Update

The youth continued to meet throughout the summer. The attendance was up and down with everyone having camps and vacations. We have made some plans for the fall. Although we lost Will Cox and Will Dallas, we gained Brianna Watson. We still have a great group of young people willing to learn and serve in our church.

Some of the events coming up this fall:

Fall Youth Event

October 7th – 9th

Haw River State Park

Browns Summit, NC

For Middle School Youth

This year's theme is "Bullying"

Participant registration is open now thru September 26th

Early Registration until September 5th

Fall Youth Gathering

November 4th – 5th

Elk Creek, VA

See separate article

For Youth of all Ages!!!!

Overnight in Renovated Farm House at Christmas Tree Farm

Evening meditative walk and communion

Virginia Creeper Trail Biking on Saturday

Happening #57

November 11th – 13th

Camp Walter Johnson
Denton, NC
For High School Youth
Participant Registration is open now thru October 31st
Early Bird Registration until October 10th

Bishop's Ball
December 9th – 11th
Camp Walter Johnson
Denton, NC
For Middle and High School Youth
Registration open now thru November 28th
Early Bird Registration until November 7th

Conference on Church Music

Pug Webster, Ted Fix, Mike Redman, Wayne & Lyn Seymour and Gene Burns spent August 18 – 21 at the beach. This conference just keeps getting bigger and better. Under the direction of David Flood, Choirmaster and Sr. Organist/Canterbury Cathedral/England, the choir of 162 voices sang some difficult but beautiful major works.

On Saturday the conference did a choral Evensong. Later that evening we all attended the adult and youth talent show. You would have been so proud of Wayne, whose take on “Give me that old time religion” brought down the house. He stole the show. Pug, joined a group made up of two local churches. (Ask her what she did).

Sunday morning was the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church, Bogue Banks, NC. This was a true celebration; the church was filled to capacity and overflowing. It is hard to explain the experience many friends made over the years and making new friends who were attending for the first time. All the time being in a beautiful facility as the Trinity Center, at the beach with the best “conference food” ever.

You should try – you might like it!

Episcopalians

(Adapted from an essay by Garrison Keillor)

We make fun of Episcopalians for the blandness; their excessive calm their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like them. If you were to ask an audience in Des Moines, a relatively Episcopalianless place, to sing along on the chorus of “Michael Row the Boat Ashore,” they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Episcopalians, they’d smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach!...And down the road!

Many Episcopalians are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person’s rib cage. It’s natural for Episcopalians to sing in harmony. We are too modest to be soloist, too worldly to sing in unison. When you’re singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it’s an emotionally fulfilling moment. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other. I do believe this, people: Episcopalians, who love to sing in four-part harmony, are the sort of people you could call up when you’re in deep distress. If you are dying, they will comfort you. If you are lonely, they’ll talk to you. And if you are hungry, they’ll give you tuna salad!

Episcopalians believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud. Episcopalians like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn with more than four stanzas. And lastly, you know you are an Episcopalian when it takes ten minutes to say goodbye.

Lector & Layreaders Schedules:

Sept.4: Ginny Sharrow
Ginny Sharrow & Babby Dineen*
Sept.11: Ted Fix
Ben Tucker* & Rob Martin
Sept.18: Susan Stone
Mack & M.J. McKinney
Sept. 25: Mike Redman
Mike Redman & Charlotte Maness*

Acolytes:

Sept. 4: Team 2
Sept. 11: Team 1 & 2 (Bishop Curry)
Sept.18: Team 1
Sept.25: Team 2

Cooperative Christian Ministry **(CCM)**

Saturday, Sept. 10, will be a fund raiser for CCM Food Bank and two other organizations in Eden. This event will be held at Freedom Park during 3pm – 9 pm. There will be gospel singing, Don Wright group, Rhythm & Blues and the cost of admission will only be cans of food. The food and any monetary gifts will be divided between the three organizations to help feed the needy. Please plan to come out and help this fund raiser and also enjoy a fun night out.

In the month of July CCM helped 28 families (39 adults, 37 children) with utilities. Our food bank helped 113 families (190 adults, 107 children) in the month of August. Our income was \$1,975.41 and expenses \$3,853.63. We need your support!

We are always in need of cereal, crackers, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & cheese & cookies. Remember, the first Sunday of each month is designated to CCM Food Bank. We ask you to bring any non-perishable food item and place in the red wagon located in the narthex. Also donations either by check or cash are welcome and tax deductible.

Giving from the abundance of our blessings.

Special thanks to Mother Linda, Pug Webster, Teresa Martin, Vicky Petty, Charlotte Maness, Gene Burns, Ginny Sharrow and Mary Ivie for submitting an article(s) for this issue of Epiphany Star.

Altar Flowers for September 2011

4: Jim Pryon
11: Pug Webster
18: **OPEN**
25: Steve Nye

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: Jack Richardson, Barry Blay, Delight Beck, Charlotte Tulloch, Betty Turner, Lauren Lemons, Randy H., Edison, Vickie Byrd, Mark Parker, Grace Atkins, Lonnie, John & James Ivie, George Kissenberth, Allison, Victoria, Betty Weiss, Charlotte Maynor, Cheryl Robertson, Jennie, Ken Campbell, Melvin Garner, Deborah, Bob & Lu, Alice Morelli, Ridley Smith, Ann & Bobby Shelton, Jim Garner, Rosemary Miller, Betty Cruise, Robert, John & Judy Feeny, Sarah Devereux, Zane, Penny Horsley, Kathy, William, Jerry Garner, Joanne, Jeff & 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.)
(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), Rosemary Miller
(home)
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: 623-9410

Altar Guild for September:

Jo Sherwood

Next Vestry Meeting is scheduled for Monday,

September 12, 7 pm
(With Bishop Curry Sunday, Sept.11)

Meals on Wheels:

Epiphany is scheduled for September 5 & 6.
(No delivery on Monday)

Monday, September 5

Labor Day

The church office will be closed.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Barbara & Giles Hunnings:	September 2
Breanna Watson	September 4
William Cox:	September 5
Dwayne Salmons:	September 5
Rod & Kelly Horsley:	September 7
Gene Burns	September 8
Connie Reynolds	September 8
The Rev. Linda Nye	September 9
Chris Petty:	September 13
Duane & Charlotte Maness:	September 14
Kailey Price:	September 15
Josh Reynolds:	September 18
Cathy M. Covington	September 21
Corrie Tetterton	September 22
Ted Fix:	September 23
Steve Nye	September 24
Roya Scales	September 25
Carl Maddox	September 26
John & Bobbi Kozel	September 26
Anne Osborne:	September 26
Penn Parker:	September 26
Howard & Zane Mizell:	September 27
Sarah Tucker:	September 27
Lily Seymour	September 27
Judy Smith	September 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 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.

Upcoming events:

Sunday, Sept. 11: Epiphany 167 Anniversary & Bishop Curry (covered dish luncheon)

Beginning Sunday, September 18

Coffee & Eats to be served in Moncure Hall following the 11 am service. Please join us!