

# EPIPHANY STAR

**Church of the Epiphany March 2018**

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## Clergy Clatter

**W**riting Clergy Clatter in the middle of Lent is always a challenge for me. It's sort of expected that I be serious, and sometimes I just have trouble doing that – even in Lent.

It's been a very Lenten 24 hours. Three times last night, Frisky, my very old Rat Terrier that sleeps with me, woke me up to tell me that he had to go outside. He does that with kisses – ugh. I have to carry him downstairs at night, or accidents happen before he can hobble down the steps on his own. All three trips really were emergencies, so I didn't mind, too much.

This morning, after my fitful night with Frisky, I had an early dental appointment. I still have my wisdom teeth – no wisdom, just wisdom teeth. Two hours later I walked out with a new temporary crown on that wisdom tooth. We won't talk about what happened during those two hours.

Upon arriving at the office, holding my jaw, Drew informed me that the computer that runs the labels for this newsletter, and all of our mailings, had died. He was on the phone with tech support trying to figure out what to do. It was the oldest computer in the office, and we had been planning to move its data and programs to a new machine. Would you believe the new machine was even sitting right next to the old machine, smiling and ready for the frightening data transfer, which tech support promised they would lead Drew through, step by step? I don't have a good feeling about this, but we'll see. If you get this newsletter - it worked.

So – I have an old dog with what appears to be a urinary tract issue. I have a sore jaw. I have a dead computer, and it's Lent. Best of all, it's only noon. Dear God, what else awaits my humble soul this beautiful sunny day in Lent?

*Richard*



## Notes on Council 2018

The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia held its annual Council on Feb. 15-17. The first Annual Council of this diocese was held 125 years ago; hence, and quite appropriately, this one was held in the history-laden and tradition - honoring town of Williamsburg. Representing approximately 100 parishes, there were nearly 1000 people attending the event in the Williamsburg Lodge. (Epiphany was represented by the Rev. Richard O. Bridgford, the Rev. Julia Ashby, Jackie Rochelle, Mary Shaffer, Robert Everett, and Joyce Williams.) In addition to the perfunctory administrative matters at hand, the Council offered many opportunities for spiritual consideration, understanding, and growth.

Most administration matters were dispensed with rather quickly. There were also several presentations highlighting the many ministries of this diocese; i.e., Episcopal Youth, Latino Ministries, College Ministries, Addictions and Recovery Commission, Community Action Network, etc.

After the morning worship on the first day, Bishop Hollerith gave his remarks. To summarize a few, he said that his wish for the diocese was to be healthy, and he asked all to look and see what it is that we are offering to the world around us. And quite surprisingly to many of us, he announced his retirement to become effective on Dec.31, 2018. He concluded his remarks by saying, " But what I do have is faith – faith in the rightness of the journey and faith in the one who always strengthens us to take it. And, finally, I have faith in you – the people of the Episcopal Church in Southern Virginia. I know what you can accomplish and I know the goodness and greatness of your hearts."

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# Vestry Highlights

## February VESTRY

- ◆ Reported that a special memorial service was planned for the ashes of two of Michael Hardin's dogs and Robert & Marcie Kidd's dog Sunday evening, February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Reported that 16 people are registered for Safe Church Training on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Some of the attendees are from other congregations.
- ◆ Reported that three columbarium stones have arrived and been placed.
- ◆ Reported that inventory of choir and acolyte vestments indicated we do not need additional vestments at this time. However, we do need a new system of storing and hanging them; Mike Scott to explore.
- ◆ Reported that Church Insurance now provides us with \$10 million in malicious attack insurance at no additional cost to us.
- ◆ Reported plans for the Lenten Program.
- ◆ Approved 2017 Audit Letter from Tina Wright, noting everything is in order.

## Easter Egg Hunt Candy Needed!

We'll be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt after 11:00 worship on Easter Sunday! Please bring individually wrapped candy and place it in the container in the Narthex! Thank You!



## Notes on Council 2018

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The Council concluded shortly after mid-day on Saturday. For many it was an opportunity to "catch up" with old friends, and for all it was a time to gain new spiritual insights and to build new relationships. Traveling back and forth to Williamsburg with other members of Epiphany and sharing meals together gave me the chance to discuss and digest the thoughts and comments shared at the Council meetings. I am thankful for the experience and am glad that I went.

*Joyce Williams*



1	Linda Armstrong	16	Marcie Kidd
5	Lukah Fernandez	17	Chris Colburn
6	James Coaxum	19	Eva-Maria Hoffman
7	Kitty Sizemore	20	Sherry Pebworth
8	Sharri Keller	24	Dottie Isaac
	Dawn Blair	28	Jimmy Eason
10	Carol Fernandez		



2	Susanna & Brian Wilson
26	Cheryl & Joe Turner
27	Sheila & Bobby Brinck

## One more note from Council

Joyce has beautifully summarized the content of Council, so I'll just tag my thoughts onto hers.

Meetings such as these are long—many different committee presentations, budgets, matters to deliberate, votes to cast and speeches can range from exciting to less interesting. But I was not disappointed. By the end of the two days I had a new appreciation of the depth and breadth of the activities and responsibilities of the Diocese and of the talent at its helm.

I'm proud that we at Epiphany have been able to financially and spiritually support the Diocesan ministry!

*Bob Everett*



## Lenten Program

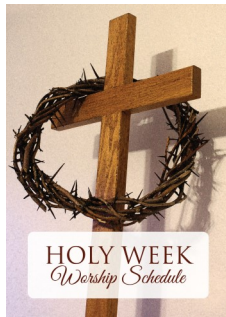
*Each Thursday we will share a pot luck dinner beginning at 6 PM which will be followed by a forty-five minute program at 6:30.*

**March 1** - "How Bishops are Elected" and "Before and After Female Clergy" by Richard and Julia.

**March 8** - "Fireside Chat" with Richard and Julia. This will be an opportunity to ask any questions you might have about the Bible, theology, history, ethics, the church, being a priest, etc. It is your chance to "stump the priest."

**March 15** - Virginia Van Horn, who is Richard's niece and an art teacher with the Governor's School, will discuss the paintings and life of Vincent Van Gogh.

**March 22** - Kimmie Porter will present a special program on Dreams.



**March 29** - Maundy Thursday Liturgy at 6 PM followed by an Agape Meal and stripping of the altar. An Agape meal is a meatless pot luck supper eaten in silence while a portion of the Gospel of John is read aloud. The choir will sing during the service.

**March 30** - Good Friday Liturgy with Stations of the Cross at 12 noon and 6 PM. These are identical services with communion from Reserved Sacrament.

**April 1** - Easter Sunday  
8:00 AM  
11:00 AM (with limited incense)  
12:30 PM Egg Hunt  
6:00 PM Tucker House (very simple service) Public invited

Bring your flowers for the "Flowering of the Cross" and items for the reception after the 11:00 service.

## Don't forget!

If you would like to dedicate an Easter lily to someone, please fill out a form and turn it into the office no later than Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> so that it will appear in the insert on Easter Day.

Also, remember to set your clocks forward on Saturday night, March 10<sup>th</sup>.



## Good Friday Offering

Again this year we will join other Episcopal churches by designating our Good Friday offering to the Anglican Church in Jerusalem. This is a long-standing tradition in the Episcopal Church. Please be generous.

## Worship Volunteer Schedule

Mar	Lector	Chalicer	Usher
4	J. Cronin	T. Bissonnette	K. LaPointe
11	T. Bissonnette	J. Cronin	C. Colburn
18	M. Kidd	M. Scott	J. Rochelle
25	B. Pritchard	B. Pritchard	A. Stein



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# March 2018



				1  <i>Lenten Potluck supper &amp; program 6PM</i>	2  Al Anon noon-1 PM	3
4  Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am  <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	5	6  <i>Office open 9 - 12</i>	7  <i>Office open 9 - 3</i>  <b>Choir 7PM</b>	8  <i>Lenten Potluck supper &amp; program 6PM</i>	9  Al Anon noon-1 PM	10  <i>Vestry Training Days at St. Paul's</i>  
11 Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am  <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>  	12	13  <i>Office open 9 - 12</i>  <i>Rowing Club 6PM</i>	14  <i>Office open 9 - 3</i>  <b>Choir 7PM</b>	15  <i>Lenten Potluck supper &amp; program 6PM</i>	16  Al Anon noon-1 PM	17
18 Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am  <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	19	20  <i>Office open 9 - 12</i>   <i>Civic League 6:30 PM</i>	21  <i>Office open 9 - 3</i>  <b>Choir 7PM</b>	22  <i>Lenten Potluck supper &amp; program 6PM</i>	23  Al Anon noon-1 PM	24
25 Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am  <i>Palm Sunday</i>	26	27  <i>Office open 9 - 12</i>	28  <i>Office open 9 - 3</i>  <b>Choir 7PM</b>	29  <b>6:00</b> Maundy Thurs Service  <b>6:45</b> Agape Meal  <b>7:15</b> Stripping of Altar	30  <i>Good Friday Liturgy &amp; Stations of the Cross</i>  <i>12 noon and 6 pm</i>	31

