

# EPIPHANY

Church of the Epiphany August 2018

*The little white church on the corner*

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## Clergy Clatter

**A**s most of you know, I have two dogs. Frisky is a very old Rat Terrier from the pound. He's deaf and almost blind. Most of his life consists of moving from his bed in my den to his bed in my bedroom, with an occasional trip outside if I carry him down the stairs.

Max (Maxwell) is another matter. I sort of inherited Max (it's a long story). Max is a Westie (West Highlands Terrier). He's the cute one. Look at a Caesar's dog food package, and you'll see Max. I always assumed Westies were sort of fru fru sissy dogs. Oh, was I wrong. They are smart, stubborn, fierce hunters. Max will wade into the marsh mud behind my house up to his chin to chase a raccoon. He spends a significant portion of his life in the sink or bath tub being de-mudded.

Foolishly, Max is allowed on all of the furniture in my house – he's just sooo cute. But there is one place he is not allowed – my bed pillows. Cute or not, those pillows are mine, and they are off limits, and he knows it. He also sees those pillows as his "forbidden fruit." As soon as he thinks I'm gone, he heads straight to them. Every once in a while, I have to return to the bedroom for something I forgot. Since I leave my

radio on for the dogs, Max does not hear me coming back. And of course, he's quickly taken to the pillows. I get a special pleasure out of surprising him with a loud, "What are you doing on those pillows?" He never can quite get his legs working fast enough to get away from my feigned wrath. He knows he's been bad, but it was worth it to spend just a few minutes on the forbidden pillows.



I find it fascinating that it's not just humans who are attracted to the forbidden. The Bible is full of stories of people unable to resist the temptation of the one thing they are supposed to avoid. The big one, of course, is Adam and Eve. But there are also stories like the great King David being unable to control his lust for Uriah's wife. And there's story after story of characters yielding to temptation to "touch the forbidden." All of us grew up with nursery rhymes and children's stories of failure

to avoid the forbidden. It's part of human nature that we crave that which we are not supposed to have.

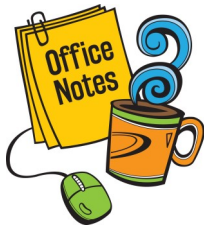
When I scold Max, I'm really not as furious as I try to sound. He's really a good little dog—except for my bed pillows. Maybe God sees us with the same delight, and maybe God's wrath is much gentler than we perceive it to be.

*Richard+*

# Vestry Highlights

## July 2018 Vestry

- ♦ Reported a new timer has been ordered for the light that illuminates the stain glass window over the narthex.
- ♦ Heard a report from John Moscoe with recommendations concerning church bell maintenance.
- ♦ Mike Scott will contact company to perform annual elevator inspection. He will also speak with (another) company re completion of the drain behind the columbarium.
- ♦ Reviewed a printing proposal for the "Clergy Clatter book." Vestry requested quotes at increased quantities.
- ♦ Approved not holding an August Vestry meeting unless a major issue develops. See note below.



### Remember:

The Vestry takes a break in August. There will be no meeting unless an important matter comes up.



7	Britt Porter	13	Michael Díaz
8	Courtney Clary	22	Jerry Cronin
10	Rachel Ward	24	Sharon Barrineau
11	Joyce Williams	25 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Everett
13	Kevin LaPointe		



Len & Tina Wright - August - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Robert & Vivienne Alexander - 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Carlos & Carol Fernandez - 30<sup>th</sup>



On the first Sunday in August, the 5<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Pot Luck Luncheon after the 11:00 o'clock service. Drinks are provided. Just bring your favorite dish! Come join us and relax in the middle of this hot summer in our air-conditioned parish hall.

## What spills out?



Rev. Henry Wingblade once compared the Christian personality to the unseen soup in a bowl carried high over a waiter's head. No one knows what's inside — unless the waiter is bumped or trips. If Jesus is truly living inside us, Wingblade said, what spills out should be the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

When you falter, what do people see? How can your "spillage" better reflect the Holy Spirit, who lives in you?



Our Fall Yard Sale this year is on **October 20<sup>th</sup>**. This is our major fundraiser for the year and it's always a popular neighborhood event as well. Start bringing your things in on September 18th. Keep in mind that one person's trash is another person's treasure. The only things we cannot store in advance are those with gasoline motors.

"To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart."

—Eleanor Roosevelt



Just a note to remind you to keep up with your pledges even during these slow summer days!



## Labor Day Cookout Sunday, Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>

Following the 11:00 service, join us for a Labor Day Cookout, rain or shine. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks are provided. You may bring a side dish. Invite a friend or relative to join us. Come eat, relax and enjoy each other's company a day before the holiday!



## Worship Volunteer Schedule

Aug	Lector	Chalicer	Usher
5	M. Scott	B. Pritchard	G. Irby
12	J. Cronin	A. Fernandez	K. Moore
19	M. Kidd	B. Pritchard	J. Turner
26	B. Pritchard	J. Cronin	C. Colburn

## School Supplies Needed

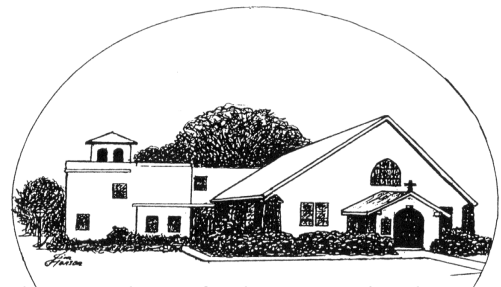


St. Columba's Program for helping local children in need continues this year. Next time you're out shopping, consider picking up a pack of pencils, pens or a notebook, etc. They already have a source for backpacks and rulers but there are many other supplies needed. The entire list is on the counter underneath the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

We need to receive your donations no later than **Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>** in order to get them to St. Columba by their deadline of Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

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