



EPIPHANY

Church of the Epiphany September 2018

The Little White Church on the Corner

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Clergy Clatter

So – how could this happen? It's mid-afternoon, and I'm sitting at my desk at Epiphany writing birthday and anniversary notes. I notice a couple of small brown spots on the note paper. I fuss about the printer supplying us with dirty paper, and go on with my writing. A few minutes later, I reach across my desk for something and my hand lands in a puddle. I dry off my hand, wipe up the desk, pick up my coffee mug for a sip of coffee, and there's something very large and very black just barely sticking out of my very black coffee. I reach in, pull it out, and it's my beloved flip phone. It has been sitting in a cup of black coffee for at least two hours. So, I'm holding my poor flip phone over my desk, and it's dripping coffee from more holes and crevices than I ever knew existed on a flip phone, and I'm saying the burial rite for my beloved phone, with all of my phone numbers recorded in its memory. This is not funny.

I call Bob Everett. Bob has a mystical relationship with cell phones. They understand each other. He can make them do things one never thought possible. I explain the situation.

Through a very all-knowing chuckle, Bob tells me to get the phone to a bag of rice, seal it up for a couple of days, and see what happens. Witchcraft! But I was in no position to argue. I got my dripping phone home, found some rice that Julie uses to cook food for my dogs, put it in a baggie with the phone, and sealed it up. Three days later – believe it or not, the phone rang – in the rice. I answered it, and it could talk. It could also hear – better than before its coffee bath. And I had my phone numbers back. God is soooo good.



Only half of the screen is readable, but my flip phone lives. Its days are numbered. It's time for a smart phone. I have to face it. But a big thank you to Bob, the bag of rice, and the office

gremlin that I have long suspected inhabits the priests' office at Epiphany.

So – be careful of that office. There's something very weird going on in there, and it's not the priests.

Richard +

Vestry Highlights

There was no Vestry meeting in August.

Sun, Oct. 7th

Start preparing Fido or Tabby for our annual **Blessing of the Animals** so that he/she will be ready for church that day when we celebrate St. Francis de Assisi Day. It's a favorite event for Epiphany's animal lovers and their friends. Just make sure that your animal is properly tethered or caged.



Sunday School

Sunday School will start **September 9th at 10:00** with something for everyone. Come one, come all. We have great teachers: Jim Fisher, Mike Diaz, Mike Scott and a good curriculum. You can't go wrong at Epiphany.



Fall Yard Sale

Our Fall Yard Sale this year is on Saturday, October 20th, 7 am until 2 pm. This is our major fundraiser for the year and it's always a popular neighborhood event as well. We can bring our things in from **September 25th until the cut-off date, Sunday, October, 17th**. Keep in mind that one man's trash is another man's treasure. The only things we cannot store in advance are those with gasoline motors.

Epiphany Prayer List

<i>Kevin LaPointe</i>	<i>Sheila Brinck</i>
<i>Grace Strid</i>	<i>Jerry Cronin</i>
<i>Ray & Nell Steckman</i>	<i>Jim Fisher</i>
<i>Linda Armstrong</i>	<i>Patty Poore</i>
<i>Roger Bolen</i>	



8th Chan Ashby
 Joe Ritchie
 11th Nancy Reynolds
 14th Carlos Fernandez II
 15th Anita Neuer Colburn
 21st Vaughn Coffman
 23rd Mary Scheible



6th Jay Powell & Melissa Daigrepont
 14th Nancy Reynolds & Dawn King
 21st David & Linda Armstrong



Labor Day Cookout Sunday, Sep 2nd

Following the 11:00 service, join us for a Labor Day Picnic, 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!

A Fond Farewell



Three very regular attendees of our 8:00 congregation are leaving the area. Eva-Maria Hoffman will be moving to New England. Susanna and Brian Wilson are moving to the Richmond area. So—the 8:00 congregation is hosting a “Going Away Brunch” at 9:00 am on September 9th for these folks. There is a sign up sheet on the counter by the Bulletin Board if you want to bring a dish.

Just know that everyone is welcome, no matter which service you attend.

Baptism



Sunday, September 23rd we will baptize Chelsea Melchiorre at our 11:00 service. There will be a reception following. Baptisms are the lifeblood of our church and always an event for celebration. Please join us to welcome Chelsea into our parish family and into the Body of Christ.

Worship Volunteer Schedule

Sep	Lector	Chalicer	Usher
2	A. Colburn	M. Scott	J. Rochelle
9	M. Scott	A. Fernandez	A. Stein
16	J. Cronin	B. Pritchard	K. LaPointe
23	M. Kidd	M. Scott	D. Swain
30	B. Pritchard	J. Cronin	G. Irby



Choir practice resumes on Wednesday, September 5th from 7:00 until 8:30 PM in the Parish Hall. If you like to sing, or like to pretend you are singing, come join us.

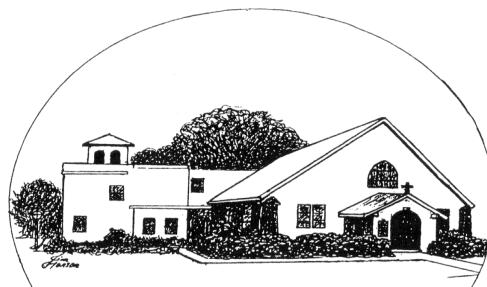
From trials to triumphs

British evangelist Smith Wigglesworth (1859 -1947) was impoverished and illiterate during childhood. He also stammered, which embarrassed him greatly. When he married a Salvation Army preacher, she taught him how to read using the Bible.

Wigglesworth recognized that all the adversities he'd faced were key to his ministry's effectiveness. "Great faith is the product of great fights," he said. "Great testimonies are the outcome of great tests. Great triumphs can only come out of great trials."

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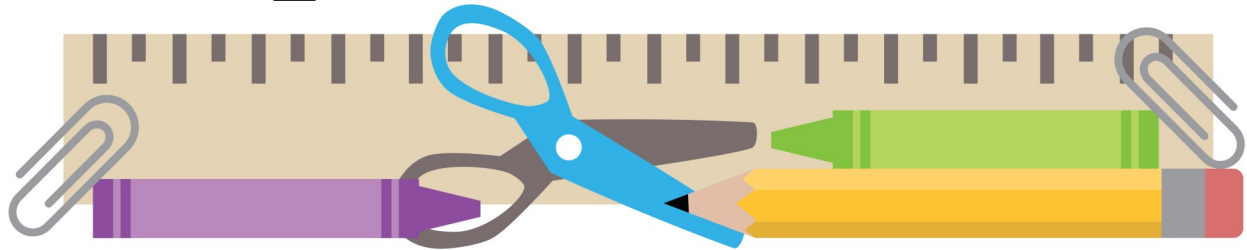
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2 Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am <i>Labor Day Cook-out</i>	3  LABOR DAY	4 <i>Office open 9-noon</i>	5 <i>Office open 9 - 3</i> Choir 7:00	6	7 Al Anon noon-1 PM	8
9 Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am <i>Farewell Brunch 9 AM Sunday School</i>	10	11 <i>Office open 9-noon</i> <i>Rowing Club 6 PM</i>	12 <i>Office open 9 - 3</i> Choir 7:00	13 Vestry 6:30 PM	14 Al Anon noon-1 PM	15
16 Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am	17	18 <i>Office open 9-noon</i> <i>Civic League 6:30PM</i>	19 <i>Office open 9 - 3</i> Choir 7:00	20	21 Al Anon noon-1 PM	22 
23 Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am <i>Baptism at 11:00</i> <i>Sunday School</i>	24	25 <i>Office open 9-noon</i>	26 <i>Office open 9 - 3</i> Choir 7:00	27 <i>7 PM Youth Mission Trip Party at Ascension</i>	28 Al Anon noon-1 PM	29
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