



# EPIPHANY

Church of the Epiphany October 2018

*The Little White Church on the Corner*

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## Clergy Clatter

**O**n Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our beloved pets at our annual Blessing of the Pets. At Epiphany, we do this at the 11:00 service in the church. I'm aware that most clergy prefer an outdoor service, perhaps in the afternoon, but we've just always welcomed our pets right into church with us. The service will be a tad shorter than normal, and the blessing will be early in the service, just in case one or two of our furry or feathered friends decide church is not for them.

I love this service. But, I'm a pet lover. I can't imagine living my life without a dog or a cat curled up next to me, or at least within easy sight. I stew and fret over my pets like an old hen. Cats find me – you'd think I had a "Welcome All Cats" sign in my driveway. But when it comes to dogs, I tend to adopt old dogs from a shelter – dogs that I don't think are going to have an easy time finding a new home. I have been rewarded beyond measure by my "old friends", who seem to understand that their last few years are going to be full of love and attention. I know from the moment I adopt them, that our time together is going to be short, so I work to make the most of what time we have together.

This brings me to a sad note. I am very aware that within the past few weeks, at least three families in our parish have lost beloved pets, all of which I have blessed numerous

times at our annual Blessing of the Pets. Rachael Ward's wonderful Charlie died in her lap a few weeks ago. The Scheibles' 20 year old Poodle, Harvey, went to Doggie Heaven a few weeks ago. And just last week, the Pritchards' massive Leonberger, Bremen, died after surgery. Bremen attended church from time to time, and was always a popular addition to the congregation. As big as he was, in his mind he was a lap dog. He and Brian had some interesting discussions in the back of the church over who was going to sit in whose lap. Brian usually lost, but it was fun watching.

I am going to deeply miss all three of these dogs at our service this year. Each was a part of our congregation by their occasional presence, and by the awareness that they were taking care of their owners. And that makes our service of blessing even more meaningful to me. We are so blessed to share our lives with our pets. My pets are my alter ego. They help me understand who and what I am. They know how I am feeling. They watch over me, as I watch over them. They are part of who

I am.

One of the blessings of my ministry is to be able to bless your pets and celebrate your mutual affection with your pets. So – on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, on a leash, or in a carrier, or fish bowl, or whatever, bring your pet and allow Julia and me to celebrate your relationship with a special blessing.

*Richard*



# Vestry Highlights

September 2018

*Vestry meeting was cancelled due to threat of Hurricane Florence!*



1 Kathy Morrisette	25 Jackie Rochelle
4 Delani Beilsmith	25 Wendy Fernandez
10 Susie Pedigo	25 Mike Hardin
16 Mike Pipis, Jr.	28 Betty Owen
20 James Jorden	29 Marcia Cronin



21st Dan and Linda Swain

## Decorating Shoe Bags



On Saturday, **October 6<sup>th</sup>**, from 10 AM—2 PM the Parish Hall will be open to all who would like to help decorate shoe bags for children in Malawi, Africa.

The shoes expand as the children grow so that they can be used for a longer time than usual. Come share your creative talents to decorate the bags in which these shoes will be sent. All supplies will be provided! All we ask is a little artistry.



## Fall Yard Sale

It's that time of year again! All hands on deck, **Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**. This is a key fundraiser for our church and it's a popular neighborhood event as well. Tell your friends and neighbors and come join the fun. The last day to bring in items is Sunday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> and remember, we cannot accept anything with gasoline.

## Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, **October 7<sup>th</sup>** is our annual event where we bless your animal in church and issue you a certificate for participation. It's a traditional service, shortened a bit and informal so that if you need to take your pet out at any time, you're free to do so. Please come and enjoy the fun as you get to worship with your furry, feathered or slithering pet! \*



*\*Make sure all critters are in carriers or on leashes!!*

## Worship Volunteer Schedule

Oct	Lector	Chalicer	Usher
7	A. Colburn	A. Fernandez	K. Moore
14	M. Scott	M. Scott	J. Turner
21	J. Cronin	J. Cronin	C. Colburn
28	M. Kidd	B. Pritchard	J. Rochelle



Epiphany Tower Bell



The Tower Bell at Epiphany Episcopal Church was manufactured sometime after 1894 in Hillsboro, Ohio at the C. S. Bell Corporation. The C. S. Bell Corporation was founded by Charles Singleton Bell in 1875. The Epiphany Church Bell is 36" in diameter, sits on a size 36/38 Standards, is of cast steel and weighs 605 pounds (950 pounds with mounting). This bell originally sat in the Belfry of St. Thomas Episcopal Church at Boykins, Virginia. The Bell was deeded to Epiphany Episcopal Church following the closure and demolition of St. Thomas. On January 17, 1948, Mr. G. W. Brooks and volunteers, removed the bell from the belfry of St. Thomas Church and brought it to Epiphany church. The Bell originally resided on twin I beams between the parish hall and the church. With the completion of the renovation of the parish hall and construction of the bell tower in 1996, the bell was placed in its current location at the top of the bell tower. At the time of installation it was determined that the bell ringing could damage the tower concrete so the bell is not bolted in place.

Submitted by John Moscoe

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If you would like to read this newsletter in bigger print and/or see the images in color you can always read it online via our webpage found at [www.epiphanynorfolk.org](http://www.epiphanynorfolk.org).

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible

- George Burns

Submitted by Ray Steckman



**Hear Ye! Hear Ye!  
All Ye of Epiphany!  
Bakers Wanted**

Cook up your favorite recipe and share it with connoisseurs of fine foods at our annual Yard Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Donations wrapped in single-size servings would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Rachel Ward ( 627-5010), Joyce Williams (627-0046) or Dolores Grimstead (588-2337) for details.

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