



# EPIPHANY

Church of the Epiphany May 2020

*The Little White Church on the Corner*

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## Clergy Clatter

Oh – have I ever learned a thing or two during this “shelter in place.” First – I don’t ever want to retire unless I go directly into a nursing home. Secondly, I really get tired of my own company. Third, I knew I was a bad cook, but I didn’t know HOW BAD! I start with a great idea and end at the trash can. When the dog and cats run and hide when I offer to share, I know I’m in trouble.

But there’s another side to all of this. I live in a big old house, part of which is 100 years old this year. That means constant projects and maintenance. Paint pops off if I look at it. Ceilings crack when the garbage truck dumps its cans. With four toilets, one is always running at 2 o’clock in the morning when it shouldn’t. My point is, I have no shortage of projects to keep me entertained. So each day, I make a list of “to do projects”. I have the time. I have the will. I have the materials. But guess what! My projects remain just nagging anxieties. The list is not getting any shorter. I get in bed at night and try to figure out why I didn’t get that little thing fixed. What was I doing? I didn’t spend that much time on Facebook. I didn’t get any worthwhile reading done. I still haven’t finished my taxes. What is the problem?

Someone commented that this virus, with its forced adjustments to our routines and life styles, has disoriented us. We’re not sure how to function in our space and time. We want to be with our friends – go to performances, go to church, go to the barber, etc. And we’re not really sure who we are without those little touchstones.

That is certainly my situation. I am not suffering. I am not in pain. I know it is going to end. I am not anxious about it. Since I live alone, I’m used

to my own company. But this is different. This is imposed on us – kind of like a kid being sent to his room. And I don’t like that.

But there are some positive elements to this. Traffic is down. I got a nice rebate on my car insurance. My friends, and family, and church members, and staff have remained healthy, as of this writing. They are in my prayers constantly. I’ve learned to use Zoom. That’s a major accomplishment for an old timer. I’ve found new ways to stay connected. I’m making it work.

I am convinced that we will come out of this a better and stronger people, and a better and stronger church. I miss so much being with you for worship and other activities. If I ever took my church for granted, I never will again. New appreciations are all over the place in my life. Let’s keep all of our folks in our prayers and thoughts as we move through this time together.

Amen

Richard +



# Vestry Highlights

## April 2020 Vestry

- Reported 2019 audit was received by the diocese.
- Reported church yard benches have been removed.
- Reported that John Greene and Gene DeNardi (NUOM) are working on a grant through the Payroll Protection Program to cover salaries for 2 1/2 months.
- Approved continuation of staff salaries through May, to be reevaluated at May 14th meeting.
- Approved Joyce Williams serving as "chair" of Centennial Anniversary Task Force.
- Approved requesting historical photos and articles for Centennial Anniversary Task Force – to go on web page.
- Discussed expanding on line possibilities.
- Agreed that this is not the time for a "Blessing Box."
- ♦ Reviewed and approved adjustments to wording on pledge statements, showing non-deductible gifts separately, to comply with IRS regulations.

2 Arden Porter  
6 Ann Bolen  
14 Kaylee Fernandez  
16 Dan Swain  
16 Len Wright  
16 Bodie Foster  
17 Cassidy Fernandez  
20 Kenneth Barrineau  
22 David Jones  
23 Gail Irby  
27 Kathy Moore  
31 Joan Feret



9 - John Childers & Mike Diaz  
17 - Julia & Chan Ashby



THE PRIEST CARVES OUT SACRED SPACE AT HOME IN ORDER TO RECORD LITURGY FOR SUNDAY.

The last eight weeks have been very challenging for America, and especially for churches. Clergy and Laity have had to adjust their lives to help combat the spread of COVID-19. With the Governor's order for churches to remain closed, churches have had to find new and innovative means to continue Sunday service.

The smaller churches have felt the pinch the worst, as they do not have the resources to perform virtual services. Social distancing mandates that there be no Eucharist, and Episcopalians have had to reacquire themselves with Morning Prayer. We at Epiphany have been very fortunate to have a deep well of talent in which to draw. Our Sunday service is now on YouTube, Adult Sunday class is now on Zoom as is a virtual coffee klatch. Vestry as well as our Centennial Committee meet on Zoom.

We need to remember that in this brave new world, we are stronger together, and in Christ we are one.

John Moscoe

## Morning Prayer You Tube Schedule

**May 3** - Fourth Sunday of Easter. Homily by Julia Ashby, Officiant - Richard Bridgford. Lector - Brian Pritchard. Organist - Joe Ritchie. Vocals - James Coaxum. Video & Editing - Emmett "Buddy" Pate.



# Epiphany Prayer List

**May 10** - Fifth Sunday of Easter. Homily by Richard Bridgford, Officiant - Julia Ashby. Lector - Marcie Kidd. Organist - Joe Ritchie. Vocals - James Coaxum. Video & Editing - Emmett "Buddy" Pate.

**May 17** - Sixth Sunday of Easter. Homily by Julia Ashby, Officiant - by Richard Bridgford. Lector - Brian Pritchard. Organist - Joe Ritchie. Video & Editing - Emmett "Buddy" Pate.

**May 24** - Seventh Sunday of Easter. Homily by Richard Bridgford, Officiant - Julia Ashby. Lector - Marcie Kidd. Organist - Joe Ritchie. Video & Editing - Emmett "Buddy" Pate.

**May 31** - The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday. Homily by Julia Ashby, Officiant - Richard Bridgford. Organist - Joe Ritchie. Video & Editing - Emmett "Buddy" Pate.

*Be on the lookout for emails giving the details and links for the services on YouTube featuring our favorite priests, Richard Bridgford and Julia Ashby.*

## Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Thanks to all of you who have continued to pledge and give during the social distancing that has canceled our church services for the time being. If you're not presently giving but would like to, remember the mailbox at Epiphany is locked and secure.

If you mail in a gift, it will be counted and deposited during the week by Jackie Rochelle, our chief money counter. If you want to pay by credit card, Jackie can take your credit card payment over the phone; call her at 757-435-2302.

The treasurer John Greene and also Lynne Pipis who writes our checks are both also busy behind the scenes. We thank everyone who helps keep the bills paid.

Peace, Julia

Linda Armstrong  
Sheila Brinck  
Jerry Cronin

Kevin LaPointe  
Nell Steckman  
Grace Strid



Don't forget to join your fellow parishioners at the Virtual Coffee Klatch, each Sunday at 9:30 am, followed by Adult Bible Study at 10 am.

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# Pentecost

The term means "the fiftieth day." It is used in both the OT and the NT. In the OT it refers to a feast of seven weeks known as the Feast of Weeks. It was apparently an agricultural event that focused on the harvesting of first fruits. Josephus referred to Pentecost as the fiftieth day after the first day of Passover. The term is used in the NT to refer to the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), shortly after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the

Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit, is interpreted by some to symbolize the church's worldwide preaching. In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is now the seventh Sunday after Easter. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. Some understand Pentecost to be the origin and sending out of the church into the world. The Day of Pentecost is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year in the Episcopal Church (BCP, p. 15). The Day of Pentecost is identified by the BCP as one of the feasts that is "especially appropriate" for baptism (p. 312). The liturgical color for the feast is red. Pentecost has also been known as Whitsun or Whitsunday, a corruption of "White Sunday." This term reflects the custom by which those who were baptized at the Vigil of Pentecost would wear their white baptismal garments to church on the Day of Pentecost. The BCP provides directions for observance of a Vigil of Pentecost, which begins with the Service of Light (p. 227). The Hymnal 1982 provides a variety of hymns for Pentecost (Hymns 223-230) and the Holy Spirit (Hymns 500-516).

## Pentecost (Season)

The season after Pentecost, according to the calendar of the church year (BCP, p. 32). It begins on the Monday following Pentecost, and continues through most of the summer and autumn. It may include as many as twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. This includes Trinity Sunday which is the First Sunday after Pentecost. The BCP provides proper collects and readings for the other Sundays of the season. These propers are numbered and designated for use on the Sundays which are closest to specific days in the monthly calendar, whether before or after. For example, Proper 3 is designated for use, if needed, on the Sunday closest to May 25. Proper 29 is designated for use on the Sunday closest to Nov. 23. Prior to the 1979 BCP, Sundays in this long period of the church year were identified and counted in terms of the number of Sundays after Trinity Sunday instead of the number of Sundays after Pentecost. This period is also understood by some as "ordinary time," a period of the church year not dedicated to a particular season or observance, as in the Roman Rite adapted after Vatican II. See Ordinary Time.