

THE WEEKLY WORD

EPIPHANY PARISH OF SEATTLE . OCTOBER 14, 2013

Stewardship and Populating our Next 100 Years at Epiphany

Dear Epiphany,

It is time for the annual stewardship pledge request. The focus this coming year is on populating Epiphany for the next 100 years.

Before I say more about this however, I want to acknowledge that over the past year or so, we have been giving a lot of thought to the place that is Epiphany. We have done so because it is here we come to consider the really real world of God. It is here we come to consider how our current lives are organized to honor God beyond the walls of our parish. It is here that our wealth and God-given talents are acknowledged, called out, and honed to be shared for the glory of God with the world. Epiphany is thriving today as a little outpost of the Kingdom of God.

Your pledge is an outward and visible sign of thanksgiving to God. "Thank you", in Greek, is translated as *Eucharist*. Epiphany is where we gather as a community to share our common thanks to God... and place matters. Your annual pledge keeps this place running.

But now that we are getting better positioned to renovate and restore our church, chapel, and grounds, the question becomes who will populate Epiphany over the next 100 years?

I am concerned about this question because I know too many people who grew up in the church, even at Epiphany, who no longer attend church. They say to me, "My experience at Epiphany was good." They say to me, "I enjoy returning to visit Epiphany." They even say to me, "I am glad my parents are involved at Epiphany." And yet they themselves do not come to church.

Which brings us back to this year's annual stewardship request. It has to do with our children. The manner by which we introduce our children to God and bring them along on the Christian lifestyle journey is an integral component of our 100-year plan. We are blessed to have more and more children here at Epiphany participating in our Sunday school program taught by a dedicated and loving team of staff and parishioners. But I believe we need to further evolve our program to

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fully prepare our children for a relationship with Christianity that endures and guarantees the future of our church for generations to come. And so, in the coming year, I hope to 1) dedicate more of my time and attention to our children's programs; 2) direct more of our resources that way as well; and 3), see more and more parishioners volunteer to help with our choristers program, youth group program, and Sunday school program. This is where I need your help.

It is my plan this coming year to allocate money for the employment of college students to help with our youth group; to accrue scholarship money for our confirmation graduates' pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2015; for additional nursery staff; to increase the number of social events and educational opportunities for parents with small children; and to enhance communication to our families and to families that may be looking for help with the spiritual formation of their children.

The other areas that require budgetary consideration for next year are: the addition of a Sunday morning sexton who also has AV responsibilities; a budget line item for continual technology upgrades; raises for a staff that has been working very hard this past year; a new carillon for our tower; plus the general maintenance and office costs for a congregation that has grown another 12% this past year. Our target budget has gone from \$800K in 2013 to \$875K in 2014.

We have some new people at Epiphany, who, I pray, will help towards this target amount, and yet we have also seen some of Epiphany's largest benefactors pass on. And so I ask you to consider your relationship with God and the abundance God has bestowed upon you, and then I invite you to consider increasing your pledge.

Many of you have already stretched in your contribution to the 100-year building project, and for that I am grateful. If this is the year you need to hold your pledge static, please do so. But if you can, please consider adding a bit to your pledge, as it will help a lot. Do the math, prayerfully consider your blessings, and make your pledge for the glory of God, in thanksgiving for what God has done for you.

As you prayerfully consider your 2014 annual pledge, let the words of this prayer from the Book of Common Prayer roll through your heart and mind: "All things come from thee, Oh Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."

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Yearly Stewardship Requests

+ This funds 90% of Epiphany's
2014 Operations

+ 2014 Epiphany Operating Budget Goals:
100% participation
\$875,000

October 13, 2013

Doyt's Stewardship Sermon

October 14, 2013

Letters with Gold Pledge Cards
mailed to Congregation

November 10, 2013

Wellesley Chapman,
Lay Stewardship Sermon

November 17, 2013

INGATHERING

Bring your pledge cards to church

November 18, 2013

The Stewardship Committee starts
calling, e-mailing, and visiting the
homes of Epiphany members who
haven't pledged yet.

December 10, 2013

Vestry Meeting,
2014 Budget Review

January 1, 2014

Epiphany starts the year operating
with the 2014 budget funded
successfully by your pledges!

The Next 100 Years Building Campaign

+This is the long term maintenance
and upkeep of our parish home

+ Fundraising Goals:
100% participation
\$8-10 million

October 13, 2013

+TEC Forum: Refreshing the Chapel
for the Next 100 Years with
The Rev. William Seth Adams

ANYTIME

Make a pledge with White Pledge
Cards in person, by mail, or online

November 3, 2013

+TEC Forum (Option 2):
Church Acoustics

November 17, 2013

+TEC Forum (Option 2):
Buildings & Grounds

December 1, 2013 Advent 1

+TEC Forum (Option 2): The Next 100
Years Closing Panel

January 5, 2014

End of Campaign—Make Your Pledge
before this date.

January 6, 2014 Epiphany!

Epiphany's Eponymous Feast Day:
End of Campaign Celebration!

DID YOU KNOW?

Epiphany: A Place. A Home. A Sanctuary.
Inspiring our spiritual journey.
For the next 100 years.

***Did You Know* participation is what matters?**

Our success goal for the Next 100 Years Building Campaign isn't a dollar amount. It's 100% participation from the 256 households in our congregation.

We adopted this approach for a reason. We are an intimate neighborhood church. Together, we make our community whole. Together, we're needed to preserve the church for future generations. The active involvement of all our families in a once-in-a-lifetime initiative like this campaign is essential for Epiphany's continued vitality. We want our children to inherit and belong to a thriving church.

The dollar amount of individual pledges will necessarily vary depending on each family's financial resources. We can and will adjust the scope of our Building Campaign based on the funds raised. But there are really no adjustments we can make if we don't have full participation from our community in this campaign. It's involvement, not dollars, that ultimately matters in the kingdom of God.

Participate. Make your pledge for Epiphany's future. *Thank you.*

You can make a pledge in person, by mail, or online:

<http://www.epiphanyseattle.org/about/giving/make-a-gift/>

***Did You Know?** is a Weekly Word series
from The Next 100 Years Building Campaign.*

Sunday Lectionary Corner

October 20, 2013

Genesis 3:13b-24, Psalm 119:97-104,
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

***Epiphany has an approved revised Lectionary for
A Year with The Saint John's Bible***



YOUTH SINGING AT EPIPHANY

Have your child involved in worship and singing with us at Epiphany!

Do you have an older student who likes to sing? Sharing that joy with our younger singers would be a great way to connect our youth, lead by musical example and connect our Epiphany family!

**If they are interested, but also participate in other youth activities, we work together to make sure they can do both!*

If you have a young or novice youth for our Trainers program, join us this Wednesday! If your family is interested in joining the Choristers, join us this Sunday!

CHORISTERS (3rd & up) rehearse Sundays from 9 am to 10:05am.

Training Choir (K-4) rehearse Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30pm.

Contact Kathea Yarnell to sign up!

Or just join us for the appropriate rehearsal – see you there! *Kathea*
(425.272.5972 or choristers@epiphanyseattle.org)

Pastoral Care Potluck

Come join in fellowship with Pastoral Care Ministries at Evening Prayer on **Wednesday, October 16**, and join us at our informational Potluck afterward in the Fireside Room. You can learn the who's and what's of Epiphany's Pastoral Care ministries -- Flowers, Card-writing, Meals, Prayer Shawls, a new Parish Nurse ministry, and Lay Eucharistic Visiting. It's a good time to ask questions, see how it works, and perhaps find something you want to do. There are even some training opportunities available. If you are planning to attend the potluck, please RSVP to Vicki Reed at vreed616@gmail.com.

We'd love to see you.—Pastoral Care Team

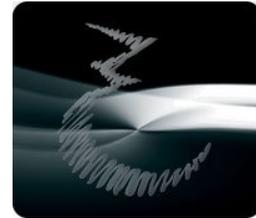
Small Groups at Epiphany

There are a number of small groups meeting on our campus every day of the week. We have Education for Ministry (EfM) that meets for biblical study and theological reflection, affinity groups, minyan study groups, and visio divina groups. These groups meet weekly and are formed around formation and study. Other groups meet around a shared interest or meet less frequently or gather in peoples' homes too.

As a fun fact, I loosely gathered the number of people participating in a weekly study group at Epiphany this fall. Last week, we had approximately 107 people who came together in groups as small as 5 or 6 and as large as 22 to study the Bible, reflect theologically upon their own lives, and to build relationships. That number is unprecedented in my time at Epiphany and one I hope to see continue and grow as we create more and more opportunities for study and fellowship in small gatherings. Well done, Epiphany.

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The Esoterics (including Epiphany parishioners and choir members, Jamie Balducci and Kathea Yarnell—Kathea is also Epiphany's Choristers' Director!) are presenting 2 centennial concert series to celebrate 100 years from the birth of Benjamin Britten! They will be performing ALL of his a capella choral works: Secular - Nov. 22, 23 & 24, Sacred - Dec. 6, 7 & 8.



Friday Overnight Shelter Hosts & all men of Epiphany: *you're invited!*

Oktoberfest Lunch

brauts and brews with all the trimmings

Sunday, October 20

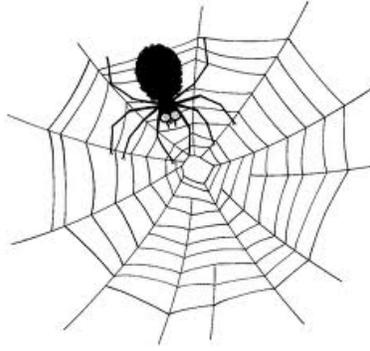
after the 10:30 AM service

Fireside Room

*Please reply to the parish office by October 18
and let us know if you can attend.*

Celebrate Epiphany's
partnership with
Operation Nightwatch
and its ministry to the
homeless.

It works thanks to you!



*From ghoulies and ghosties and
long leggety beasties
And things that go bump in the night,
Good Lord, deliver us!*

It's that time of year, the days are getting shorter, (and soggier), the mornings are getting cooler, and Halloween is nearly upon us.

Once again, we will be collecting candy, pumpkins and carving kits for the kids at the YWCA.



Please look for the “giving branch” in the church. The ghosts, bats, and pumpkins will list the items needed written on the back. We are giving Halloween ‘kits’ this year—a pumpkin, small bag of candy, and a carving kit. Just grab an ornament, buy what’s needed, and bring it to Church by October 27th.

The ghoulies and ghosties will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

-Epiphany's Social Action Committee

+TEC—This Sunday

The Expulsion and the Return

Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden

Presenter: William Ingham
Date: Sunday, October 20
Time: 9:15 am - 10:15 am
Location: Great Hall

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve abided with God in a delightful, natural setting. But turning away from God, Adam and Eve tasted the fruits of personal pride and vanity, leading to an ignoble fate. Bill Ingham, Northwest artist and Epiphany parishioner discusses paintings by Bosch, Breughal, Van Eyke and others which portray our fall from divine beauty, into human creatures mired by earthly pursuits. This path of sin and pride into Hell's underworld leads eventually to a renewal of faith and redemption in God's glorious light.

+TEC—Next Sunday—Oct 27

Cain and Abel

Who's Keeping Whom?

Presenter: The Reverend Doyt Conn
Date: Sunday, October 27
Time: 9:15 am - 10:15 am
Location: Great Hall

Am I my brother's keeper? The Mark of Cain. Sibling rivalry, murder, cursed crops, and forgiveness. To re-read the Cain and Abel story as an adult is a surprise. This is one of the great archetypal stories of the Bible; it is a second expulsion from the Garden, but it is not an abandonment, nor are we left naked. The Rev. Doyt Conn leads discussion of this story of punishment and grace.

+TEC—Upcoming—Nov. 3

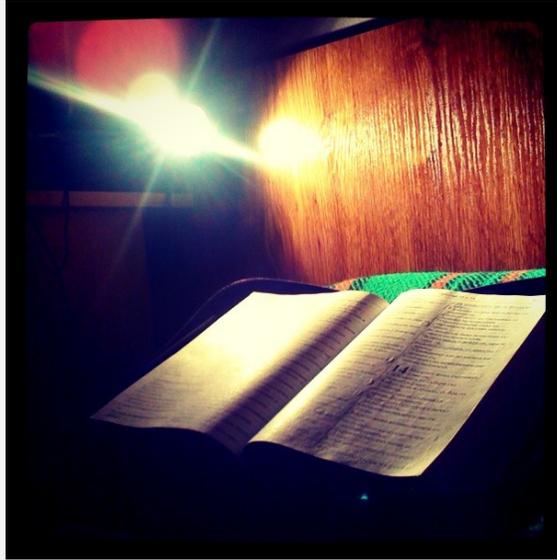
Cain and Abel in Popular Culture, *From Shakespeare to Steinbeck*

Presenter: Julie Moberly

<http://www.epiphanyseattle.org/cain-and-abel-in-popular-culture/>

Not Just A Paperweight

Letting the Bible Speak to You



Charissa Bradstreet, MDiv. facilitating

Women of Epiphany | Annual Half Day Retreat

Saturday November 2, 2013

8:30-9:00 am Registration and Childcare Check-in

9 a.m. to Noon in the Christie House Library

12:15 pm Tea with Potluck Salad Toppings -

Greens provided.



Charissa Bradstreet is a member of Epiphany Parish who enjoys preaching, teaching, and serving as a mentor for Education for Ministry.

She received her M.Div. from the Seattle School of Theology and Psychology.

Childcare provided with advance registration notice.

\$10 donation requested.

Please RSVP, including childcare requirements, to the church office at epiphanyparish@epiphanyseattle.org by Oct 29.

Questions? Please contact Julia Putnam at juliasp1@comcast.net

VESTRY MEMBERS AND CONVENTION DELEGATES NOMINATIONS

Epiphany is in the process of compiling a slate of candidates for nomination to the Vestry and as delegates to the Diocesan Convention, with terms starting in January 2014. If you are interested in knowing more please read on:

THE VESTRY is an “administrative committee” (think Board of Directors) of the church. Here at Epiphany it is a mutual ministry with the Rector. The role of the Vestry is both leadership and fiduciary oversight. Towards this end, the Vestry adopts policies, oversees the maintenance of the buildings and grounds, and approves the budget. The term of a Vestry member is three (3) years. We seek four new members each year. The Vestry meets monthly and has an annual retreat. Vestry members are expected to be involved in the community of Epiphany as leaders, who worship regularly, are active learners and who participate in other parish activities.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION delegates serve two-year terms. The Convention consists of the Bishop, clergy, and lay delegates elected from each parish. The convention typically occurs in late October where they elect officers, ratify budgets, set assessment levels for financing the operation of the Diocese, vote upon resolutions (here is typically where the excitement is), elect General Convention deputies, hear the Bishop’s annual address and conduct other business. The Convention starts Friday afternoon and goes through Saturday. Delegates and Alternates meet a few times during the year before the convention to discuss diocesan issues and initiatives as well as Epiphany’s role in the Diocese. We seek four new delegates each year for a two year term. We also seek two new alternate delegates for a two year term, who also attend the Convention, though do not vote, but may vote if they replace a missing regular delegate. Alternates are good positions to learn the workings of the convention, and preparation for a delegate position.

We seek a broad range of active parishioners for these positions. That means young and mature (I don’t use the word old), recent and long term attendees, female and male, 8:00 and 10:30 attendees, quiet and loud, shy or outgoing. God’s kingdom relishes variety. If you have an interest or seek more information on any of these positions, please contact any member of the nominating committee: Sue Cary, Ed Emerson, Elizabeth Walker and/or Cory Carlson, Chairman.

Much thanks, Cory Carlson
cell: 206-369-1017 or email: cory.carlson@wcmadvisors.com

PARISH PRAYER LIST

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE BIRTHDAYS FALL BETWEEN

October 13-19: Theo Bushfield, Zoe Chapman, Alex Polson, Anabelle Ackerley, Audrey Sander, Emily Walter, Noli Hall, Sarah McKinney, Amy Williamson, and Peggy Wilton.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR CYCLE OF PRAYER: Theresa Dowell & Greg Jones and Jeannine; Sue & Frank Draper; Roxanne Drennen & Robert Kangas; Pieter Drummond & Carmen Forsman, Enrique, and Ariano; and Tammy Duretto. We pray for the ministries and institutions of the Center for Spiritual Development, the Community of the Paraclete, the Little Sisters of St. Clare, the Third order of Society St. Francis, and the Community of the Lamb.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR CONTINUED HEALING AND STRENGTH FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL OR

GRIEVING: Paul, Bette Sprague, Coralie Swanson, Connie Gaines, Barbara Ward, Barbara Himmelman, Naraine Baker, Ginger, Kay Schack, Piper Simmons, Yamy Xolocotzi, Adrian, Ellen Gimbel, Eileen Riley, Bonnie, Roy Enriquez, Will Gluck, Ruth, the Hawkes family, Bob Shupe, Richard & Dolores Maxson, the Zehm family: Shelly, Atticus, Coco, & Bijou, Silas, TJ Johnson & family, Bill, Grace, Susan, Debbie, Megan, Carl Putnam, Holden Shaw, Jeane Edwards, George Fisher, Rosalie, Dan Miller, Scott Gehring, Barbara & Mike Evans, Gracia Conn, Malina, Matt, Nancy, Isla Jude and family, David Weatherford, Alice, Mimi Pierce, Susan, Hank Schilling, Susan Spencer, and Jill Hally.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Jackie Morn, Olaf Kvamme, Ben Smith, and Peggy Whitt Burns.

Occasionally we review and cull the prayer list. If we have removed someone in error or you would like to have someone removed or added please contact the Parish Office. The same invitation applies for birthdays.