

Bring on the Magi!

At the beginning of each calendar new year, we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany. The Feast of Epiphany brings to a close the Advent-Christmas season. The liturgical season of the Epiphany also serves as a “hinge” season or a mid-season between the Advent-Christmas season and the season of Lent. During Advent, we contemplate our readiness and prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ-Child and for the Second Coming of Christ. In the Lenten season, there is a prolonged focus or self-examination, penitence and renewal in preparation for Easter. However, in the Epiphany season, we can simply relax and enjoy a season of pure joy, awe and hope . . . I love it!

Epiphany literally means “appearing” or “appearance”. The Feast of the Epiphany refers to the appearance of the Great Star in the East leading the “wise men” or Magi to the Christ-Child so they may be a witness to his birth and honor him with their gifts. Only Matthew out of the four Gospels tells of this delightful story about the Magi all dressed in their colorful robes, riding their camels slowly over the long stretch of the desert sand and a bright star with a glowing tail leading them to the humble place of Bethlehem where they will greet the Christ-Child with their most valued gifts.

I love this ending drama to the Advent-Christmas season! Speaking of drama, did you know that we have a little drama going on at St. Philip during the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season? Perhaps not noticed, but not secret or hidden, is the ongoing unfolding drama of the Creche up at the chancel area. The First Sunday of Advent we have the sudden appearance of the manger and a watchful angel. In the Second Sunday of Advent, we have the appearance of the animals. In the Third Sunday of Advent, we have the appearance of Mary and Joseph. And . . . on Christmas Eve, we have the first appearance of the Christ-Child, Jesus, ceremoniously brought to the manger during our Christmas Eve Service. And . . . finally, last but not least in significance, is the coming and placement of the three “wise men” or Magi during the Feast of the Epiphany. I bet many of you did not realize that there was a behind-the-scenes sacred drama going on each Sunday!

This Nativity drama effectively ends with the coming of the Magi but the coming of the Magi is very significant. The Magi, these Gentiles and foreigners, represent the proclamation that Jesus is sovereign over all people and over all nations. The grace of the Epiphany Light breaks down all barriers of cultures, religions and economies. The Light of Christ is found in the Epiphany Light that brings the Good News of grace, redemption and inheritance to the Kingdom of God for all people. The Epiphany Light illumines our pathways and gives light to the deepest shadows of our life. Bring on the Magi because that is Good News for all!

During this season of the Epiphany, bask in the Light of the Epiphany with joy, awe and hope!

“The best is yet to come!”
Fr. Terry †



The Rev. Terry Street, Rector

January at a Glance

- 1 New Year’s Day
- 6 ECW Luncheon & Meeting, 12:30p, *BH*
- 10 Men’s Club, 6:30p, *PH*
- 13 Christian Ed. Classes Begin



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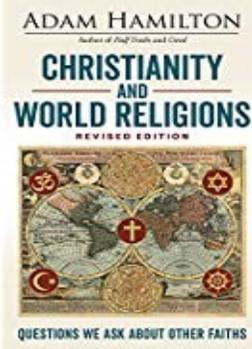


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This Epiphany *Christianity and World Religions*

Beginning **January 13 (next Sunday)** we will begin our Epiphany study of the book and DVD by Adam Hamilton *Christianity and World Religions: Questions We Ask About Other Faiths*. This study will explore four major world religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism—comparing the beliefs of each with Christianity. Please join us for this study at 9:25 am during the Epiphany season.

RECENT DISCRETIONARY FUND GIVING

- Special Olympics of Tennessee
- Utilities for those in crisis
- Medical bills for urgent care
- Rent for multi-family dwelling
- The Living Church Foundation
- Scholarship for Seminary Fund at St. Andrew's Sewanee School
- 1st month deposit on first non-project housing for single mother
- Le Bonheur Children's Hospital special fund
- Work clothes and boots for a new job
- School supplies for several needy families
- St. Columba Ministries
- The USO Phone Card Fund for the Military
- Our Daily Bread Ministry
- Bridges Youth Ministry
- The Anglican Digest
- Episcopal Relief and Development "Nets for Life"
- Samaritan's Purse Relief Ministries
- Church Health Center
- Episcopal Relief & Development—Hurricane Fund
- Thistle & Bee Ministry
- Episcopal Relief & Development: Parish "Gift for Life" Christmas Fund
- Assistance was given to a number of Parish, local families and individuals throughout the year for special needs and concerns.

Remember the St. Philip Discretionary Fund

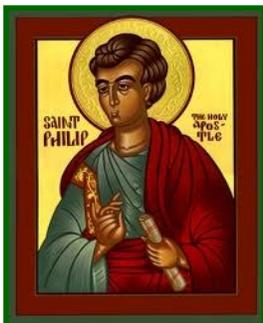
The first Sunday of every month is the St. Philip Discretionary Fund Sunday. The loose offering and other gifts so designated are given to St. Philip Discretionary Fund for the purpose of helping parish members and others in the community in times of serious need. If you wish to contribute by check, please make it out to St. Philip and designate it "St. Philip Discretionary Fund." Also, one can contribute to this fund at any time.



OPERATION JOY!

I want to say a BIG "Thank You" to the entire St Philip Family for their generous support of Operation JOY! As a result of your generous giving, we were able to give 15 children a wonderful Christmas! In addition, the monetary donations allowed us to not only purchase the bicycles and helmets, but we were also able to purchase gift cards for the mothers to assist with food or other expenses during the holiday season. Your giving meant the world to these families! Thank you is not enough to express my appreciation for your help and support!

In Christ,
Liz Stephens



Remember . . . As Christians we are all Evangelists!

Invite someone to St. Philip this fall so they may hear the Good News and enjoy our Christian fellowship.

Fr. Terry



2018 Advent Project

The Manna House is a place of hospitality for the homeless. The Manna House is appropriately named as it freely offers grace and comfort to those in need. Besides offering personal hygiene items like clean underwear, socks, and hot showers, the Manna House provides a safe and friendly “living room” for the community to gather over a cup of hot coffee.



During the Epiphany season, we will continue to collect underwear, athletic socks, coats and hats to donate to the Manna House. The collection box will be in the Parish Hall. Please be a part of this needed hospitality effort during this cold weather season!



St. Clare Silent Women's Retreat

February 1, 2019
March 1, 2019



St. Clare Retreats, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee, was founded in 2002 to provide silent retreats for women of all denominations and faiths. St. Clare retreatants follow the Psalmist’s invitation to come away for a time, to experience God’s presence in silent community. Retreats are held monthly at beautiful St. Columba Camp and Retreat Center. Half-day retreats are held monthly, and there is a weekend retreat every fall.

Men's Club Meeting at 6:30 on January 10 2019

Agenda: Discussion of 2019 Events

Active Shooter Response class, by Range USA at 7:15 🚬 🚬

ALL men in the parish should attend, especially if they are an usher, LEM, or other individual that is entrusted with church security.

If you are not a regular attendee to the SPEC Men's Club and plan to attend, please email David Delich at wso4519@yahoo.com so we can plan on refreshments, supper,

In Our Parish Community

January Birthdays

Suzy Voye	1
Andy Graham	3
Melissa Rinks	3
Elisabeth Stephens	4
Rachel Stephens	7
Gannon Buckmaster	9
Charles Wilburn	12
Debbie Nelson	13
Ray Harvell	15
Catherine Johnson	16
Megann Fickle	17
Ethan Smith	18
Nelda Marr	20
Leanne Bennett	24
Matthew Nelson	25
Geoffrey Albert	29
Alison Nelson	29
Margaret Smith	29
Tom Kerlin	31



On the Prayer List

Noelle Bailey	Maryann McLeod
Ricky Blount	Christy Miller
Steve Chester	Sue Morrison
Suzy Cunningham	Fr. James Newsom
Jack Dallas	Ruth Reed
Paul Fischer	Maryann Romer
Shirley Goergens	Wyatt Shroeder
Hollowell Family	Sipes Family
Lynne Howard	Mark Smith
Kenneth Judd	Joyce Wilburn Trotter
Kelsey Knight	Valenti Family
	Beverly Williams

January Anniversaries

Geoffrey & Betty Albert 06

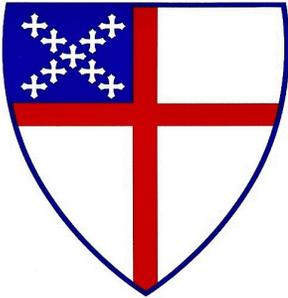
Memorials/Honorariums Received in the Month of December

Barbara Sy by Judith Morino and M/M Ferd Heckle, III	Hugh Hollowell By M/M Ferd Heckle, III
Betty Fowler by M/M Mark Askew	In Honor of Sandra Booth By M/M Ferd Heckle, III
Earleen Temple By M/M Ferd Heckle, III	

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Profit & Loss Budget Performance

November 2018	Nov 18	Budget	Jan - Nov 18	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
4100 · Operating Income	26,293.00	22,712.28	252,477.98	254,058.12	276,945.00
4200 · Investment Income	97.95	102.08	922.22	1,122.92	1,225.00
4300 · Non-operating Income	0.00	66.67	322.00	733.33	800.00
5200 · Funds Transfer	2,000.00	625.00	2,796.00	6,875.00	7,500.00
Total Income	28,390.95	23,506.03	256,518.20	262,789.37	286,470.00
Expense					
6000 · Operating Expenses	25,796.62	25,931.85	276,313.80	295,511.99	321,493.84
Total Expense	25,796.62	25,931.85	276,313.80	295,511.99	321,493.84
Net Ordinary Income	2,594.33	-2,425.82	-19,795.60	-32,722.62	-35,023.84
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Sunday Schedule

8:00a Holy Eucharist
8:45a Coffee Hour, Parish Hall
10:30a Holy Eucharist
11:45a Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

Wednesday Service

12:10 p Healing w / Holy Eucharist

Friday Service

9:00a Morning Prayer

We're on the web...
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