


GOOD NEWS
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 EPIPHANY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Fair to Remember and a Letter of Gratitude
 By Heather Bowman, Chairperson

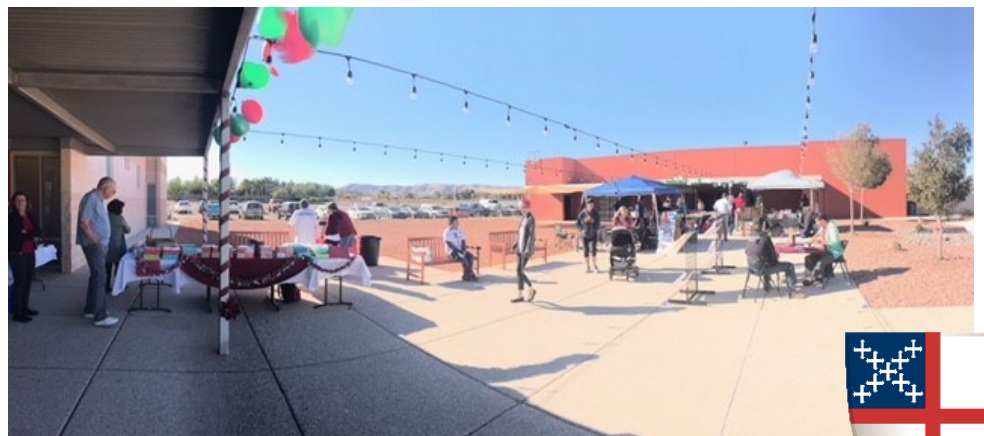


On Saturday, November 18, Epiphany opened its doors for the 3rd Annual Holiday Fair. This highly successful event was designed to be bigger and more creative than the year before. It did not disappoint. With the recruiting and community efforts of Caroline Cota, Cindy Berg, and Jim Barlow, the event brought in 32 vendors, 8 more than the year prior. Additionally, Allan O’Neill, Steve Waltman, Howard Saxon and Nate & Francis Henderson, got

together to ensure the entire Epiphany property was re-measured to evaluate greater space availability, allowing more booth options for sale. (continued on page 2)

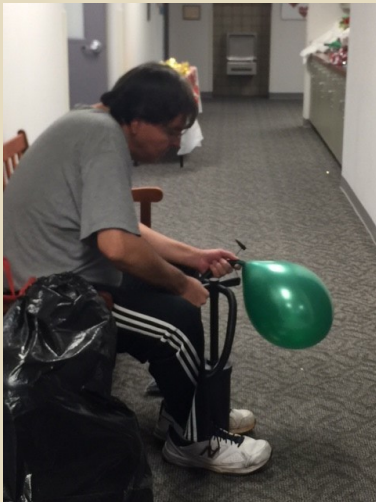
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(continued from page 1) This gave us the ability to not only fill the Nave, Narthex and meeting room, but to allow booths to flow out into the courtyard and expand into an additional classroom as well.

This year, Santa (portrayed by none other than Peter Steinbrenner) was moved out from the Nave and into the Courtyard, along with our elf Katie Young where they could be one of the first people children saw as they were welcomed to this year's event. Betty-Jeanne stepped up as photographer,



capturing memories for several thrilled children. She did a great job, utilizing special equipment on loan to us from Susan Baker for this event; thank you Susan! Kudos to Beka McAfee for her assistance in decorating Santa's seating area. It received a lot of positive comments.



Another great addition for this year was a caricature artist, "Shim" Leany, who quickly made Father Rick his first client. Leany found himself busy throughout the fair with enthusiastic customers. He thought the fair was a great experience and looks forward to maintaining a working relationship with us in the future.

Other firsts for our fair included trucks, both a log-style food truck and a Paparazzi jewelry truck. Megan and Bryon served up tasty breakfast fare and then flipped their menu over for



a great lunch selection that included such items as chili, and brisket sliders. It was a menu worth repeating in the future. Paparazzi brought a blinged-out jewelry truck filled with contemporary \$5 jewelry that was classy enough to suite the taste of any wardrobe.

Besides the large array of creative and artistic vendors who blessed Epiphany with their time and talents, many thanks need to go out to all the parishioners who came together to rally their support for both the (continued on page 3)



(continued from page 2). Welcome Booth by bringing in baked items (led by Mary Ellen Howey, and overseen by Pat Adams and Bobbi Planck), as well as the ERD table with t-shirts, pet rocks, and ornaments for sale (overseen by Cathy Young, Betty-Jeanne and Mark and Sylvia (age 7) Lenker). The ERD table supports the victims of disasters in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico; they raised \$340 that will go to the National Church.

Special thanks to everyone who helped in making this a success. From the decorating ideas of Kelly Morgan and Jennifer O'Brien, to the set-up and tear down crew of Brian Morgan, Randy Bond, Squire Dahl & Scott Luttenegger. Even those who interacted with headcount clicking and surveys (Rachel Black, Shirley Geraci, Roger Pan, Bryan McAfee). No task was too big or too small; every hand was needed to make it a success. My apologies if I missed anyone. As I said in the beginning, this was not only an effort to raise funds for Epiphany and others in need, but also a way to network within our community as the community grows around us. It was a great event, and I pray, that with each passing year, we continue to have amazing people join our efforts. Finally, a special thank you to Johanna Kennedy for your help as co-chair, and Betty-Jeanne Cousins and Father Rick for your guidance. You are greatly appreciated.

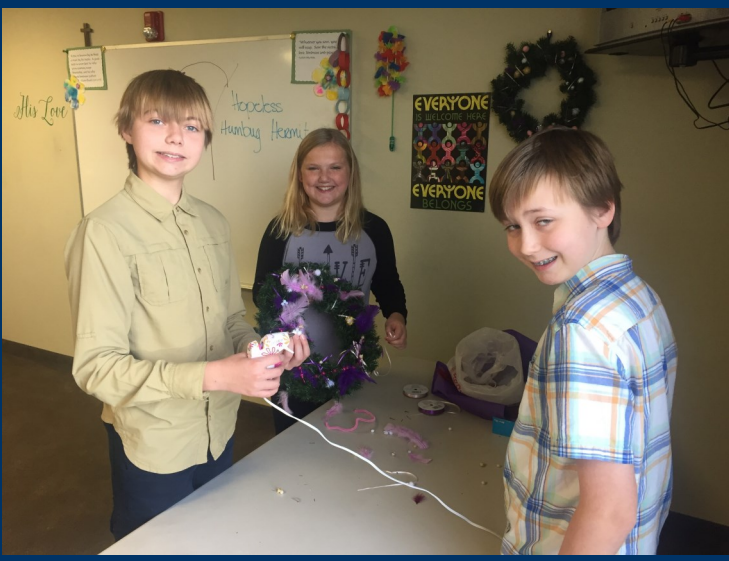


Blessings to all this Advent season.



Gabriel's Gift is collecting new and gently used adult winter wear for the homeless. We are in need of socks, caps, gloves, scarves, sweaters and coats. And we always need snacks, too! There is a collection basket in the Narthex. Contact Shawna Perez for more information at 702-419-3061.

Epiphany's church school children kicked off Advent today with a lesson on the meaning of Advent and followed it with wreath making and festive cookie decorating.



NCG House Meeting Campaign by Father Rick O'Brien

Throughout November and December, nearly 60 folks attended one of a series of 7 "house meetings". The meetings are part of Epiphany's commitment to Nevadans for the Common Good (NCG). NCG is dedicated to educating and training citizens to participate in public life. We are a member, along with many Episcopal churches in the valley and a wide range of other faith-based organizations. As NCG, diverse institutions work together to build relationships, find common ground on issues, and act in nonpartisan ways to improve life for all Nevadans.

NCG has asked all member organizations to develop house meetings to learn more about the issues that are affecting our people. We have held 7, but there will be more than 100 overall through the total membership. The goal of the process is to help NCG shape its agenda for 2018 and the years to come as we all seek ways to improve the quality of life here in Nevada.

The meetings we have had have been well attended and the feedback from our folks has been overwhelmingly positive. Many issues and areas of concern have been discussed and there is much that we will be able to share with the other members of NCG. My hope is that we can actively address some of the issues right here in our parish, mobilizing our resources to live our God's call to love our neighbor.

Thanks to all who participated, and stay tuned for what is to come next!


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Outreach	Laura Cannon
Hospitality	Mary Ellen Howey
Evangelism	Bill Kohn
Stewardship	Peter Steinbrenner
Worship	Elsa Torgerson
Member	Peter Valentine

Epiphany's youth kicked off the advent season with a special screening of The Christmas Carol



What's Happening

- December 13 - Vestry meeting
- December 17 - Lessons & Carols (4 pm)
- December 24 - Family Service (4:30)
Choral (10:30)
Midnight Mass (11 pm)

Welcome to Our Newest Transfer
Rachael Black

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?
WE WANT TO PRAY WITH YOU!

ONLINE PRAYER REQUEST

If you know of someone who you would like included in the online prayer chain, please visit Epiphany's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/nvepiphany and add their name to the post for weekly online prayers. If you do not use Facebook but would like a name added, please send the person's name to news@nvepiphany.org

Volunteer (s) Needed!

Are you looking for ways to get involved?

Epiphany is looking for a new newsletter editor and designer. Please contact Kelly Snyder or Betty-Jeanne Cousins if you are interested.