

# GOOD NEWS

FROM  
EPIPHANY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## The Ordination of Father Nicholas Neubauer

With 156 people in attendance and Bishop Dan Edwards at the helm, February 25, 2017 will go down in Epiphany’s history book as the first time our church community hosted an Ordination and welcomed the priest with open arms as one our very own church leaders.

Epiphany is proud to welcome and introduce to our church family Fr. Nicholas Neubauer and his wife Brooke and their children Jack, Ava, Nevada and Olivia. As you see from the pictures we are so happy to have him and his family join us.

The weather cooperated – no rain, yea! – mild wind – cloudy (thank goodness for heaters) but after all was said and done it was a wonderful event with marvelous fellowship and food.



As Fr. Rick O’Brien said Sunday “he could not be prouder” of how this parish came together and hosted the Ordination. We are small in number but we are like “The Little Engine That Could” and we did. Epiphany received many compliments on our land and buildings, on the delicious food, but most of all how welcoming this parish is to

everyone. There was representation from the west – Grace in the Desert located in Summerlin - and as far as (continued on page 2)

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(continued from page 1) St. Martin's in the Desert located in Pahrump.

Special thanks go to our chefs – Mary Valentine, Melissa Farr and Betty-Jeanne Cousins for preparing the deviled eggs, roast beef sandwiches, tuna, cheeses and wine. Thanks also go to our servers, set up crew and clean-up crew: Heather Bowman, Bill Kohn, Elsa Torgerson, Mary Ellen Howey, Shawn Woolworth, Laura Cannon, Judy Frankhouser and to the “muscle guys” Jeff Colman, Mannie Makhathini and Ron Farr. Fr. Nicholas said the next event he will join the “muscle guys” with the tables and chairs. We will hold him to it.



# Vestry Retreat

As your full Vestry gathered for its annual Retreat, Father opened the Retreat with a reading – “the road to Emmaus”. He asked us to go outside and walk as if we were walking with Christ. Christ first on our dominant side and then on the other side. What did you say and how did you feel. Some of us responded we were uncomfortable and others found it uplifting.

After returning we had 20 minutes of “Speed Learning” – what? We each selected a Vestry person we did not know well and for 10 minutes that individual talked about himself/herself. The following 10 minutes were spent by the other partner doing the same. We learned where they came from, their family if any, how they ended up at Epiphany and why they decided to serve Epiphany.

This went over so well, the Vestry decided that 20 minutes at each Vestry meeting we would do this till all of us had a turn with all Vestry members.

Father offered a new concept for this Vestry to consider - **“Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.”** Yes, the Dismissal each Sunday. We as Vestry during coffee hour are commissioned to get to know parishioners better by **listening**.

We learned new ways to communicate - What was your best experience in Church – How did you feel? Why did...What if the other services could make you feel that way...

Father asked that each Vestry person go and get to know any person better in the congregation. Bring back to the Vestry any ideas or suggestions that individual may have given.

In the last 5 years your Vestry has completed 2 goals - A Priest of our own, and a new worship space to grow - **NOW WHAT?**

**Invite the congregation to be a part of the conversation - Where does God want us to be?**

## Lollipops for Haiti



The Church School kept up with its always rewarding fundraiser by selling \$350 worth of lollipops to buy lunches for children in Haiti who are still suffering from the effects of the 2010 earthquake. Great job kids!

# SHROVE TUESDAY

Epiphany kept up the tradition of hosting a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday and it was quite a success. With 86 people in attendance (our largest ever!), the evening was filled with prayer, pancake races, and delicious flapjacks prepared by the church school teenagers. Thank you to Melissa Farr and Mary Feyt for chairing the event. Parishioner Gary Koinm remarked, "this was the best Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper I have ever attended." We could not agree more!



## Nevadans for the Common Good—Meals on Wheels

NCG have pushed very hard to receive more funding for **Meals on Wheels**. There has been no increase for Meals on Wheels since 2002. Funding for this program is Federal dollars as well as State dollars. Nevada is ranked **51<sup>st</sup> in the country** when compared with the average state input of \$4.39 per meal. In 2016 Nevada spent \$324,947 and if you divide the number of meals serviced in 2016 it comes out to **22 cents a meal**. This has caused a waiting list of over 900 individuals in Clark County.

Someone recovering from a medical procedure can't wait weeks or months for this service. For individuals with ongoing long-term issues, a lengthy wait can lead to deteriorating health with higher medical costs and greater likelihood of placement in a nursing home.

NCG has requested a minimum of 5 million dollars to stabilize the program and reduce the waiting list. This is our moral obligation to these vulnerable citizens and cost effective for the state. NCG has been attending meeting concerning this funding and will travel to Carson City to plead our case – please write (or email) your representatives asking for this funding. No one should die from hunger in this country.

**The cost of meals for one senior for one year equals  
the same cost of one day's stay in the hospital.**



[Nevadans for the Common Good](#) is made up of diverse institutions who work together to build relationships, find common ground on issues, and act in nonpartisan ways to improve life for all Nevadans. Epiphany is an active member of NCG.



Congratulations

**Avery and Eden Isabelle**

who were Baptized on February 19, 2017

Daughters of Cassy Yarber

and grandchildren of Mark and Shawn Woolworth



### Centering Prayer Workshop - Saturday, March 18, 2017 from 9:00-12:00pm at Epiphany

Hosted by Episcopal Church Women, Epiphany Episcopal Church, Christian Formation & Direction Ministries, and the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada

Centering Prayer is a core contemplative spiritual practice. The history, theology, and practice of this ancient prayer will be explored at the workshop led by The Rev. Dr. Catherine Gregg, Canon for Congregational Vitality in the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. Dr. Gregg is a Certified Teacher of Contemplative Outreach, the organization founded by Fr. Thomas Keating, the Cistercian monk who has made the practice known and accessible to many in our time. The workshop will be followed by weekly gatherings at Epiphany to continue the practice in small groups for all who desire to participate.

A \$5 donation covers the cost of materials and refreshments.

Please RSVP to Nathan Allen at [702-403-4904](tel:702-403-4904)



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**Priest in Charge: Father Rick O'Brien**

Father Charles Sakin    Father Vince O'Neil

Father Nicholas Neubauer

Deacon Sam Morford    Deacon Ann Langevin

**Vestry 2017**

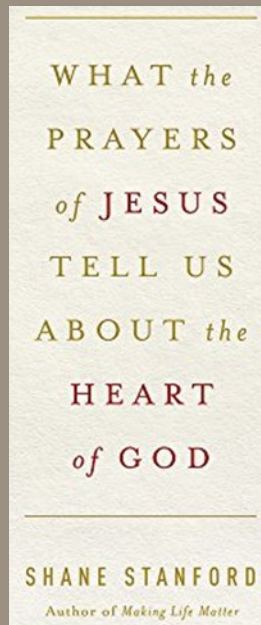
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Member	Laura Cannon
Member	Mary Ellen Howey
Member	Bill Kohn
Member	Peter Steinbrenner
Member	Elsa Torgerson

**Upcoming Events**

- Faith Matters—every Sunday at 9 am
- Lenten Study—Thursday at 6:30 pm beginning March 9
- Centering Prayer workshop with Canon Catherine - March 18 from 9 am - 12 pm
- Bishop's Visit—March 26 at 8 am and 10 am
- Installation of Father Rick O'Brien —April 1 at 4 pm
- Maundy Thursday foot washing —April 13 at 7 pm
- Good Friday—April 14 noon and 7 pm Tenebrae Service
- Holy Saturday Walk the Labyrinth and Quiet Room —April 15 from 9 am—noon
- Easter Service —April 16 at 8 am and 10 am

**Lenten Study 2017**

**Come Share Soup and Bread As We Study...**



*What the Prayers of Jesus Tell Us about the Heart of God* focuses on five passages in the Gospels in which Jesus prays alone or with his disciples. The book explores:

- \*Having a relationship with the Father
- \*Being shaped by God's wisdom and patience
- \*Being united with one another
- \*Bringing glory to God
- \*Having consistency in our spiritual life.

**Thursdays at 6:30 pm starting March 9<sup>th</sup>  
 in the Epiphany Meeting Room**

Thank you to those who gave!  
 Epiphany was able to send \$598 to St. Paul's Elko to help with the flooding.

Epiphany would like to welcome  
 Ann Hails who recently transferred to Epiphany

**Help Needed!**

We are seeking a parishioner or friend of the church willing to commit to serving the nursery during the 10:00 am service over a number of weeks or even a number of months. Payment is possible. Anyone working in the nursery must take *Safeguarding God's Children* training. If you or a friend have an interest, please contact Gina Kistle or Betty-Jeanne Cousins.

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