

  
**GOOD NEWS**  
 FROM  
 EPIPHANY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Confirmation and Reception 2017

*By Betty-Jeanne Cousins*

Another class has become “responsible members of the Episcopal Church.” Since 2009 a total of 38 people have been confirmed, or received into this parish. Re-affirming are **Lindsey Chapter, Ann Hails and Gary Hails**. At long last **Johanna Kennedy** is being Received into our Church and I for one am thrilled as I am sure Elsa is too.



For the first time for me as their teacher, we had a Dad and his daughter – **Mannie and Zia Makhathini**, a Mom and her son, **Cassy Yarder and Xander**.

All three **Zia, Xander** and **Emmy** are former children who attended Church School with me as their teacher. Emmy who is getting confirmed and would like to be called **Emilie**. Good luck with that – retraining an old person like me - not.

God has truly blessed me with being able to teach in a parish where our children stay from 3 years old through college and beyond. A quote from my favorite book of all times “**O Ye Jigs & Juleps!**”

*“After you are confirmed your sponsor in Baptism can’t be blamed for what you do. You are on your own then and if the devil gets you, it is your own fault and serves you just right.  
 Amen and the Lord have mercy.”*

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# HOLY WEEK

## AT EPIPHANY



PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 9 - 8 & 10 AM



MAUNDY THURSDAY  
FOOT WASHING  
APRIL 13 - 7 PM



GOOD FRIDAY  
SERVICE - NOON  
TENEBRAE SERVICE - 7 PM



LABYRINTH & QUIET TIME  
APRIL 15 - 9 AM - 12 PM  
EASTER VIGIL - 7 PM



EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 16 - 8 & 10 AM

## New Beginnings



The Committee on Gratitude's theme this year is "new beginnings." What better than a butterfly to represent Epiphany's "new beginnings."

Yellow Butterfly – symbolizes **hope** and guidance. In early Christianity it was a symbol of the soul.



Blue Butterfly – thought to symbolize a person's essence or soul either past or future. The color blue is often thought to symbolize **joy**

White Butterfly – past spirits/souls. A sign of good luck or angels watching over you.



Butterflies are common throughout the world . There are over 28,000 species - Especially during the Easter season (50 days) it represents to Christians around the world as **RESURRECTION!**

## Epiphany Gets a New Look

New landscaping between our two buildings gives Epiphany a new, fresh desert look. Fr. Rick asked that we form a Landscaping Committee to come up with a plan to redo the focal area of our property as people approach from the parking lot. The idea was to develop a desert friendly xeriscape project of our prominent entrance with funds donated by an anonymous donor. The committee's plan was presented and approved, and three landscapers were interviewed to do the job. Shane Siebert and his SOS Lawn Service and



Maintenance company completed the job in two days, just in time for Bishop Dan's visit. The old rosemarys,



grasses and lantanas were removed, new irrigation lines were installed and the entire area was covered with crushed red rock and some river rock. In the center of the area an attractive island of river rock was created. A number of boulders and a few yellow yucca plants were

placed around, and two fan palms were planted on either side of the dumpster. Three planters with seasonal flowers were placed in the area by the monument leading to Epiphany.



A shout out goes to our committee members – Heather Bowman, Alan O'Neill, Howard



Saxon, Jeff Colman, Kris Kohn and Bill Kohn. Also, to Shane Siebert and his eight man crew who did a fabulous job.

Epiphany should give an extra thank you to Bill who spent numerous hours on the property interviewing and hiring the final company. His dedication to Epiphany is well known by all of us and a huge thank you goes out from all of us.

# Epiphany is Giving Back through Gabriel's Gift

Between December and March, volunteers for Gabriel's Gift handed out more than 494 personal care packages, 228 snack packs, and 198 hats, scarves, gloves and umbrellas. Many thanks to our generous Epiphany parishioners who donated directly to Gabriel's Gift, or the "Mitten Tree," and the Prayer Shawl Ministry who hand-made many of the beautiful items.



Gabriel's Gift needs bottled water, sunscreen, lip balm and snacks. There is a box in the Narthex for donations.



On Saturday, March 18th, Epiphany hosted a workshop by Canon Catherine Gregg on Centering Prayer Workshop. It was a great success! We had a gratifying turnout: 25 folks arrived bright and early Saturday morning to participate. We were extremely pleased to host, not only members of Epiphany and other Episcopal parishes in the Valley, but also representatives from several other denominations as well!

It was a wonderful workshop, combining explanation with practice, and was very well received by everyone. We anticipate that from this class, several new contemplative prayer groups will form and grow in the South Valley. One such group, **Spiritual Awakening and Growth through Education (SAGE)**, is being planned for Epiphany, and will commence formation after our Easter Celebration.

If you would be interested in joining a contemplative prayer group here at Epiphany, which will meet weekly in the evening (day of week not yet finalized), please contact Laura Canon.



**Jack** plants flowers and vegetable seeds in Epiphany's new Church School Garden. Thank you to the **Burton family** for building the garden and all the families who are participating.

Thank you to the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** and those who made dozens of blankets. These items will be given to those in need and during special occasions.



  
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**Vestry 2017**

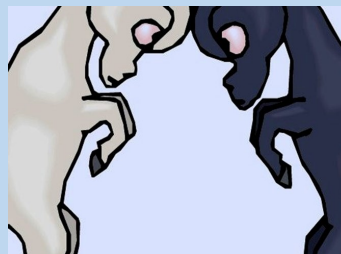
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Member	Cindy Berg
Member	Laura Cannon
Member	Mary Ellen Howey
Member	Bill Kohn
Member	Peter Steinbrenner
Member	Elsa Torgerson

**Upcoming Events**

- Palm Sunday—April 9 at 8 am and 10 am
- Maundy Thursday foot washing —April 13 at 7 pm
- Good Friday —April 14 at noon and Tenebrae Service at 7pm
- Holy Saturday Walk the Labyrinth and Quiet Room —April 15 from 9 am to noon
- Easter Vigil—April 15 at 7 pm
- Easter Service —April 16 at 8 am and 10 am
- Understanding Each Other in a Polarized World—April 22 from 9 am to noon

**Understanding Each Other in a Polarized World**

**How Stories Unite or Divide Us**



**Presented by: Bishop Dan & Linda Edwards**

We can try to separate church and state, but religious stories inevitably shape both law and politics. To understand each other, we need to see how the stories we believe either bind us together or tear us apart.

**Saturday, April 22**  
**9 am—Noon**

**Free Will Offering**

To Register contact: Helene Spaulding [hnslv47@gmail.com](mailto:hnslv47@gmail.com)  
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**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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