

GOOD NEWS

FROM
EPIPHANY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Joy of Giving

Epiphany's 2nd Annual Craft and Gift Fair was held on Saturday, November 19th and was very successful under co-chairs Heather Bowman and Susan Baker.

The Nave was full of "Joy of Giving" tables set up for vendors. In addition, six vendors were located in the Meeting Room, as well as one outside with their pop up tent. Vendors loved seeing our Altar and the beautiful flowers for the Sunday service. Everyone commented how nice it was being able to see all the vendors this year.



Santa came from the North Pole to take pictures with children and hear what was on their wish lists. Thank you to Emily Baker and Katie Mitchell for being the official photographers. Both girls are taking photography classes in school and this event gave the kids first-hand experience.

One set of grandparents told us as they were paying for their treasures that their grandson had never had his picture taken with Santa ever – (continued on page 2)



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The Joy of Giving (continued)

(he just doesn't like them). Imagine their surprise when he was ok with our Santa! Grandparents are giving the picture as a special Christmas gift from their grandson to his mother. Way to go Santa!

This year we had homemade goodies straight from the kitchen of Heather Bowman and the table made \$249.00 in free will offerings! Thanks to John and Pat Adams and Heather for staffing this table in the Narthex.

Special thanks goes to the committee who worked so hard to make this happen—Heather Bowman, Susan Baker, Shirley Geraci, John Adams, Pat Adams, Bobbi Planck, Laura Canon, and Betty-Jeanne Cousins.

Extra thanks to Kris and Bill Kohn, Jim Bowman and Lynn Baker for breaking down tables and putting our Nave back together for Sunday's service. Thanks to Elsa Torgerson for working in the cashier room all day.





Got Shoes... and Christmas Cards?

Six years ago, Epiphany parishioner Shawn Woolworth, started collecting new and gently used shoes in any size to give to under privileged families. Since then the program, now known as Shawn's Shoes, has collected hundreds of pairs of shoes. In addition to shoes, the program also collects greeting cards. Shawn takes these cards to St. Jude's Ranch for children in Boulder City. The kids re-purpose the cards to make new ones to sell in their gift shop to raise money. The children (including infants) at the ranch are kids that don't fit into the foster care program and would be homeless. Please take time to look through your closet for gently used shoes and save your Christmas cards for donation.



The choir sang "Jeremiah was a bullfrog... Joy to World"... Epiphany's theme for 2016



The Committee on Gratitude says "Thank You" on Pledge Sunday

Gabriel's Gift

Gabriel's Gift is a nonprofit organization inspired by one of our parishioners that passed away this year – Gabriel Perez. Their mission is to make life a little less difficult for those who are less fortunate than ourselves by preparing and distributing homeless care packages in the Las Vegas area.. We are in need of "travel size" toiletries, socks, beanies (knit caps), and non-perishable snacks. A flyer with a list of needed items can be found in the Narthex, along with a collection basket. Please take a flyer home today, and the next time you're at the store, we ask that you consider picking up a couple of extra things and dropping them off in the basket, when you return to church. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, you can do so on line at GabrielsGift.org.

Gratitude— A Seed of Love

Rob Burton graciously built the Church School garden at no expense to the parish budget. The Vestry loved the idea of a garden that our children maintain. The garden will be dormant in the summer – with temps 110-118 nothing would survive.

Our children loved planting and are excited to watch God at work with them. Sunshine and we have lots of it – water – thank goodness for automatic sprinkler – and lots and lots of tender loving care by our children. They are so excited! Please thank **Rob and Leslie Burton** for their generous donation of time and treasure for this garden.





Got Storage? We do!

We now have a 40-foot storage unit behind the Nave, waiting to be filled with our stuff. Who would have thought that two years ago we and all our stuff were living in a 3,600 square foot storefront rented space? Now, almost two years later we have moved to our own place of 11,000 square feet under roof and have run out of storage space for our stuff again. Enter our storage unit.

Epiphany Celebrates Advent

Epiphany's children kept up the annual tradition of decorating cookies to kick off the Season of Advent. Leslie Burton's class made an advent wreath in class after discussing the lesson and learning what the wreath and the candles represent.



Don't forget to bring in gloves, scarves, and hats to help decorate Epiphany's giving tree. All items will be donated to those in need after Christmas.



The Great Beard Challenge

The men of Epiphany grew beards in November to raise cancer awareness. It's now your turn to vote for the best beard! In the Narthex, there are boxes under each photo. Vote by putting money into the box of who you think should win the challenge. All money will be donated to cancer research.



Joy to the World

The Lord has Come

Lessons and Carols - December 18 at 4 pm
 Christmas Eve Family Mass - 4:30 pm
 Christmas Eve Choir - 10:30 - 11 pm
 Christmas Eve Mass - 11 pm
 Christmas Day Mass - 9 am
 New Year's Day Mass - 9 am

Oops! There were a couple of errors in the Fall 2016 Epiphany Directory. Correction sheets are available in the Narthex.

Education & Events Corner

December 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 7 pm

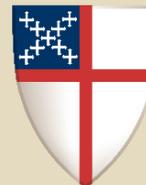
Advent Study under the leadership of Laura Canon

January 6 at 6 pm

Journey to Bethlehem – Feast of the Epiphany – followed by potluck

January 8 at 5 pm

Chili dinner and clergy appreciation




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