



GOOD NEWS

FROM
EPIPHANY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

International Wine Tasting and Food Pairing—October 22, 2016



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46th Annual Diocesan Convention



The Rev. Canon Carrie Headington was the keynote speaker during the 46th Annual Diocesan Convention held in Las Vegas October 6–8 and she certainly was full of enthusiasm and has a wonderful smile. She spoke about how parishes should “re-fire – not re-tire” and how Jesus asked 127 questions (wow! I did not realize Jesus asked



so many questions – she must have Googled it). She spoke of “JOY,” Epiphany’s theme for 2016, and attaining fulfillment starting with the Resurrection and how we must continue Christ’s work. She had many catchy phrases, including Pray – Care – Share.

The Bishop’s address was the following day and he gave Epiphany two compliments in his address “Grace in the Desert had an overflow crowd for its Vacation Bible School this summer and Epiphany has a burgeoning children’s ministry with 30-40 kids each Sunday.” While talking about Stewardship being done very well in a few parishes, while other parishes just rung their hands saying “we are so small”... the Bishop said “It doesn’t have to be that way, that is not the spirit of the Holy Doubt group at Grace in the Desert or the Pelagian Book Club at Epiphany. Those folks have fire in their belly.”

He said we don’t have to copy each other for as St. Paul said, we are all different – each congregation’s mission is unique.

Epiphany delegates were Carol Wagers, Carol Shaffer, Gina Kistle and Sr. Warden Betty-Jeanne Cousins. We had clergy as well Fr. Rick, Fr. Charles, Fr. Vincent and our new

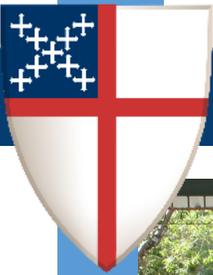
Deacon Ann were there representing more uniqueness and we would be remiss not to give a super thanks to Jeff and Kathi Colman wearing Epiphany T-shirts who did sound and power point for the Convention.

Stuart Campbell, Ex. Director of Galilee, spoke of their new logo “Galilee where all are welcome”. Fr. Rick will serve on the Galilee Board in 2017.

The Eucharist offering this year went to Family Promise in the South and NNIC in the North. More later on Family Promise and how Epiphany will be involved in the upcoming years ahead with this great nonprofit.

Our congregation does have “fire in its belly” and we can hardly wait to see where the Spirit

On Saturday, October 9th our newest parish “**St. Hugh’s – Lincoln**” was welcomed into the Diocese of Nevada. This congregation expects to grow and thrive with Tesla moving into its community. God bless and we wish the best to our newest member to our Diocese.



Blessing of the Animals and Church Picnic



Epiphany parishioners and their four-legged friends gathered on October 1 in Sonata Park for the annual church picnic and Blessing of the Animals. The event was filled with games, great conversations, and yummy food. Thanks to all who participated and especially Shawn Woolworth for coordinating the event. For more photos, visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/nvepiphany

Epiphany's church school theme for this year is *Sowing the Seeds of His Love* and the kids are really getting into it! School children and their families are creating an Epiphany garden as a way to tie scripture to a hands-on family activity.



Acts of Humankindness Steward Award

Congratulations to vestry member Scott Luttenegger who received the “Acts of Humankindness Steward Award” from his employer, Dignity Health. Scott is a physical therapist at the St. Rose Dominican Hospitals, Rose De Lima campus and each year, employees at each Dignity Health location anonymously nominate fellow employees based on acts of human kindness that they have personally experienced.

The specific events that led to Scott’s nomination were related to a female patient in the hospital who was a new mother and had suffered a major stroke. She was very concerned about whether she would be able to care for her baby when she left the hospital. Instead of the regular exercises to get her up and walking, Scott brought in a baby stroller and added weights to approximate the weight of her baby. They used this stroller all through her therapy, and practiced all kinds of activities with it, so that she would be used to doing that when she left the hospital.



Congratulations

Nate Henderson and Francis Rocha

Married October 20th, 2016



Gifts Discernment Workshop

The Gifts Discernment Workshop was held on Saturday, October 15 from 9am – noon. There were 20 in attendance. Father Rick handed out “Discerning the Ways that I am Me – being myself.”

Father Rick asked three questions:

What are my three most important long term goals?

If I knew I would be struck by lightning in six months, how would I live my life until then?

How would I like to spend my next three years?

These were tough questions which made you really take a good hard look at yourself, maybe even for the first time. It was interesting to find out whether your gifts were healing, encouraging, giving, teaching, pastoring, mercy, hospitality, leading, evangelism and faith. Some of us were really surprised at the answers and our gifts.

Making a Difference in Our Community

Epiphany Church can make a difference in the lives of the needy in the community and you are invited to help! On the first Sunday of each month, join us in donating food items or a monetary donation, to be delivered to the food bank at Epicenter on the Parkway, or Epicenter for short. The center is located on the property of Christ Church on Maryland Parkway and has a 501c3 organization which allows it to apply for faith based grant money and makes cash donations tax deductible. More than 1500 individuals each month receive food which has been donated by churches just like Epiphany, or purchased at a discount with donations from churches, individuals, and grants from organizations like Treasure House.



Deacon Bonnie Polley had a vision and the dream in 1984 to distribute food out of one of the classrooms facing the parking lot at Christ Church. She proposed this to the vestry who she says were "not impressed with my excitement" and gave all sorts of reasons why this would not succeed ... no money, no food, too costly to operate, dangerous ... but with her typical persistence, she was allowed a 30 day trial. The very next day the Community Food Bank called and asked if Christ Church could be a site for food distribution, which they would fund and deliver for one year! God was there and blessings flowed! That was about 32 years ago and things have only grown and expanded.

The food bank at Epicenter is designed to be an emergency center where folks receive a generous supply of perishable and non-perishable food items for however many members are in their family. The families are registered in a countywide computer system and receive an ID card confirming this. The food distribution area is in the paved area off of St. Louis St. behind Christ Church. Several canopies provide shade, bottled water is offered to clients waiting for service.

Food for the food bank is purchased from Three Square, a discount food supplier. The food budget is about \$3200 each month but the need is generally greater and we try hard to meet the need. Food delivery each week is between 1 and 3 tons.

In May each year the Post Office sponsors a food drive all over the city with food banks determined in advance to receive that which is collected at a specific office. Epicenter usually receives 8000 to 9000 pounds, enough for 1 month, but this year donations were down and we received only 3000 pounds.

Please consider helping Epiphany to make this outreach project most successful by your donations of food or money or by volunteering to assist in the distribution of food. The drive for November is for non-perishable foods to be included in the baskets given out for Thanksgiving. When you are planning and purchasing your dinner, please pick up a little extra cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, and canned yams to share with those less fortunate. Epiphany's food drive is Nov. 6th, but any donation any Sunday will be promptly delivered to the food bank.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer either at the food bank or at Treasure House, the primary financial support for Epicenter, please call or talk with Judy Koehn.





The October 16th Ministry Fair was a great success!

The kids love when scripture and art come together!

Education and Events Corner

November 6 - Advent wreath sign up in Narthex

November 12 - Solitude and Silence Retreat, 9am - 11am followed by lunch at Epiphany Episcopal Church

November 19 - 2nd Annual Craft & Gift Fair, 9am - 3pm at Epiphany Episcopal Church

November 20 - Church School having Advent Cookies immediately after 10am service



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Free photos with Santa Decor

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