

GOOD NEWS

FROM
EPIPHANY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Church School Has Begun!

By Gina Kistle

Church School kicked off the year on August 27th with a strong message – **Anchored in Christ's Love**. Epiphany is very blessed to have such dedicated, reliable and consistent Church School Committee members and teachers and to offer Church School for our youth from Nursery through 12th Grade. We currently have over 40 children registered for the church school year.

This year's age distribution allowed for an exciting opportunity to offer a Middle School and High School class to follow their school grades. Betty-Jeanne Cousins and Mary Feyt manage Nursery and the school teachers are Betty-Jeanne (Pre-K - 1st Grade), Pat Adams (2nd Grade- 5th Grade), Leslie Burton (Middle School) and Tan Wells and Melissa Farr (High School). They all warmly welcomed the students with big smiles, decorated classrooms and the younger children made anchor refrigerator magnets to correspond with the theme (continued on page 2).



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(continued from page 1) Members of our clergy will be interacting in all of the classrooms regularly this school year, enriching our student's classroom experience. They spent some time in the classrooms on the kick-off sharing this news with the students. Sue Racicot, our talented musician lead, will continue to plan and direct our Family Christmas service on Christmas Eve and direct songs on All Saints' Day and Mother's Day. As the year progresses, please remember to keep Epiphany's Church School committee in your prayers with gratitude for their service to this ministry and ensuring our children remain **"Anchored in Christ's Love."**



Smith's

ATTENTION: The Smith's Community Rewards Program changed to Smith's Inspiring Donations on July 1, 2017. If you wish to continue supporting Epiphany through this program, you must re-enroll.

Use the Smith's app, or log into your Smith's account at <https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/signin>.

Click on Community and then Inspiring Donations.

Go to View Rewards Details.

Scroll down to Inspiring Donations and click Enroll. Enter **#TE289** or **#65511** as Epiphany's number.

Click Confirm and you're done!

If you wish to enroll as a NEW member in the Smith's program, you will need a Rewards Card. Then create an account on the Smith's website, and follow the instructions above. Smith's donates 0.5% of every dollar you spend to Epiphany.

Thank you so much for supporting Epiphany!

Epiphany Welcomes the Recent Transfers In!

Barb Aalberts

Phil Barnes

Jim Graham

Henry Reynolds

Bob Aalberts

Michael Brown

Carol Warren

Jennifer Reynolds

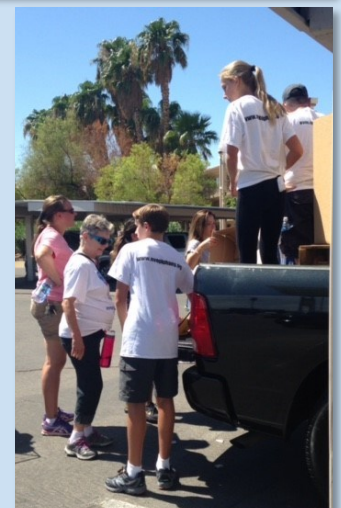
Words from Father Rick

On a very hot Saturday morning in late August, we had a rare privilege. Thanks to our friends at the Just One Project we got to participate in a “pop-up and give” event. About 20 Epiphany folks helped to bring food, clothing and shoes to a group of people in need. Despite the temperature, there was a large crowd waiting for us. Young and old, all were patiently waiting, eager for the help as the end of the month is particularly hard.

In just under an hour we had distributed 100 backpacks full of brand new school clothes to kids. A number of those backpacks had been donated by Epiphany members and we were thrilled to see the looks on the kid’s faces! We also gave out 100 pairs of new Adidas sneakers, in some cases to kids whose shoes were in tatters. The real mind-blowing number though is 7,000. 7,000 is the number of pounds of food that we gave out that morning. What a blessing!

I could not be prouder of the Epiphany family who enthusiastically embraced this ministry opportunity. The Holy Spirit continues to work among us and it was a pleasure to see so many of our folks taking the mission to the streets and helping those less fortunate.

If you missed this one, take heart for there is another opportunity to serve right around the corner. In late September we will again be hosting Family Promise on our campus. We will need people to prepare food, stay overnight with our guests, or donate food for lunches. Stay tuned for more details on how you can get involved.



Epiphany is Giving Back through Gabriel's Gift By Shawna Perez



As the summer heated up, Gabriel's Gift volunteers were cooling down with local homeless residents. They served over 500 people this summer with ice cold water, snacks and personal toiletry items, thanks to Epiphany Parishioners.



Eleanor is working with a social worker to obtain permanent placement in a local senior group home.



Ray is a native Las Vegas and mechanic. We put him in touch with DETR who will try to help get him back to work. Thankful for the razors & shaving cream in his bag.



Maggie loved the soaps and lotions in the "Lady Bag"



Cheryl lost her job and home in California. Hitching her way through Nevada, hoping to reunite with family in Colorado.



Volunteer gets a grateful hug from a homeless teen who didn't want to provide her name or information. We put her in touch with a youth shelter. Praying she makes her way back to her family.



Brian was a Sous Chef on the strip before he fell on hard times.



Donations Needed: Lip Balm, Sunscreen, Water & Snacks

Monetary Donations can be made on our secure site:

www.GabrielsGift.org

Irv Cousin's Memorial Service

by Betty-Jeanne Cousins

Irv's Memorial Service was held on August 12th with over 125 in attendance.

"Everyone has been so wonderful to me and so very caring. Special thanks to *Heather Bowman* and *Mary Ellen Howey* for being the hostesses for the reception. This was the first time I have not been involved in clean up and it was strange indeed. Special thanks to *Gina Kistle*, *Melissa Farr*, *Mary Valentine* and *Father O'Brien* for being so patient with me.

Irv would have been so pleased to know both *Bishop Edwards* and *Bishop Katharine* attended his Memorial service. A special thanks from the Cousins' family to Bishop Edwards for the most moving and loving homily given on Irv's service and love of the Episcopal Church."

The Holy Spirit most definitely moves through this marvelous congregation giving their love and support to all who enter.

Reflections Ministry

by Carol Confino

Everyone has a story to share. It may be funny, inspirational or an experience that has touched their life in an unusual way. We are looking for those stories to share through the Reflections Ministry at Epiphany. You can share a poem, passage from the Bible or some found wisdom that has helped you cope with a life event. Your experience could give courage to someone who is going through a similar situation. For those who are uncertain of their ability to create the written version of ideas we can help you develop them on paper.

We do not expect to win a Pulitzer Prize for writing but if your experience touches one heart, gives pleasure to one reader or inspires someone to get through a difficult time then that is the greatest prize of all.

Please contact Carol Confino at cjconfino@cox.net to discuss the best path to take to get your thoughts to our readers.

Foyer Groups Have Reformed

by Bill Kohn

Our first round of foyer group meeting was a rousing success! The 35 participants were divided into five groups. After adding and subtracting people, we have reordered into six groups. We're restarting this month and should end up by the end of the year. We've added 10 new people this go-round, four of whom are newcomers to Epiphany. This is absolutely fabulous!

Foyer groups are small groups of 6-8 people, couples or singles, who gather periodically to break bread together. Foyer groups are a wonderful way to get to know others, especially when new parishioners join.

Foyer Groups originally started after WW II in Coventry, England in the bombed-out ruins of the Coventry Cathedral. Small groups, numbering 8-10 people gathered to share food, drink, friendship and communion in rebuilding their community.

Likewise, Epiphany's Foyer Groups 6-8 parishioners typically gather for a social meal where the host/hostess provides the main course and beverages and everyone else brings the rest of the meal. Members of the group rotate hosting the event once a month or so and are limited only by one's imagination. This is not a competition. There is no agenda. It is simply an opportunity for us to be together in a social setting, to welcome newcomers and to get to better know each other.

Each group organizes in its own way, decides when/where to meet and decides the activity. The idea is that each person or couple has the opportunity to host and lead the gathering. Once everyone in the group has hosted, the groups will be reordered and the process repeats itself. The idea is that even more folks and newcomers join the foyer groups when they start next year.

There is Always a Need

by Elsa Torgerson

If you feel passionate about one of our Worship Ministries at Epiphany, let us know.

Youth Acolytes - These youth are Crucifers, Torch Bearers and Altar Acolytes at the 10 am. service. A new group will be starting in the fall with instruction. Contact: Kristen Lavacheck, 702-327-5064

Adult Acolytes - Adults are Crucifers and Altar Acolytes at the 8 am service. Contact: Kris Kohn, 702-407-5187

Altar Guild - This group is responsible for setting up and cleaning up the Altar for every service. Contact: Elsa Torgerson, 702-837-2416

Choir - The Choir sings at the 10 am service. Contact: Kathy Steinbrenner, 702-468-4985

Eucharistic Ministers—This group must complete a training session and administers the sacrament at the Eucharist. Contact: Kris Kohn, 702-407-5187

Eucharistic Visitors - A Eucharist Minister that takes the sacrament to shut-ins. Contact: Cindy Berg, 970-599-6937

Readers - This is the group that reads the lessons, psalm and prayers of the people at both the 8 am and 10 am services. Contact: Teddie Brewer, 702-451-8931

Ushers - Usher at the 10 am service and special services, i.e. Christmas Eve, Easter. Contact: Carol Haley, 702-750-9626

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


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Member	Mary Ellen Howey
Member	Bill Kohn
Member	Peter Steinbrenner
Member	Elsa Torgerson
Member	Peter Valentine

We Welcome Our Newest Member



Sebastian Rey Bautista

Baptized August 27, 2017

Son of Michael and Chloe Bantista