

“Epiphany—The Light of Christ”

As we began a new calendar year, many of us may reflect upon the events, experiences and meanings of the previous year. After those reflections, we cannot help but to wonder what pathway lays before us in the coming year. The Epiphany story and the Epiphany Light can be for Christians a profound source of guidance or direction that can be illumine how we might direct, re-direct or manage our lives throughout the coming year. The Epiphany Light not only directs us to the person of Jesus Christ, but the Epiphany Light can illumine our pathways and give us guidance as to who we are, who we might become, what we might do and where we might go. For Christians, the Epiphany Light can bring us guidance, direction, inspiration, clarity and hope for the new year.

As the light exploded and pierced the darkness in creation, as the light of the burning bush gave guidance to Moses, as the pillar of light led Israel out of darkness and the light from the Epiphany Star led the world to the Christ-Child, so does the Light of Christ continue to give guidance, direction and hope to God’s people today. The Light of Christ can illumine all darkness in the dark places of humanity and in our own lives.

Many of us may be understandably troubled over certain circumstances in the world, in our nation and in our own lives. Shadows are cast by tragedies, unrest, conflicts and division in the world around us and in our personal lives. The Good News in the Light of the Epiphany, the Light of Christ is a divine spark waiting to shine forth in the world and in our lives. All things are possible with God and all darkness can be illumined by the Light of Christ. The Epiphany Light reminds us that we can find direction and hope throughout the shadows, difficulties, challenges and concerns that we might have in the coming year.

The Epiphany Season is a “hinge” season between Advent-Christmas and the Season of Lent. During Advent, we contemplate our readiness and prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ-Child and for the Second Coming of Christ. In the Lenten Season, there is a prolonged focus on self-denial, self-examination, penitence and renewal. In the Epiphany Season, however, it seems to be a season of joy, awe, assurance and hope. It is a celebration of our awesome God that not only created heaven and earth and humanity but miraculously and wonderfully sent his own Son to be Incarnate and to be among us in the flesh and in everlasting Light. Now that is something to celebrate!

Happy Epiphany and Happy New Year!

“The best is yet to come!”
Fr. Terry ✝



The Rev. Terry Street, Rector

January at a Glance

- 1 New Year’s Day
- 6 ECW Luncheon & Meeting, 12:30p, *BH*
- 9 Men’s Club, 6:30p, *PH*
- 12 Christian Ed. Classes Begin
- 21 Vestry Mtg., 6:30 *PH*



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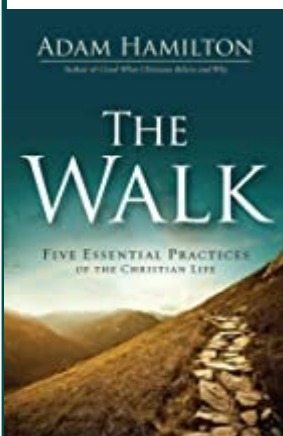
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Adult Education Study for the Epiphany Season — *Beginning Sunday, January 12th*

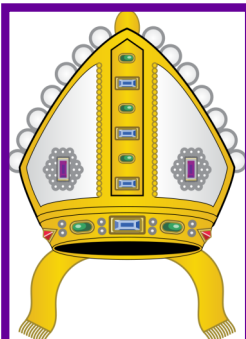


How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life.

In *The Walk*, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church.

In each chapter, Hamilton explores one of these practices, its New Testament foundation, and what it looks like to pursue this practice daily in our personal life and together in the life of the church. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith.

This is an excellent pre-Lenten study to equip us with the spiritual practices that can be used during the season of Lent. Please join us as we journey . . . together. Books can be purchased for \$20 from Jonathan Bennett, Fr. Terry or in the classroom. They may also be ordered from Amazon at the same price.



INTERESTED IN CONFIRMATION OR JOINING THE ST. PHILIP FAMILY?

If you have been thinking about joining our parish at St. Philip or have been thinking about getting officially confirmed in the Episcopal Church, now is a good time to make your decision! The Bishop will be making her annual visit to St. Philip on February 2, 2020. During her visit, the Bishop will officiate confirmations, receive those who wish to be a member of the Episcopal Church and will give blessings upon those who have recently joined the St. Philip Community. It will be a grand celebration and we hope you will be a part of this important time in the life of our church.

If you are interested, please contact Fr. Terry (901-896-5106) as soon as possible for consultation or further information.

Remember the St. Philip Discretionary Fund

THIS Sunday is the St. Philip Discretionary Fund Sunday. The loose offering and other gifts so designated are given to St. Philip Discretionary Fund for the purpose of helping parish members and others in the community in times of serious need. If you wish to contribute by check, please make it out to St. Philip and designate it "St. Philip Discretionary Fund." Also, one can contribute to this fund at any time.



In Our Parish Community

January Birthdays

Suzy Voye	1
Andy Graham	3
Melissa Rinks	3
Elisabeth Stephens	4
Rachel Stephens	7
Gannon Buckmaster	9
Patrick Domico	10
Charles Wilburn	12
Barb Keith	13
Barbara McCall	13
Debbie Nelson	13
Ray Harvell	15
Catherine Johnson	16
Megann Fickle	17
Ethan Smith	18
Nelda Marr	20
Leanne Bennett	24
Matthew Nelson	25
Geoffrey Albert	29
Alison Nelson	29
Margaret Smith	29
Tom Kerlin	31



On the Prayer List

Ricky Blount	John Lewis
Cindy Bottenfield	Larry Mooney
Scott Carpenter	MK Potlock
Steve Chester	Ted Allen Rice
Suzy Cunningham	Robinson Family
Margaret Dischler	Robert Ruegge
Suzy Gilmer	Mark Smith
Shirley Goergens	Fr. Terry Street
Carol Green	Valenti Family
Julia Gregory	Holly Whitsett
Jean Harvell	Charles Wilburn
Kelsey Knight	William Wilkins
Max Lawrence	Jerry Windham

January Anniversaries

Brian & Eva Sladen	05
Geoffrey & Betty Albert	06

Memorials/Honorariums Received in the Month of December

Charles Brooks
by M/M Joe Namie
Faye Frykholm (for piano)

M/M Ferd Heckle, III
By Mrs. Ferd Heckle, Jr.

“Feel-Good Giving”

“Each of you should give as you have decided from the heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

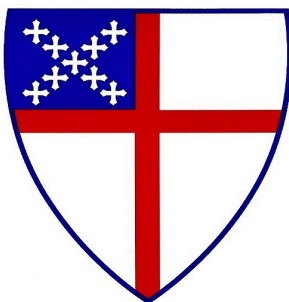
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

This year’s Stewardship Campaign’s theme is “Feel-Good Giving” (See front page article in the November EVANGEL). The idea is instead of the often used stewardship phrase, “Give until it hurts”, we would suggest that we give until it feels good -- Feel-Good Giving! Dwight Wagner is this year’s 2019 Stewardship Campaign Chairperson. Please pick up a pledge card and prayerfully consider a generous and joyful giving to the needs and ministry of St. Philip.



Big Things Can Come in Smaller Packages! According to the Pew Research Center’s latest report, the median length of the sermons was 37 minutes. Catholic sermons were the shortest, at a median of just 14 minutes, compared with 25 minutes for sermons in mainline Protestant congregations and 39 minutes in evangelical Protestant congregations. Historically black Protestant churches had by far the longest sermons, at a median of 54 minutes. Fr Terry’s sermons average between 10-12 minutes. It is hopeful proof that BIG sermons can come in smaller packages! AND . . . Count your blessings! HA!





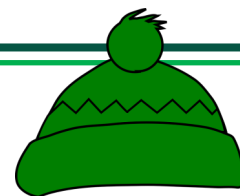
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2020 **Advent/Christmas** **Project— *MANNA HOUSE***



The Manna House is a place of hospitality for the homeless. The Manna House is appropriately named as it freely offers grace and comfort to those in need.

Besides offering personal hygiene items like clean underwear, socks, and hot showers, the Manna House provides a safe and friendly “living room” for the community to gather over a cup of hot coffee.

This Advent/Christmas season, we will collect winter wear, including coats (lg, xlg, xxlg are needed), hats, gloves and socks to donate to the Manna House during this challenging time of year for the homeless. The collection box will be in the Parish Hall. Please consider being a part of this needed ministry this season.



Men's Club Meeting at 6:30 on January 9, 2020
Agenda: Discussion of 2020 Events



**MEN'S
CLUB**

St. Philip Episcopal Church

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Sunday Schedule

8:00a Holy Eucharist

8:45a Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

10:30a Holy Eucharist

11:45a Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

Wednesday Service

12:10 p Healing w / Holy Eucharist

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