

# The Sentinel

February 2017

## **Priest's Ponderings**

I have good news for you as we come to February! Lent starts on March 1st so you get to party down all month. The Feast of the Epiphany continues. Party hearty!

So what has God revealed to you during this season of Epiphany? Have you learned something new about yourself, other people, the world, or even God?

The interesting aspect of revelation is that it usually comes out of the blue and catches us off guard. It can turn our world upside down. It can change us forever. It helps redefine our identities.

The symbol for the season of Epiphany is the Wise Men. They were just minding their own business, and an angel appears to tell them to hit the road and follow a star to find the Savior of the world. What did they find? A baby in a manger. How could that be the Savior of humankind for all ages? Yet somehow they knew.

They went back home with lots to consider. Over time the picture/revelation seemed hazy and not fully understood. We don't really know if they ever fully comprehended Jesus, but we can surmise that the revelation God provided left them with comfort and hope, but many questions.

The same is true for us. God has revealed some hefty things to us. What do we do? How should we respond? How do the pieces of the puzzle come together? We have comfort and hope, but many questions.

Yes, we celebrate in this wonderful season. Along with the celebration we open our eyes, hearts, and minds to God. We watch and listen. We may even be told to hit the road and go to some new place where we will find God doing an amazing thing, though difficult to understand. Most importantly, we feel gratitude and even honored that God thinks enough of us that he wants to share himself with us by revealing his nature.

Enjoy the journey.... and experience..... of Epiphany in the month of February!  
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## **Shrove Tuesday!**

Our Shrove Tuesday Feast is Tuesday, February 28th from 6 pm – 7:30 pm in the parish hall. By popular demand we will serve pancakes this year! Join us for the last feast of Epiphany..... and February..... as Ash Wednesday is the next day on March 1st.



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## **Special Events Calendar**

Saturday, February 11th  
Youth Group at 5:30 pm

Tuesday, February 21st  
Vestry meeting at 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 23rd  
March Sentinel Article Deadline

Tuesday, February 28th  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**Happy Birthday!**

Matthew McFarland	2/6
Bryan Russell	2/15
Michael Schoenenberger	2/15
George Womack	2/19
Carolyn Dorris	2/28

Let us know if we missed one! We do not know unless you tell us. ☺

**Lay Assignments**

February 5th:

Eucharistic: Denise Kem & David Gaines

Lector: Denise Kem

Crucifer: Jonathan Dupuy

Ushers: Rick Webb & Don Jones

Altar Guild: Karen Cate & Joan Wells

Coffee Hour: The Reeses

February 12th:

Eucharistic: Jane Emery & Cindy Reese

Lector: Harry Spain

Crucifer: Drafee!

Ushers: Larry Emery & Joe Reese

Altar Guild: Mary Elizabeth Womack & Betty Odom

Coffee Hour: Volunteer???????

February 19th:

Eucharistic: Tony McFarland & David Gaines

Lector: Tony McFarland

Crucifer: Jonathan Dupuy

Ushers: Don Denning & Mike Deweese

Altar Guild: Sandra Womack & Janet Deweese

Coffee Hour: The McFarlands

February 26th:

Eucharistic: Rick & Cindy Webb

Lector: David Gaines

Crucifer: Erick Cate

Ushers: Mike Deweese & Don Jones

Altar Guild: Cindi Spain & Judy Stewart

Coffee Hour: Vestry Monthly Birthday Party / The Holders

**The Saint of the Month**

**Phillips Brooks  
Bishop and Preacher  
(23 January 1893)**

Phillips Brooks is best known today as the author of "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Former generations, however, accounted him the greatest American preacher of the nineteenth century (and not for lack of other candidates). His sermons are still read.

He was born in Boston in 1835 and educated at Harvard and at Virginia Theological Seminary. After ten years of ministry at two churches in Philadelphia, he returned to Boston in 1869 and was rector of Trinity Church there until 1891. He was then elected Bishop of Massachusetts, and died two years later.

O everlasting God, who revealed truth to your servant Phillips Brooks, and so formed and molded his mind and heart that he was able to mediate that truth with grace and power: Grant, we pray, that all those whom you call to preach the Gospel may steep themselves in your word, and conform their lives to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Quote of the Month**

Quote About Epiphany: "There's nothing better when something comes and hits you and you think 'YES!'" — J.K. Rowling

**Recipe of the Month: Bruce's Pineapple Upside Down Bundt Cake**

1/2 butter (1 stick) melted  
 1/2 cup packed brown sugar  
 1 can pineapple rings in 100% juice (reserve the juice)  
 1 jar maraschino cherries  
 1 box yellow cake mix  
 1 box 4 serving instant vanilla pudding  
 3 eggs  
 1/3 cup vegetable oil.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

prepare Bundt pan with spray or grease the pan with Crisco

Melt butter and pour into the pan, then sprinkle the brown sugar into the pan  
 With stand mixer, mix together cake mix, pudding, 3 eggs and with the juice add a little milk to make 1 cup of liquid.

Cut pineapple rings in half and put a cherry in between each pineapple on the bottom of the pan. After mixing the batter, spoon into the pan.

Bake at 350 for about 33-35 minutes. Cake is done when toothpick comes out clean.

Yummy! and very different than other upside down cakes. But I think your taste buds will enjoy this cake.

Bruce Dobbs

### ***From the Loft***

Ever wonder why we have a choir?  
To lead the hymns and service music?  
To carry on a long-standing tradition?  
To justify purchasing a new organ?

The real answer is found many times in the Book of Psalms:

100: 1-3 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.  
Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his  
presence with singing.  
101: 1 I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee,  
O Lord, will I sing.  
96: 1 O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord,  
all the earth.  
92: 1 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to  
sing praises unto thy holy name, O most high.  
149: 1 Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song,  
and his praise in the congregation of saints.

Singing praise to God in his house is a worshipful experience. Whether you sit in the loft or in the pew, join in, and blend your voice with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven as we sing together to worship our Lord.  
Jane Emery

### ***Vestry News***

In January the Vestry elected new officers for 2017:

Sr. Warden - Rick Webb  
Jr. Warden - Harry Spain  
Secretary - Christy Lyons  
Outreach - Joe Reese  
Communications - Christy Lyons  
Christian Education - Ken Saefkow  
Worship - David Gaines  
Evangelism - The Entire Vestry  
Tom Joy - Louise Jones

For more information see a Vestry member or Father Courtney

### ***Parish Financial Highlights***

The January Income Statement was not available at press time since January was a 5 Sunday month. For more information, see Jim Cate, Treasurer.

### ***Concern for a Parishioner***

Father Courtney has been informed that George Schutt has been admitted into hospice care. George is currently residing at Good Samaritan Health Care in Antioch. Please keep George and his family in your prayers.

***Help Yourself to a 2017 Parish Directory in the Front Hall!***

### ***Outreach News***

Our monthly collection for Room in the Inn is Chapstick, men's lotion, and foot powder. Dropoff is in the box by the piano in the church.

The Feed the Homeless Sunday in January went very well! We had 340 sandwiches and a dozen volunteers. Well Done!

### ***Youth Ministry***

We have two programs for the youth of the parish.

Teenagers and middle schoolers join Father Courtney and Lacey Lyons for dinner and discussion on Saturday, February 11th at 5:00 pm at the church. We shall embark on a new video series about the trials and tribulations of being young. Join us for the fun!

Sunday School Studies for February  
February 5 - The Sower  
February 12 - The Good Samaritan  
February 19 - The Stories of the Lost  
February 26 - The Forgiving Father  
May 7- Peter and John

### ***Taekwondo News***

It is customary and right to show our gratitude to St. James for allowing us our opportunity of offering training to those who otherwise could not train by donation space. The Taekwondo class will wash baseboards at the Church for its class on Thursday February 16, 2016. We will also recognize those exemplary students who just promoted in ranking. Each student will earn a ranking stripe for community service work. Thank you so much St. James!

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**Weekly Schedule**

*Saturday*

Priest in Office - 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM  
Communion - 3:00 PM

*Sunday*

Holy Eucharist – 8:00 AM  
Adult Sunday School – 9:30 AM  
Choral Holy Eucharist – 10:30 AM  
Sunday School (ages 5-12) – 10:30 AM

*Wednesday*

Choir Practice – 7:00 PM

*Monday & Thursday*

Community Taekwondo – 5:00 PM

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**News from the Diocese of Tennessee**

St. Luke’s Community House operates as a United Way Family Resource Center in West Nashville, Tennessee. The programs and services they offer their neighbors are holistic in their approach and hopeful in their purpose.

As a Family Resource Center, they work to strengthen the local neighborhood by partnering with twenty other local agencies to provide specialty services for the neighbors during times of normalcy and crisis. Through this method of partnership, they both maximize the community’s resources and eliminate the duplication of services in the immediate area.

St. Luke's overall goal is to encourage their neighbors by joining in their own efforts to address and respond to their own needs and to the needs of the community as a whole.

St. Luke's Community House was founded in 1913 with this goal in mind, and through the generosity of their supporters, the doors continue to remain open to those in need.

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