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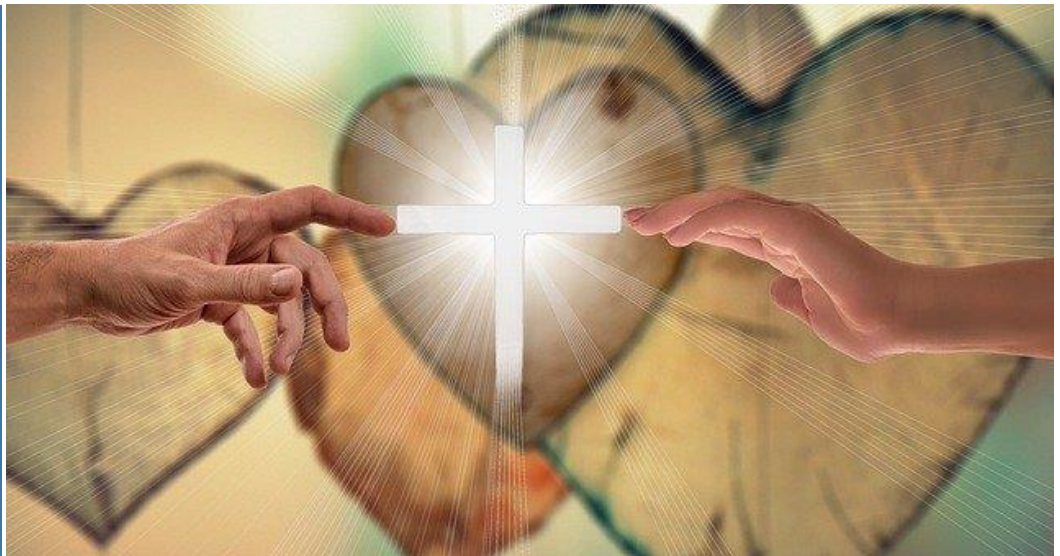
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August 2021 Newsletter

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Jesus' Farewell Discourse and Saying Goodbye to Our Friends

In the Gospel of John chapters 14-17 are known as Jesus' farewell discourse. The setting is just after the last supper and Jesus is encouraging the disciples, expressing his love for them, and praying for the 11 as he says goodbye before his crucifixion. It is sort of in 4 parts, but in the final section, John 17:1-26, Jesus prays for them and for the coming church. It is the longest prayer Jesus prays in scripture. He asks for unity for the disciples through love. He prays to the Father that his disciples might be one as He and the Father are One and that the love with which the Father has for Jesus will be in them and that He will be in them.

I think this prayer is important for Epiphany right now with the idea of unity and love Christ desires for the disciples and the church. We are Christ's Disciples today and we are the church that was to come. However, I feel Epiphany is grieving right now. *(continued next page)*

We have recently lost Marjorie to death, and have lost the Rifles, Crossmoocks and Pollys to retirement. We celebrate their retirement, but feel sadness in that they won't be in the pew next to us and won't be working beside us to further God's mission in the world.

We're not losing Prannoy, but he is going to college in a couple of weeks, and we will see him much less frequently. Additionally, we have not yet found our post-COVID worship pattern. We are still adjusting to a new location and new drive times and patterns. Some are still choosing to ZOOM for a variety of reasons and are not in the sanctuary. Some are having trouble with worshipping an hour earlier at 9:00am. We are going thru the Call Process which has been a little bumpy and downright surprising at times. Additionally, individual people have had their own personal concerns and worries. It is hard to be optimistic with all of this swirling around us.

I feel it is important that we name and process the things that have unsettled our church for we all have to have feelings identified or unidentified about the things that have happened at Epiphany in the last couple of months. Jesus kept trying to tell the disciples that he was going away, and they had trouble believing it right up to the crucifixion. Even then I think some thought he'd come down off the cross and save himself to show his power at that point. But, that was not the plan. They felt awful on Good Friday, but then Sunday morning and the empty tomb appeared. There was hope after all. That is what the Christian life is about, hope and possibilities with God's help.

Jesus prayed in John 17 that they would stick together in love and be one with Him. Perchance that would be Jesus' prayer for Epiphany right now as we face our sense of grief, loss, and confusion. Now is a good time to pray, to stick together in love, to believe in the possibilities of the resurrection and to have hope.

Grace, peace, and prayers,

Pastor TroyAnn



August 2021 Prayers

Every month, the ELCA provides its Prayer Ventures for member congregations. The link to the monthly prayers can always be found on our website on the [Christian Education page](#), along with an ELCA Daily Bible Reading and Luther Seminary's God Pause Daily Devotion. [Here is the link for this month's prayers.](#)

You may also access our Epiphany Lutheran Church prayer list [here](#). If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, [please e-mail Carol Webster](#).

A prayer for our students

Lord God, please grant all students a fruitful, fun, and engaging school environment where each child feels included, cared-for and inspired to grow in character as well as knowledge. We pray that our children will be the friend that every child wants and needs, and that Your love and joy will be evident in their lives. Amen.



August 2021 Worship Services

Worship time is 9 am Sunday morning, both for in-person and Zoom worship services. In-person worship services continue to be offered via Zoom for those who are unable or unwilling to attend worship in person. Holy Communion is offered at all in-person worship services. **MASK GUIDELINES:** Masks are optional for fully vaccinated people at our Sunday worship services, **but are recommended.** Those not vaccinated or who have not met the requirements for “fully vaccinated” should continue to wear their masks. Please follow reasonable social distancing as much as possible, and be respectful and sensitive to those wearing a mask regardless of the reason. ***Please join us following the worship service for coffee fellowship - it's a great opportunity to meet and get to know our CPC friends as well!***



Sunday Morning

Worship Schedule

All Sunday worship services are held in person (and via Zoom) at 9 am at Collierville Presbyterian Church followed by coffee fellowship!

August 1, 2021 Worship Service - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021 Worship Service - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 2021 Worship Service - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021 Worship Service - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021 Worship Service - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Zoom information for ALL worship services in August

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095)

Meeting ID: 816 2793 2095

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799



Worship Servants Needed!

Please [click here](#) to sign up to serve as a worship assistant at an upcoming worship service. We need assisting ministers/lectors, altar guild, cleaners, greeters, ushers, PowerPoint and music tech assistance and help with coffee fellowship.

Epiphany's Core Values — Faithfulness, Inclusion, Love

Our Guiding Principles

We accept and appreciate your presence.

We serve everyone.

We grow personally through the word of God.

We are God's hands, feet, and voice to serve our community.

We rejoice and share in the love of God.

Our Purpose — to welcome all, sharing God's promises and love through our actions.

Epiphany Financial Update

Tithing rebounded to be more than budget in June. Expenses continue to be less than budget due to a renegotiated mortgage contract and other activities being curtailed by pandemic restrictions. In summary, June was another good month for Epiphany from a financial perspective.

	Jun-21				2021 YTD		
	Actual	Budget	Net		Actual	Budget	Net
Revenue	\$ 11,550	\$ 9,356	\$ 2,193		\$ 65,118	\$ 59,339	\$ 5,779
Expenses	\$ 8,925	\$ 10,340	-\$ 1,415		\$ 54,816	\$ 63,888	-\$ 9,072
Net	\$ 2,624	-\$ 984	\$ 3,608		\$ 10,302	-\$ 4,549	\$ 14,851

Donate

As always, you may mail your check to Epiphany (see address below) or give via ACH bank draft ([click here for instructions](#)).

We also accept tithes and offerings as well as payments to special funds (Property Fund, Food Pantry Fund, **Hector's Trip to Ghana**) through PayPal. [Please visit our website](#) and click on the

PayPal button at the top of the home page to donate. (You may have to refresh your website or delete cookies to use the button more than once.) You may also click on the PayPal logo above.

You may also mail checks to: Epiphany Lutheran Church. P.O. Box 1805, Collierville, TN 38027



Amazon Smile - Don't forget! Sign up for [Amazon Smile](#) - 0.5% of the price of all your eligible Amazon purchases go directly to Epiphany!

Kroger Community Rewards - [Click here to register](#) with Kroger's Community Rewards program. We are registered as Epiphany Lutheran Church, organization #39854.



Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Rick Barnard - August 5
Ray Heilener - August 6
Chris Kelyman - August 8
Olivet Lankapalli - August 10
Andrew Prouty - August 11
Matt Prouty - August 12
Jennifer Sykes - August 21
Dan Scherf - August 27
Joann Wieland - August 27
Linda Barnes - August 29



Have we missed **your** birthday? [Please send the month/day to Carol Webster](mailto:carolepiphanylutheran@gmail.com)(carolepiphanylutheran@gmail.com) so you can be included!

Pastor TroyAnn Office Hours & Vacation

Pastor TroyAnn has changed her office hours! New office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 2:30 pm every week.

She will be on vacation beginning August 9 through August 17th.



Prayers for Hector and Family

Prayers for peace and comfort for Hector Johnson and his family at the death of his mother. There will be a wake keeping for her on September 3rd, followed by burial on September 4th and a memorial service on September 5th.

Hector will be traveling to Ghana for his mother's funeral and to be with family August 17 - September 13. If you would like to donate to help defray the cost, [please click here](#) and choose the option "Hector Trip to Ghana." Thank you!



August 2021 Social Ministries/Outreach Update

Thanks to everyone who helped with our “Twiddle Muff” project!



Several members have been working on a project for the Page Robbins Adult Day Care Center in Collierville. Twiddle muffs, also called fidget muffs, keep are a wonderful tool for people with dementia. These colorful muffs have a variety of textures and “activities” to keep hands busy and minds engaged. Some have baby Slinkys to play with, hair elastics to pull, pom poms to fondle, or jingle bells to ring. Carol Rife knit the muffs and Carol Webster crocheted the muffs. With donations from Lori Goetz and Lois Ketcham, they were decorated by Lois and Twila Hooverson. These

muffs were delivered in late July to Page Robbins. Thank you to former member Marti Laslavic for the idea and for sending us the prototypes and directions!

Save the Date!

“God’s work. Our hands” Sunday takes place on September 12, 2021. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. [Click here to find out more...](#)



Southeast Synod News - Disaster Recovery Volunteers Needed!

Want to Volunteer?



Covid slowed down the volunteer response for the much needed disaster recovery work over the last 16 months in our synod. But it did not slow down the disasters - with more storms in 2020 and this year as well, with more homes damaged or destroyed, more families in need.

We can use your help! Looking for big or small mission teams for weekday or weekend work. We will connect you with our partners supervising the work and help you find housing in our congregational volunteer camps. Come and be the hands and feet of Christ for those who have waited so long.

In Mississippi – Responding to tornado recovery and flood recovery in Hattiesburg and Jones County. Contact Pastor Stacey Parvin pastorparvin@gmail.com.

In Tennessee – Responding to the tornados and flood in Middle TN – Nashville and Lebanon. Contact Jeff Lsyczyn lsyczyn@gmail.com.



TVs, bikes, furniture, books, dinnerware, small appliances, seasonal stuff...we'll take it. Items can be dropped off anytime between now and Wednesday, August 25th. Donated items should be gently used, clean, and working. Some items can be sold for their parts. Please put a note on it.

We won't be selling the following items:

- Bed pillows
- Mattresses
- Underclothing
- Chipped dishware or other broken, unusable items
- Used hygiene items and makeup

How you can help:

- Bring clothing items on hangers or folded
- Sort items (women's clothing, men's clothing, toys, etc.) and label bags/boxes
- Bundle dishware sets together
- Bundle any other items that are sets
- donate extra hangers and save shopping bags!
- VOLUNTEER TO HELP! Donations can be placed in the room to the right of the kitchen (Hope Room).

Contact Meredith Hall or Jessica Williams for any assistance.

STAY COOL

Epiphany Community Garden at Home Place is Thriving!

Thanks to all our volunteers! Come work with us Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:30 am - 11:30 am!



August 2021 Calendar of Events

(Please [check our calendar online](#) for the most up-to-date information)

Sun 8/1	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	10th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 8/4	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 8/7	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 8/8	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	11th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
8/9 - 8/17		Pastor TroyAnn on vacation
Wed 8/11	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 8/14	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 8/15	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	12th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
8/17 - 9/13		Hector traveling to Ghana
Wed 8/18	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Thurs 8/19	7 pm - Via Zoom	Church Council Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89066624385
Sat 8/21	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 8/22	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	13th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 8/25	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 7 pm - Via Zoom	Community Garden Workday Social Ministries Committee Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89471582878
Sat 8/28	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place Collierville Presbyterian Church	Community Garden Workday Collierville Presbyterian Church Rummage Sale
Sun 8/29	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	13th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095



*GOE (Gals of Epiphany) and
MOE (Men of Epiphany) meetings
are currently on hiatus.*



August 2021 Worship Servants

Worship servants still needed for all Sundays in August - please consider volunteering! If you have any questions about serving for either in-person or Zoom worship, please contact [Pastor TroyAnn](#).

Want to know more about being a worship servant? [You can review the duties and guidelines here.](#)



Worship Servant SignUp Genius



[2021 SignUp](#)

If you need assistance, [e-mail Carol Webster](#) - she will be happy to help you sign up if you have any issues!

[View current prayers](#)

Please [send your prayer requests to Carol Webster](#). You may also [submit a prayer request online here](#).

Thank You!



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