

Partnering with Christ to Renew Lives

July 2022 Newsletter

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From the Pastor's Desk

I thought that my voyage had come to its end at the last limit of my power,—that the path before me was closed, that provisions were exhausted and the time come to take shelter in a silent obscurity.

But I find that thy will knows no end in me. And when old words die out on the tongue, new melodies break forth from the heart; and where the old tracks are lost, new country is revealed with its wonders.

~Rabindanath Tagore, Gitanjali 37

Rabindanath Tagore lived from 1861 to 1942, and though widely traveled, he lived mostly ion his native India. He was a prolific writer, lyricist, poet, and artist. He was the first non-European to win a Nobel prize in Literature in 1913, for the English language translation of Gitanjali. The name means "Song Offerings," and consists of 156 short poems originally written and published in Bengali.

While I was in seminary, I hand copied number 37, and hung it on my study carrrel, and read it daily. I still have that copy; it's been in my church office and in my home throughout the years. I find great comfort and hope in it.

Tagore's work is still easily available, and if this taste of it whets your appetite and speaks to your soul, I recommend you look into Tagore's words.

Blessings,

Pastor LaVonne

July 2022 Worship Services

Worship time is 9 am Sunday morning, both for in-person and Zoom worship services. We are worshiping in person! All 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 unless otherwise indicated. MASK GUIDELINES: Epiphany and Collierville Presbyterian no longer require masks for in-person worship, but strongly encourage vaccines/boosters, and recommend masks for in-person worship. Thank you!



All Sunday worship services are held in person and via Zoom at 9 am at Collierville Presbyterian Church

July 3, 2022 Worship Service - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 10, 2022 Worship Service - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 17, 2022 Worship Service - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 24, 2022 Worship Service - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 31, 2022 Worship Service - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Zoom information for Sunday worship services in July

Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095

Meeting ID: 816 2793 2095 Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799



July 2022 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 <a href="Here is the link for this month's prayers.

You may also access our Epiphany Lutheran Church prayer list <u>here</u>. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, <u>please e-mail Carol Webster</u>.

Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Stu Polly - July 9 Martha Garner - July 11 Evan Prouty - July 12 Pat Marzahl - July 13 John Garner - July 31

Have we missed *your* birthday?

Please send the month/day to Carol Webster

(carolepiphanylutheran@gmail.com) so you can be included!



Please consider posting a Google Review online!



Customer reviews are a great way to build trust, show the world that our church is valued, and helps our Google listing stand out when people view our profile. Right now we only have two Google reviews, and having at least five reviews would increase our visibility! Please consider posting a positive review on our profile page - here's the link:

https://g.page/r/Cbb227yj5aJwEBU/review





Save the Date - Epiphany Pizza Party and Game Night!

Friday, August 26, 2022 @ 6 pm CPC Fellowship Hall

We will need help setting up and cleaning up, and we need several people to make cookies for dessert or bring bottled water and soda. Stay tuned for more info, and <u>contact Becca Schumacher</u> to RSVP and volunteer.

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 2022 Financial Update

In May, tithing was above budget while expenses were below budget. Note that insurance was paid in May which is reflected in the significant negative budget net amount. For 2022 YTD, Revenue is above budget (by 9%) and Expenses are under budget by 11%. However, our bank account totals are down due to payments from designated funds.

	May-22				2022 YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Net	Actual	Budget	Net
Revenue	\$ 9,148	\$ 7,432	\$ 1,716	\$ 40,641	\$ 37,160	\$ 3,481
Expenses	\$ 8,623	\$ 9,632	-\$ 1,009	\$ 37,501	\$ 41,908	-\$ 4,407
Net	\$ 525	-\$ 2,200	\$ 2,725	\$ 3,140	-\$ 4,748	\$ 7,888

Donate

As always, you may mail your check to Epiphany (see address below) or give via ACH bank draft (<u>click here for instructions</u>).



We also accept tithes and offerings as well as payments to special funds (Property Fund, Food Pantry Fund)) 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 <u>Amazon Smile</u> - 0.5% of the price of all your eligible Amazon purchases go directly to Epiphany!

Kroger Community Rewards - <u>Click here to register</u> with Kroger's Community Rewards program. We are registered as Epiphany Lutheran Church, organization #39854.









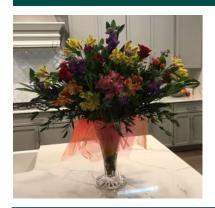




Click here to find out what's happening in your town!

Click here to find out what's happening at your local library!





Epiphany 10th Anniversary Celebration

A big thank you to Becca Schumacher for her wonderful flower arrangement for church to celebrate our 10 year anniversary as a congregation.

Flowers were shared with members after service.

This Independence Day, give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in the United States and for all those who work to sustain them in our behalf. Pray that we might value our freedom and use it to benefit and uplift all people, especially those excluded, forgotten and oppressed.



Unmute Yourself



Southeastern Synod Assembly Wrap-Up

"Unmute Yourself" was the theme for the 2022 Southeastern Synod Assembly. We learned - once again - to unmute ourselves for the sake of the Gospel. Spirit-filled worship, inspiring keynote presentations, and hope-filled testimonies abounded.

<u>Click here</u> to find the livestreams of keynote presentations, sermons, and special reports, election results and photo galleries.

Social Ministries/Outreach News

Socks in the Summer!

For our summer outreach project, we will be collecting socks for Union Mission, Calvary Mission and Alpha Omega. There are tubs designated for this collection near Pastor's office at Collierville Presbyterian Church. You may drop donations throughout June and July. Thank you!





Help us Keep the Blessing Box Stocked!

We need help keeping the shelves at the Blessing Box at Home Place, a small food pantry for those in need of food, full! Please consider donating some non-perishable items to get our pantry fully stocked again - you can see the list of items needed by clicking here.

Epiphany Community Garden

Come work with us on Wednesdays and Saturdays 8:30 - 11:30 am



July 2022 Calendar of Events (Please check our calendar online for the most up-to-date information)

	Pastor LaVonne's Office Hours	Pastor LaVonne holds office hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays - please <u>e-mail her</u> to make an appointment.		
Sat 7/2	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	ce Community Garden Workday		
Sun 7/3	9 am - CPC and Via Zoom	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095		
Wed 7/6	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday		
Thurs 7/7	2 pm - HarborChase of Germantown	MOE Get-Together with Pastor Ray		
Sat 7/9	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place Community Garden Workday			
Sun 7/10	9 am - CPC and Via Zoom Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095			
Mon 7/11	7 pm - Via Zoom Church Council Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85341174437			
Wed 7/13	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place Community Garden Workday			
Sat 7/16	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday		
Sun 7/17	9 am - CPC and via Zoom Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095			
Wed 7/20	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 7 pm - Via Zoom	Community Garden Workday Social Ministries/Outreach Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82439156754		
Sat 7/23	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday		
Sun 7/24	9 am - CPC and via Zoom	PC and via Zoom Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095		
Wed 7/27	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 7 pm - Via Zoom	Community Garden Workday Social Ministries/Outreach Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82439156754 Passcode: 596978		
Sat 7/30	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday		
Sun 7/31	9 am - CPC and via Zoom	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095		

July 2022 Worship Servants

Worship servants still needed for all Sundays in July - please consider volunteering!

Want to know more about being a worship servant? You can review the duties and guidelines here.





Worship Servant SignUp Genius

2022 SignUp

If you need assistance, <u>e-mail Carol Webster</u> - she will be happy to help you sign up if you have any issues!

View current prayers

Please <u>send your prayer requests to</u>
<u>Carol Webster</u>. You may also
<u>submit a prayer request online here</u>.

Thank You!





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