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November 2021 Newsletter

Newsletter

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Stewardship Letter from Dan & Vicki Scherf



Dear Members of Epiphany,

When Wally Knight asked the two of us to write a letter to the congregation on stewardship, we considered the request a challenge. A challenge to put our ideas about faith and stewardship down on paper. A challenge to stir and inspire the congregation about Epiphany's mission. Here goes.

As we near the end of the year, many of us think about stewardship and giving, even though we may or may not be comfortable with those subjects. We looked at stewardship both in terms of what we've been given and what we can give to others. Despite some personal challenges this year, we feel extraordinarily blessed with the love of family and friends, with reasonably good health, and with the abundance of God's grace in our lives. We have enough to eat, enough money to cover our needs and wants, enough left over to share with others.

This leads nicely into our second thought about stewardship – giving to others. When we pondered whether to increase our gift to Epiphany, we thought about what our increased gift could do. Through Epiphany's programs, our increased gift could make all the difference in the lives of neighbors in need.

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Through the ELCA's programs, our increased gift could reach around the world. As each year goes by, our faith has grown, and so has our gift.

We pray that your heart will lead you down the same path as ours, that you prayerfully consider increasing your gifts for Epiphany's missions –your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Our Lord's apostle Luke said, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

You will be receiving your pledge cards and Time & Talent Surveys at the November 6, 2021 Fall Festival event; they will also be sent out via e-mail that same week for you to download and print out. Your pledge cards and Time & Talent Surveys should be returned no later than Sunday, November 14, 2021.

Yours in Christ,



Dan and Vicki Scherf

On Sunday, November 21, 2021, we will hold the blessing of the congregation's pledge cards and time and talent surveys. If you are viewing this online, you may download the pledge card and time and talent survey electronically.



November 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](#).

November 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: Shelby County instituted a mandatory mask mandate on August 20th. It requires masks in all indoor public settings for people over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status. The Epiphany church council has approved mandatory masks for all upcoming worship services. Thank you!** Also, please follow reasonable social distancing as much as possible.

Sunday Morning Worship Services

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

November 7, 2021 Worship Service - All Saints Sunday

November 14, 2021 Worship Service - 25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 21, 2021 Worship Service - 26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 28, 2021 Worship Service - First Sunday of Advent

Zoom information for ALL worship services in November

[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

Don't forget to set your clocks back
one hour before bed on Saturday night 11/6!



SignUp Genius



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, greeters/ushers, and PowerPoint and music tech assistance.

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

September was another good month for Epiphany with tithing over budget and expenses less than budget (primarily due to pandemic restrictions and other cost cutting measures).

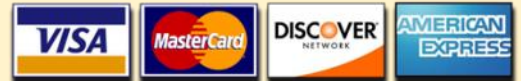
	Sep-21			2021 YTD		
	Actual	Budget	Net	Actual	Budget	Net
Revenue	\$ 9,900	\$ 9,356	\$ 543	\$ 92,771	\$ 87,408	\$ 5,363
Expenses	\$ 8,928	\$ 10,340	-\$ 1,412	\$ 82,284	\$ 95,258	-\$ 12,975
Net	\$ 972	-\$ 984	\$ 1,956	\$ 10,487	-\$ 7,850	\$ 18,338

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, **God's Work, Our Hands**) 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.



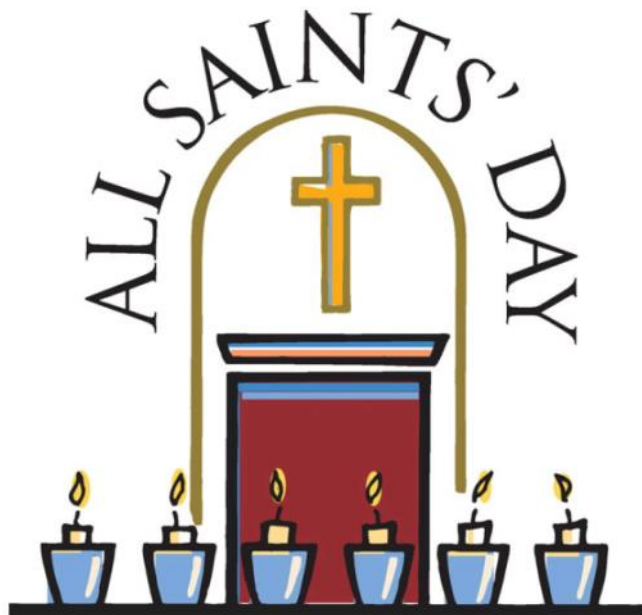
Epiphany Fall Festival at the Garden

Epiphany will be hosting our fall festival on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 3:30 pm at the Community | Garden at Home Place!

Please join us for music, fun, fellowship and brats! We ask everyone to bring a dish - [e-mail Becca Schumacher](mailto:Becca.Schumacher@epiphany.org) or call 901-464-0674 to RSVP and tell her what you'll be bringing.

Feel free to bring tables and lawn chairs and BYOB.

Hope to see you there!



On All Saints Sunday, November 7, 2021, we celebrate the communion of saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and of our local congregation. Please provide the names of close family and friends who have died during the past year so that we may remember them during our worship service.

***Names can be sent to Carol Webster
(carolepiphanylutheran@gmail.com).***

[Read more about All Saints Day](#)

Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Hector Johnson - November 4
Wendell Kruse - November 19
Lois Ketcham - November 24
Scott Fisher - November 27

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!



Thank you!!!



A huge thank you to everyone who donated socks in October for the [Calvary Mission](#) and [Memphis Union Mission](#).

We need Outreach/Social Ministry Committee Members!

Help us help others! We are desperately in need of committee members to help us plan our outreach activities for the remainder of 2021 and into 2022! Please [contact Lois Ketcham](#) if you are interested in helping.



Collierville Happenings

November 2nd Interfaith COVID-19 Memorial Service

Church Health and an ecumenical group of Memphis Clergy are calling the Memphis faith community together for a time of reflection and remembrance to honor those we have lost to COVID-19 across Shelby County in an interfaith prayer and memorial service at Crosstown Concourse which is open to the public.

The service will take place on All Souls Day, Tuesday, November 2 at 5 p.m. in the Central Atrium at Crosstown Concourse and live-streamed on WYXR radio FM 91.7.

INTERFAITH COVID-19
**MEMORIAL
SERVICE**

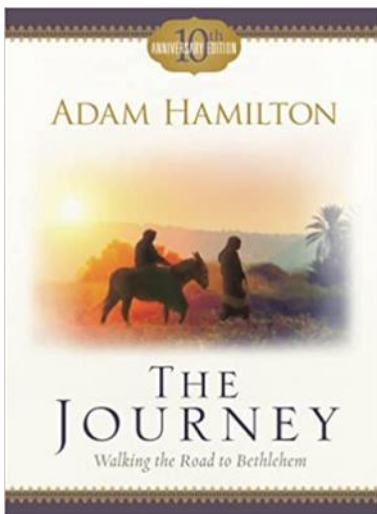
TOGETHER
WE REMEMBER
AND HONOR

Tuesday, November 2
5:00 P.M. AT CROSSTOWN CONCOURSE

Get Organized!

Join the Springer Sisters on November 3 at 6:15 pm for an entertaining and thought provoking presentation on defining clutter, common organizing misconceptions, systems & strategies to make your space function, and organizing at all price points. [Find out more...](#)





Advent Study in December

On Wednesdays beginning December 1, 2021, we will hold a 4-week Advent Study at 7 pm via Zoom on “The Journey - Walking the Road To Bethlehem.” Discussion will begin with a short video. It is not necessary to buy the book, but you may purchase one if you would like to have deeper insight into the material ([available on Amazon](#)).

Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88123045427>

Meeting ID: 881 2304 5427

Epiphany Christmas Party

December 11, 2021 at 6 pm

The Christmas party will be at the home of John and Martha Garner. BYOB and bring an appetizer to share. We will do a dirty Santa gift exchange again this year - bring one gift per person valued at no more than \$10.00 each. We'll also have Christmas trivia! Come join the fun!



Christmas Eve Worship Service

Christmas Eve worship service will take place at 7 pm on December 24, 2021 at 7 pm. There will be no Christmas Day worship service.

On Sunday, December 26, 2021, we will worship at 9 am as usual.

Epiphany Community Garden at Home Place Continues to Produce!

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



2,614 pounds of fresh veggies harvested and donated to area ministries as of October 27th!



A huge thanks to all of our volunteers who make our garden possible! Fall crops are starting to grow, and we are so blessed to be able to continue to provide fresh produce to those who need it well into the fourth quarter!

November 2021 Calendar of Events

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

	10 am - 2:30 pm every Tuesday 10 am - 2:30 pm every Thursday	Pastor TroyAnn's Office Hours
Wed 11/3	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 11/6	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 3:30 pm - Home Place	Community Garden Workday Epiphany Fall Festival
Sun 11/7	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	All Saints Sunday - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 11/10	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 11/13	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 11/14	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	25th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 11/17	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Thurs 11/18	7 pm - Via Zoom	Church Council Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89872071374
Sat 11/20	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 11/21	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	26th Sunday after Pentecost (Commitment Sunday) - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 11/24	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 7 pm - Via Zoom	Community Garden Workday Social Ministries Committee Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83256706635
Sat 11/27	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 11/28	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	First Sunday of Advent - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095

Did you lose a phone???

What looks like an older model AT&T Pantech flip phone showed up in the church's CPC mailbox. It has no power so can't be turned on to see who it belongs to. If you are missing a flip phone, please contact the church office.



November 2021 Worship Servants

Worship servants still needed for all Sundays in November - 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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