



EPIPHANY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Partnering with Christ to Renew Lives

October 2021 Newsletter

All Parts of Christ's Body Using Their Gifts and Talents to Serve

Newsletter

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There are different ways to serve the same Lord, and we can each do different things. Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do.

1 Corinthians 12:5-6

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This year as we think about Stewardship, we want to really focus on your gifts, skills, and talents, and how you use them to serve Epiphany. God has given us all gifts to serve the church and has asked us to do so. We all make up the parts of the body of Christ that is Epiphany Lutheran Church and right now Epiphany needs you to be on a committee or on Council. Many of you have served on committees and on the Council in the past and are currently taking a well-deserved rest, however, Epiphany now needs you. You have gifts and skills we need. Our current leadership pool has gotten smaller as members have recently moved out of the area. People are having to take on three or four tasks and some jobs go unfilled. It seems the same people are stepping up repeatedly while other capable people have no current role on Council or on a committee.

Please do not feel guilty or feel that this is directed toward you if your current situation has you busy, taking care of family, leading other volunteer

organizations, if you have a chronic health condition that you are battling, if your life circumstances are overwhelming, or if your job is requiring more than normal hours, and certainly not if you are already heavily involved in Epiphany leadership and activities. However, if you have been taking a break from leadership and



have any time at all, we need you to step back in for another turn. Otherwise, Epiphany can become an organization with a few people carrying most of the load and your ideas, opinions, and skills not being heard, considered, or used. Under these circumstances the body of Christ can begin to list and limp.

Even Christ had all his disciples doing different tasks and they served passionately after his ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Peter was the spokesperson for the 12. Andrew was a passionate follower who

brought others to Christ. James served as a witness to some of Jesus' most significant miracles. John was his closest confidant. Phillip had a heart for evangelism and along with Nathaniel studied scripture. Nathaniel also translated the book of Matthew into the language of India. Matthew brought the gospel to Ethiopia. Judas served by keeping the purse. Thomas had love, courage and loyalty for Christ and was willing to die with him when others wanted to stone Jesus. James the lesser was a team player. Simon was a political activist and took the gospel to England. Jude was a healer.

The question I ask as we start thinking about stewardship this fall and plan for a Harvest Celebration in early November and turning in our time and talent sheets, is this, "Where is Christ asking you to step-in and serve Epiphany?" Christ called no one to be his follower to just sit and watch or work occasionally. Christ went apart to rest and took his disciples apart to rest, but once they had rested, they all went back to the work at hand. Please seriously consider taking a leadership role or a role on a task force or team this fall if you have been in resting mode for a while. I pray all rise to the occasion.

Grace, peace, and prayers,

Pastor TroyAnn



October 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](#).

October 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.

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!



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

October 3, 2021 Worship Service - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021 Worship Service - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021 Worship Service - 21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021 Worship Service - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 2021 Worship Service - Reformation Day

Zoom information for ALL worship services in October

[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, 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 was significantly less than budget in August. Expenses continue to be less than budget due other activities being curtailed by pandemic restrictions. The two netted out to be almost equal to budget. The forgiveness of our PPP Loan helped the bottom line.

	Aug-21			2021 YTD		
	Actual	Budget	Net	Actual	Budget	Net
Revenue	\$ 8,146	\$ 9,356	-\$ 1,210	\$ 82,868	\$ 78,052	\$ 4,816
Expenses (incl.	\$ 9,179	\$ 10,340	-\$ 1,161	\$ 73,356	\$ 84,918	-\$ 11,562
Net	-\$ 1,033	-\$ 984	-\$ 49	\$ 9,512	-\$ 6,867	\$ 16,379

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.





Paycheck Protection Loan Forgiveness

In August, we received notification that the Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) loan we received in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic has been forgiven!

We give thanks for being able to participate in this program; it was a tremendous help to our financial situation last year!



SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20416

NOTICE OF PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM FORGIVENESS PAYMENT

Borrower: Epiphany Lutheran Church
Lender of Record: First Horizon Bank
SBA Loan No.: 1581737809
Loan Approval Date: 05/21/2020
Loan Disbursement Amount: \$ 12,500.00

Amount of Forgiveness Requested by Lender: \$ 12,500.00
Forgiveness Amount Remitted: \$ 12,500.00 in principal and \$ 152.08 in interest
Forgiveness Payment Date: 08/16/2021

As authorized by Section 1106 of the CARES Act, SBA has remitted to the Lender of Record the payment listed above for forgiveness of the Borrower's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan.

If any balance remains on the PPP loan after application of the forgiveness payment, the Lender must notify the Borrower of the date on which the first payment is due, and the loan must be repaid by the Borrower on or before the maturity date.

For loans of \$150,000 and less [except for those borrowers that together with their affiliates received loans of \$2 million or greater], the borrower must retain records relevant to the loan forgiveness application that prove compliance with the requirements of Section 7(a)(36) and Section 7A of the Small Business Act—with respect to employment records, for the 4-year period following submission of the loan forgiveness application, and with respect to other records, for the 3-year period following submission of the loan forgiveness application.

For loans greater than \$150,000, the Borrower must retain all records relating to the Borrower's PPP loan for six years from the date the loan is forgiven or repaid in full.

THIS DOCUMENT IS A NOTICE OF PAYMENT ONLY. ISSUANCE OF THIS NOTICE OF PAYMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE THE BORROWER WITH A RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE SBA OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS.

October 2021 Social Ministries/Outreach Update

God's Work, Our Hands Service Project - Thank You from Lois and Becca



On Sunday, September 12th, we gathered once again for our church project for God's Work Our Hands.

A huge thank you to everyone who "glistened" (or sweat) - we had a total of 17 members participate in this project. A huge THANK YOU to Becca and Martha for doing the shopping for our plants.

Becca was instrumental in the plan design for the area which worked out great and under budget. Thank you to the members who were not able to be present on that Sunday

but gave monetary gifts and helped with prep work.

This year we cleaned out flower beds along the walkway on each side of the Collierville Presbyterian Church entrance. We shopped for plants, bought mulch and dirt, some tilled the dirt to prepare beds for planting. we trimmed shrubs/bushes, raked debris, dug many holes and planted many plants, spread dirt and mulch then watered it all. We also had snacks and lots to drink thanks to some lovely ladies.

We are so blessed to have such a caring congregation. *Lois and Becca*



October Outreach Project

In October, we will collect socks for [Calvary Mission](#) and [Memphis Union Mission](#). There will be a tub in the hallway at Collierville Presbyterian Church for collecting them. If you live in Germantown, we need a volunteer to have a container at their home as a second option for dropping socks there - [please contact Lois Ketcham](#) if you can help!



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.



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](#) 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!



Stories of Faith in Action from the ELCA

What a year this has been! We are so grateful for the ongoing work of this church. More than ever, we need stories of hope as we do God's work in the world — together. We are pleased to share with you the latest issue of "Stories of Faith in Action," filled with inspiring stories from this past year. [Read and download here.](#)

As Bishop Eaton says, "The disciples in John's Gospel approach ministry challenges with a scarcity mindset. Jesus shows us a different way: trusting in God's awesome abundance. May this be so for us — now and always."

Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Ed Schumacher - October 5
Christine Fox - October 10
Carol Rife - October 14

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



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!



**2,409 pounds of fresh veggies harvested and donated
to area ministries as of September 29th!**



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!

October 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
Sat 10/2	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 10/3	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	19th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 10/6	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 10/9	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 10/10	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	20th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 10/13	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 10/16	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 10/17	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	21st Sunday after Pentecost - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 10/20	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Thurs 10/21	7 pm - Via Zoom	Church Council Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89872071374
	October 22 - 30	Pastor TroyAnn on Vacation
Sat 10/23	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 10/24	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	22nd Sunday after Pentecost - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 10/27	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 10/30	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 10/31	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	Reformation Day - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095



October 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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