

While we have started “in-Church” services again, and fully vaccinated persons are permitted to go without masks if they choose to, however, all who have NOT been vaccinated must still wear a mask and socially dis-



“But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;” 1 John 2:1

The Advocate

FROM THE HEART, REV. TOM TURNER



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First, I want to wish all of you a joyful and prosperous New Year.

As we enter 2022, it is with a certain amount of trepidation and nervous anticipation. There is the continuing threat of COVID-19 and its many variants. We are living in a time of ever-changing political and social change affecting the entire world. And yet, as Christians, we continue to have faith and hope that there can be change for the better because of the Incarnation of Christ our Lord and the promises made by God enacted in us through the Holy Spirit.

Next, my hope is that you were able to make some time during Advent to prepare in heart and mind for the coming of Christ into our lives and were able to share the spirit of joy and peace with family and friends as we celebrated His birth.

The twelve days of Christmas lead us into the season of Epiphany. Epiphany, among some other similar definitions, means “to reveal”. We celebrate it as the time when the Three Kings arrived at the manger to offer praise to the Christ Child and bringing gifts. It is the “revelation” of the Son of God to the world and the mission of Christ, ultimately through the church created in His name.

The Epiphany season continues to Ash Wednesday when we begin Lent.

Our Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for January 16th. At

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that time, we will elect new members of the vestry and delegates and alternates to Diocesan Council.

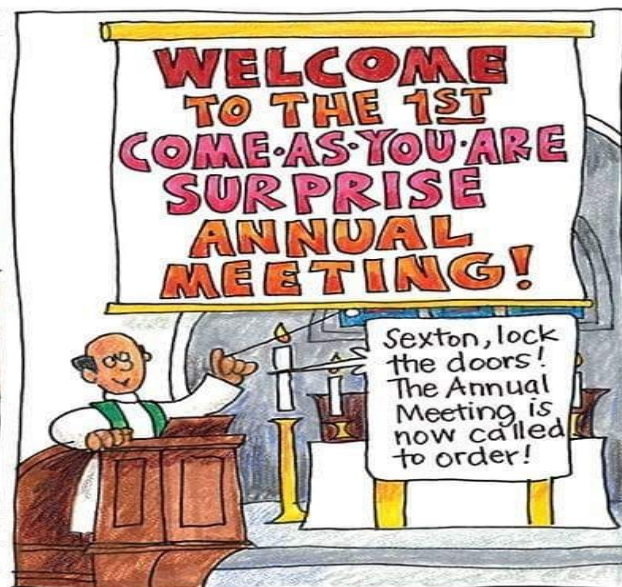
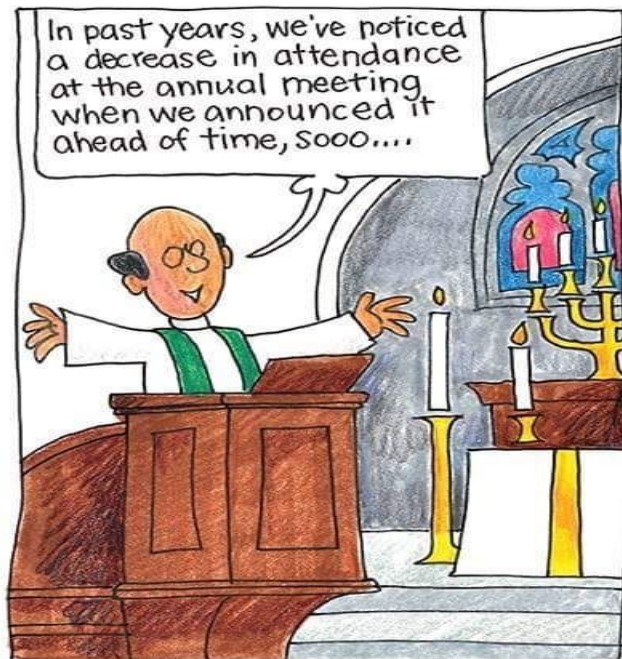
We will also receive reports from congregational leaders reviewing the ministries of the church during 2021.

And one of the primary purposes of this annual gathering is to consider the direction we want our church and its ministries to take in the coming year. I hope each of you will take time to consider how we might best serve God through our individual and community effort.

Finally, I thank you for your service and support during the past year and look forward to new ways to respond to our calling in the years to come, and to “Encourage one another and build one another up”. (1Thes. 5:11 – the Diocesan theme for 2022)

May the “peace of God, which surpasses all understanding . . . guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”. (Phil. 4:7)

Tom



VESTRY will meet briefly, following the Annual Parish meeting on January 16th and again at 5:15pm on Tuesday, January 18th

WOA/MOA will meet on January 30th following our regular coffee hour.

Please check the weekly pew sheet for updates of any scheduled meeting.

JANUARY 2022

January 2

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner
Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman
Lectors: Bruce Hoffman & Clif Hammock
Usher: Andy Housley

January 9

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner
Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley
Lectors: Liz & Roge Hoffman
Usher: Steve Keim

January 16

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner
Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman
Lectors: Juliette Wood & Bruce Hoffman
Usher: Andy Housley

January 23

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner
Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley
Lectors: Clif Hammock & Juliette Wood
Usher: Steve Keim

January 30

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner
Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman
Lectors: Roge & Liz Hoffman
Usher: Andy Housley



Jim Wells County Habitat For Humanity will be building its 19th home beginning in early January of 2022. We have a full roster of Caravan volunteers ready to build for Jacob and Cassandra Espinoza and their two children ages 9 and 4 at 916 S. Adams.

In addition Jim Wells County Habitat for Humanity Fundraising Event - Monday January 17th from 6:00-9:00 PM

The location is Jim Wells County Fair Grounds - Merchants Building. With music by Leslie Blasing, Dancing, food and drink (non-alcoholic) and a Silent Action.

Tickets are \$10.00 per person. This is our only fundraising event and we have had a lot of fun in the past with dancing, good music and refreshments. Please come and join us in kicking off this project!

Clif Hammock

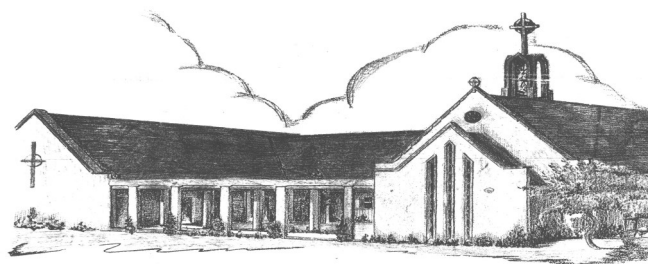




January 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>2nd Sunday after Christmas</i> <i>9:00am HE Rite I</i>	3	4	5	6 <u>The Epiphany</u>	7	8
9 <i>1st Sunday after Epiphany</i> <i>9:00am HE Rite II</i>	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 <i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i> <i>9:00am HE Rite II</i> <i>10:30am Annual Parish Meeting</i>	17 <i>Office CLOSED</i> <i>6-9:00pm Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser.</i>	18 <i>5:15pm Vestry</i>	19	20 <i>5:30pm Book Club</i>	21	22
23 <i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i> <i>9:00am HE Rite II</i>	24 <i>All final input for the February 2022 Newsletter due to Cookie</i>	25	26	27	28	29
30 <i>4th Sunday after Epiphany</i> <i>9:00am HE Rite II</i> <i>10:30am WOA/MOA Meeting</i>	31					



The Episcopal Church of The Advent



BIRTHDAYS



In January we celebrate the birthdays of Daniel Broesche on the 2nd, Autumn Lemieux on the 3rd, Ashton Broesche on the 10th, Robert (Bob) Powell on the 11th, Dalia Maldonado on the 12th, Jayden MacCord on the 13th, Martin Hinojosa on the 14th, Stratton Hoffman on the 14th, Christine Keliehor Viskosky on the 15th, Gabriel Hoffman on the 19th, Rachel Teale Turner on the 21st, Tyler Teigen Hoffman on the 21st, Jean Paul on the 22nd, Brent Hoffman on the 26th, Evan Hoffman on the 29th, Martha Walker on the 30th, and Debbie Brown on the 31st.

ANNIVERSARIES



In January we celebrate the Wedding Anniversaries of

Come Join Our

BIBLE



STUDY

The Study of Isaiah continues, at 11:00am on Sundays; following the Service and Coffee hour.



BOOK CLUB

On January 20th at 5:30pm Mary Jane will lead a discussion on "The Last Green Valley", by Mark Sullivan.

Bookclub will meet in the Library. Masks are not required if you have been fully vaccinated. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to join in.

Please let Linda Keim know if you have any questions or concerns. Please observe CDC rules.



Zoom or telephone participation will be available for those unable to attend in person; however, attendance is strongly encouraged as group discussions are enhanced when members are personally present. Members will continue to observe guidelines for social distancing and disinfecting the area after use. The reading list and hostesses for 2022 are as follows:

Jan. 20: Mary Jane: **The Last Green Valley**, Mark Sullivan
Feb. 17: Zach: **The Stillwater Girls**, Minka Kent
Mar. 17: Juliette: **Breath**, James Nestor
April 21: Linda: **Before We Were Yours**, Lisa Wingate
May 19: Kristen: **Lost City of the Monkey Guide**, Douglas Preston
June 16: Glenda: **Firefly Lane**, Kristen Hannah
July 21: Aaronette: **West with Giraffes**, Lynda Rutledge
Aug. 18: Judy: **The Violinist of Auschwitz**, Ellie Midwood
Sept. 15: Clare: **Where the Crawdads Sing**, Delia Owens
Oct. 20: Linda: **Unorthodox**, Deborah Feldman
Nov. 17: Glenda: **The Great Alone**, Kristen Hannah



PRAYING
FOR YOU!



Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

Bill Acker, Joe Ash,
Alex Aquino, Lydia
& Marie Bertrand,
Clayton Black, Brad
Blankerbecker,
Buzzy Botard, Jack
Bradford, Keith
Breux, John and
Edith Burris, Mike
Carter, Cindy Case,
Bill Christian, Karen
Cochran, Kelly
Curtis, Kathleen
Eddlemon, Gregg
Edlin, Bob Eifling,
Garron Farrar, Delfi
Flores, Bill Ford,
Billy Fortenberry,
Melba Gafford,

Anita Garcia, David
Garza and family,
Gracie Gruber,
Andy Housley, Kelly
Hunter, Mary Jan
Jenkins, Linda Keim,
Amy Keoning, Jill
Kirby, Juanice Kirby,
Lewis Kutschke,
Wayne LeBleu,
Darla Lee, Autumn
Lemieux, Philip
Lemieux, Alex
Lopez, Ginette
Lynd, Jeffrey Lynd,
Loyce Maroon, Matt
Maroon, Ian
Milligan, Mickey &
Pat Myane, Susan

McCarn, Gerry
McLaughlin, Susan
Paul, Ramon Perez,
Nena Pitts, Shirley
Powers, George
Reed, Stacey Reed,
Isaul Santos, Jan
Siernan, Jim Siverd,
Avery Stein, David
Sullivan, Glen
Taylor, Roberta
Thomure, Lainey
Topacio, John Gust
Tsesmelis, Wayne
Waltrip, Jane
Wieser, Kace
Wilkins, and Cinco
Woods.

Let's
Pray!

*Our Father, who
art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us
our trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against
us.*

*And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, for ever
and ever.*

Amen

NOTICE: Updating Prayer Lists

If you have placed someone on either prayer, please contact
Debbie in the office; by email at <aliceadvent@sbcglobal.net>
to confirm the names you have on the regular and/or
military prayer lists. *All names not confirmed by someone
will be removed.*

Pray for our Military Family

Almighty God, we commend to
your gracious care and keeping
all the men and women of our
armed forces, at home and abroad; especially; Benjamin, Caton, Correy, Drew,
Jared, Joseph, Noah, Phillip, Sean, and William. Defend them day-by-day with your
heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them cour-
age to face the perils, which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding
presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ~Amen~

One
Nation
Under God

Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

**From the kitchen of
Cookie**

Butterfinger Lush



**YOU WON'T FIND A MORE DELICIOUS DESSERT
THAN THIS, LAYER AFTER LAYER OF HEAVEN!**

INGREDIENTS:

32 Oreo cookies
5 tablespoons butter, melted
1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1 cup confectioners' sugar
3/4 cup creamy peanut butter
1 bag mini Butterfingers
1 (16-ounce) container Cool Whip, divided
1 (5.9-ounce) box instant chocolate pudding mix
2 cups milk

INSTRUCTIONS

In a medium bowl, stir together crushed oreo cookies and melted butter. Transfer to a 9X13-inch baking dish and press firmly all along the bottom. Refrigerate.

Using an electric mixer, beat cream cheese. Gradually add confectioners' sugar. Beat in peanut butter. Fold in 1 cup of Cool Whip. Crush 6 mini Butterfingers and fold them into peanut butter mixture. Spread peanut butter mixture evenly over oreo crust.

In a medium bowl, whisk the pudding mix and milk together. Let sit to thicken for a minute or two and then pour over peanut butter layer. Spread remaining Cool Whip on top. Crush remaining Butterfingers and sprinkle on top. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Recipe Notes

The Butterfingers are really easy to crush while they are still in the wrapper. Just use a rolling pin to tap them a few times.



What is Epiphany?

Epiphany is a Christian feast day celebrated on January 6 every year. It's also known as "Three Kings' Day."

As mentioned in our [Rookie Anglican Guide to Advent](#), the Christian year begins with the season of Advent, which leads up to Christmas on December 25.

Then come the [12 Days of Christmas](#) (Dec. 25–Jan. 5), which lead to the feast of Epiphany on January 6.

Epiphany begins the season of "Epiphanytide" or "The Season after Epiphany." Depending on whom you ask, this season

1. Lasts until the feast of the **Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ** [at the Temple] (AKA Candlemas) on **February 2** (40 days inclusive after Christmas, when, according to Leviticus 12:1–8, Mary would have to be ritually purified after childbirth).

OR

Goes until **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent.

Why is it called "Epiphany"?

"Epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphaneia*, meaning "manifestation" or "appearance."

In 2 Timothy 1:9–10, the word is used to refer to the manifestation of Jesus Christ:

This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the **appearing** of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel (NIV).

In the context of the Church year, Epiphany refers to the appearance of Jesus Christ as the savior of the world—of Israel and the Gentiles.

For this reason, Epiphany is commonly associated with the visitation of the Magi (or "wise men"), who were almost certainly Gentiles, in Matthew 2:1–12.

The Church has long viewed the Magi finding Jesus (thanks to the leading light of a star) as a fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah 60:1–3, particularly verse 3:

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,

and his glory will appear over you.

**Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

Note that, in addition to the coming of the Magi, Jesus's baptism and his changing water into wine at the wedding in Cana are also commonly associated with Epiphany, especially in eastern churches. These are two other "manifestations" of Christ's glory, and you will frequently find Scripture readings about the baptism of Jesus and his miracle at Cana assigned for Epiphany worship services.

Though the Season after Epiphany is one of two periods in the Church calendar known as "ordinary time," there's nothing unimportant or boring about it! As [Greg Goebel reminds us](#), during Epiphany we focus on "the mission of the Church to reach all the peoples of the earth, and the great gift of God's grace in revealing healing truth and light to the world."

(Note that what is celebrated as "Epiphany" in western churches is celebrated as "Theophany" in eastern churches. "Theophany" means "appearance of God.")

What are some common practices during Epiphany?

Turns out, worldwide, there are a TON of common practices for Epiphany. Just take a look at the [Wikipedia page for Epiphany](#) to see what I mean.

For the sake of brevity, I'll just mention two.

First, **Twelfth Night** celebrations are rather common to mark the conclusion of the 12 Days of Christmas. This is time to sing Christmas carols, have one's house blessed, and (often) to then take Christmas decorations down.

Second, there's often some kind of special **cake** that goes along with Epiphany celebration. These are often called "**King Cakes**," and they usually contain certain items (such as a miniature figurine of the baby Jesus) that give the finder certain privileges or obligations.

So, for example, at my local church at Epiphany, we eat King Cakes, which we call "Rosca (de Reyes)" ("ring of the kings") containing plastic figurines of baby Jesus. Whoever finds a baby Jesus in their piece of cake has to bake cookies for the annual church business meeting, which is held in early February around the feast of the Presentation.

From one Kitchen to Another

INGREDIENTS:

Granny's Old-Fashioned Bread Pudding with Vanilla Sauce

- 4 cups (8 slices) cubed white bread
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 2 cups milk
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Sauce Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon vanilla

DIRECTIONS:



Directions for Pudding:

Heat oven to 350°F. Combine bread and raisins in large bowl. Combine milk and 1/4 cup butter in 1-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat until butter is melted (4 to 7 minutes). Pour milk mixture over bread; let stand 10 minutes.

Stir in all remaining pudding ingredients. Pour into greased 1 1/2-quart casserole. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes or until set in center.

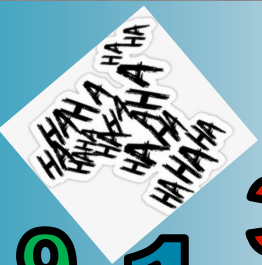
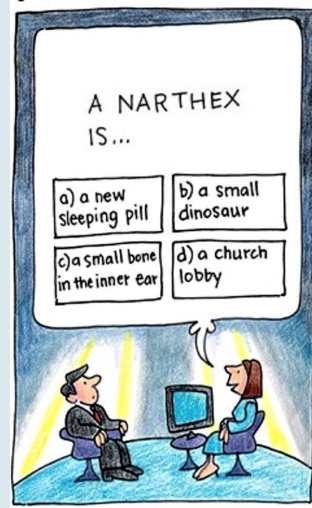
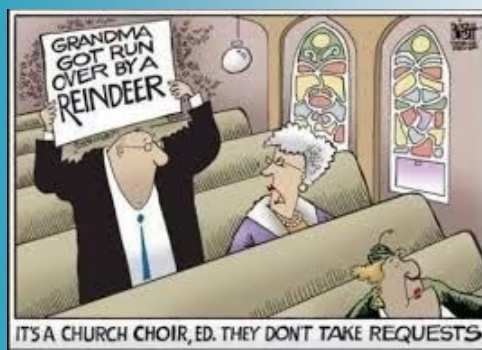
Directions for Sauce:

Combine all sauce ingredients except vanilla in 1-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until mixture thickens and comes to a full boil (5 to 8 minutes). Stir in vanilla.

To serve, spoon warm pudding into individual dessert dishes; serve with sauce. Store refrigerated -Fashioned Bread Pudding with Vanilla Sauce



SO YOU WANT TO BE AN EPISCOPALIAN



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JANUARY Challenge

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2022 VESTRY

“The Vestry is the body of elected parishioners called to cast vision, care for finances and property, and collaborate with the Rector in servant leadership of the church.”

Rev. Tom Turner

- , Sr. Warden
- , Jr. Warden
- Gail Hoffman, Clerk
- Juliette Wood
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- David Sullivan
- Linda Keim
- Aaronette Housley
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