



The Guiding Light

The Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

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OUR MISSION

TO SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH ALL PEOPLE THROUGH PRAYER, WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY; BY CARING FOR THOSE AMONG US AND BY SERVING THE WIDER COMMUNITY.

Highlights from the Rector

"There are moments when our hearts nearly burst within us for the sheer joy of being alive...The warmth of another's eyes, the fresh scent of rain on a hot summer's eve—the moments like these renew in us a heartfelt appreciation for life."

--Gwen Weising

Dear People of Epiphany,

August is here and I am back in church. It is really nice to see everyone again, and to renew the rhythm of weekly worship on Sundays and Wednesdays.

As the Wednesday evening group laid hands upon me for a prayer at my request during our healing service, Deacon Anita prayed thanksgiving prayers that I had asked for. One was a prayer of thanksgiving for her wonderful presence with us, and her ministry which has enabled me to take this much needed time in June and July. I so appreciate her caring and her friendship to everyone, and her constant presence among this special flock of the Lord. She and I kept in touch, and I always knew that things were going fine. When needs arose, she handled them with the care of a clergy person who seems to have been among us for a long, long time.

Stacey Beaver, our new Parish Administrator, has been absolutely amazing. I have never in all my years of working in various positions met anyone who I have seen adapt so quickly and so personally well to a new job. She is one of the kindest people I have ever met. We are truly blessed to have her. She came in easily because of how organized Terri has been; and because both of them bonded immediately when they spent the day together. Yet even so, Stacey seems to have a very special understanding and feel for our church and the situation she came into. She is brilliant on the computer, and she is learning our financials very quickly from Janet so that she has become a big help with Janet's weekly details. Stacey handled my being gone so very well. She made it easy for me.

I am also most grateful for the supply clergy who came. And I am really happy about our vestry, and the wonderful leadership of JoAnn Harrington. Everyone has started getting busy preparing for the exciting first weekend in November at Edd Sigmon's farm. Crafts have been

made, plans are underway, and much more is being prepared. You will not want to miss this!

Our bell choir practiced during June and July, and they are doing very well according to Kim Gant. She is quite proud of her new group, and encourages anyone else who wishes to join the choir to do so soon!

Later this month, we will gather for an old fashioned hymn sing and picnic. What fun! I can't think of a better way to end a summertime. And our garden is not going away, it is only transitioning into a pumpkin patch with turnips/greens on the side! Mmmmm! You gardeners have been awesome!

Thank you for the opportunity to have the time to get my parents' home here in Newton ready for the real estate market. That was a huge job, with painting and repairs, and lots of "going through old stuff"....and now it is done and off of my shoulders. (Pray for sales now!) Thank you for the time to spend those weekends with my husband and son. Thomas played in several golf tournaments this summer, and did very well in them. He took home a trophy from one. We had a great week at the beach together, too. And I had a week in Massachusetts at a family wedding with friends of mine who go back with me 30 years. It was a wonderful, wonderful visit.

I hope that your summer has included the kinds of moments described in the quote at the top of this page, when your heart wants to burst within you for the sheer joy of being alive. This is what Christ meant when he said that he came that we might have life, and have it abundantly. We do not need fancy vacations. We can have "stay-cations"....as long as we have each other, love each other, take time to look into one another's eyes, breathe deeply of the summer air, and renew our spirits which God placed within us. Life is good. God created it to be so, because he loves us. Thanks be to God for such blessing and grace given to us.

Relying on God's Grace,

Mother Beth +

George A. Beauvais, Sr., Husband of Terri Beauvais, Passed Away Sunday, July 25, 2010

George A. Beauvais, Sr., 76, of Newton died Sunday, July 25, 2010 at Palliative CareCenter & Hospice of Catawba Valley.

Born May 29, 1934 in Haverhill, MA, Mr. Beauvais was the son of the late Louis and Lena Bellemare Taylor. He was a very active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Newton. He was passionate about the Downtown Hickory Farmer's Market and his countless hours as a Board Member, volunteer and advisor were instrumental in bringing about its success. Mr. Beauvais was a talented fine wood craftsman and painter and his booth at the Farmer's Market attracted many loyal customers and friends.

He left behind his wife of 54 years, Terri Beauvais, who was our Church Administrator for fifteen years until she was forced to retire due to George's illness. He was also survived by a son, a daughter, and three grandchildren. In a time of sorrow, George's family is blessed with wonderful memories of their remarkable and loving husband, father, and grandfather.

A Memorial mass was celebrated by Rev. James Collins, Celebrant, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 31, 2010 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Mother Beth offered a eulogy during the service.

Memorials may be made to the Monastery of the Precious Blood, 700 Bridge Street, Manchester, NH, 03104.

Please keep Terri and her family in your prayers during this time of great sadness.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Billy, Elizabeth and I, and my family would like to send a great big thank you to everyone for your thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, and offers to help during my "Grammy's" illness and death. Losing someone you love is never easy, it doesn't matter how "ready" we think we are. I've found that having faith that they are in a "better place" doesn't bring much immediate comfort, even when you believe it with all your heart. What does help is feeling God's love in a smile, a touch, a hug from a friend; or hearing God's healing voice in your kind words, or just knowing you are there if I need you. This is how faith and time heals. Thank you all for being there!

~Dona Richards and family

Youth Programs with Josh Schmidt

Hi everyone! Josh will be back with us after his busy summer job as Manager of the swimming pool (and wait-staff member as well) at Catawba Country Club when the pool closes after Labor Day weekend. Lunch Bunch for kids will be back beginning September. Josh has the schedule planned out through December. Here are the dates (all Sundays):

- ▶ September 12th and 19th
- ▶ October 10th and 24th
- ▶ November 7th and 21st
- ▶ December 5th and 12th

Activities will be planned along with parents who will be needed to help with transportation, snacks, and supervision of the activities. Be thinking of things you would like to do together!

Sunday School will continue downstairs in the Youth Room at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday beginning the Sunday after Labor Day. Josh is present and assists on the days that he is scheduled for Lunch Bunch. Parents and other adult members of the congregation along with Mother Beth take turns teaching the class. We hope that everyone will make an effort to come for the class which includes a combination of bible study, outreach projects, and video lessons. We need your presence to make the class the best it can be, and parents are the key! Please encourage your young person to come to Sunday School, and make sure they get there. (And you can join the excellent Adult Class when you arrive!) Thank you for your commitment, and God bless you!

News & Upcoming Events

JOIN IN THE FUN!

Big Edd's 21st Engine Show - a blast from the past!!!

Saturday, November 6th and Sunday, November 7th

Many of you remember participating in this event from the past. We will make this our fund raising event for the



fall. We will sell hand-made crafts, baked goods, hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and ham & sausage biscuits. Coffee in the morning.

Edd will need help with parking cars, and we will need help with the cooking

and serving, cashiers, etc. Sign-up sheets will be posted soon.

Join us at the craft group meetings, too (below).

Craft Groups for Big Edd's Engine Show - Anyone interested in working on crafts to sell at Big Edd's Engine Show is invited to meet in the Parish Hall on the following days/evenings:

- Wednesday, Aug. 4 at 10:00am
- Thursday Aug. 13 at 7:00pm
- Wednesday, Aug.18 at 10:00am
- Thursday Aug. 26 at 7:00pm

We hope that there will be a lot of interest and involvement in these activities so we can have a lot of things to sell. You don't have to be talented to come and help. We will be working on a variety of different things so you can easily find something that you can do. We will have a lot of fun working together on these projects which will help us make money to supplement our church budget. Light refreshments will be served.

Old Fashioned Hymn Singing and Cookout - On August 29th at 5:00 pm we will have a hamburger and hot dog supper, followed by homemade ice cream and an old fashioned hymn singing. If you haven't already done so, please let Ann Lowery or Peter Weinrich know your favorite hymns, and we will sing as many as we have time for. It will be your own fault if we miss your favorite hymn if you don't let us know what it is!



The Epiphany Groups will be responsible for bringing either sides to go with the hamburgers/hot dogs, buns, drinks, or cookies. Your group leaders will let you know what you should bring.

If you can bring a freezer of homemade ice cream, please sign up on the sheet near the vesting room door, where the flower list is posted.

ECW Minutes (June 27, 2010) - The ECW met at Dos Amigos for lunch. Members present were: Catherine Tucker, Norma Ridenhour, JoAnn Harrington, Ann Adams, Joyce Trammell, Janice McPherson, Ann Lowery, Anita Roper, Margaret Roper, Elaine Godino, Dorthy Steele, and JoAnne Craddock. Whitney Roper and Gloria Black visited with us.

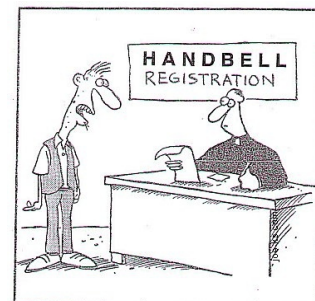
The Treasurer's report was \$735.00. We decided to send a \$100.00 pledge to the Diocesan ECW.

We discussed the church picnic/hymn sing on August 29, and volunteered to bring sides to go with the Vestry's hamburgers and hot dogs.

We have been invited to do a fundraiser for Epiphany at Big Edd's Engine Show on November 6-7. We discussed selling breakfast and lunch foods, as well as baked items and craft items. Everyone will be given more information about this project soon.

The next ECW meeting will be held on August 15 at a place to be announced later.

Epiphany Ringers - Handbell choir rehearsals will be held on Sunday, August 15th at 5:00 pm and Sunday, August 29th at 3:45 pm.



"I assume we get time-and-a-half for working Sundays."

More News & Upcoming Events

Unique opportunity to save time on gift shopping for friends and loved ones.



Rustic birdhouses made to order in floral motifs or to honor your favorite college team. Also available will be bluebird houses. All birdhouses are "green" -- assembled

from recycled wood and hand painted. This is your chance to get a lovely birdhouse and make a tax-deductible donation to Epiphany. Price for either style birdhouse is \$25.00, with checks to be made payable to The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany. Payment due upon delivery. Manufactured by our fundraising committee members. Contact Bob McPherson: 465-2797 to order.

Daughters of the King – The next meeting will be at 10:00 on Saturday, August 7th. On Sunday, August 15th JoAnn Harrington will be installed as a member of the DOK, with a reception to follow the service.

Vestry Meetings will be on Wednesday August 11th and Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00 pm in the library.

Crawdads Ball Games Coming Up – August 13th and August 25th

Outreach News – During the week of October 21-29, the film *Traces of the Trade* will be screened at the Salt Block. The film traces the journey of a film maker and her cousins into the dark past of the slave trade that enriched her New England family. The screening will be facilitated by Dain Perry, one of the cousins, and his wife, Constance (a descendent of slaves). Mark your calendars and watch for more information about this "Voyage of Realization and Reconciliation."

The Outreach Committee is collecting cell phones for the "Cell Phones for Soldiers" program. A basket has been placed in the Narthex so that you can donate your used cell phones to be exchanged for phone cards for the troops.

Men's Night Out – The next Men's Night Out will be held on August 15th at 5:00. We will go to the Cruisin' fundraiser at The Corner Table to enjoy barbeque and sandwiches, and stay for the Cruisin' events. Meet at the church for carpools at 4:45.

Parish Directory – We will be publishing a new Parish Directory this fall, featuring photographs of all the members and member families. Kathy Hardin will be available to photograph all members following the services on August 1st, August 8th, and August 29th. Please plan on participating in this effort, which should make it much easier for new members to connect names and faces and feel more welcome to our Parish. Also, please make sure that Stacey has your current address and contact information.

JUST FOR FUN

STATISTICS DON'T LIE!!! How to stay safe in the World today! Where IS the Safest Place?

1. Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
3. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in Hospitals. So, above all else, avoid hospitals..

But . . .

You will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church!

And . . . Bible study is safe too! The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less.

So, Attend church, and read your Bible. IT WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE!

(Thanks to Ann Lowery)

In our Prayers

Almighty God, comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, in your name we pray. Amen

For healing and strength: Lorraine-Baker Neal, Terri Beauvais, Kristin Black, The Rev. Gus Boone, Richard & Marilyn Bornemann, Zelma Clemmons, Barbara Cobb, Harold & JoAnne Craddock, Joy Crosby, Pat Dalton, Lucy Echerd, Peggy Ervin, Sarah Goodrich, Bill Guy, Chris Hartis, Skeet Hartis, Roberta Hungerford, Rachel Hunt, Fred Keisler, Shanna Kettelar, Raeanne Kummer, Zella McPherson, Mac McRee, Sarah Palmer, John & Diane Paton, Geraldine Reed, Cindy Reynolds, Dona Richards & Family, Gloria Rumore, Nancy Shanks, Betty Storey, Paul Steele, Shirley Sudderth, Frances Tate, Pat Vaughn, Michael William, Anita Williams.

Almighty God, look with pity upon the sorrows of your servant for whom we pray. Remember her, Lord, in mercy; nourish her with patience; comfort her with a sense of your goodness; lift up your countenance upon her; and give her peace; through Christ our Lord Amen

For those who have died: George Beauvais, Rainsford "Babbie" MacDowell Dedman

God Smiles



Group Workcamps Comes to Catawba County

Epiphany Participates with Drink Donations

The Group Workcamps Foundation was founded in 1977 when a multitude of teenagers and adults responded to an urgent plea for help following a flood that devastated Loveland, CO. Loveland became the first host city for a home repair workcamp. Since then, this nonprofit organization has sent small armies of youth volunteers and adult leaders to communities all over the US, Canada, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and Central America to repair the homes of low-income, elderly, and disabled residents.

On June 27th, Workcamp arrived in Catawba County, making Newton-Conover High School its headquarters. They slept in sleeping bags on classroom floors, ate in the school cafeteria, showered in locker rooms, and held devotions every morning at their daily assembly. *The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany rallied to provide over 450 canned soft drinks and bottles of water for the kick-off dinner – drinks that were particularly welcome due to the extreme heat.*

Kids came from Virginia and Massachusetts, all armed with tools, enthusiasm, and a list of addresses. They made home repairs and home improvements, stopping at lunchtime to share a meal, stories, and devotions with the homeowners. Catawba County was selected as a Workcamp site because of the magnitude of recent job losses in the county. Among the many projects that were completed during their week in our area was the installation of a wheelchair ramp for a stroke victim in Conover.

Our area has been blessed by the visit from these remarkable students, their giving hearts, and the program that brought them to us.



Left: Workcamp volunteers build a wheelchair ramp for a Conover stroke victim.



Above: Volunteers painting a Catawba County home as part of the Workcamp program.

Menu

BBQ Sandwich \$2.50
BBQ on bun with slaw, pickles

Hot Dog \$1.50
Choice of mustard, ketchup, chili, slaw, onions

Hamburger \$2.00
Choice of mustard, ketchup, chili, slaw, onions,
Lettuce, tomato, mayo

Cheeseburger \$2.25
Choice of mustard, ketchup, chili, slaw, onions,
Lettuce, tomato, mayo

Drink or Bottled Water \$1.00
Chips \$.50
Desserts \$1.00



THE CORNER TABLE

Nourish Your Soul.

Cruisin' Fundraiser
Sunday, August 15, 2010
11:00 AM until...



Come join the fun right after church!!



HOLY E-MAIL

One day God was looking down at earth and saw all of the rascally behavior that was going on. So He called one of his angels and sent the angel to earth for a time. When he returned, he told God, 'Yes, it is bad on earth; 95% are misbehaving and only 5% are not.'

God thought for a moment and said, 'Maybe I had better send down a second angel to get another opinion.'

So God called another angel and sent him to earth for a time. When the angel returned he went to God and said, 'Yes, it's true. The earth is in decline; 95% are misbehaving, but 5% are being good.'

God was not pleased. So He decided to e-mail the 5% who were good, because he wanted to encourage them, and give them a little something to help them keep going. Do you know what the e-mail said?

Okay, I was just wondering, because I didn't get one either.

(Thanks to Ann Lowery)