

THE EPIPHANY STAR
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Notes from the Wardens: So here we are, it's officially fall, but don't be confused with the summer like conditions. The leaves really are starting to fall! Time to take stock, gather the harvest and prepare for cooler weather. Things have been slow going on bids for church improvements, and we are still in the waiting phase. Our web site should be up and running very soon thanks to Anita Drexler. So.... our small church family continues to move forward.

We had a wonderful visit with Carrie Broadbent-Schofield. It is refreshing to have the diocese bring encouragement and support. She is very personable and we enjoyed her lively spirit and ideas she gave us to draw people together in our community.

As we head into October and that colder weather let's continue to draw together and grow as we worship and go forth into our wider communities.

Blessings, Ron Britton

The Adult Education Explorers' Group: A Fall Spiritual Journey with Tom Shadyac

Tom who??? If you have ever laughed through the movies "Ace Ventura, Pet Detective," "Bruce Almighty," "Liar, Liar," or "The Nutty Professor," you have met Tom Shadyac, or at least his work. Tom is the successful Hollywood director who made all of those movies.

At the height of his career, wealth, and power, he had a catastrophic accident that affected him so badly that he wanted to die. When he unexpectedly began to recover, he felt the need to put together a small film crew and to undertake an exploration of his question, "What is the underlying cause of all of the world's ills, and what can we do about it?"

As he sets about a 21st-century quest for enlightenment, he meets and interviews some of our world's great thinkers and doers, including our own Anglican **Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Dalai Lama, Dr. Noam Chomsky, physicist Lynn McTaggart, historians David Suzuki and Howard Zinn, poet Coleman Banks, sociologist Thom Hartman**, and a variety of others. He also uses the teachings of **Jesus** and the lives and actions of **Gandhi** and **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, as resources.

The results of Tom Shadyac's quest are chronicled in the DVD "I Am," which is going to be the basis for our Fall explorations. We will tackle this meaty documentary in 5 Tuesday evening sessions, beginning on **October 24th**, during which we will watch the movie together, with a brief time at the end to share our responses. We will not meet on Tuesday, October 31st, because of Halloween.

The Explorers will reconvene on Tuesday, **November 7th, and continue on November 14th, 21st, and 28th**. Some of the topics from the movie that we will discuss are community and connectedness, greed and materialism, love and forgiveness, and our power to effect change in the world. Given the depth and substance of "I Am," I am sure that our discussions will be wide-ranging and memorable.

Our meetings will be at Jan Nigolian's house and will begin with pizza and fellowship at **6:00PM**.

I have watched "I Am" probably at least a dozen times, and still hear and see things in it that I did not perceive before. Therefore, I encourage Explorers to obtain their own copies, if possible, to watch at home inbetween meetings. I know that it is available from Amazon for, I think, around nineteen dollars. If this is a problem for anyone, please speak with me and I would be happy to help you confidentially from the church discretionary fund.

I look forward to sharing this wonderful and affecting movie with you.

-- Elizabeth+

Highlights of the September Vestry Meeting, 2017

The vestry of the Church of the Epiphany is comprised of Senior Warden Ron Britton; Junior Warden Phyllis Britton, who also is the clerk of the vestry; and vestry members William Bergner, Jr., treasurer; Betty Benedict, John Cook, Gail Morgan, Bradley Phillips, Nancy Schell, and Martha Stowell. Senior Warden emeritus, Bill Bergner, Sr., and the Rev. Elizabeth Gillett also are present at most meetings.

Minutes from August meeting read with discussion. A couple of people would like to read "Funding Ministry with Five Loaves and Two Fishes." Gail will check with library and see if they would be able to get one. Minutes accepted by John Cook, seconded by Gail.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed. There was some discussion regarding Nursery School brought up by Gail Morgan with money concerns. She will make a list of concerns she has in regards to the Nursery School and speak with Eric Turner regarding these. Phyllis Britton made the motion to accept Treasurer's report, seconded by Gail Morgan.

Warden's Report: Ron reported that he went through the written agreement with Elizabeth. Gail said she would make changes and type up a new one as per notes he made.

Clergy Report: Was handed out as Rev. Elizabeth was not present. She reported on pastoral care for 5 parishioners at their homes and on the phone. The Epiphany website will be up and running soon with the help of Henry and Anita Drexler and Ron and Phyllis Britton. She attended the August meeting of the Sherburne Counsel of Churches, and wrote for the Epiphany Star September Issue. Epiphany Explorer's group will meet with a DVD and discussion instead of reading a book. Elizabeth will be on a pilgrimage to holy Celtic sites in northern England and in Scotland Oct. 2-15th. Rev. Brooks Cato will be on call. Gail motioned to accept report, seconded by John.

Old Business: Buildings and Grounds. There is difficulty calling and getting a response for work needed. BJ will call Dennis Schlaefter and Paul Jones this week. Phyllis will call Bruce Webster regarding the parish doors. Put simply we would like to 1) Get some kind of step for entrance to church, 2) Work on Parish hall, 3) Heating issues completed.

Website: Phyllis will call Anita to get website up and running, then we can “tweak” it. Facebook was brought up-Martha adds to website on facebook. Did Bruce start this?

New Business: Pete Benedict will grind a stump out of the side church lawn before he goes in for hip replacement surgery Oct 31st. Clerk for Vestry brought up. Nobody interested. Will ask parishioner’s. Thank you for Joyce brought up-Gail said she doesn’t like any thank you’s and Betty takes care of the way to thank her. No other interest expressed.

- We are in need of a clerk of the vestry (this is open to non-vestry members) Please consider this.

Parishioners in the News

Many thanks to Gail Morgan and her "team" who offered us a delicious reception to welcome Canon Carrie Schofield-Broadbent to Epiphany on Sunday, September 10th. Our discussion with Carrie was surely enriched by the doughnuts, cream puffs, and colorful fresh fruit!

Thanks also to Michelle Cook who arranged the altar flowers for the service at which Canon Carrie preached and celebrated. They were strikingly beautiful. Michelle adorned the tables at the reception with colorful fresh flowers as well. A feast for the eyes as well as for our taste buds!

Our prayers and thoughts go to Dorothy Lehman, who fell and broke a knee cap recently, and also to Joanne Nigolian, who also is temporarily confined to home with an injury to her leg. Our thoughts and prayers also go out to Pete Benedict who will be undergoing hip surgery October 31st.

Our gratitude goes out to Anita and Henry Drexler who are actively working on the Church of the Epiphany's web site. We hope to be able to share the web address this month, so that everyone can check it out.

Important dates in October and November

October

Sunday, October 8 -- **Walk Against Hunger:** sign-up 1:30 PM, walk 2PM, Sherburne Methodist Church

Monday, October 23 -- Sherburne ecumenical **Council of Churches meeting**, 7:00PM, Methodist Church

Tuesday, October 24 -- First Meeting of the adult education **Explorers' Group**, 6:00 - 8:00PM, Jan Nigolian's house

Wednesday, October 25 -- deadline for notices and articles for the November issue of the **Epiphany Star**. Please email your submissions to epiphanychurch@citlink.net.

Sunday, October 29 -- Meeting of the **Worship Committee** after the coffee hour

--The Rev. Donna Steckline is being ordained to the priesthood at the Episcopal Church in Gilbertsville at 4:00 P.M. Everyone is invited. (Donna is the daughter of Jack and Ann Howard)

Monday October 30 – Flu Shots at the Sherburne Firehouse 5:00-7:00. Please call 337-1660 to register.

November

Sunday, November 5 -- **Daylight savings time ends.** Set your clocks back one hour so that you don't arrive at church an hour early!

Tuesdays November 7, 14, 21, and 28 -- The **Explorers' Group** meets from 6:00 - 8:00PM at Jan Nigolian's house

Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11 -- Diocesan Convention in Liverpool

Saturday November 18 – Church Bazaar

Sunday, November 19 -- Sherburne ecumenical **Council of Churches Thanksgiving Service**, 7:00PM.
Location to be announced.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS, WEDDING AND BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Mary Gould
Cathy Wissenbach
Janice Hooftallen
John Schell
Baby Powell
Alex Evans
Rachel Rockwell
Sharon Evans
Maxwell Britton
Corey Morgan
Donald Neubauer
Sarah Bohnert
Anita Drexler
Emma Sue Hodges

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Henry Drexler
Renee Stowell
Maleah Britton
Darlene Bergner
William Bergner, Jr
Jack Howard
Janice Hooftallen
Elizabeth Blanchard
Ryan Palmiter
Bradley Phillips
Caitlynn Adams
Sandra Phillips

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ronne and Donna Vaughn
Harlie and Renee Stowell
Greg and Michele Parker

Dateline for the November newsletter is October 25th. Please submit information to Phyllis Britton in writing or email to the church or mrandsrb_54@hotmail.com

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