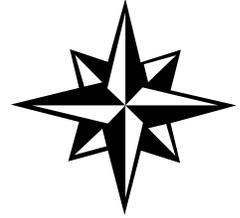


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The mission of Church of the Epiphany is to celebrate the light of Christ, proclaim the Gospel, deepen our faith, nurture and encourage all people.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAUL ABERNATHY

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Fall has arrived! And 'tis the season that many (perhaps most!) churches conduct stewardship campaigns, inviting parishioners to make financial pledges for 2017.

Epiphany will, too! Given our family-sized (even better, *family-spirited!*) community, our stewardship campaign won't be elaborate, but rather simple and straightforward. On Sunday, October 16, in my sermon I will encourage all of us to pledge. During the remainder of October, Reid Cox, our treasurer, will mail us pledge cards with an envelope enclosed asking us to complete and return the cards to him.

A couple of (well, three!) questions occur to me that may occur to you, so I'll answer myself and you...

What's a pledge? Our individual or family financial commitment to the fulfillment of Epiphany's mission "to celebrate the light of Jesus Christ, proclaim the Gospel, deepen our faith, nurture and encourage all people."

Why pledge? Practically, it gives the Vestry a clear idea of what income to expect for the coming year so to create a realistic annual budget. Spiritually, it gives us the financial opportunity to support our wonderful parish community. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6.21) *and* I think the converse also is true: Where our hearts are, there we give our treasure.

Why pledge in October? Again, practically, we do it and get it done well before the annual Thanksgiving-Christmas-New Year's cycle of heightened family and community activity.

If you have other questions or comments, please let me know!

Love,
Paul

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 2: Ann Cox
Oct. 9: Loren Taylor
Oct. 10: William Reid Cox
Oct. 15: Barrett Power
Oct. 17: Mareno Foggie
Oct. 20: Ed Taylor
Oct. 26: Gayle Burton

OCTOBER NURSERY AND USHER SCHEDULE

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| Oct. 2: | Base Smith | John Womack |
| Oct. 9: | Sarah Daniels | Reid Cox |
| Oct. 16: | Harriet Barksdale | John Womack |
| Oct. 23: | Linda Barksdale | Reid Cox |
| Oct. 30: | Base Smith | John Womack |

SCHOOL BACKPACK MINISTRY

Remember to bring food for the School Backpack Ministry to help children in need so that they will have food on weekends or during holidays. The Church of the Epiphany will provide the backpacks for the 4th Friday of each month. We will be packing the food after services on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Additional food items will be provided over the Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks.

Each weekend, items are needed for two breakfasts, two lunches, and two suppers and two snacks along with milk that does not have to be refrigerated.

Please contact Connie Daniels at 681-0329 or cdaniels1234@hotmail.com with any questions.

OTHER REMINDERS

Church services are at 11 AM on Sundays, September-May.

If you have announcements you wish included in future editions of the Epiphany Star, please send them to Bill Cooper at mthappy@prtcnet.com or call 864-969-2707.

Visit Miss Lucy's garden blog at www.gardenepiphany.wordpress.com.