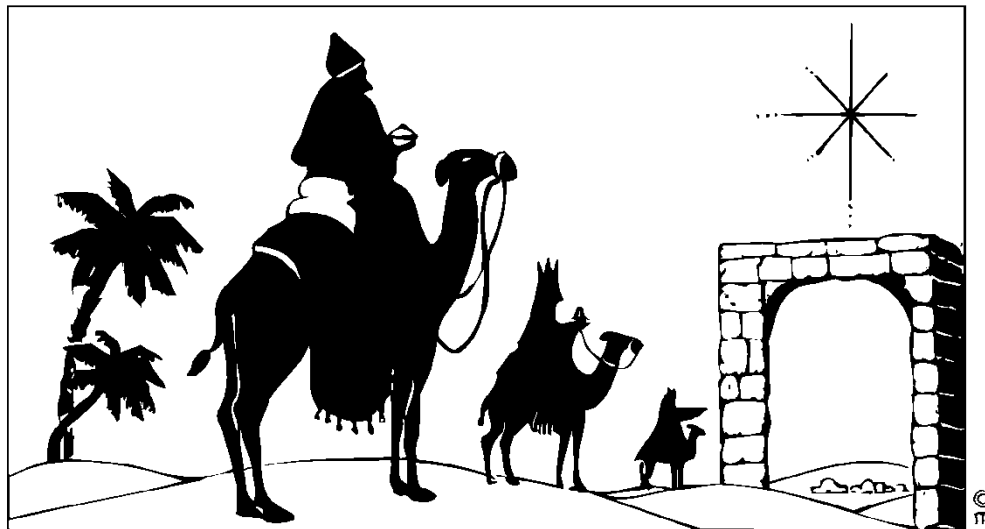


# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY 1896-2012



2012 ANNUAL MEETING  
JANUARY 29, 2012

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EPIPHANY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ANNUAL MEETING  
January 29, 2012

AGENDA

1. Begin meeting at approximately 10:00
2. Announce nominees for Vestry. There are two vacancies for three year terms and one vacancy for a one year term.
3. Ask for any additional nominations from the floor.
4. Ask for nominations for delegates to Diocesan Convention. We are seeking three delegates one of which is preferred to be a young adult 16-25 years of age. The Parish is allotted four delegates and the Senior Warden is automatically a delegate. We also will need two alternates. It is therefore desirous to have a minimum of five candidates.
5. Ballots will be turned in to the counters. The poll will remain open for one hour.
6. Lunch
7. Financial Report of 2010 and the 2012 Budget Ben Smith
8. A motion will be called for the acceptance of Parish Reports
9. Senior Warden will announce upcoming calendar events Gary Tatum
10. Our Interim Rector will present her report Andrea Baker +
11. Announce those who were elected to the 2012 Vestry and as Delegates to Convention.
12. Recognitions.

## **Interim Rector's Annual Report, January 29, 2012**

God's grace and peace to you, my new friends in Christ!

I am deeply honored to serve as your priest, pastor and executive leader during this important interim period in the life of Epiphany Church. We hit the ground running with our ministry together on December 1, 2011 and I am excited about the journey ahead of us over the next year.

I would like to highlight a few of the many areas of strength I see in the congregation and briefly address the tasks ahead of us. You have done an excellent job working on the financial health of the congregation, by balancing the budget, getting caught up on diocesan apportionment, and preparing for the hiring of your new settled rector. Your outreach program with Friday night dinners is a thriving ecumenical ministry to this community. You have a dedicated corps of volunteers that keep the church running. In particular, the office volunteers have done a tremendous job stepping in to cover duties that had been performed by a paid church secretary. You genuinely care for your church and each other, which is inspiring and energizing for me.

During this transitional period, my primary work as interim rector involves these process tasks:

1. Enter the congregation.
2. Analyze the congregation. (current identity, communication, programs, stories, traditions, size, power dynamics)
3. Renew relationships with the deanery, diocese and national church.
4. Understand and support developmental tasks of the congregation.
5. Apply evaluation tools of transitional ministry.
6. Exit from the congregation.

Your work involves focusing on these congregational development tasks:

1. Come to terms with your history.
2. Become clear about your identity.
3. Allow shifts in your leadership to occur.
4. Rethink the linkages to denomination and the church at large.
5. Make a commitment to new leadership and a new future.

In addition to working on the six process tasks of the interim rector, I would like to focus on pastoral care to church members, something I sense you long for. I will need your help with this work and ask you to please let me know if you or another member of the congregation is in need of pastoral care. Finally, I ask you to pray for our ministry together over the next year and to open your hearts and minds deep and wide to the movement of the Holy Spirit in and among us. Blessings,

*Andrea+*

## WORSHIP STATISTICS (amended 2/1/2012)

	Total Attendance All Svcs.		Avg. Sunday Attendance All Svcs.	
2011	6309		87	
2010	6133		93	
2009	7080		107	
2008	7128		98	
2007	7063		106	

Note: includes attendance at services at California Medical Facility

	Sunday Holy Eucharist Svcs.		Sunday Morning/Evening Prayer Svcs.	
2011	175		1	
2010	157		1	
2009	183		11	
2008	167		10	
2007	180		8	

Note: includes Holy Eucharists at California Medical Facility

	Weekday Holy Eucharists	Private Holy Eucharists	Weekday MP & EP
2011	62	39	41
2010	97	57	58
2009	103	15	53
2008	101	21	38
2007	101	36	64

### Other Services

	(incl. weddings, funerals)		Baptisms	Confirmations
2011	15	1 wedding 14 funerals	2	2
2010	9			
2009	8			
2008	10			
2007	16			

## Deacon's Report



I continue to mentor an EfM group with Cathy Kleinhenz. I think this is my 10<sup>th</sup> year as mentor. We have 8 students which includes one each from Ascension, Vallejo, and Grace, Fairfield.

Again, in 2011, I prepared taxes on Friday nights during February, March and April in addition to preparing taxes at the Senior Center on Thursdays in tax season. This year I will be at the Senior Center on Tuesdays.

Cindy and I are available to go weekly to Opportunity House to do 'spiritual talk' with the clients at the shelter. I am a board member for Vacaville Social Services Corp. that administers a shelter and transitional housing. Toward the end of the year, I took over the books of Episcopal Community Services.

I train Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors, adult and youth Lectors. Since Steve's retirement, I have been taking communion to Merrill Gardens (where Sis Siprelle lives) and Paramount House (where Virginia Snediger lives) on Thursday afternoons. Joan Tucker and Gary Tatum have graciously filled in for me when I am not available.

Just before Christmas, I attended a planning meet for a Community Organizing event that will take place February 12. IAF (Industrial Areas Foundation) will be meeting with Solano County clergy and lay people to discover common challenges. Community Organizing addresses systemic change.

During 2011, I attended the Association of Episcopal Deacons leadership conference in New Orleans, completed a PowerPoint (with Deacon Tina Campbell) entitled "So you want a Deacon in your Congregation," arranged with Keri Lopez for a Deacon's page on the Diocesan Website, and initiated an Education Fund for postulants/candidates—now up to \$7,700. I meet with people who are either postulants for the diaconate or interested in pursuing ordination. In January, I attended the School for Deacons retreat. I am a Trustee for the school.

I continue to travel with the Bishop no more than two Sundays a month. In November, I spent 12 days in Chile with my granddaughter and her parents. A great vacation!

Cookie+

## SENIOR WARDEN'S 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

The year began with the realization that our long-term Rector, Stephen Leonetti + was retiring at the end of August. In addition Steve + was taking a sabbatical between the 1<sup>st</sup> of July through the end of August. Because of this Steve + chose not to select a Senior Warden at the Annual Meeting in January, but asked that the Vestry elect one. I was honored by being selected by our Vestry to serve.

I spent as much time as possible with Steve + in anticipation of his departure and in order to help bolster my spirits and outlook Tawana and I took a three week vacation to Ireland in June.

Upon returning the biggest job that lay before me was obtaining supply clergy for the months of July through the time when the Vestry called an Interim priest. Initially it was thought this could be done by October, but we went until the first Sunday of December before our Interim The Reverend Andrea Baker was called and accepted the position.

It was decided at the Vestry Retreat that our primary efforts and responsibility was to remain TRANSPARENT and maintain a open COMMUNICATION with the people of Epiphany. We established that there would be no changes made to the three worship services that were, and are in existence until a new Rector was in place. The Vestry was given excellent instruction and guidance by Canon Britt Olson who spent quality time with us so that our process would be both grounded and acceptable to the office of the Bishop. On behalf of the Vestry and the people of Epiphany I would like to express thanks and gratitude for the direction we have been given by the Bishop and Canon Britt.

The Thursday evening Healing Service was discussed both with the Vestry and the few people who attended and with Steve's + approval was cancelled.

With Vestry approval we named Warren Dunning as the Profile Committee chair with instructions to form a committee with approximately fifteen members and to begin training and proceed with development of an Epiphany Profile during August. We also approved Ben Smith , Immediate Past Senior Warden, to chair the Stewardship Committee which is essential for the future success of this parish.

Nancy Wyant was asked to serve as the Chaplain to the Process and Kathleen Cocuzza was asked to be the Vestry's Chaplain. Both accepted and have been serving well.

We said goodbye to Steve + and Judy the last Sunday in August, where Steve + conducted his last service at Epiphany. There was one service followed by a potluck lunch and Steve + and Judy were given their farewell gift which was a gift certificate from Wasserman Travel.

## **SENIOR WARDEN'S 2011 ANNUAL REPORT, Cont.**

As already stated on December 4 our new Interim priest held her first service with us. The Vestry had three finalist for the position of Interim and we thought very highly of each of them; however, it was the entire Vestry's position that Reverend Andrea Baker would be the best choice. Andrea + has a Letter of Agreement that was approved by the Bishop as well as the Vestry and Andrea +. We expect she will be with us for up to 15 months and have targeted early 2013, hopefully prior to Easter for a calling date for our new Rector.

This was a very busy year and with the help of so many both within our church family as well as our Bishop and key people at the Diocese we were able to accomplish a great deal.

2012 promises to be even a busier year as we put the finishing touches on our Profile and prepare to call a new Rector.

I seek all of your prayers as we continue on our journey together. Your continued commitment through your pledges and offerings as well as your time and talent are essential if we are to be able to continue in service to one another and the community at large. God will continue to bless us and we will continue to love God with all our heart, mind, and soul as well as love all others as ourselves. God is the Creator of Creation and we are the stewards of that creation.

It has been my pleasure serving you this past year and I am looking forward to seeing us grow, both spiritually and hopefully numerically. We continue to be inclusive and warmly welcome anyone and everyone to partake of the Holy Communion with us and become a part of our church family.

Yours in Christ  
Gary H. Tatum

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DIOCESE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

## **Junior Warden's Report**

Thanks to all parishioners who have helped maintain day to day operations of Epiphany!

OUTDOOR LANDSCAPING- special thanks to Chris Behrens and Rollie Simons for their year round work taking care of all church grounds and extra effort when asked for special events. Rollie will be missed when he departs for retirement.

ROOF AND HVAC- The roof continues to present problems however it appears the leak in the Narthex ceiling will soon be solved. The overall condition of the roof will continue to be year to year. The HVAC unit provided some cold mornings during Advent season however the system is currently fixed and doesn't need to be replaced in the foreseeable future. I would like to thank Ben Smith for his time and insight in securing reliable vendors that help solve HVAC and roof problems.

-Dave Bowen



## **Treasurer's Annual Report 2011**

### 2011 Summary

In 2011, Epiphany continued to make our financial and budgeting activities more robust and transparent:

- Monthly reporting to the Vestry has been consistent
- Several budget reports were reported in The Light
- Errors in budgeting, accounting, or recording were fixed when found
- We have improved our financial relationship with the Diocese
- We passed our 2012 budget in December of 2011

We have very positive results to report for 2011:

- We received over 98% of pledged amount because of the dedication and generosity of our parishioners
- Total income was 102% of budget
- Apportionment is up to date making us eligible for a rebate from the Diocese
- Diocesan audits are up to date
- Jubilee Apportionment Forgiveness reduced a past apportionment bill of over \$30,000 to \$6,600 payable over the next several years
- As of January 21<sup>st</sup>, we have about \$16,000 in our checking account

The savings we achieved this year (Epiphany took in \$13,000 more than was spent) were due to actions undertaken over the past several years. We made the difficult decision to move the office assistant to a volunteer position. We made the difficult decision to plan for and hire a three quarter time Interim Rector. We made the difficult decision to have several months of Supply Priests, lengthening our time to hire our Interim. These items, when taken together reduced our expenses by over \$30,000 in 2011 and are reflective of a strong desire to live within our means.

## **Treasurer's Annual Report 2011, Continued**

### 2012 Budget Review

The 2012 budget has a new section called Search Process Cost/Savings. This represents the savings required for the Search Process and is based on estimates provided by the Diocese. Given our current budget, we should be able to save over \$11,000. As these funds accrue, they will be moved to a separate account to ensure they are spent for the Search Process.

Also included in the 2012 budget is a \$200 per month payment to the Diocese for our 2009 back apportionment. We have committed to pay this amount every month until the debt is paid, just under 3 years. This is a commitment not taken lightly as both the Senior Warden and Treasurer have signed loan documents to this effect.

The balance of the changes are denoted by comment with the reason.

### Looking to 2013

A look ahead to 2013 indicates that we will be challenged in our ability to pay our new Rector above the minimum rates suggested by the Diocese. Using the minimum salary and health insurance, we have a \$5000 shortfall assuming our income stays the same. The minimum health care we are allowed to carry for our Rector is 80% of the lowest cost option for the employee (not spouse or family).

A modest increase in the amount or number of pledges will be necessary to mitigate this shortfall and ensure we will continue to meet our financial obligations to our employees and the Diocese.

Your Treasurer team will also continue to resolve "book keeping" issues as they arise. We have had some problems with Church Helpmate, one of our software packages that tracks pledges. One of our goals this year is to ensure that Church Helpmate and QuickBooks are talking. This will make our information to you and Diocese more accurate and make our job easier.

The changes made in the past and those we make moving forward will allow Epiphany to continue in its mission to "See the Light, Be the Light, Share the Light."

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie and Ben Smith

**2011 Budget v. Actual on next page**

	<u>Jan 1, '11 - Jan 1, 12</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
<b>All Other Operating Income</b>	6,372.47	2,005.43	4,367.04	317.76%	Includes Christmas and Easter gifts
<b>Birthday</b>	1,316.80	1,709.16	-392.36	77.04%	
<b>Building Funds</b>	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00	100.0%	Gift for doors
<b>Fund BalanceLUTO</b>	48.00	0.00	48.00	100.0%	
<b>Fundraising</b>	2,151.96	2,005.83	146.13	107.29%	
<b>Outreach Income</b>	11,099.00	7,247.03	3,851.97	153.15%	Great!
<b>Plate</b>	4,179.39	6,019.58	-1,840.19	69.43%	
<b>Pledge Income</b>	132,283.44	134,681.44	-2,398.00	98.22%	Nearly 100% of pledge again!
<b>Regular Contributions</b>	8,365.00	10,055.71	-1,690.71	83.19%	
<b>Rental Income</b>	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>1,513.71</u>	<u>786.29</u>	<u>151.95%</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>	169,216.06	165,237.89	3,978.17	102.41%	
<b>Expense</b>					
<b>Altar and Worship</b>	1,694.90	1,606.67	88.23	105.49%	
<b>Apportionment</b>	18,244.00	23,611.50	-5,367.50	77.27%	All 2011 apportionment paid (this includes Dec 2011 accrual)
<b>Birthday-NPCC</b>	1,244.80	1,708.03	-463.23	72.88%	
<b>Christian Education</b>	243.79	501.36	-257.57	48.63%	
<b>Clergy Expense</b>	65,531.51	72,896.51	-7,365.00	89.9%	Low due to hiring Andrea+ in December
<b>Dues and Subscriptions</b>	0.00	179.00	-179.00	0.0%	
<b>Employees</b>	23,574.46	23,067.70	506.76	102.2%	
<b>Facilities Expense</b>	12,673.91	11,528.80	1,145.11	109.93%	High due to repairs (heater, drains and tree trimming)
<b>Fundraising Expense</b>	1,836.65	0.00	1,836.65	100.0%	
<b>Insurance</b>	13,536.21	14,589.74	-1,053.53	92.78%	
<b>Office Expense</b>	6,618.36	6,080.71	537.65	108.84%	
<b>Outreach</b>	8,482.33	7,222.84	1,259.49	117.44%	
<b>Repairs</b>	265.00	300.00	-35.00	88.33%	
<b>Telephone</b>	<u>1,888.86</u>	<u>2,705.90</u>	<u>-817.04</u>	<u>69.81%</u>	
<b>Total Expense</b>	155,834.78	165,998.76	-10,163.98	93.88%	
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>13,381.28</u>	<u>-760.87</u>	<u>14,142.15</u>	<u>-1,758.68%</u>	<b>\$13K saved in 2011.</b>

	<u>Amended</u> <u>2012 Budget</u>	
<u>Income</u>	<u>3/4 Interim No health</u>	
Plate	\$4,200	70% of 2011
Pledge	\$126,020	Current Pledge at \$126,020.
Regular Contributions	\$7,000	70% of 2011
Rental	\$1,500	
Fundraising	\$ 2,800	
Other (Outreach Contributions)	\$8,500	2011 Coming in higher than budget, bumped up for 2012.
Other	\$2,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$152,020</b>	
Adjusted for Apportionment	\$135,660	Adjusted income for Outreach (PG&E, Sam's Club and Toshiba lease)
Special Fund Income		
Building	\$ -	
Birthday	\$1,500	
Memorials		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$153,520</b>	
<u>Expense</u>		
Altar and Worship	\$2,500	Adjusted up for Flowers
Apportionment	\$19,000	Adjusted down per 2011 actuals
PAST Apportionment	\$ 2,400	Per agreement with Diocese
Christian Education	\$ 500	
Church Liability Ins + Workers Comp	\$ 7,000	\$1406/mo + workers comp
Seminary Pledge	\$ -	
Noel Porter (Birthday donations)	\$ 1,500	
Fundraising (expense)	\$ 1,800	
Legal Fees	\$ -	
Fire Permit/Equipment and Repair	\$ 500	Combined with Fire Equipment and Repair
Telephone	\$ 2,200	Adjusted down per 2011 actuals
Utilities - Sanitary	\$ 1,600	
Utilities - Water	\$ 1,100	Adjusted up per 2011 actuals
Utilities - PG&E	\$ 8,400	
Pest Control	\$ 480	
Office Supplies	\$ 500	
Toshiba	\$ 2,232	Adjusted up for new copier copier
Riso (Contract and Supplies)	\$ 1,100	
Advertising	\$ 1,865	Includes Christmas and Easter
Bulk Mailing	\$ -	
Postage	\$ 730	
Outreach	\$ 8,500	Made equal to Outreach income line.

			<b>*2013 Look Ahead</b>
<b>Employee Expense</b>			
Supply (honorarium and travel)	\$ 2,400	Assumes 6 weeks military leave + 2 weeks supply (8 at \$300)	600
Interim Salary	\$ 46,892		58703
Interim Health	\$ -		5823
Interim Pension	\$ 8,441		10567
Continuing Ed	\$ 500		500
Auto Allowance (reimbursable Travel)	\$ -	Incorporate into salary	
Interim Life Insurance	\$ 60	2012 this is Life Insurance paid by Epiphany (\$5 x 12 mo)	
Sexton	\$ 3,600	Increased to \$3600	
Worker's Comp	\$ -	Moved to Liability Ins.	
Music Director	\$ 13,630		
Worker's Comp	\$ -	Moved to Liability Ins.	
Office Assistant	\$ -		
Worker's Comp	\$ -		
Payroll Taxes	\$ 1,276		
<b>Search Process Costs/Savings</b>		Estimates from Diocese	
Added phone calls	\$ 200		
Background Checks	\$ 600		
Field Visits to Candidate's Parish	\$ 3,000		
Candidates' visit to Epiphany	\$ 3,000		
Moving Expense Savings	\$ 4,514	Moving expenses estimated to be as high as \$12,000.	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 152,020</b>		<b>2013 Look \$ 158,606</b>
<b>Income-Expense (positive is good)</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>All positive funds moved to Search Process Costs/Savings</b>	<b>\$ (5,086)</b>

**\*2013 Look ahead assumes new full-time rector: salary Base of Range C, 80% of low-cost health plan option for rector only (not family), pension 18% of base salary.**

## **Health Ministry Report**

The physical and mental health benefits of religion and spirituality have been recently documented extensively in medical journals. Part of these benefits seems to come from the way people are beginning to think about their lives and ways they find to cope with their problems. In the spirituality aspect, your health ministry team has tried to provide care, support, and encourage you to take an active part in improving your health by changing your lifestyles. We give you the tools and information and we are always near by if you need help. Last year during our monthly BP checks, we saw 96 parish members. I can truly say that this has been a successful program. Many parish members are checking their numbers and staying within the 120/80 limits along with following their doctors advice ( decrease the salt intake, exercise, lose weight, and if you're on medication, take it every day at the same time). We continue to write articles for the Light on things you may be interested in. If you have a topic you would like us to Google, let us know. Additional health screening clinics were offered during the year. These included carotid dopler, blood glucose testing, cholesterol screening etc. My goal for this year is to have at least 4 to 6 seminars on topics about diabetes, alzheimers , Arthritis, end of life issues and find someone to give us info about Wills and the paper trail we will need to protect ourselves and love ones in the time of need.

## **EFM at CMF**

EFM is in full swing at CMF. We have almost all returning participants from year one entering year 2 and one new person involved in year 1. The lessons are going well even though we do deal with the prison system which sometimes affects the men's participation as they miss a session here and there. We commence each session in the usual way of providing worship, checkin, going over the lesson and then a theological reflection. The men seem to benefit greatly. They look forward to each week of coming for fellowship and to work out their life experience through sharing in a thoughtful, reflective nature. Spiritual growth for each one in the group is readily observable.

Steve + also does Saturday services each week.

Phil West

## **St. Elizabeth's Altar Guild 2011**

The purpose of the Altar Guild is to assist the clergy by preparing for the celebration of the Eucharist and other Sacraments and rites of the church. Among our duties are the cleaning and polishing of the Eucharistic vessels, ordering Eucharistic supplies, such as the wine, hosts and Sanctuary lamps, filling candles, laundering altar linens, setting up the sacraments and decorating the church for special celebrations.

To accomplish these responsibilities, we have divided into four work teams. Each team takes responsibility for one week per month. During special celebrations, such as Christmas and Easter, all Guild members pitch in to help accomplish what needs to be done.

In 2011 the Guild had a fairly quiet year. Long time member, Nancy Wyant, resigned. We'd like to thank her for her many years of service to the Guild. She will be hard to replace. We are hoping that we can convince her to come back at Christmas just to do the beautiful bows for the wreaths!

In 2012 we hope to do an inventory of the Eucharistic Vessels, and get all the cabinets and drawers in the Sacristy labeled. We have managed to clean out a lot of old stuff, like torches that take real candles, extra candle snuffers/lighters, etc. that will be donated to other churches who have use for them. As usual, we are down a few members, so if you this ministry appeals to you, please let me know. We'd love to have you join us.

I would personally like to thank both old and new members for all their hard work during the past year. Your cooperation and willingness to step in when needed is much appreciated.

Viki Tyrrell  
Director  
January 2012

## **Daughters of the King**

The Daughters of the King (DOK) Order is a spiritual community, in a busy world where women with similar interests can pray, study, share together, affirm ministries and support each other. Members are present to each other in Christ's love. The Order's purpose is to bring others into a living, loving relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior and to help strengthen the spiritual life of our parish and its missions. This year we are embarking on a 12 month study of our national Study Guide. This Guide will answer any questions one might have about the DOK and provide reflections for the individual as well as the group. Anyone may attend our meetings at anytime, no commitment is necessary. Please join us in person or in prayer for an hour in Christ's love at three o'clock the third Sunday of each month, For His Name Sake Helen Blood Chapter President.

## **Eucharistic Visitors**

We have four persons who are taking communion to shut-ins. Some have a regular individual: Gary Tatum visits Betty Moore, Cindy Glass started visiting Wilma Crystal after Jayne Goodwin left for Columbia, Joan Tucker visited Viki Tyrell until she was well enough to come to church and then Jo Annala. Nancy Hales visited Ann Fortunado and stands by to go where she is needed. Judy Cygan, until she moved, also visited shut-ins. All of them have substituted for Cookie at Merrill Gardens and Paramount House Senior Living. Please let Cookie+ know if you or someone you know would like or should have communion brought to them occasionally or regularly. Eucharist Visitors are here to serve!

Cookie+



## **Community Dinners**

Since 2000 we have been serving a hot, nutritious, and delicious dinner every Friday night. Our guests have been the homeless, unemployed, under employed, elderly, youth, and lonely. We have served over 100,000 meals in an encouraging, inviting, and non-judgmental atmosphere. This year we continued to have cook teams from Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and Unity Church of the Valley assist us in this vital ministry, and they have been joined by teams from Community Presbyterian Church and Saint Mary's and Saint Joseph's. Our next goal is to assemble enough help to hold dinners on an additional night.

Submitted by Warren Dunning

## **Gifts for life**

During Advent you donated the following items to the Episcopal Relief and Development Gifts for Life program:

Health care	Seeds	Ducks & Geese	Solar power
Clean water	Goats	Food for kids	A family garden
Community health worker training			

This program provides the necessities of life for the poorest people in the world and helps start families and communities on their way to self sufficiency

Your generous gifts totaled \$1060, with a matching gift of \$1060 for a total impact of \$2120.

Submitted by Warren Dunning

## **Parish profile committee**

Generating the parish profile is the first step in our search for a new rector. We have worked closely with Canon Britt Olson to discern our tasks and learn of the resources available to us. There were 44 respondents to our survey, and the results have been tabulated. The interpretation of the results and the implications to our life and ministry will be presented to the Vestry and the committee at the Vestry Retreat on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. We have also held small groups at which parishioners have been encouraged to express their views on our ministry. We have gathered demographic and historic information about Epiphany, the Diocese, and the city of Vacaville. The next step is to finish compiling all the information we have gathered and present it to the Diocese.

Submitted by Warren Dunning

## **Merriment on Main**

Durring the annual Christmas tree lighting Epiphany Church on ce again priveded hot cider and hot chocolate to the community. A big thank you to all so generously donated drinks, cups and time to this ministry. Special thank you to Mellisa Dunning for her donation of hot chocolate, which was very popular this year. Under the leadership of Bowen, Cocuzza ,Smith, Simonin, Hitchcock, Krystek and Goodwin families we had another successful year. This fun and exciting event is a great start to the Christmas season.

Bobbi Bowen

## **Sunday School**

We are in the third year of using the “Living the Good News” curriculum. This curriculum coincides with the church lectionary calendar. We are offering a multi age Sunday school class including crafts learning the Bible and Book of Common Prayer. In addition to this curriculum we are organizing extracurricular events. At our fall event we attended a “Halloween Bash” held at Mary Cornelison studio and all had a wonderful time. We hope to also offer a spring “fun” event at and a community outreach event. Thanks to all those who support the Sunday school program and help maintain this invaluable ministry. Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Bobbi Bowen

## **2011 Epiphany Choir Report**

The Epiphany Choir had another great year in 2011, providing anthems for 11:00 a.m. Sunday services from September through June, and supporting the congregation as they sing hymns and service music. In additional to regular Sunday services, the choir sang for Maundy Thursday, Easter Vigil, and Christmas Eve services. Each of these special services involves a great deal of practice and focus by choir members.

I want to thank faithful choir members for their hard work and dedication to enhancing the worship services of Epiphany church. They are a joy to work with! Several past and new members joined the choir for Holy Week and Easter, and Christmas Eve services, and I really appreciate their contributions. We are looking forward to a 2012 filled with joyful music. New members are always welcome; we would love to have you join us! – Janet Lee

## **Annual Report 2011 – 9:15 Service Music**

The 9:15 AM service is characterized by contemporary Christian music and occasional traditional hymns. The songs are selected by Janet Lee with the help of the new Liturgy and Music Committee, and accompanied by her on keyboard. Carlyn Crystal, Roger Schaller, Shawn Behrens, and Ellen Simonin are on guitar. All assist with set up and tear down of equipment. The guitars are amplified by our own sound system and the children of the congregation also assist with various rhythm instruments “ad lib”. We also help accompany the junior choir when they perform. Additional musicians and music suggestions are always encouraged.

Submitted by,  
Ellen Simonin

## **Junior Choir**

This past year, the junior choir had a great time performing together for 9:15 services, Father Steve's retirement party, Andrea's first day, holiday services and at Orchard Acute Care Center. We have plans to do lots more fun things with our voices and the boomwhackers in the next year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Potts

# *THE LIGHT*

Epiphany's newsletter, **THE LIGHT**, was published quarterly during 2011.

**THE LIGHT** endeavors to include, in each publication, news of the parish and a variety of articles from or about parish ministries, including an Update from the Vestry, Health Ministries, Committee Chairs, and our Clergy. We have tried to incorporate news and program information from our local church, from around the Diocese and occasionally from the National Church.

As the Vestry and our Interim Rector review and seek ways to streamline many of the church office tasks incorporating volunteer staff members, and because the world is moving more and more toward Internet communication to save paper and postage costs, **THE LIGHT** will be sent out via email to those who have provided an email address. For those members who do not have an email address and would like to receive **THE LIGHT** via US Mail, please call the church office weekdays between 9 AM and 12 Noon. Each edition of **THE LIGHT** will continue to be posted on the church's website:

[www.epiphanychurchvacaville.org](http://www.epiphanychurchvacaville.org).

*FYI*

For the past few years (I think it's been 7 years, but I'm not exactly sure) I have served as editor of **THE LIGHT**. After lots of prayer and wrangling with the Spirit, my faith tells me the time has come to step down. It has truly been my joy to share in this ministry with all of you. As a result of my work, my computer skills have increased, my understanding of journalism type-talk has grown, and I have developed a new aptitude for ferreting out worthy information from all of you for **THE LIGHT!** Thank you for your articles, for your trust and for your encouragement.

If you are interested in taking on this ministry, one that helps keep us connected as a church family, make your presence known to the Sr. Warden or to our Interim Rector.

Nancy Wyant  
Retiring Editor

## GARDENING REPORT 2011

We all have to thank Chris Behrens of Big Behr Landscape and his crew for the great job that they do in maintaining the church grounds, as they do the bulk of the work throughout the year. Ever since Chris installed the new sod and sprinklers in 2007, he and his crew have been the primary care givers; mowing and taking care of the grounds. My involvement this past year was 8 visits for a total of 21 person hours, mostly cleaning up around Easter time and then the fall leaf clean up. A big thank you also goes out to all those who participated in the Easter clean-up day and a Christmas clean-up day this past year!

This will be my last Gardening Report as I will be retiring in the spring. Cindy and I have purchased a home up in Bozeman Montana. The first time that I helped with the grounds maintenance here at Epiphany was on April 17, 2002. In the past 10 years I have spent just over 450 person hours keeping up the grounds here at the church. It has been my ministry to you and it has been totally my pleasure. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

Please continue to give your support to Chris and his crew, and consider Chris and Big Behr Landscape (469-8644) for any landscape installation or maintenance needs!

Sincerely,

*Rollie Simons*

## **2011 Annual Report LEM/ Lector**

My ministry in this program has given me a better insight into the weekly readings. I enjoy proclaiming the word of the Lord to the congregation. The program is well run and well managed. My only suggestion to improve the program is to launch a vigorous drive to recruit more LEMs and Lectors. This would give more members of the congregation the opportunity to experience the joy and blessings of proclaiming the word of the Lord.

Harry Coburn

## **2011 Annual Report Food for Fish**

This program has been moderately successful during the past year. The amount of donations per week ranges between zero and 30 items of non-perishable food. In the second half of the year a program was launched to specify a type of food to donate. For example; one month we suggested tuna, another chilie and of late mac & cheese. The congregation is reminded to bring a donation by announcements in the bulletin.

I believe a more effective way to maximize donations would be to designate the last Sunday of the month as "Food for Fish Sunday". Then have an announcement in the bulletin each week and an announcement from the altar reminding the congregation that the last Sunday of the month is Food for Fish Sunday. In addition post a banner in the narthex proclaiming "Food for Fish Next Sunday".

Harry Coburn

## **Flower and Sanctuary Report**

The Flower and Sanctuary Chart is posted in the Narthex. Each week flowers are ordered from Brick's Florist and cost approximately \$48.00. When flowers are order by a church member for any given occasion, the recipient is charged directly from Brick's Florist. During our Lenten and Advent season's "**No Flowers**" are ordered. Only greenery and wreaths are ordered for Palm Sunday and Advent. Easter lilies and Christmas flowers, and wreaths are ordered from Passanisi Nursery. This will be my first year placing orders from Passanisi Nursery for these occasions.

Please, print your name, phone number and description of occasion or contact me by phone or email. It's a good time to recognize and celebrate an occasion with flowers!

Thank you Viki Tyrrell and Kathleen Cocuzza, for all your help!

Sincerely,

Sonia Cornejo

## Office Staff

The office at Epiphany is staffed entirely with volunteers. The regular staff are: Marg Tye on Monday, Marie Brunie on Tuesday and Thursday, Carlyn Crystal-Goodwin on Wednesdays, and Joan Tucker on Fridays. Substitutes are Marilyn Bond and Inge Dyrud. The office is open 9:00-12:00 Monday – Friday. Our duties include putting together the weekly and special bulletins, sending out reminders to those serving on the following Sunday, answering the phone, sorting mail, greeting people who come in to the church office, and ordering supplies. Please contact us at [HYPERLINK "mailto:epiphany.admin@gmail.com"](mailto:epiphany.admin@gmail.com) [epiphany.admin@gmail.com](mailto:epiphany.admin@gmail.com) if you have announcements for the bulletin, or changes to your directory information (address, telephone numbers or email accounts). If you have an insert for the bulletin, please provide the office with 120 copies no later than Thursday for the following Sunday.

The office needs a volunteer who would be willing to work on scanning and preserving our historical materials. These go back past the time when Epiphany celebrated it's 50<sup>th</sup> year in Vacaville!

Submitted by Joan Tucker

## Acolytes

I would like to extend a grand applause to all Acolytes ministering to both the 9:15 am and 11:00 am services. Many of our young church members have shown interest in serving as an Acolyte. I do... welcome ALL who are interested in joining this wonderful ministry in serving. Training is provided by our Deacon, Cookie Clark and is to be announced.

The Easter Vigil and Christmas Eve services were both spectacular and well attended by our Acolytes who gathered in serving these eventful occasions.

Thank you, Elizabeth Potts for your continued support in assisting the younger Acolytes during the 9:15 service. And a big "Thank you" to Cookie Clark for a wonderful job in scheduling and sending out weekly reminders to our Acolytes.

I welcome young people ages nine and up to join, if interested, contact Kathleen Cocuzza at (707) 446-1553.

Sincerely,

*Kathleen Cocuzza*

## WINSOR HOUSE MINISTRY

It's been TWELVE years on the last Sunday of each month at 2 pm we have continued to do a thirty minute prayer service at Orchard Acute Care on Orchard between E. Monte Vista and Buck Avenue. Kathleen, April & Aydan Cocuzza, Sonia Cornejo, Bobbie & Ruth Bowen, have lead the services for the residents in worshipping, scripture readings and singing *A Cappella* to their favorite songs.

Socks donated throughout the year will be collected and given as gifts to the resident's in the month of December during their Christmas worship service. **Preferably: large loose fitting crew socks, diabetic type is highly needed.**

Members of the STOMP choir and their families from Callison School joined in our annual Christmas Carols celebration, this event was enjoyed by all!

The residents do look forward to seeing all of us especially the children (who are helpful). Residents have enjoyed personalizing their favorite song, "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands" with their first name.

ALL are welcomed to join us in prayer and singing...if you can sing or play an instrument please join us!

If you are interested in joining, contact Kathleen Cocuzza at (707) 446-1553 or Bobbi Bowen at (707) 446-9065.

Sincerely,

*Kathleen Cocuzza and Bobbie Bowen*

## Wednesday Mornings at Opportunity House

In 2011 Cookie Clark+ and Cindy Glass continued to meet with residents at Opportunity House on Wednesday mornings for an hour of reflection, meditation, and prayer. When residents visit the group for the first time, they receive a notebook are encouraged to write about their experiences and feelings during their stay at O House. There is no such thing as a "typical" Wednesday session. We might share the hour with 7 residents or just one.

Some folks attend several weeks in a row; others come once. We might be sitting at the table with residents who have just arrived as well as ones who are moving into transitional housing. Teenagers. Grandmothers. A new father. But as everyone settles into chairs, one thing is already certain: Christ is sitting among us.

Opportunity House now prepares for the transition to its new location in the near future, which will result in new opportunities and approaches in 2012. And there's more transition ahead: Cindy will no longer be a part of this ministry after April, when she and Rollie move out of state. Keep in mind, however, that members of Epiphany and residents of Opportunity House have much to give and receive to one another, even at this moment. It's simply a matter of action.