



St. Stephen's Weekly

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkinsburg, PA

The Rev. Nancy (Nano) Chalfant-Walker, Rector

Epiphany

January 12, 2014

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Precious Saints,

The third season of the church year is Epiphany. The word means, "*making God manifest*". It is the church's response to God's Christmas. The "Day of Epiphany" is January 6 and we remain in celebration and remembrance until Ash Wednesday as we enter into Lent. In Western Christianity, we recognize this season with the visit of the wise men (Magi) to the Christ child. Through the Magi Christ revealed himself to the gentiles. In Eastern Christianity, Epiphany puts emphasis on the baptism of Jesus by John, with Christ revealing himself to the world as God's own Son. Likewise, on Epiphany some denominations commemorate Jesus' miracle of turning water into wine, signifying the manifestation of Christ's divinity as well.

Our text, Acts 10:34-43 shapes our focus as we reach this first Sunday of Epiphany. Visualize the image of a wheel: Christ being the hub, we individually and collectively are the spokes attached to the hub and encompassed by the Holy Spirit making movement in the world. We too are witnesses that our King has come. He has revealed himself and continues his work through the Church in the power of the Spirit forgiving our sins, reconciling humanity to himself and uniting us with one another in fellowship and love.

In our text, Peter has received revelation! "It is clear to me now that God plays no favorites, that God accepts every person whatever his or her culture or ethnic background, that God welcomes all who revere Him...". We share this revelation and joyfully spread the good news of the gospel to all people of every nation, tribe and tongue. Jesus is Lord —Lord of all.

In Christ,

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

Shepherd's Heart

FOOD OF THE MONTH

Non-perishable foods

Parish Services

**Parish Administrator
General Office Hours
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Tues. - Fri.**

NURSERY SERVICES

10:30 a.m. Service
Each Sunday, Downstairs
In The Parish House.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson and fun activities
in gym.

BIBLE STUDIES

**Sundays in the Parish
House Library**

led by Don Block
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM

**Monthly Study
@ The Sprenkels
"First Fridays"
6 - 8 PM**

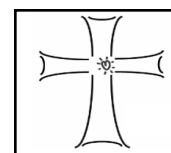
Selected Biblical Passages
Next: February 7th

Call Mel or Dave Sprenkel if
you are interested, at
412-362-8025.

1122 Portland Street,
Highland Park.

Please let us know if you
need a ride.

You are invited!



In Our Prayers

Pray for the Church —

In the Anglican Communion:

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby; The Anglican Church of Australia and The Most Rev. Dr. Phillip John Aspinall; and The Episcopal Church and Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori.

Our sister churches:

Our brothers and sisters in the ACNA Diocese of Pittsburgh; The Christians of Southern Sudan and the Central African Republic.

In the Diocese: The Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell; All Souls, North Versailles, and The Rev. Linda Tardy Wilson; the Episcopal Church Women, Betty Duckstein, president; and St. James, Episcopal Church, Penn Hills, and The Rev. Eric McIntosh.

In St. Stephen's:

Gloria Condon; Edith Crane; The Church School Ministry; NYOP; and The Sanctuary Project.

Pray for the nation and the world —

President Barack Obama, Congress, The Men and Women serving in the Armed Forces, Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan; for the stewardship of the earth's resources and a wise response to climate change.

Pray for the local community -

Wilksburg Community Ministries; Mayor and The Borough Council of Wilksburg; the end to violent crime; Wilksburg School District and Woodland Hills School District; and those who are homeless.

Pray for those who suffer or are in any kind of trouble -

Sally Novak	Ben	Anne Etienne	Janet Haston
Bill Garver	Sherry	Shirley	Arlene
Liz Mikszan	Joel Brown	Fran	Nancy Shook
Judy	Pat Woodley	Nick	Dick Morris
Alexander Murph	Anita Hoyer	Jill	Harry Blair
Lou	Nancy Bielicki	Janet	Mason
Michael Romey	Walter Scott	Alice and David Bragdon	
Allene Newland	Johnny Cowan	John Booker	

Prayers for the sick can be found in the Prayer Book on p.458. You are welcome to call Allene Newland (412-371-7417) to have the Prayer Chain pray with you.

Pray for the departed -

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WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY

8:00 am & 10:30 am

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January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Maria Sprenkel - 1/3 · John Booker, Jr. - 1/9 · Richard Moore - 1/11 · Beth Hardie - 1/24

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DO YOU WANT TO SPONSOR FLOWERS FOR THE ALTARS?

It's easy, we are providing several methods to be a sponsor for your convenience. There is a calendar hanging in sanctuary-near Franklin Street door-for you to place the date on the month that you want to sponsor the flowers. You can also make your order by calling or e-mailing the office. After you have made your notification, you would indicate your reason or dedication of the flowers. The high altar flowers are \$30.00 and the chapel altar flowers are \$20.00. Envelopes are available beneath the calendar to place your payment and your reason or dedication for the flowers. The envelopes can be placed in the offering plate and are due in the office 2 weeks in advance of the service you want the flowers presented. You may take the flowers with you following that particular service.

**Flowers This Week**

You are invited to St. James to join in
 Eric's first celebration of the
 Eucharist on
 Sunday, January 12, at 4 pm.

Vestry

Meeting time: Tuesday, January 14th @ 7PM

Our Shut Ins

Dick Morris
 Willows of Presbyterian Senior Care
 1215 Hulton Rd
 Oakmont, PA 15139

Betsy Frey
 Schenley Gardens Rehab Center
 3890 Bigelow Boulevard
 Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Althea Miller
 4931 Nettleton Apt. 2316
 Medina, OH 44256

Sally Novak
 822 Wood Street Apt. 45
 Wilkinsburg, PA 15221

Anne Etienne
 Country Meadows
 3570 Washington Pike
 Bridgeville, PA 15017

WEEKLY GROUPS MEETING AT ST. STEPHEN'S

MONDAY—FRIDAY 2:30 TO 6:00 PM NYOP (During the school year)
 EVERY THIRD TUESDAY—5:30 TO 7:00 PM Pittsburgh Housing Development Associates
 EVERY OTHER TUESDAY 6:00 TO 7:30 PM Girl Scouts
 EVERY WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM Choir Practice in Choir Room
 EVERY WEDNESDAY: 7:30 P.M. Alcoholic Anonymous (AA)
 EVERY THURSDAY 7:30 to 8:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
 EVERY SATURDAY: 10:00 A.M Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

HELP US SPREAD THE NEWS

Reading God's Word



We grow best when we are nourished by a steady diet of God's word. Reading the Bible daily is an important habit to develop. Scripture is best when it is well chewed over and digested, so one good way to get into the habit of reading the Bible is to take time to read the Sunday readings several times during the week.

Readings for next Sunday:

[Isaiah 49:1-7](#)
[1 Corinthians 1:1-9](#)
[John 1:29-42](#)
[Psalm 40:1-12](#)

DO YOU HAVE PICTURES OF CHURCH EVENTS/ ACTIVITIES THAT YOU WOULD LOVE TO SHARE?

If so, can you send them electronically to the church
 (ststephenswilk@verizon.net)?

We want to gather pictures that can be placed on one of our future communication medium.

We are working on activating a FB page. Thanks to Don Block, our website is almost up and running!!



Jan. 13th - Lesson and	fun activities in gym
Jan. 20th - Lesson and communion	
Jan. 27th - Lesson and fun activities in gym	
Feb. 2nd - Youth Sunday and coffee hour fundraiser for Baby Musa	
Feb. 9th - Lesson and fun activities in gym	Feb. 16th - Lesson and communion
Feb. 23rd - Lesson and fun activities in gym	March 2nd - Youth Sunday

SERVING YOU TODAY

LAYREADERS: Lessons/Chalice 1: Pam Sovich

Psalm/Prayers/Chalice 2: Karen Teulle

ALTAR GUILD: Melissa McDonough, Gerry Dalton, Beth Hardie, Joann & Bill Rau, Karen Teulle, Jon Walker, Cathy Ritts

COUNTERS: Melissa McDonough, Karen Teulle

COFFEE HOUR:

Altar Flowers: In thanksgiving for Anthony Joseph Hunt and Lori Stebler's birthdays (flower sponsor: Lori Stebler).

**OUR ANNUAL TRIP TO SHEPHERD'S HEART IS TODAY,
JANUARY 12, 2014**

We will be preparing and serving dinner to the needy after the evening service. You can bring your donated cookies for the dessert to the social hall. We will begin meet in our newly renovated kitchen at 1:30 to prepare the food. We will then travel to Shepherd's Heart for the service and the dinner.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING!!

ALL REPORTS FOR ANNUAL MEETING ARE
DUE
JANUARY 15TH.

THE ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY,
JANUARY 26TH AT NOON.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED.



*EACH NEW YEAR BRINGS US NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO
KNOW HIM MORE, TO WALK IN FAITH, AND GROW BY HIS
GRACE. MAY YOUR YEAR BE BLESSED IN THE LORD.*

*“What no eye has seen, nor ear
heard, nor the human heart
conceived, what God has prepared
for those who love him” -
1 Corinthians 2:9*



SEASONS OF THE CHURCH - EPIPHANY TIDE

Each of the stained glass windows in the west wall - Pitt St. side of the church building - provide a picture which gives the message and symbols of a particular season of the church year. As one enters the main doors of the church on the right there are the three stained - glass windows depicting the scenes of Advent Tide, Christmas Tide, and Epiphany Tide.

To the left in this group of three windows is the message of Epiphany Tide - the three wise men - Magi or Kings - riding on their camels from the East. "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem." (King James Version, Matthew 2:1) The camels are loaded with boxes holding the gifts for the Christ child, gold "symbolizing Christ's immortality and purity", frankincense "symbolizing prayer and sacrifice", and myrrh "symbolizing mortality" used later in wrapping his body for the tomb. (Matthew 2: 11) Their camels are moving toward a bright star - the Advent star, its rays shining down on what appears to be a stable. ("Epiphany commemorates Christ's first manifestation to the gentiles as the promised Messiah, symbolized by the visit of the Wise Men". Some astronomers have suggested that the star was the bright planet Venus.) The shield beneath this window is this bright star - five pointed - with shining rays. (One interpretation of five is that "it is the number of grace.")

[This window was given in memory of Minnie Agnes Rowe (1882-1949)]

Respectfully submitted, Ed Taylor, St. Stephen's Historian and Archivist

FOOD FOR BODY AND SOUL**Scripture and Soup**

Our Wednesday evening Bible Study begins again!

January 15 – February 26

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Come one! Come all!

ABSALOM JONES DAY CELEBRATION

The Rev. Dr. Canon Sandye A. Wilson

Saturday, February 2, 2014 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Trinity Cathedral

328 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Questions? Contact Nancy Travis Bolden @ 412-683-8888 or nltbolden@yahoo.com

Deadline registration: January 27, 2014

MISSION OF THE MONTH

SHEPHERD'S HEART FELLOWSHIP

As followers of Jesus Christ we are committed to [worship](#) in Spirit and in Truth, raising up true worshipers in the church.

We feed the hungry, the homeless, the poor, and the addicted, with God's Word and food every weekday morning in our [Drop-In Center](#). The homeless have a place to take showers and wash their clothes.

We are a congregation of the [Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh](#) - One Church of Miraculous Expectation and Missionary Grace. We provide transitional housing for homeless veterans in our [Shepherd's Heart Veteran's Home](#). The second floor of the church provides 15 beds, a kitchen, a living room, showers, and a computer room for those who have served our country.

Stewardship Reminder

If you have not yet filled out and returned your estimate of giving card for the 2014 budget and intend to do so, there are stewardship packets available by the doors of the church. It is helpful to the vestry to have a sense of what income there will be in order to build the budget for next year.

Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 20, 2014



St. Stephen's will be hosting the
annual Martin Luther King Day
March and Worship Service.

The March for Peace begins at **9:30** at St. Stephen's.

The Worship Service is at 11:00