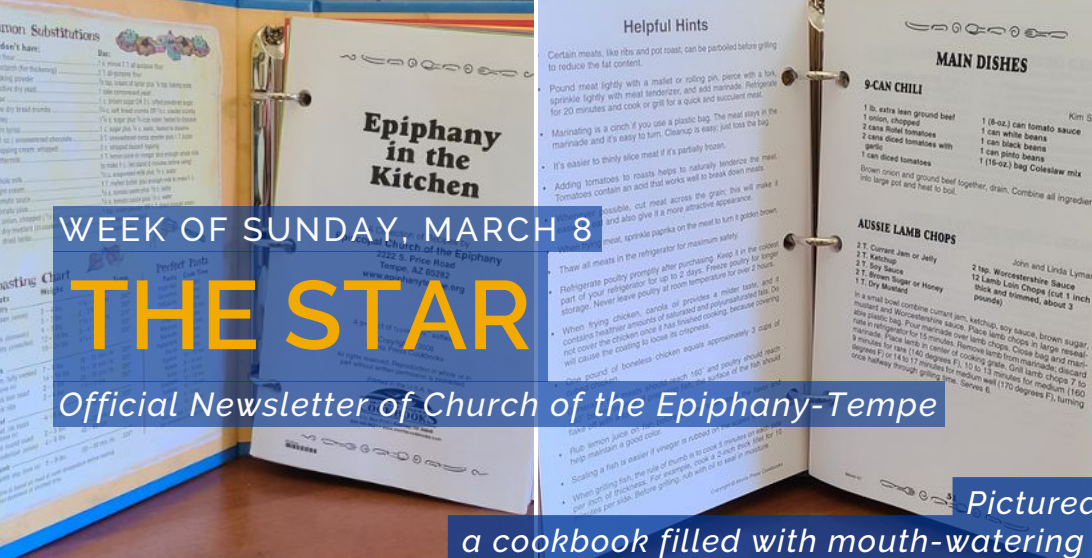
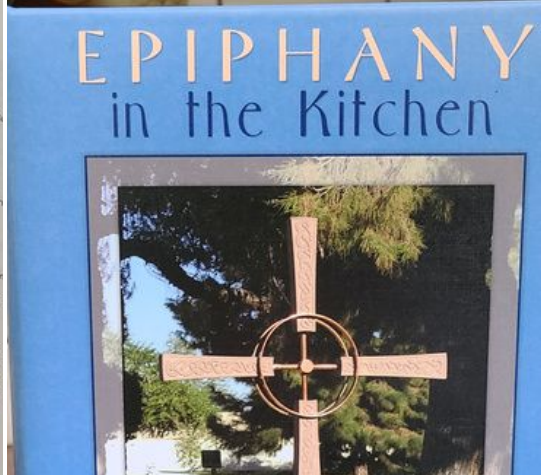




WEEK OF SUNDAY, MARCH 8

THE STAR

Official Newsletter of Church of the Epiphany-Tempe



Pictured above: Epiphany in the Kitchen, a cookbook filled with mouth-watering recipes from fellow Epiphanites!



PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM MEETING THIS SUNDAY

The Property Management Committee team meeting is this Sunday, March 8, at 9am in the education building. They meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month to discuss current and future projects around the parish. Many of these projects are taken on by the Saturday Sod Squad, which is open to all who would like to spiff up the Epiphany Campus. They clean-up the Courtyard and entryways for Sunday mornings and sometimes do minor repairs to save on costs of the pros. If you're interested in giving your talent to this ministry, these team meetings are a great way to learn more and get involved!

SERVE COUNCIL MEETING

This Sunday
9:10-9:45am



The Serve Council will meet this Sunday, March 8, from 9:10 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the Farmhouse. This meeting will be in-person only. All are invited to join and learn more about our ministries! Please contact Andrea Stewart at azandreastewart@gmail.com or 480-577-2949 with any questions.

Sunday at Epiphany

The Third Sunday
in Lent

Celebrant:

The Rev. Dr. Corey Meier

Lay Ministers 8:00AM

Greeter:

Rita Liddy

Reader:

Patricia Young

Acolyte:

Dave Young

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Slaughter

Lay Ministers 10:00AM

Greeters:

Diane Spillum, Heidi Thomas

Readers:

Ann Tebo, Kathy Carney

Acolyte:

Jane Konrad

Eucharistic Ministers:

Nancy Keith, Dave Bauer

Music:

Dr. Miriam Hickman, Matt Fora, Choir

A/V Ministers:

Alex Mather-Charles

Join us in-person at 8:00 or 10:00, or
online at 10:00

Lent @ Epiphany

February 18 - April 12

www.epiphanytempe.org/lent

Sundays in Lent | Coffee Hour Formation @ 11:30am in the Ed. Bldg.

Nurturing a Rule of Life: Being People of Worship, Service and Love. At its core, the term “Rule of Life” is not about duty to rules but about slowing down and structuring our lives in alignment with our deepest desires. It’s a set of practices and relational rhythms that create space to be with Jesus, become like him, and do as he did. [Watch this video to learn more!](#)

Wednesday Lenten Series | Prayer, Potluck, Formation @ 5:30pm

We will begin with evening prayer in the Chapel at 5:30pm. Afterwards we’ll enjoy meatless potluck-style feast in the parish hall and transition into this year’s Lenten Formation Series Encountering Faith through Women in Scripture. Put this on your calendar and join us for one or all of these Lenten offerings starting this Wednesday! If you would like to reference the Women’s Lectionary being used for this formation series, or make copies for your group’s bible study, a copy can be made available to you in the Farmhouse during office hours.



Lenten Cereal Drive Total at 201!

Thank you for bringing in 99 boxes & **June Crane** bags of cereal this last week. We will be collecting cereal all through Lent for the food banks at Matthews Crossing and Paz de Cristo with a goal of 700 boxes. ----News Bulletin: This Saturday is National Cereal Day!!! Go wild and celebrate by picking up a few extra boxes or bags of cereal for our Lenten Cereal Drive.----- Donations go in the grocery cart or specially marked box that will be outside the west Parish Hall doors on Sunday mornings. If you would prefer to donate money, cash or checks (made out to Church of the Epiphany with Cereal Drive on the memo line) cheerfully accepted. Cash or checks need to be clearly marked for the Lenten Cereal Drive and placed in the offering plate at the back of the church. Donations of other staple food, paper products, and personal care items for Matthews Crossing are always welcome in the grocery cart too.



Creation Care Corner

Offering ideas and inspiration for sustainable discipleship

Lent is a time that we fast in order to prepare for Easter and commemorate the forty days that Jesus fasted in the desert. This year, you might consider a less traditional “fast for the earth” that involves individual acts that care for God’s creation. Click the calendar below from Green Anglicans for ideas.

-Amy Douglass

[click the calendar to enlarge/download](#)

FAST FOR THE EARTH						
RESTORATION 202Fix						
MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
#MeatFreeMonday Plastics must fall Commit to switching off devices.	Plastics must fall Commit to switching off devices.	Kids Clean-away Involve kids in cleaning up their room and yard.	Plastic Pledge Commit to reducing plastic use for the season.	Food Pledge Commit to reducing food waste for the season.	Transport/Energy Pledge Commit to reducing energy consumption for the season.	First Sunday The season of Lent begins.
#MeatFreeMonday Switch it off! Commit to switching off devices.	Switch it off! Commit to switching off devices.	The more the merrier! Make an arrangement to share with and need plastic for groceries and errands.	Power down! Check out your electronics, printers, in your garage and home reduce temperature of your washing machine on cold.	It's Game Time! Turn off electronics and bring out the board or card games.	How Year wonderful! Celebrate Lent by turning down heat or air conditioning, or by turning down the thermostat.	Second Sunday The season of Lent continues.
#MeatFreeMonday Think about the Waste Picker Separate your recyclables and food waste.	Think about the Waste Picker Separate your recyclables and food waste.	The Year of the Paper Bag Take alternative bags to shops with and need plastic for groceries and errands.	Garden or Compost Start a compost heap or start your own vegetable garden.	Love Local Support local vendors, buy food and vegetables from local vendors.	Five loaves and two fish Go through your cupboard and take out all food that you want and before it's sold by date.	Third Sunday The season of Lent continues.
#MeatFreeMonday Roots for Tomorrow For your next celebration, plant a tree at Church of Epiphany.	Roots for Tomorrow For your next celebration, plant a tree at Church of Epiphany.	Natural Beauty Take photos of natural beauty and share it on your website, social media, or in a newsletter.	Green gifts! Buy some indigenous plants, seedlings, and give them to you as presents.	Peppers for the Planet Watch a nature movie tonight.	Enjoy the Sunshine Have an early morning walk all day long, or a sunset stroll.	Fourth Sunday The season of Lent continues.
#MeatFreeMonday Repurposed water Think about the water to use the water in the toilet.	Repurposed water Think about the water to use the water in the toilet.	Water Warrior Think about the water to use the water in the toilet.	Single Use vs Reusable Buy a reusable water bottle, a reusable coffee cup, a reusable grocery bag.	Every Drop Counts Turn off the tap when you're brushing your teeth, or when you're washing your hands.	Preparing the streets for the Messiah Sweep the streets of your neighborhood, or sweep the streets of your neighborhood.	Fifth Sunday The season of Lent continues.

Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security. -Jeremiah 33:6

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Women's Ministry Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, March 10
@ 7pm in the Ed. Bldg.**

Our next meeting will be this coming Tuesday, March 10th at 7pm in the Education Building. We'll be discussing some short passages and scriptures shared by the group - we hope you'll join us!

MEN OF EPIPHANY

(MORE FAMOUSLY KNOWN AS "MOE")

THE MEN OF EPIPHANY GROUP MEETS EVERY OTHER MONDAY AT 7PM IN THE ED BUILDING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP.

THEIR NEXT MEETING IS:

**MONDAY, MARCH 10 @ 7:00PM!
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
BILLYWALTERS51@GMAIL.COM**



Join us for our Parish Spring Clean Day as we spruce up our church home and prepare our campus for newcomers and the season ahead! Whether you can lend a hand for an hour or the whole morning, your help makes a difference. There are tasks for all comfort levels, such as cleaning windows, pulling weeds, wiping pews and chairs, restocking pew cards, trimming shrubs, and many more! Check out the sign up sheet during coffee hour or [click here to sign up online!](#)

Capital Project Update:

**Farmhouse Roofing Now
Confirmed to begin
on Monday, March 9**

The Farmhouse Roof is now scheduled to be replaced beginning this coming Monday, March 9! The work is expected to go through the end of the week. **We will be relocating office operations to the Nursery next week. The Wednesday Discipleship group, and other meetings regularly scheduled to meet in the Farmhouse, will be relocated to the Ed. Bldg. or Parish Hall if they coincide with the roofing work schedule. Please contact the office if you have any questions.**

As many of you know, the roof replacement was made possible through support of the Diocese. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised over \$15,000 so far! Every contribution—large or small—helps us to continue our ministry in the City of Tempe, and celebrates our shared mission and ministry.

Thank you for your continued generosity, understanding, and care for Epiphany. Please keep the workers, our campus, and one another in your prayers.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAR. 29

Palm Sunday | 8am & 10am

APRIL 2

Maundy Thursday | 7pm

APRIL 3

Good Friday | 12pm & 7pm
Stations of the Cross | 3pm

APRIL 4

Holy Saturday Service | 9am
Easter Vigil | 7pm

[Click here for more details!](#)



FOR HE HAS BEEN RAISED

**EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5**



Worship Services

8AM - SPOKEN WORD WORSHIP

10AM - CHORAL WORSHIP

WITH GUEST MUSICIANS

Egg Hunt & Brunch

9AM - POTLUCK-STYLE BRUNCH

9AM - EASTER EGG HUNT

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*Easter Flowers
& Memorials*



Help us beautify the church for Easter by making a gift towards Easter flowers! Be sure to include your memorial with the gift, they will be featured in the Star newsletter in the weeks surrounding Easter. The last chance to submit for Easter flower memorials this year is Monday, March 23 by the end of day. You can place a gift clearly marked for Easter flowers in the offering basin on Sundays (be sure to include a memorial!) or fill out the form on our webpage [by clicking here.](#)

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Chapter One Book club

3rd Saturdays @ Noon

Start Reading for March!

The March pick is A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving. Meeting March 21st at noon on Zoom. The April book pick is The Six by Laura Thompson, meeting April 18. If you would like to join the book club, need the Zoom link, or have any questions, contact Gillian Murphy at: (480)907-4933 or gillian@kirkyhomes.com.

Join the Altar Guild!

Curious about what happens behind the scenes on Sunday mornings? The Altar Guild is a welcoming, hands-on ministry—open to everyone—that prepares the altar for worship and keeps the Sacristy organized and cared for. Each team serves just one weekend a month, and all training is provided. No prior experience is needed. This is a simple, meaningful way to deepen your spiritual connection at Epiphany. Long- time members have even created a beautifully detailed how- to binder with photos, step- by- step instructions, and a helpful vocabulary guide for those new to Episcopal traditions. Our ministry is aging, and we're especially hopeful for younger members who can help keep this important work vibrant and strong. If you'd like to see what we do before committing, feel free to join a team after worship and observe. If you feel called to this ministry, we would love to welcome you. For more information, contact Pat at (480)322-7359

Coffee in the Courtyard

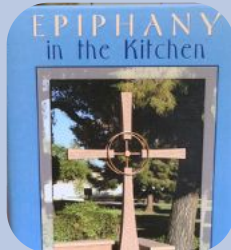


Sundays after the 10am service.
Enjoy the weather and fellowship!

Join us outside! If you attended any of these gatherings last winter, you know they offered the chance for a fresh-air sit-down and relaxing chats. There will be sign-up sheets for snack donations and for the all-important putting-away-tables/chairs-task. Please take five minutes to help so we can all enjoy and be done by noon.

Epiphany in the Kitchen

A cookbook filled with mouth-watering recipes from fellow Epiphanites!



Our parish family is full of wonderful cooks, and their favorite recipes are gathered in one place! This special cookbook is a collection of dishes shared by members of our parish family—everything from treasured family recipes to weeknight staples and sweet treats. Each page reflects the warmth and creativity of our parish. It's also filled with useful cooking information, like substitute ingredients, measuring conversions, cooking tips, and even comes with a stand so you can refer to it easily while whipping up that evening's dish! These will be made available during coffee hour on the third Sunday of the month, while supplies last!

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**Being
With**



Only 10 spots
are available
per course!

Being With - Regular Course

RSVP

Sundays, starting April 12 through June 21, 6pm-7:30pm

Would you like to explore your faith with us? We are using a 10 week course developed by St. Martin's in the Field, London that explores the Christian faith from an inclusive and positive understanding of the Christian faith. It's particularly constructed for those who are exploring for the first time or after a significant break.

Being With - End of Life Course

RSVP

Wednesdays, starting April 8 through June 10, 6pm-7:30pm

Join us for a course that creates space for honest conversation, practical planning, and faithful reflection—for those making plans for themselves or navigating recent loss.

Together, we will explore questions of mortality, legacy, grief, and Christian hope—grounded in prayer, Scripture, and the assurance of God's abiding presence.

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With**

**Exploring
Life and Faith
Together**



BE A CHANGEMAKER IN TEMPE

**JOIN OUR 54-YEAR LEGACY OF
COMMUNITY MEMBERS
CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE
FOR THE WELL-BEING OF ALL IN TEMPE**

We are currently seeking dedicated individuals to serve on our Board of Directors who want to make a lasting impact on our community.

Why Join Our Board?

- Champion better outcomes for a variety of human service needs
- Play a crucial role in shaping the future of human services in Tempe
- Contribute your skills and expertise to further our mission
- Lead and guide the strategic direction of our organization

If you have leadership experience and are passionate about improving the well-being of our community, we invite you to apply!

Eligibility

Must live or work in Tempe.

Learn More & Apply by **MARCH 8TH**

tempecommunitycouncil.org/board-of-directors/application-form/

Questions?

tccinformation@tempe.gov | 480.858.2300



This Week's Prayers

We are all invited to pray for these people in our personal prayers throughout the week.

- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Saint Paul's - Tombstone
- **Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Doris Clement
- **Parish Prayer List:** April, Barbara, Carol & Frank & Allen, Carol & Walt, Connie & Kathy, Cooper, David, Deloris, Ellen & Richard, Jack & Pam, Katie, Levi & family, Linda & John & family, Michael, Nancy, Susan, the family of Timothy Reeves, Tony, Wanda

This Week at Epiphany

- **Sunday, March 8-** ~Property Ministry Meeting at 9am in the Ed. Bldg. ~Serve Council Meeting at 9am in the Farmhouse. ~Rule of Life Formation Series at 11:30am in the Ed. Bldg. ~Arizona Masterworks Chorale Concert at 3pm in the Church. ~A.A. at 4pm in the Parish Hall. ~Young Adults Hangout at 5pm in the Courtyard. ~Al-Anon at 5:15pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Monday, March 9-** ~Morning Prayer at 9am in the Chapel. ~A.A. at 6pm in the Parish Hall. ~Men of Epiphany at 7pm in the Ed. Bldg.
- **Tuesday, March 10-** ~Morning Prayer at 9am in the Chapel. ~Pastoral Care Committee Meeting at 5:30pm in the Farmhouse or via Google Meet. ~A.A. at 6pm in the Ed. Bldg. ~Men's A.A. at 6pm in the Church. ~Women's Ministry Meeting at 7pm in the Ed. Bldg.
- **Wednesday, March 11-** ~Eucharist at 10am in the Chapel. ~Discipleship Group at 12pm in the Farmhouse. ~Lenten Series: Evening Prayer at 5:30pm in the Chapel, Potluck & Formation follows in the Parish Hall. ~Men's A.A. at 6:30pm in the Ed. Bldg.
- **Thursday, March 12-** ~Morning Prayer at 9pm in the Chapel. ~Business Networking International Meeting at 9am in the Parish Hall. ~A.A. at 6pm in the Parish Hall. ~Choir Rehearsal at 7pm in the Church.
- **Saturday, March 14-** ~A.A. at 7pm in the Church and Parish Hall.

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