

WEEK OF SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

THE STAR

Official Newsletter of Church of the Epiphany-Tempe

Pictured above: Food Boxes around the Altar, Feast of the Epiphany 2026

Worship Ministry Training

Starts this Sunday @ 11:15am in the Ed. Bldg

This January, Church of the Epiphany invites all who are curious about serving in our worship ministry, or seeking deeper understanding of the prayer that grounds our shared life in Christ, to a four-session formation series exploring the theology and practice of the Book of Common Prayer. Grounded in the sacramental life of the Church, this class will offer an overview of the Prayer Book as a rule of prayer that shapes who we are and how we worship.

Together we will reflect on the Daily Office, the Holy Eucharist, Holy Baptism, and the pastoral offices, considering how our common prayer forms us as a community centered in Word and Sacrament. Sessions will begin this Sunday, January 11 after the 10am service in the education building. Sunday sessions will continue on the 18th and 25th, with a final practicum session on Saturday, January 31st. All are welcome!



Community of Hope Training

Begins this Sunday at 12pm in the Farmhouse

Community of Hope training also begins this Sunday, at 12pm in the Farmhouse! Community of Hope ministers volunteer to assist our clergy in the pastoral needs of our parish by serving as companions to members who are going through a difficult moment in life. There is no cost for the class, but we ask that people miss no more than 2 of the 14 classes. We'll meet on Sundays in the Farmhouse at Noon on: January 11 & 25, February 8 & 22, March 1, 8, 22 & 29, April 12 & 26, May 3, 10 & 31, and June 7. There will also be a practicum period after the class in which people get to learn on the job by partnering with a seasoned ministry member.

Sunday at Epiphany

The First Sunday
after the Epiphany

Celebrant:

The Rev. Hunter Ruffin

Lay Ministers 8:00AM

Greeter:

Rita Liddy

Reader:

Carol Dalton

Acolyte:

Dave Young

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Slaughter

Lay Ministers 10:00AM

Greeters:

Diane Spillum, Heidi Thomas

Readers:

Ann Tebo, Karen Ford

Acolyte:

Nancy Keith

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jane Konrad, Cassandra Swick

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

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PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM MEETING THIS SUNDAY

The Property Management Committee team meeting is this Sunday, January 11, 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, the team meeting this Sunday is a great way to learn more and get involved!

MEN OF EPIPHANY

(MORE FAMOUSLY KNOWN AS "MOE")

**MOE IS BACK AFTER A
HOLIDAY BREAK!**

**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, JANUARY 12 @ 7:00PM!
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
BILLYWALTERS51@GMAIL.COM**

SERVE

Jan 11, 2026

9:10-9:45am

COUNCIL MEETING



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



**Epiphany
Sock Drive
Starting!**

From January 11 through February 8, we will be collecting new socks to be distributed at Paz de Cristo to those who need them. Men's white tube socks are the most useful, but all types are welcome. Socks can be placed in the grocery cart near the Parish Hall doors where food is collected for Matthew's Crossing. It's cold even here in the Phoenix area for those without shelter and something as simple as clean, dry socks can be a blessing. Thank you!

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Tell Out My Soul

2026 Estimates of Giving

Many thanks to everyone that has submitted a 2026 estimate of giving! If you did not receive one in the mail, or need assistance filling one out, please contact the church office. You can mail yours back to the office, drop it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning, or [fill it out online by clicking here](#).

Women's Ministry Meeting: January 20 @ 7pm in the Ed. Bldg.

Epiphany is starting a new Women's Ministry! We plan to start meeting monthly on Tuesday evenings. During this first meeting, we will decide what our meetings will look like and what biblical and spiritual topics we want to discuss together. If you are a woman or identify as a woman, we would love you to join us and help to shape this new ministry!



Get the new year started right by resolving to donate staple food, paper products, and personal care items to Matthews Crossing on a regular basis. Our donations whether small or large, are appreciated by our neighbors who need help in feeding their families. Food insecurity is an ongoing issue that affects all parts of the Valley and 2026 will almost assuredly see an increase in food assistance at every food bank in the region. So, please help if you can; the grocery cart is outside the west Parish Hall doors for your donations every Sunday. Thanks!



Epiphany VIP Team Launches Monthly House Meeting Series!

Small Group Conversation Series: Following the Call to Be Prophetic Starts Sunday, January 25 @ 12:30pm

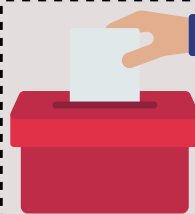
The Epiphany VIP Team is launching a monthly house meeting series to help our parish live into its prophetic vocation of working for justice, equity, and love. Inspired by the biblical prophets who acted as "listening posts" for their communities, these small group conversations are designed to help us better understand the challenges facing our members and neighbors in maintaining their health, economic security, safety and general welfare.

- Dates: Sunday, January 25, with subsequent meetings in February and March, dates to be determined.
- Time: 12:30 PM.
- Campus Location: Education Building, Room 3



2025 Annual Reports

Ministry leaders, please begin to consider compiling annual reports for your ministry team! You can email your completed reports, or reach out with any questions, to the church office at office@epiphanytempe.org. We would like to have them no later than Sunday, January 25.



Vestry Nominations Are Open!

Are you interested in standing for election to the vestry, junior warden, or convention delegate in the new year? Click and fill out the form below for the position you are feeling called to, or share this with a member of the parish that you think would be a good candidate!

[Vestry nominations](#)

[Jr. Warden nominations](#)

[Convention delegate nominations](#)

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Chapter One Book club

3rd Saturdays @ Noon

Start the new year with these book club picks to get ready for the monthly discussions! **January pick is** Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann. Meeting January 17th at noon on Zoom. **February pick is** Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Stout. Meeting February 21st at noon on Zoom. **March pick is** A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving. Meeting March 21st at noon on Zoom. 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.

Exploring Life and Faith together

Being With is for anyone who's curious about faith—or wondering if the Christian faith has something meaningful to offer.

No special knowledge needed. Just what you have learned in life so far.



Church OF THE Epiphany

Wednesday Evenings
April 8 - June 10, 2026
6:00PM-7:30PM

Church of the Epiphany-Tempe
2222 S Price Rd., Tempe, AZ
<https://www.epiphanytempe.org/BeingWith>

Being With



Ordination of Tamara Nicole Noel

Saturday, January 24
10am at Trinity Cathedral

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddall will be ordaining Tamara into the Sacred Order of Deacons in the Episcopal Church. The Cathedral is located at 100 West Roosevelt St., Phoenix AZ, 85003. Save the date and come show your support for Tamara on her big day!

Celebration of Tamara's Ordination

Sunday, January 25 at Epiphany

Congratulations to Tamara Noel!

Help celebrate Tamara's hard work and devotion to sharing God's love at the completion of her four-year long discernment and training process to become an ordained deacon. You are invited to bring your favorite brunch dish to a pot-luck style reception following each service on January 25. Mark your calendars to join in on commemorating Tamara's amazing achievement! You are also invited to make a financial donation towards an ordination gift for Tamara. Donations received in excess of the cost of the gift will go to kick-start a Deacon's Discretionary Fund.

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 Anglican Church of Central America
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Casa Blanca Chapel - Sonoita
- **Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Are we missing your birthday? If so, please contact the church office.
- **Parish Prayer List:** Beth, Bill, Carol & Walt, Connie & Kathy, Cooper, Cynthia, David, Fifi, Frances, Jeanne, Jenn, Joe & Kathi, Kathy & Chris, family & friends of Marsha, Martha, Matt, Michael, Mike & Lois, Patrick, Rob, Sara, Stuart & family, Susan, Tony, Wanda

This Week at Epiphany

- **Sunday, January 11-** ~Property Ministry Team Meeting at 9am in the Ed. Bldg. ~Serve Council Meeting at 9am in the Farmhouse. ~Worship Ministry Training at 11:15am in the Ed. Bldg. ~Community of Hope Training at 12pm in the Farmhouse. ~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, January 12-** ~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, January 13-** ~Morning Prayer at 9am in the Chapel. ~A.A. at 6pm in the Parish Hall. ~Men's A.A. at 6pm in the Church.
- **Wednesday, January 14-** ~Eucharist at 10am in the Chapel. ~Discipleship Group at 11am in the Farmhouse. ~A.A. at 5:30pm in the Ed. Bldg. ~Men's A.A. at 6:30pm in the Ed. Bldg.
- **Thursday, January 15-** ~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.
- **Friday, January 16-** ~A.A. at 6pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Saturday, January 17-** ~Chapter One Book Club at Noon via Zoom.

Vestry Leadership

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Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Hunter Ruffin – Rector
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The Rev. Martha Seaman – Deacon

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The Rev. Dr. Corey Meier – Assisting Priest

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