

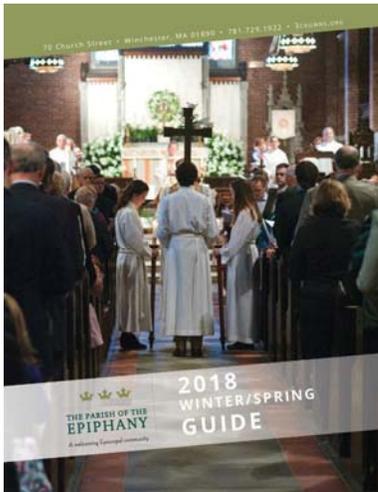


THE THREE CROWNS

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[Click here](#) to read Epiphany's brochure for Lent and Eastertide. You'll find information on Holy Week worship and events, Parish events, formation opportunities, and choir offerings.



Young Eyes are Watching



During a recent Genesis middle school meeting, I asked the kids about what they look for in an ideal pastor. On the off chance Thomas needed to go on a quick impromptu theological mission to Barcelona and we needed a short-term replacement, what would you look for in a candidate?

There was a moment's hesitation and then the qualifications came flying in. "They need to be nice." "They should be a dog person." "They should show us how to be Christian." "I wanna be happy to see them." "They should wear bow-ties." "They should remember people's names."

Later, I mentioned to Carolyn that one of the girls pointed out that everyone had just ended up describing Thomas.

After a little dip in the conversation, one of them said “I guess, they just need to be a good Christian.”

“What’s a good Christian?”

“If you come to church, if you pray, and if you’re nice to everyone. You also have to do nice things.”

“Do you feel like you’re a good Christian?”

Laughs “I don’t know. Sometimes, I guess.”

I find middle schoolers are an easier puzzle to solve than high schoolers. Middle schoolers look for role models in their lives and are quick to point out hypocrisy and inconsistencies.

In an atmosphere like that, it is of the utmost importance than we as a community raise our own standards of stewardship, acceptance, and love to the heights our young ones expect in us.

I can’t tell you how many times I’ve fallen short (well, I can but Sarah says this has to come in under 20,000 words) but I do my utmost to scramble back because there’s a small group of children who think I’m better than I am. And they feel that way about us.

So I’m going to try to be the most Christ-like versions of myself. Even if I don’t feel it all the time, I’m going to put my best foot forward. I hope you’ll join me. Because young eyes are watching.



High School Choir



High school singers are invited to the Chapel on Sundays 11, 18, and 25 March at 11:45am. The debut of our High school choir last December was a smashing success!

We would like to gather the high school choir again this spring to work on music for the Easter Vigil on March 31st.

New singers are always welcome! Contact [Craig Benner](#) if interested in joining.



Children's Choir



Elementary school age children are invited to join us in the Chapel after worship at 11:15am on the next three Sundays, March 4th, 11th, and 18th for a time of singing and music. We will learn a few basic music skills, how to use our best singing voices, and work on an anthem that we will sing on Palm Sunday. We will take a break after Easter and then regroup towards the end of April. Join us on April 22nd, 29th, May 6th, 13th, and 20th as

we prepare to sing on Sunday June 3rd. Contact [Craig Benner](#) for more information.



FAITH
FORMATION

Women's Spirituality Group

Wednesday, 7 March at 12:30pm



The Women's Spirituality Group has chosen to read *Proof of Heaven: a Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife* by Eben Alexander for the next meeting. It is an inspiring account of the undeniable existence of the soul in a universe where love is the point. Please join us from 12:30 -2:00pm on 7 March. Everyone brings a luncheon nibble to share.



Lenten Adult Formation: The Acts of the Apostles

Sundays at 11:15am in Hadley Hall

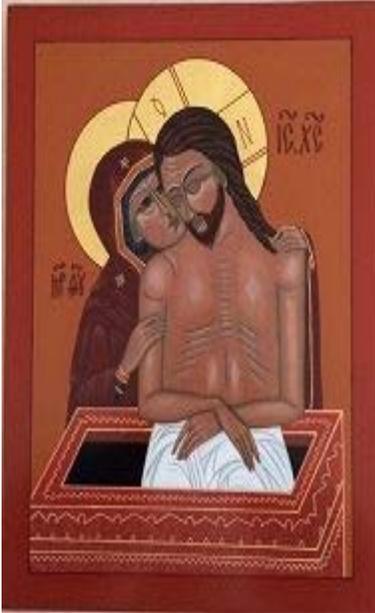


What would it take to make you a great disciple?

We invite you to take a Lenten journey exploring discipleship through the eyes of the first Christian disciples. For five weeks, we embark on a pastoral study of the book of the Acts of the Apostles. This series has a two-fold purpose. First, the course intends to expand your knowledge of this unique book of Holy Scripture written by the Evangelist Luke. Second, this Lenten series will invite you to reflect on how you can deepen your Christian walk heeding Christ's call to discipleship. The class continues on 4, 11, and 18 March.



Icon Writing Class



Icons are "written" for use in prayer, but the writing of them is itself an exercise in prayer. Are you interested in writing your own icon? Parishioner Mary Street is leading a Lenten icon writing workshop at Epiphany from 19-23 March beginning at 9:00am and ending at 4:00pm each day. Participants will write an icon based on an early Russian image of the pieta in which Jesus is seen rising from the tomb in the arms of his mother, Mary.

No art background or experience is required for this class. A \$300 fee covers most materials for the workshop. For more information or to register, contact [Mary Street](mailto:MaryStreet@epiphany.org) 978-664-2695. The workshop is limited to six participants.



PARISH LIFE
&
EVANGELISM

Giving up plastic: a way to care during Lent (and beyond)



When Epiphany parishioner Ingrid Geis gets energized the world tends to become a better place. She would be the first to say that justice-work "takes a village" and I'd be the first to say that without her passion the Town of Winchester wouldn't have "zero sort recycling" at our transfer station. Ingrid's commitment to caring for creation inspires us, and her ministry with the environment continues. Later this year Ingrid, working with a grassroots coalition of

Winchester residents, will meet with the Board of Selectmen and the representatives to Town Meeting to present an ordinance banning single-use plastic bags. The Sierra Club, Sustainable Winchester, and the Mystic Valley Watershed Association, join her. On our behalf Ingrid has agreed to include [my letter of support](#) in her presentation to the Board of Selectman.

The concern about plastic pollution goes far beyond Winchester. The Church of England has mounted a campaign as well. Check out this article from the [15 February edition of The New York Times](#).

Faithfully in Christ,



Have You Heard

Our prayers and blessings go with the our missionaries going to Haiti from 3-10 March: Reid & Janet Boswell, Gloria Korta, Bill Saunders, Carol Hollingshead, Marissa & Dan Seligman, Nancy Mims, Nick Candee, Linda Brown, Mary Candee, Michelle Gillig, Betty Whalen, Fausto Garcia, Karey Naley, and Virginia Harrington



Packing donated music instruments for school children in Haiti



MISSION
&
OUTREACH

Your Help is Needed for Rise Against Hunger

Thursday, 22 March from 5:00-7:00pm in Hadley Hall



Winchester Rotary is sponsoring a [Rise Against Hunger](#) meal packing event at Epiphany on Thursday, 22 March from 5:00-7:00pm in Hadley Hall. RISE is a meal packing program – where volunteers form an assembly line to package nutritious meals for school children and for disaster areas. All the pieces to the meal are provided. Volunteers just help with the packing.

If you want to participate, please [register here](#) so we can get a sense of how many meals we might be able to package. Feel free to invite friends!



Annual Read Across America Day



Join St. Stephen's Youth Programs, City Year, and other partners for the Annual Read Across America Day at the Blackstone Innovation School on Friday, 9 March from 1:00-2:30pm.

Please join us for DEAR Time (Drop Everything And Read) as we read aloud to children in classrooms at the school.

Be a part of a celebration of books and Dr. Seuss's birthday as we read in every classroom at the Blackstone School. From the first ribbon-cutting ceremony that took place at the Blackstone Library in 2011 to last year's experience of teachers and students dressing up as their favorite book characters, Read Across America Day has been a very special day. And this year it promises to be another great event! Join us for this opportunity to visit the Blackstone Library and Blackstone classrooms to see what makes this school community so unique and welcoming!

Sign up to volunteer [here](#). For more information, contact [Susan Haskell](#).



Join the Journey - Reading the Gospel of Luke Together During Lent



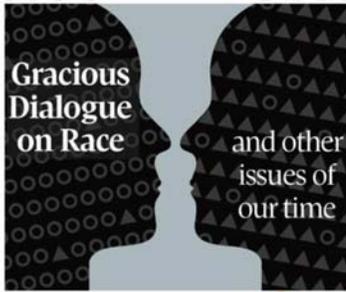
It's not too late to start reading the Gospel of Luke. Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry has invited Episcopalians to a church-wide program for reading the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles during the Lent and Easter seasons in 2018. The *Good Book Club* readings begin now and finish on Pentecost, May 20. Find resources at www.goodbookclub.org.

Pick up a calendar at the back of church with the list of each day's reading. You can also get the list by going to the Forward Movement website for the [Good Book Club](#). On the home page you'll be prompted to submit, if you desire, your email address to join an online discussion where there will be ongoing conversation about the readings.



Brave Conversations: Building Bridges

Building Bridges
through brave conversations
across difference



Get a team together for "Brave Conversations": This year's diocesan Spring Learning Event on Saturday, 3 March at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston invites the diocesan community into an opportunity to come together with others to acquire and share techniques and inspiration for establishing the church as a gracious place for dialogue on challenging topics and expanding the possibilities for reconciliation and transformation. [Register online here.](#)

Questions may be directed to the [Rev. Karen Montagno](#) at 617-482-4826, ext. 413.



This Week at Epiphany

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| Monday, 26 February | |
| 9:30am | Parent/Child Playgroup |
| 6:00pm & 7:30pm | AA |
| Tuesday, 27 February | |
| 7:15am | Men's Group |
| 6:00pm | Pray the Parish Prayer List |
| Wednesday, 28 February | |
| 7:30am | Holy Eucharist |
| 7:00pm | Adult Formation Committee |
| Thursday, 1 March | |
| 9:00am | Contemplative Prayer |
| 9:30am | Thursday with the Gospels Bible Study |
| 2:00pm | Create Mandalas Class |
| 5:30pm | Junior Choir Rehearsal |
| 7:30pm | Parish Choir Rehearsal |

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| Friday, 2 March | |
| 9:30am | Parent/Child Playgroup |
| 10:00am | Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| Sunday, 4 March | |
| 8:00am | Holy Eucharist |
| 9:00am | Communion Enrichment Class |
| 9:00am | The Word Today: Lectionary Discussion |
| 10:00am | Holy Eucharist |
| 10:00am | Children's Worship |
| 11:15am | Adult Formation Class: Acts of the Apostles |
| 11:15am | Children Sing |
| 11:15am | Confirmation Class |
| 6:00pm | YPF Youth Group |

For more information

Our website can be [found here](#)

Information on our [Worship Services](#) can be found here

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