



THE THREE CROWNS

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Learning more about Episcopal City Mission



On Sunday, 15 October, Epiphany's Adult Forum had the pleasure of a presentation and discussion on *Discipleship and the Episcopal City Mission*, (ECM), led by the Reverend Arrington Chambliss, ECM Executive Director, and assisted by Brother Michael Melendez, the Deacon of Community Engagement at ECM. Truly enlightening. Now, some of you were not able to attend and some of you who did attend may have further questions about ECM. So here is a very brief summary and a link to enable you to learn more or even to become more involved.

[Episcopal City Mission \(ECM\)](#) is a faith rooted organization whose purpose is to build relationships of collective power for more just, whole, and equitable urban communities in Massachusetts as an expression of God's transforming love. ECM partners with grassroots and faith-rooted organizations working for racial, economic, and immigrant justice through the integration of three roles: Funder, Convener/Mobilizer, and Prophetic Leadership Facilitator. By way of example, today ECM has programs to:

- Develop the prophetic listening capacity of your congregation by attending ECM's Prophetic Listening workshop and learning how to listen for how God is calling you to seek justice alongside your wider community in early February 2018 (exact date TBD).
- Funding for community-based parish partnerships and initiatives that focus on racial, economic, and immigrant justice. Funding is particularly focused on Boston and gateway cities of MA.
- ECM is building a Rapid Response network; an organized team of people who are committed to resisting oppression, and responding to communities in the event of a crisis which would threaten racial, economic, and immigrant justice.

You can join our rapid response network by signing up for our newsletter on the ECM website.

Join ECM on Wednesday, November 8th, from 11:00am to 1:00pm as ECM stands with our partners at Centro Presente and other local organizations to demonstrate support for TPS at the State House.

Jack & Peggy Roll



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Singing Opportunities for Children and Youth

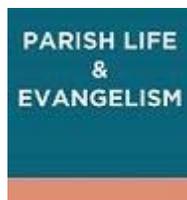


Anyone in grades 3 through 12 is welcome to join us as a chorister. We rehearse on Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30pm and sing with the adults one to two Sundays a month. Thursday rehearsals are followed by dinner at 6:30 where parents and siblings are encourage to join us.

High school singers are invited to try something new this year. We are planning a few Sundays during the year that we will sing an anthem for worship. The first of these is December 3rd, the first Sunday of Advent. Leading up to that day, we will have a short 30 minute rehearsal on November 12, 19, and 26 after worship from 11:30 until noon.

If you have questions, or are interested in any of these opportunities please send me an email at cbenner@3crowns.org.

*Craig
Interim Director of Music*



Nominating Time

Deadline is November 19th

The Parish needs you or someone you know! We need individuals with the skill, passion, and availability to be leaders as we live into our mission as a community of faith. Nominations this year are needed for vestry, clerk, assistant treasurer, and representatives to convention.

As a Parish leader, you:

- are encouraged to be a part of supporting Epiphany in implementing the Parish's strategic plan;
- attend monthly vestry meetings and an annual vestry retreat;
- are encouraged to give generously of your time, talent, and treasure to provide leadership for other members of the congregation.

Can you envision yourself or someone you know in one of these roles? Share a name, nominate yourself, or ask questions to learn more. Contact a member of this year's Nominating Committee or fill out a slip in the office and leave it in the Nominating Committee box.

Members of the Vestry's Nominating Committee

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2018 Stewardship Campaign: Neighbor to Neighbor



“Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?”
~ *The Baptismal Covenant*, p. 305, *The Book of Common Prayer*

This passage from our Baptismal Covenant inspired *Neighbor to Neighbor*, Epiphany's 2018 Annual

Commitment Campaign.

On Sunday, 22 October we kicked off this year's Commitment Campaign. The campaign is in full swing with bags progressing from one household to the next. As an anecdote, on the first Sunday of the campaign, the bag for the Ruth neighborhood was passed to its third family before it left Epiphany on Sunday morning! Stories like these bring the campaign to life and highlight the resourcefulness and enthusiasm that many of you have already shown towards the campaign. If any of you have anecdotes, full stories, or pictures that highlight your experience passing the bag from one neighbor to another, please don't hesitate to share them. I'll try to include as many as I can in upcoming newsletters.

We have often noted that each pledge, prayerfully made, is a building block – representing a foundation for our church's operating budget. Every commitment supports our day-to-day, local, and global ministries and mission. This year, we add to that the opportunity to deepen our connection to our nearest neighbors in Christ, those who worship with us at Epiphany.

Let's keep the bags moving!

[Darwin Keith-Lucas](#)

Stewardship Committee Chair

Why are we doing it this way?

Neighbor to Neighbor provides a way to make connections with our Epiphany neighbors. The simple act of ringing a neighbor's doorbell and passing the bag from your household to theirs provides an opportunity for a deeper relationship with another member of the Parish.

How will it work?

- The 15 disciples, having received their bags, will complete his or her pledge card, seal it, put it in the bag, and pass the bag to the next household on the list.
- The bags will include a simple instruction sheet and routing list, including the names of the 15 to 20 households in the neighborhood; a letter from Associate Rector Miriam Gelfer describing our hopes for the 2018 campaign; a FAQs handout about stewardship at Epiphany; and a pledge form and return envelope for each participant.
- The relay portion of the campaign will run from 22 October to 13 November. Miriam's October 15th sermon encouraged us to pray and think about our pledge ahead of time, so that we can move the bag quickly when it arrives. There will be a "we have made our pledge online" checkbox on the card. Additionally, if needed, a family can pull their card and complete it later.
- Disciples will stay in touch with their neighborhoods and manage progress behind the scenes. Time is short, and the bag needs to move quickly! Three additional disciples will make themselves available, along with Stewardship Chair [Darwin Keith-Lucas](#) for questions and help.
- All the bags and any pledge cards that were either distributed by mail or pulled by parishioners will be returned to the Parish Office by Monday, 13 November for tallying before the ingathering on 19 November. On that day, we will rejoice in our neighbors and a job well done during the 10:00am service. A festive reception will follow!



Time to Make Apple Pies



The time to make Epiphany's famous apple pies is approaching. The whole family is welcome to join in the fun in Tuesday, 7 November from 9:30am-12:30pm. Come when you can and stay for as long as you want. It's a chance for everyone to help with the Fair by making our famous apple pies. The pies will be available for sale for Thanksgiving as well as at the Fair.



2017 Christmas Fair



We are very excited about the upcoming Christmas Fair, which will be held Saturday, December 2, from 10:00am-5:00am. There are a number of interesting baskets to be auctioned off, but we still need more. So far, we know about one for Michigan, for Cambridge, for Family Game Night, for Tea, and one for Gardening Tools. Have you been thinking about what your family can put into the mix? What about a spa theme, or a yoga theme, or dinner and a movie, or tickets to a sporting event, a museum, or the theater, or the symphony? You don't have to do this all yourself. Get together with another family and see how many ideas can go into something that will excite others. What about contributing components for a basket and we will try to figure it out?

What can you expect to see at the fair? The Knit Table, White Elephant, Gabrielle's Jewelry Table, plus there will be other jewelry vendors whom you'll know. There will be a Christmas Table featuring Will Aldrich's beautiful wooden 3 Crowns ornaments and other goodies. Of course, there will be the café and the bake table...and PIES! There will be other tables featuring parishioners and their wares, but you will have to come and see and be surprised!

Pie Baking will take place on Tuesday, 7 November from 9:30am-12:30pm. This is open to all ages. Childcare will be available. On Thursday, 16 November at 6:30pm there will be an additional Bake Night. Your help is needed at both events, so put this on your calendar, grab your apron and your peeler, and join in the fun.

We still have openings to help during the Fair. If you can spare a couple of hours during the Fair to help, please contact [Sara Post](#) and let her know your availability. [Here is the sign-up](#) to donate food for the café. Any help is most appreciated.

This should be a wonderful event; we need your participation to make it a success! Everything we raise benefits the Parish of the Epiphany, and we can have some fun along the way.

Thank you!
[Sara Post](#) and [Leslie Aitken](#)



MISSION & OUTREACH

Thanksgiving Food Drive



Every year Epiphany members help our neighbors in need by donating food items for a Thanksgiving meal through the [Council of Social Concern](#).

The mission statement for the Council of Social Concern (CSC) is "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." CSC is supported by and serves residents in Woburn and Winchester.

Last year, Epiphany collected over 70 bags of food. We would love to get even more this year. Helping is easy. The list of needed food can be [found here](#) and, at Church. The food will be collected at the 8:00 and 10:00 worship services on 12 November. There will be plenty of folks on hand to help carry bags.

Donations can also be brought in prior to the 12th, but all items must be at the Church before 14 November.

Let us show our thankfulness this holiday season for all of our blessings by helping our neighbors in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this effort and to all of our Mission & Outreach work.

[Celia Ceruolo](#) and [Carol Hollingshead](#)
Mission and Outreach Committee, Co-chairs



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Women's Spirituality Group



The Epiphany Women's Spirituality group meets on the first Wednesdays of the month from 12:30 to 2:30pm in the Sproat Room at Epiphany. Their next meeting is on Wednesday, 1 November. Let our souls soar and the right side of our brains flow! The group will draw our own mandalas as we ponder the relationship between God, creation, and all created beings including ourselves. We will explore a little sacred geometry as we use compasses, pencils, and markers! All supplies will be provided.



Diocesan Convention 2017



Response to climate change and a commitment to developing new ministry with elders are among the issues coming before delegates and clergy at the upcoming Diocesan Convention.

The convention will also hear recommendations from the team that has been working over the past year to organize the implementation of the new mission strategy that the convention adopted last year. And, it will vote on the \$8.8-million budget proposed for 2018 and elect alternate deputies to next summer's General Convention of the Episcopal Church, among other business.

The convention takes place on Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston. A live Webcast of the day's proceedings is planned via www.diomass.org.



Cathedral Art Show



Embrace Hope: Art of Janet McKenzie is on display at Cathedral Church of St. Paul through 3 December. McKenzie was the 2013 William Belden Nobel lecturer at Memorial Church at Harvard University and first came to prominence in 2000 with her painting *Jesus of the People*, which won the National Catholic Reporters' *Jesus at the Millenium* global art competition. Her works have been collected in *Holiness and the Feminine Spirit: The Art of Janet McKenzie* and in *The Way of the Cross: The Path to New Life*, a collaboration with Sister Joan Chittester.

The Cathedral will host a closing reception with the artist on December 3rd, from 2:30 - 4:30pm. Janet McKenzie will give a talk and sign books. The evening will continue with a candlelit Advent

Labyrinth Walk at 5:00pm, led by the former Cathedral dean, the Very Rev. Jep Streit.

The exhibit is a partnership between the cathedral, the Boston Harbor Deanery, and Bethany House of Prayer in Arlington. The cathedral is open weekdays and Sundays from 10:00am - 5:00pm, Saturdays 10:00am -4:00pm, and Thursdays 10:00am - 8:00pm.



News from Kids4Peace

 **KIDS 4 PEACE BOSTON** Ways for Interfaith Teens to Get Involved with Kids4Peace Boston:

Summer Camp Program for Current 6th and 7th Graders is August 5-12th, 2018.

Kids4Peace Boston, an interfaith youth organization, is looking for Muslim, Jewish, and Christian 6th and 7th graders to join us for 8 days of summer camp on the shores of a crystal clear lake in the mountains of New Hampshire.

Kids4Peace campers are open-minded, like to try new experiences, make new friends, and share about their lives, cultures, and religious traditions. Our community is made up of more kinds of people than those who usually live together at camp or anywhere else. We're from Boston and its suburbs, from different races, ethnicities, backgrounds, and religions. Our campers not only learn new skills like kayaking, they also learn skills for becoming peace leaders and for solving the kinds of problems that keep people in the Boston area and around the world from understanding one another.

For more information and an application: www.kids4peaceboston.org/summer-program/

Contact megan@kids4peaceboston.org about November 5th and December 3rd camp information sessions.

Summer Programs for 8th - 12th Graders

Join American, Israeli, and Palestinian interfaith youth for a fun and meaningful summer experience that promotes understanding, peace leadership, and skill development!

For a list of 2018 summer programs [click here](#)

Know teens who want to get involved in K4PB during the school year?

- December 10th "Open House" - a chance for Middle School youth to try out K4PB
- April 8th "Day of Action" - join a diverse group of High School teens to make an impact on issues you care about
- Monthly School Year Activities - develop leadership skills and make new friends



Remember to set you clocks back Saturday night as we return to Eastern Standard Time.

This Week at Epiphany

Monday, 30 October	
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6:00pm & 7:30pm	AA
Tuesday, 31 October	
7:15am	Men's Group
Wednesday, 1 November	
7:30am	Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
12:30pm	Women's Spirituality Group
7:00pm	Stewardship Committee
Thursday, 2 November	
9:00am	Contemplative Prayer
9:30am	Thursday with the Gospels Bible Study
5:30pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 3 November	
9:00am	Parent/Child Playgroup
10:00am	Prayer Shawl Team
Saturday, 4 November	
9:00am	Choir Retreat
Sunday, 5 November	<i>All Saints Day Recognized</i>
8:00am	Holy Eucharist
8:45am	Fellowship
9:00am	The Word Today Lectionary Discussion
9:45am	Children's Formation
10:00am	Holy Eucharist and Baptisms
10:00am	Children's Worship
11:15am	Family Fellowship
11:15am	Adult Formation
11:30am	Genesis Youth Group
6:00pm	YPF Youth Group

For more information

Our website can be [found here](#)

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

If you are [new to Epiphany](#), click here

Our complete [Parish calendar](#) can be found here

Sign-up for [on line pledge payments](#) here

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