



The Parish of the Epiphany

Family Newsletter

October 25 2020

The Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

Sun 25-Oct 9:30am : [Zoom](#) : Sunday School (preK-6th grade)

Sun 25-Oct 11:30am : [Zoom](#) : Youth Mini-Course on Creation Care (grades 6-12)

Wed 28-Oct 8:00pm : [Zoom](#) : Youth Check-in (grades 6-12)

Sun 01-Nov 9:30am : [Zoom](#) : Sunday School (preK-6th grade)



Dear friends,

We're now a few weeks into our new program year, and I can say with absolute sincerity how wonderful every child and youth in this parish is. Here is what I see and celebrate when I look at and talk with your children.

Sincerity of heart, and a huge capacity to love.

Enthusiasm and energy.

Hope to be known and understood.

Willingness to give grace.

Willingness to assume the best intentions and good hearts of others.

This is amazing. They are amazing.

Jesus knew this when he said “the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” May we all be like the children and youth. I am humbled to have the opportunity to know and learn from every single one.

Peace and love,

Bryn



Youth Mini-Course: Creation Care

Session I on Sunday, October 25 at 11:30am

Our first youth mini-course of the year will be held this Sunday, October 25 at 11:30am. The second session will be Sunday 8 November at 11:30am.

[Zoom Link](#)

This two-session course will be a time to think about why “creation care” is part of the Church’s mission; what the Biblical foundations of creation care are; the role of God’s creation in our own faiths and how creation supports or shapes our spiritual practices; and in what ways we may be called to creation’s care. Some members of our Parish’s Creation Care and Sustainability Committee will join us and offer their reflections on how creation shapes their faith, and on how their faith has impelled them to creation’s care or activism.

Youth are also welcome to join the whole-church zoom formation session with Rev. Dr. Leah D. Schade on November 22. Rev. Dr. Schade will be our guest preacher during worship, and in our after-church zoom will talk about “Beyond ‘Creation Care’: Clarity, Compliance, Compassion, and Commitment.”



Sunday School This Weekend: Loving Our Church Community

Please join us for Sunday School on Zoom this Sunday at 9:30am. Our topic is "Loving Our Church Community." We'll think about what a church is, how we are still the church together, and how we can love and help our church family.

Many of our Sunday lessons include listening to story books. You can find the link to videos of the teachers reading these stories at 3crowns.org/school.

Also please remember that we have wonderful illustrated Children's Bulletins which complement our live You Tube worship service. Try printing this [PDF](#) for your children (or teen, or yourself). It changes every week and mirrors our lectionary readings.



Check Your Faith-at-Home Envelope and Help Spread Some Love this Week!

Children, take a peak in your Loving Our Church Community envelope. See the card and envelopes? They need YOU! Please decorate the card and write a message of hello or support. Send it back to church (there's a pre-addressed envelope for you!) and we will send it on to a parishioner who could use a cheerful "hello"!

Thank you for loving and caring for this community!



Youth, Our Weekly Check-In Time Continues this Wednesday!

Youth, this Wednesday (10/28) we will gather again from 8:00-8:30pm.

We'll check in with each other, play a bit, offer friendship and support, and end with a short time of meditating on God's word and prayer.

We hope that these simple 30 minutes will help you feel the love and peace of God in the middle of your week, and to feel the support and friendship of our community.

Wednesday, 8pm: [Zoom](#)



Nominations for 2021 Service Are Open

The Parish of the Epiphany needs leaders who are committed to growing their faith in Jesus Christ, excited about this parish community and the Episcopal Church, willing to roll up their sleeves, pray, and oversee our common life.

At our annual meeting in January 2021, we will elect one clerk, three vestry members, two people to attend the 2021 Diocesan Convention, and two people to represent the Parish of the Epiphany at meetings of the local Deanery (the 13 parishes in the Mystic River Valley).

Email your nominations for any of these positions to nominations@3crowns.org or use the online [survey here](#) to submit a nomination anonymously. Nominations close on 9 November.



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