

# The Beacon

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~A progressive and inclusive community of disciples committed to the ministry of Christ through our worship and actions~

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## HELPING UP MISSION CASSEROLES By Doris Rapp

Many thanks to Lucy Adler, Kristen Andrews, Elza Dunning, Kim McDonald and Jon McAllister who joined us this month for the cooking. Appreciate Jon's help in supervising and helping w/all the chores in the kitchen. It's so nice to have a man on board.

We missed Kathryn and hope she had a very relaxing vacation. We look forward to cooking again the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in Oct. We welcome any one who would enjoy a night of good fellowship. We put together 17 casseroles in 1 ½ hours. Thank you for your time and efforts.

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth and Youth Group leaders at Epiphany gathered in the loft on September 19<sup>th</sup> to plan their calendar for the year. Be on the look out for an exciting array of events and activities to be advertised in future editions of Beacon. If you are interested in information about the Youth Group, contact Rev. Kristofer Lindh-Payne in the church office.

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## THE BEACON HAS GONE GREEN!

As of October, Epiphany has started to put the Beacon on the website and an Epiphany news link has been sent to all those who wish to receive the newsletter electronically. Please contact the church office (410-252-4465 or [epiphany@qis.net](mailto:epiphany@qis.net)), if you would like to still receive a hard copy of the Beacon in the mail.

## SAVE THE DATES

### Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

*Explore Epiphany: Find your Path*

Please note: the usual 8 AM and 10 AM services will **not** be offered on this date; instead, we will hold a combined service at 9 AM followed by the *Find Your Path* event at 10 AM.

### Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>

11:30am Youth Group Member Erin Brock presentation on Honduras  
4-5pm High School Sunday School Planning  
5-6pm Middle and High School Youth Group  
6:30pm Pet Blessing

### Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>

4-5pm High School Sunday School Planning  
5-6pm Middle and High School Youth Group

### Oct 17<sup>th</sup>

4-5pm High School Sunday School Planning  
5-6pm Middle and High School Youth Group

### Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> -Oct 24<sup>th</sup>

High School "Happening" Retreat at Claggett

### Oct 24<sup>th</sup>

4-5pm High School Sunday School Planning  
5-6pm Middle and High School Youth Group

### October 31<sup>st</sup>

4-5pm High School Sunday School Planning  
5-6pm Middle and High School Youth Group

## ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AND EVENING PRAYER

On Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm, we gather as a community and celebrate the animal companions who share our lives.



## Clergy Musings

By Rev. Kristofer Lindh-Payne

This October's Clergy Musing is entitled "A Laity Called to *Just Teaching*". As we enter officially into the season of fall, school now is in full swing and Epiphany's program year is off to a great start, I have been thinking a lot about the vocation of teachers. With teachers in mind, this month we explore the lives of two saints of the Episcopal Church, Vida D. Scudder (1861-1954) and Verna J. Dozier (1917-2006).

Though there is no historical record that directly links these two Episcopal churchwomen in relationship to one another, they still shared much in common. Aside from leading active ministries in the church as laywomen, they both were clearly called to the vocation of teaching: Scudder, a college English professor, and Dozier, a junior and senior high school English teacher. Both also worked ardently for social justice. As women, they fought to have their voices heard in the patriarchal system of the church and the world. Chronologically, their lives did in fact overlap, but Dozier did not join the Episcopal Church until a year after Scudder's death. A unique fact that links these two souls is their common October date of birth and death: Scudder died on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1954 and Dozier was born on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1917.

At least in Scudder's time, the only option for women in ministry was as a layperson or deaconess. However, both had clear identities as lay churchwomen and did not express the desire to serve in any other capacity. Dozier was in fact approached about running for bishop, but she laughed off that as a possibility. Scudder did have connection with a religious order, but she never showed interest in professing vows. Both women lifted up the ministry of women and the ministry of the laity and made it easier for those who came behind them to do ministry. Both women were converts to the Episcopal Church and had deep love for the liturgy; God led each woman from a posture of prayer and worship, to service and work for social justice. Each also had involvement in radical communities of faith: Scudder's involvement was through the Church of the Carpenter and Companions of the Holy Cross, and Dozier's was through the Church of the Savior and St. Mark's, Capital Hill. These hotbeds for discipleship forged

them in the life of faith and formed them for service to God, the church, and the world.

As far as their personal lives go, both women were heavily influenced in many ways by their parents. Also of note is that neither woman was ever married. Racial identity is the primary difference that separates these two women. Dozier spoke and wrote often about her identity as an African American. During a period of great upheaval through desegregation, Dozier was active in this process of dismantling the oppressive system, in particular in her work in the schools and in the church. For Dozier, the Civil Rights movement was most close to her heart; she was both an activist and an advocate.

While Scudder was aware of the privilege that her skin color granted, she was most moved to action by benefits of class and socioeconomic status. The writings that I examined did not include much critique of racism and the system of oppression founded upon it. Animated to work in the arena of economic justice, she focused most heavily on student and labor union work and remained connected with the Christian Socialist movement. As a woman of financial means who received an education in a number of elite colleges and universities, Scudder sought to extend these privileges to others by empowering others and working to dismantle classist societal structures. As Dozier also had the benefit of a quality higher education, she sought to make such an education possible for others. Both women worked tirelessly in service to God, to the Church, and to those on the margins of our society. The last fact that links these two women is that Verna Dozier received the Vida Scudder Award for service to the church and world in 1997 from the Episcopal Church Publishing Company through the Witness magazine. Apparently, others beside me have seen the link between these two exceptional churchwomen.

Though both Vida Scudder and Verna Dozier commanded respect and were seen by many as living saints, there were severe limitations put on what they could accomplish. Some people may have seen these two women as nothing particularly special, as just laywomen and teachers. I agree that they were *just* laywomen and teachers in the sense that few Christians can say that they lived *just* lives. Scudder and Dozier were just. They followed the Christ who called us all to serve the marginalized and work for justice. They taught, lived, and breathed justice. It is for

this reason—for the lives they touched in teaching, and the systems of oppression that they worked to change—that we remember them as saints today. May each of us at Epiphany be inspired by their witness, and may we each live fully into God’s call in our own lives.

For a more complete story of the lives of these saints see:

Corcoran, Theresa. *Vida Dutton Scudder*. Boston, MA: Twayne Publishers, 1982.

Hein, David and Gardiner Shattuck Jr. *The Episcopalians*. New York, NY: Church Publishing Inc, 2004.

Lewis, Harold. *Christian Social Witness*. Cambridge, MA: Cowley Publications, 2001.

Prichard, Robert. *History of the Episcopal Church*. Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Publishing, 1991.

Schmidt, Richard. *Glorious Companions*. Grand Rapids, MI: William Eerdmans Publishing Co, 2002.

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## **HALLOWEEN COSTUMES NEEDED!**

By Kate McAllister

Fiends, I mean friends!! As you may know, Neighbor-to-Neighbor is in partnership with Creative Kids in the Hendersen-Webb community. Even though it feels like summer as I write this, Halloween is just around the corner! As you might imagine, some folks just don’t have extra money to purchase costumes for their children. We are asking for donations of costumes or accessories (ie: wigs, fingernails, brooms, etc) which will be given away at the Creative Kids Center. Costumes don’t have to be new, just in decent shape. I will have a box in the narthex on Sundays beginning September 26th. Thank ghouls very much!!

***On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, youth group member Erin Brock will be sharing about her Mission Trips to Honduras over the past two years with the Diocese of Maryland youth. This will be held after the 10:00 service in the undercroft. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come!***

## **HONDURAS**

By Erin Brock

As I sit on the sidewalk by the volunteer house with my fellow gringos, sobbing into a friend’s shoulder, staring at the stars, sharing stories, and making pleas like “I promise I’ll eat all my beans just don’t make me leave!”, I am yet again reminded of what an amazing and magical place Honduras is. From the chaotic yet remarkably safe drivers and the impossibly lush, green, surrounding mountains, to the slang phrases used by the chicos and the constant realization that you have absolutely no idea what is going on, Honduras is, without a doubt, my home.

This past summer being my second year, I traveled with the youth ministry of the Diocese of Maryland to an agricultural school in Talanga, Honduras. This school caters to high school age boys (roughly ages 12-20) and is set up in a boarding school situation while also being located on a working farm. It is here that the chicos learn agricultural techniques and animal husbandry, while also receiving secondary schooling-equivalent to that of completing 10<sup>th</sup> grade in the United States. When we go down, we help them with their chores around the farm, teach some English, run our own project (building a sidewalk, painting the school building, etc.), but most importantly we spend time with the boys. Whether it be playing cards or hand games, sharing songs, dancing, or simply talking and joking, it was hard to not to realize what amazing chicos these were and the incredible friendships that we had formed. I never will take for granted how blessed I am to have had the opportunity to have gone to Honduras in the first place, but more importantly to have met these people, because I know that every single one of them has made me who I am, and I am much better person for it.

Out of the 56 students of the Escuela Agrícola this year I am able to go through pictures and name 53 of them, and as impressive, on paper, as that is I am determined to learn those other three names. Because that is what Honduras does to you; it gives you the ability to do what you never thought possible. I never thought I would travel to a foreign country with a group of people I didn’t know, I never thought I would be able to have inside jokes in a language I’m still learning, I never thought I would write a poem in Spanish, I never thought I would run through the pouring rain to get to a slaughterhouse, I never thought I would be able to memorize 53 names in a week, I never thought I would be able to love so uncontrollably and feel that love returned, I never thought I would leave a piece of my heart in Honduras...But I did. And I can’t imagine my life without having done these things, without having truly experienced the indescribable magic of Honduras.

## HELP US BUILD A PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS

As you know, Epiphany is active in an effort to prevent homelessness through the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program. Beyond that scope of work, we were invited to participate in a series of public forums across Baltimore County in late September to be educated about the challenges faced by the homeless. Phase two of that process takes place this October.

Leaders in Baltimore County have come together to create a plan to end homelessness. We ask you to consider joining us in this effort. We want your ideas, your impressions and some new energy.

We are from government, the clergy, businesses and non-profit organizations. We are pleased to have leadership and support from the United Way of Central Maryland, Baltimore County Communities for the Homeless and Baltimore County government agencies. We are hosting the six-day “charrette” planning process described below. A charrette is an intense planning session designed to foster collaboration and feedback and to build consensus for solutions. A team of experts will lead and draft recommendations.

You can participate for a few hours over a couple of days, or stay involved longer. The choice will always be yours. The plan will take years to implement, so it is officially called a 10-Year Plan. We hope you can join us!

### Public events for the charrette:

Opening Meeting — Wednesday, Oct. 20, 7-9 p.m.  
 Trinity Episcopal Church, 120 Allegheny Avenue, Towson  
 Sessions at the Towson Library: Towson Meeting Room,  
 320 York Rd. (ground floor)  
 Panel Discussions: Thursday, October 21, 10-4pm and  
 Friday, October 22, 10-4pm  
 Feedback Sessions: Friday, October 22, 6-7pm and  
 Sunday October 24, 2-3pm  
 Final Presentation — Monday October 25, noon  
 to 1:30 p.m. Location To Be Announced

FOR LATEST UPDATES —  
[www.baltimorecountymd.gov/homeless](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/homeless)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE IN OCTOBER

Page Armando	Reggie Kiah
Phyllis Babcock	Yolanda Landes & Family
Lisa Beckwith	Langkammerer & Family
Jim Biggs	Larry Kirchner & Family
Tony Blades	Karen Leward
Wendy Bowman	Kathy Mays
William Canepa	Lew Montgomery
Ann Canfield	Roberta Nevitt
David Carroll	Laurie Oleynick
Tim Cherry	Helen Pasternak
Gil Clapperton	Rich Persinger
Christine Collins	Pierce Family
Tim Cork	Mike Radcliffe
Anne Dann	Lee Raden
Heather Dobbs	David Raffetto
Robert Duffy	James Raffetto
Jeanette Eatherly	Mark Reid
Nicholas Fuller	Susan Reidy
Pat Garvey	Kim Ritzmann
Bill Graham	Debbie Rolf
Robert Grauer	Christina Rubie
Betty Hammann	Stephanie Sabino
Lois Harker	Brianna Schmidt
Donald Henre	Bill Soldan
Lena Herald	Kori Sparr
Carol Higgins	Charlotte Spencer
Monica Humble	Janet Stokes
William Ingle	Marty Stokes
John Irons	Lois Turner
Jesse Jacobs	Jeff Walsh
Carol Kelly	Laura Wolf

## BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

Bonnie Blades	1	Mary Bauer	10
Andrea Mangels	2	Patricia Irvin	12
Michelle Barczak	3	Jennifer Jane Vernarelli	15
Erin Doyle	3	James Burnside	20
Diana Wolterreck	4	Meghan Hoofring	22
Kevin Audlin	6	Susan Stokes	23
Scott Thomsen	6	Carol Kelly	24
Thomas Thomsen	6	Laurie Oleynick	26
Martha Gilbert	7	Philip Moylan	27
Judith Wallace	7	T.J. Barcza	28
Ashlee Moylan	8	John Kinnear	29
Tyler Brock	9		

## ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

James Ralls & Diana Wolterreck	1
Jackie & Robert Meehan	4
Kay & Kemp Lehmann	5
Annmarie & Sam Thompson	14
Denise & Laurence Thomsen	29

# Calendar of on-going events for Epiphany

## Sunday Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist

8:00am and 10:00am

Sunday School 9:45am

## OCTOBER 2010

**2**

NEWCOMERS DINNER  
Saturday 6:00pm at Siperko's home

**3, 10, 17**

ADULT EDUCATION - "*Patience*"  
Sundays 9:00am  
Monday

**3**

ANIMAL BLESSING  
Sunday 6:30pm

**5, 12, 19, 26**

THE WAY OF DISCERNMENT  
Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm  
Common Room

**6, 13, 20, 27**

STAFF MEETINGS  
Wednesdays 11:00am

**6, 13, 20, 27**

TREBLE CHOIR REHEARSAL  
Wednesdays 4:30pm

**7, 14, 21, 28**

THE WAY OF DISCERNMENT  
Thursdays 9:30-11:00am  
Common Room

**7, 14, 21, 28**

EPIPHANY CHOIR REHEARSAL  
Thursdays 7:30pm

**8**

CASSEROLES DUE  
Friday 9:00am

**9**

GREENFEST  
Saturday 8:00am to 4:00pm  
Environmental Fair

**12**

ARDEN COURT  
Tuesday 1:30pm

**12**

DAYCARE BOARD MTG  
Tuesday 7:30pm

**15**

BEACON ARTICLES DUE  
Friday

**18**

VESTRY MEETING  
Monday 7:00pm

**24**

PARISH MINISTRY & STEWARDSHIP  
Sunday 10:00-11:00am

**26**

LUNCH BUNCH  
Tuesday at Noon

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