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## Sunday Schedule

Holy Eucharist:  
8:00 & 10:00 AM  
Adult Education: 9:00 AM  
Sunday School: 9:45 AM  
Youth Group: 4:30 - 6:00 PM

## \* Spring Fair & Flower Festival \*

Even though it may be cold and blustery outside when you read this, the Spring season is in fact upon us and with some luck we will start to enjoy warmer weather very soon.

With that warm weather comes the thought of working in our gardens. This year's Flower Festival can help you with all your gardening ideas with a variety of flowers, plants and herbs for you to choose from, including beautiful hanging baskets.

Don't miss out and place your order ASAP. Order forms can be found in your Sunday bulletins, at the church office or in the Epiphanews. If you have any questions, contact Andi Mangels or Gail Overcash.

In addition to the plants and flowers, we will also continue our tradition of having a bake sale, book stall, moon bounce, kids' activity table and various

craft vendors to please anyone and everyone. We hope you will make this a "must" on your "to-do" list for April 30th from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. See you at the Fair!!

### HELP WANTED

If you would like to help out with the Spring Fair and Flower Festival, we are still in need of some folks to help out (as little or as much as you want) with the bake sale table and the book stall. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Andi Mangels or Gail Overcash.



# ✧ Clergy Musings ✧

The Rev. Dr. Kathryn Wajda

Our son, Matthew, is a fine furniture maker. He is always reminding me that he must constantly be aware of his environment, not only in the workshop but in every part of his life. I realize we are already deep into Lent, but I also realize it is never too late to be invited to be conscious of our environment, emotionally and physically, the world inside ourselves and the world we live in each day. That is what this season we call Lent is all about. It is a time to get honest, to examine the awesome and the not so awesome parts of yourself, to allow God to nurse you to life, hence the “new” life that comes with resurrection. Lent is “forty days and forty nights” as the song goes, but it is also about the rest of your life.

The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness, and we follow in his footsteps. In this wilderness we lose our familiar landmarks, the criteria we use to judge which of our feelings are valuable, and which are not. When we remember that the Spirit is shaping and redeeming and empowering us from deep within, we can stop judging ourselves and listen patiently to our own feelings. God is moving in our lives and our feelings and experiences can reveal what God is doing. We encounter many wildernesses during our lives, painful, isolating situations that appear like deep chasms in our landscape. Sometimes it may be our marriage, other times it may be our work, our parenting or other relationships. This season of Lent is a good time to explore these places of wilderness, knowing that along with the many times of wilderness come many times of resurrection.

T. S. Eliot, in his acceptance of the 1948 Nobel Prize for Literature, wrote: “(Poetry) may make us from time to time a little more aware of the deeper,

unnamed feelings which form the substratum of our being, to which we rarely penetrate; for our lives are mostly a constant evasion of ourselves.” Lent is a good time to be intentional about welcoming ourselves.

Mary Oliver titles this poem Wild Geese. It could be a poem for our wilderness places.

You do not have to be good.

You do not have to walk on your knees  
for a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.  
You only have to let the soft animal of your body  
love what it loves.

Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.  
Meanwhile the world goes on.

Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain  
are moving across the landscapes,  
over the prairies and the deep trees,  
the mountains and the rivers.

Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,  
are heading home again.

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,  
the world offers itself to your imagination,  
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting--  
over and over announcing your place  
in the family of things.

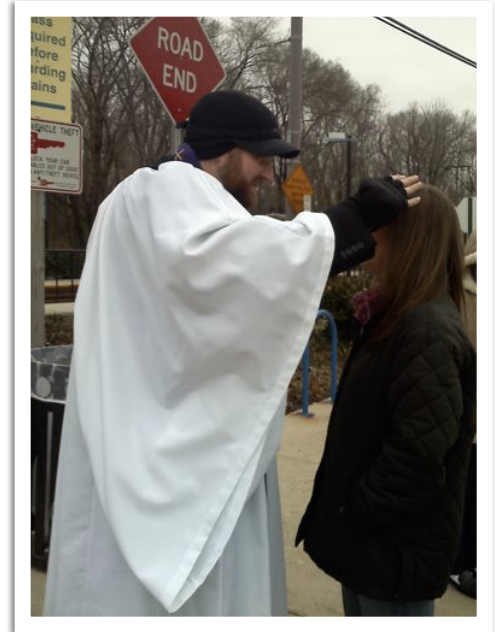
Lent has always seemed to be a very inward looking time in the church year. What if we consider Lent a celebration of sorts that brings our attention to the blessings promised by God, a journey that brings us closer to the knowledge that as we receive God’s blessings, we become blessings for others. My hope for you this Lent into Easter is that you will love yourself enough to listen with the ears of your heart to the other voices of yourself speaking. Good Luck on the journey and God Bless.

- Kathryn

# \* Your Clergy did What? \*

The Rev. Kristofer Lindh-Payne

On Ash Wednesday, two clergy and two parishioners from Epiphany went out adorned in cassocks to the Lutherville and Timonium Light Rail stations to offer prayers and the imposition of ashes to commuters as they went into and out of the city. While some might criticize this public spectacle, the invitation got the attention of many passers-by and created countless opportunities to connect with people in our larger community. They had many powerful interactions and offered a tangible expression of how God—in this case through the Body of Christ—will stop at nothing to touch people's lives. The obvious success of this effort has us thinking about what we can do next. On Maundy Thursday, in response to Jesus' command to love one another congregations around the world reenact Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet. What would it be like if people from Epiphany set up free shoe polish stations and free car washes around the community on that day, as a present day response to this command from Jesus? What would it be like if in addition to this loving service, we offer them information about Holy Week and our faith community at Epiphany? This could be an incredible way to reach out to people, build relationships, and share God's abundant love with our community. Below are some other creative ideas taken from the servant evangelism website ([www.servantevangelism.com](http://www.servantevangelism.com)) to get you thinking:



## **Pay Laundromat Washer and Dryer**

Bring a roll or two of quarters and dimes. As patrons enter ask them if they'd like hot or cold wash. You can also provide detergent.

## **Coffee at Bus or Light Rail Stops**

One group in California does this weekly. They bring coffee and donuts to bus stops and offer it to passengers. Sometimes they actually get on the bus and, if they have a sympathetic driver, give their goods out to about everyone on board.

## **Pizza on Moving Day at Apartments**

Coordinate a discount with a pizza restaurant for a volume discount. The pizza vendor may be willing to give you the pizza in return for a pizza endorsement.

## **Flower Seed Packet Giveaways**

Give out flower seeds to celebrate Spring. Some companies offer the option of having your church name printed on the outside of the packet.

## **Soft Drink Giveaways**

"Hi, would you like regular or diet?" This is our standard opening to bless folks with a small act of kindness on a hot day. And it works!

## **Popsicles**

Inexpensive. Requires dry ice. Takes several days to freeze solidly. Works well in county parks on hot summer days. The "Mr. Freeze" push up kind are the easiest to distribute and the least messy.

## **Umbrella Escorts**

Parents with small children and the elderly find it tough to make it from stores to their cars in the rain. We use huge golf umbrellas to help them to their car with as little wetness as possible.

## **Grocery Bag Loading Assistance**

Parents with lots of kids hanging on them like koalas often need assistance getting their bags loaded into the car from the cart. The elderly need the same sort of help. On this one almost everyone will try to give a tip. As with all kindness projects, to receive money would taint what we are trying to communicate – "God's love in a practical package with no strings attached."

## **Donut Giveaway during Morning Traffic**

As with any giveaway, have a couple of options. People set up on a traffic island at a light. When it's red they step into traffic and ask, "Would you like chocolate, maple or glazed?"

# \* Parish News \*

## **HUM Casseroles**

Doris Rapp

Our three young mothers - Kristen Andrews, Andi Mangels and Gail Overcash - were in the kitchen early to start the cooking with Jon McAllister and our rector, Kathryn. We all enjoy the fellowship and helping each other. Our casseroles were ready to put in the freezer in 2 hours. If you care to join us for the next get together, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex for the date - spend a night out and enjoy the good cause!

There will be a basket in the Narthex for any contribution you would like to make for the ingredients. Thank you all for taking time to help us.

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## **Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

Kim McDonald

You may remember a time when LEVs were sent out on Sundays after the post-communion prayer with consecrated bread and wine to visit parishioners who were home-bound or hospitalized and thus unable to partake of the Lord's Supper as part of our regular worship. In recent years, a number of parishioners have quietly and faithfully continued this ministry of pastoral care in partnership with your clergy.

Beginning this Lent, Kim McDonald will gather a team of individuals for training and to breathe new life into this important ministry. If you think you might be called to participate, or if you have questions, contact Kim or the church office or sign up on the narthex bulletin board.

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## **Christian Formation Festival**

The Rev. Kristofer Lindh-Payne

The Christian Formation Festival is a day of workshops, discussions and presentations to help

us all grow in our faith. This year it is scheduled for the third day of Diocesan Convention on Saturday, May 14th from 7:30 am to 3 pm at the nearby St. Paul's School in Brooklandville, MD. Don't let the name fool you. While this festival offers workshops in all phases of Christian formation, including working with children and adults, teaching techniques and resources, the festival has grown to include workshops on communications, theology, spirituality, vestry matters and other issues pertinent to the church life. This year, the workshops will be themed within the Horizons 2015 priorities.

Our Associate Rector, Kristofer, will be one of many leading the 80+ workshops that will be offered that day. The cost of the day is \$30 per person which includes lunch. Contact the Epiphany Office or go directly to the diocesan webpage for more information: [www.episcopalmaryland.org](http://www.episcopalmaryland.org).

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## **New Beacon Editor**

Stephanie Sundermann-Zinger

Hello Epiphany community! I just wanted to take a moment to introduce myself as your new Beacon Editor. You can find me on Sundays at the 10:00 service with my lovely wife Liz and our beautiful son Henry. If you have any items to contribute to the Beacon, please send them to [zinstep@gmail.com](mailto:zinstep@gmail.com). Thanks, and God's peace be with you!



# \* The United Thank Offering \*

Sue Elinsky

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
To sing praises to your name, Oh most high;  
To declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night.*

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a personal and family devotional program of the Episcopal Church. It is the sum of our daily thanks for the blessings in our everyday lives—for good weather, happy times, job opportunity, and unexpected visits—there are so many things for which we can be thankful. We can be thankful to God for blessings and take action by putting coins in the “Blue Box.” Twice a year you are asked to bring the amount of your daily thanksgiving for an “ingathering,” where it is combined with the offerings of thousands of other Episcopalians to become the UTO. Epiphany’s first ingathering will be on Sunday, May 8.

The UTO is an organization founded by women in 1889. It originally supported women missionaries. It has become a worldwide effort to meet compelling human needs and to expand the mission and ministry of the church for men, women and children throughout the world. Each family is invited to pick up a “Blue Box” and join the UTO. Put the box in a convenient place in your home (perhaps the kitchen table). Take a moment each day to say thank you to God and put a coin in the box. Join us in being active participants in God’s work in the world.

Sue Elinsky  
*Epiphany’s UTO Coordinator*



## ✧ Worshipping in the Wilderness ✧

The Rev. Kristofer Lindh-Payne

There exists an ancient and deeply compelling scriptural tradition of experiencing God in the wilderness.

The people of God, led by Moses, wandered in the wilderness for forty years in pursuit of their liberation and a place to call home. On this difficult journey, they struggled together, they had doubts and questions together, they hungered and thirsted together. They emerged from their wilderness journey, a people united with one another and with their God.

The Egyptian woman Hagar was driven out into the wilderness to fend for both herself and her child Ishmael. When their rations of food and water had been consumed, and death seemed close at hand, she cried out to God and God provided for them in their need. Over time the once cruel wilderness became their home.

Jesus himself spent forty days fasting and praying in the wilderness. Through this time of preparation and testing, he was strengthened for the ministry that was intended for him. Jesus preached in temples, but also beside rivers, and upon mount and plain. He sought out the solitude of mountaintops for prayer and contemplation.

We too are on a spiritual journey that leads us into and through the wilderness. Sometimes the wilderness in our lives is harsh and foreboding, bringing with it hardship, isolation, and deprivation. At other times, the wilderness is welcomed: bringing with it the quiet of solitude and connection with all of creation around you and the God who called it all forth.

Our Lenten wilderness journey continues through the first two Wednesdays in April (4/ 6 and 4/13), when the Worshipping in the Wilderness series comes to an end. On these Wednesdays, we will begin with a wilderness hike in Loch Raven from 4-6pm, share in a potluck supper from 6-7pm in the common room, and conclude with a powerful experience of what it means to worship in the wilderness back at Epiphany from 7-8pm. If you are not able to attend the Wednesday hikes, a group will be leaving from Epiphany on the first two Saturdays in April (4/2 and 4/9) at 2:00 PM. All are invited to come to any portion of these evening events—the hike, the supper, the worship—and even though each week will build upon the last thematically, each experience of worship will stand on its own as well. So, come to one, come to all, invite a friend or neighbor. Whatever you choose to participate in, we pray that these last weeks of Lent will draw you closer to God and draw us all closer as a community as we continue this journey through the wildernesses of our lives.



# ✧ Holy Week ✧

The Rev. Dr. Kathryn Wajda

A priest friend wrote, “While some churches have tent meetings or revivals, the Episcopal Church has Holy Week. Worship during Holy Week is central. It is transformative. These Prayer Book services challenge comfortable commitments and shed light on confused thinking. They sharpen our hunger for God. This won’t happen if we turn away, stay at home, and refuse the invitation to participate.”

Palm Sunday is a service of startling contrasts, celebration and parade and shouts of “Hosanna” to the passion and cries for death. We will have a palm procession, a dramatic reading of the Passion and celebrate Eucharist. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there will be Evening Prayer where we can listen to the scripture that describes Jesus’ last week in Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday we will gather in the big room for a Passover Seder. Holy Week is a time to attend to our sacred stories, stories that come from our Jewish heritage and continue to create our Christian traditions. This Passover Seder will show us how these sacred stories bump up against each other and how they compliment each other. The Passover Seder we will be using brings us prayers that are over 3000 years old. The Seder will maintain the integrity of a Jewish family ritual as it brings a Christian perspective. Michael Hirsch, who has volunteered to bring the Seder is a celebration of the Exodus and Jewish traditions and is done relaxing, with lots of fun. Everyone has a part, young and old together. Once you sign up, you will be asked to bring specific food to this “covered dish supper” and



be given a speaking part in the Seder. Following the Passover Seder there will be a brief Eucharist in the big room and the church will be open for an hour for prayer.

Good Friday allows us to experience God’s coming to us in the midst of profound suffering, offering grace and abiding goodness. We hear again the story of the crucifixion, listening for what God will have us learn from each character. For almost a century, the Good Friday Offering has been a source of support, love and hope for our sisters and brothers in the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. This year, Epiphany will join churches around the world who for the last 89 years have given generously to support the ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

The Great Vigil of Easter tells the story of redemption. God has promised to be with us and God’s promises are good. We light the new fire in the narthex and carry this light into the darkened church. hearing the stories of God’s love and care for us, we will baptize Reilly Elizabeth Day and welcome her into the household of God. We have journeyed through Lent and gather around the table to celebrate the new life given to us by Christ, the Risen One.

## ✠ Holy Week Worship Schedule ✠

*Sunday, April 17th*

*The Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday*

8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist & Blessing of the Palms

10:00 AM - Palm Procession, Reading of the Passion & Holy Eucharist

*Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, April 18th - 20th*

7:30 PM - Evening Prayer

*Thursday, April 21st*

*Maundy Thursday*

6:30 PM - Seder & Eucharist

*Friday, April 22nd*

*Good Friday*

12:00 PM - Stations of the Cross for Adults

Good Friday Liturgy with communion from the reserved sacrament

2:00 PM - Stations of the Cross for Children

7:30 PM - Tenebrae: Service of Darkness, with choir

*Saturday, April 23rd*

*Holy Saturday*

7:30 PM - The Great Vigil of Easter with Baptisms

*Sunday, April 24th*

*Easter Day*

8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist

10:00 AM - Festival Eucharist of Easter (all choirs)

Easter egg hunt following the 10:00 service

# \* April Events \*

**3, 10, 17**

**Epiphany Youth Group**

Sundays 4:30-6:00 PM

No EYG on Sunday, 4/24

**5, 12, 19, 26**

**Cherub Choir**

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

**5**

**Vestry Executive Committee**

5:30 PM

**6, 13, 20, 27**

**Adult Class: Fruit of the Spirit**

Wednesdays 9:30 AM

**Staff Meeting**

Wednesdays 11:00 AM

**6, 13, 20**

**Treble Choir**

Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 PM

No Treble Choir on Wednesday, 4/27

**6, 13**

**Worshipping in the Wilderness**

Hike 4:00-6:00 PM

Pot Luck Supper 6:00-7:00 PM

Worship 7:00-8:00 PM

**7, 14, 21**

**Epiphany Choir**

Thursdays 7:30 PM

No Epiphany Choir on Thursday, 4/28

**12, 25**

**Arden Courts**

1:30 PM

**17**

**Palm Sunday/The Sunday of the Passion**

For details, please see the Holy Week Schedule on Page 4

**18**

**Vestry Meeting**

7:00 PM

**18, 19, 20**

**Evening Prayer**

7:30 PM

**21**

**Maundy Thursday**

For details, please see the Holy Week Schedule on Page 4

**22**

**Good Friday**

For details, please see the Holy Week Schedule on Page 4

**23**

**Holy Saturday**

For details, please see the Holy Week Schedule on Page 4

**24**

**Easter Day**

For details, please see the Holy Week Schedule on Page 4

**25**

**Parish Office Closed**

**26**

**Lunch Bunch**

12:00 PM

**30**

**Spring Fair & Flower Festival**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

# Epiphany's Spring Flower Festival - ADVANCE ORDER

Return your order form WITH CHECK OR MONEY in the offering plate at church or drop off in the Day Care office or the church office **before April 16th, 2011**. Pick up your order at the fair on April 30th! Make checks payable to Epiphany Church labeled Fair Order. **We cannot guarantee color, but will do our best to obtain your selections for you.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost per Flat	Flats of Flowers	Indicate Number of FLATS Ordered for Each Color	Total # Ordered	Total Cost
	<u>ANNUALS</u>	<u>18 Plants in 4" Pots</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Cost</u>
\$25	Angelonia	Purple___		
\$25	Dwarf Marigold	Yellow___		
\$25	Impatiens	White___ Rose___ Pink___ Red___		
\$30	Wave Petunias	Blue___ Magenta___ Rose___ Pink___ Red___		
\$25	Super Olympia Begonia	White___ Rose___ Pink___ Red___		
\$25	Ageratum	Blue (Purple)___		
\$25	Sweet Alyssum	White___		
	<u>PERENNIALS</u>	<u>12 Plants in 4" Pots</u>		
\$35	Purple Salvia	Purple___		
\$35	Sedum - Autumn Fire	Pink___		
\$35	Rudbeckia	Black-Eyed Susan___		
			Total Cost: _____	
		<b>*Please order single-color flats only!*</b>		

# Easter Flowers

You are invited to contribute to the flowers that decorate the church at Easter time. You may give flowers in memory of a loved one or as a thank offering. Please make your check payable to *Epiphany Church Flower Fund* and mark it "*Easter Flowers.*" A suggested guideline for contribution is \$25, but any amount is gratefully received. Send your check with this form to the parish office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday. All flower forms must be received by Sunday, April 17th.

Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_



# \* Prayers & Thanksgivng \*

## Epiphany Prayer List

Sophie Abernethy  
Keith Bien  
Bill  
Caroline Brock  
Bridget Carrigan  
Al Church  
Marion Coyle  
Chic Davis  
Robert Duffy  
Jeanette Eatherly  
Mike Elinsky  
Gilbert  
Donald Hale  
Betty Hammann  
Monica Humble  
Pat Irvin  
Jesse Jacobs  
Helen Jordahl  
Roberta Nevitt  
Laurie Oleynick  
James Raffetto  
Mark Reid  
Bill Soldan  
Sherri Trieber  
Lois Turner  
Janet Witty  
Ed Boris  
Pearl Bryant  
David Raffetto  
Lucy Middleton

## April Anniversaries

Mark & Patricia Brandau April 17  
Richard & Judy Wallace April 19

## April Birthdays

William Hensyl April 1  
James Ralls April 2  
Jim Mangels April 9  
Elza Dunning April 10  
Laurence Thomsen April 13  
Renee Barczak April 16  
Marjorie Foley April 18  
Harold Thompson April 18  
Richard Ridenour April 19  
Annmarie Thompson April 21  
Kay Lehmann April 22  
McKenzie Moylan April 22  
Luke Sullivan April 22  
Janet Fawcett April 25  
Helen Jordahl April 26  
Caroline Andrews April 27  
Nan Sullivan April 27  
Jacob Doyle April 29  
Susan Kornick April 29  
Mary Elizabeth Corrin April 30

## Epiphany Staff

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Kathryn Wajda  
Associate Rector: The Rev. Kristofer Lindh-Payne  
Deacon: The Rev. Dean Pugh  
Director of Music: Mary Hamlin Spencer  
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