

WORSHIP

Worship at Epiphany is a shared ministry. Many members volunteer to participate in the Sunday services of Holy Communion as communion assistants and choir members. We need everyone. This year we have gained some new and gifted acolytes. It is good to remember that the worship leaders are the directors, the people sitting in the congregation are the actors and God is the audience. The groups listed below help us all celebrate the Liturgy. If you are interested in serving in any of these areas, training is available. Please contact the Rev. Kathryn Wajda, the named contact or Diana Woltereck who produces the master schedule.

In addition to Sunday worship there were services of Evening Prayer, a house blessing, a blessing of an Oxford House, and a blessing of Café Troia. We celebrated the Eucharist under the tent at the Siperko's in July, blessed backpacks in September, and worshiped with animals and their companions at evening prayer in October.

We have also added a **Taize service** to the worship experiences that we have here at Epiphany. The plan is to schedule this service on Sunday evenings, about 4 times a year. The service is designed to be a meditative and musical moment with brief readings, much candlelight and time for personal reflection. We have gotten very positive feedback on the four services held so far (9/23/07, 1/27/08, 4/20/08 and 12/14/08). We hope to continue and see this as another way to reach out both to those already here at Epiphany and to the extended community.

The Altar Guild prepares the altar and sanctuary for Sunday Eucharist, baptisms, weddings, funerals and other services. Members seek to glorify God in His House, to provide an appropriate environment for worship, and to prepare all that the rector needs to celebrate the Holy Eucharist or other services. The team is led by *Judy Wallace and Barbara Murphy*.

The Petal Pushers are dedicated to enhancing our worship space with the natural beauty of flowers and greens. We are dependent (financially) on the contributions so generously given for Easter and Christmas, as well as the week-to-week designated requests for flowers given in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for a special occasion. The flower chart can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex near the Meditation Room. The average weekly cost is \$35 (check made payable to Epiphany Flower Fund). Any special requests or suggestions are happily considered and we welcome new members at any time. Contact - *Susan Elinsky*

The **Communion Bread Bakers** prepare the special bread for the Sunday Eucharist. Sign up on the Bread Baker's Sheet in the narthex and take a copy of the recipe to participate in this service. The recipe does not take long to make and provides enough bread for two Sundays. Contact - *Gig Grube*.

The Intercessors assist by reading the Prayers of the People each Sunday at the 10 a.m. Eucharist. The **Lectors** read the appointed scripture passages. **Chalicists** serve the wine at Eucharists.

Acolytes and Crucifers are young people who contribute to worship through their commitment as torch bearers, altar assistants and crucifers. Contact *Jon McAllister*

The Ushers greet all who enter our church for worship. They distribute our service leaflets, take up the collection, seat newcomers, and assist in making everyone feel comfortable. Contact - *Ed Obaza*

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMS) are trained to take communion to our parishioners who are unable to be at church due to illness or infirmity. LEMS represent the congregation as they share communion from the Sunday Eucharist.

Breadbreakers. Epiphany uses real bread for communion, and young children ages 5 –9 are scheduled to come to the altar and break the bread into bite sized pieces to be passed out. All people handling the bread now wash their hands with antibacterial hand-wash.