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For More Information

Reach the Church during the week by telephone at (334) 252-8618 or online at www.epiphanytallasse.org

Reach Father Wells if you have an emergency while he is on vacation by telephone at (334) 332-3222 or by email at wellswarren@msn.com

Our Church Calendar is now available on the web site: www.epiphanytallasse.org Look on the left side for "Epiphany Calendar."

Updates and News

Please send your updates, corrections, and changes to the Prayers of the People, as well as church events and news, before Wednesday of each week to Pam Van Etten pjv_gma@yahoo.com



FEED THE HUNGRY

Beans & Rice

We need your help to unload and stock on third Thursdays at 3 pm. And third Saturdays to give out food from 9-11 am.

The EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the EPIPHANY



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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *A Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Twenty-seventh Day of July
In the Year of Our Lord 2014

This year, the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany celebrates 20 years as a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, the Episcopal Church USA, and the worldwide Anglican Communion.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Gathering of the People

The people enter in silence and observe a time of silent prayer

Piano Prelude

Words of Peace

Processional *O Worship the King*

Hymn 388
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Acclamation

Collect for Purity

Glory to God *Gloria*

Hymn S-280
Page 357, BCP

Salutation

The Collect of the Day

Scripture Sheet

Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament *Genesis 29:15-28*

Scripture Sheet
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Psalms 105:1-11, 45b *Confitemini Domino*

The Epistle *Romans 8:26-39*

Scripture Sheet

Sequence *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* *Hymn 341*

The Gospel *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

Scripture Sheet

Sermon

Father Larry

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People, Form IV

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We are using a different form of the Prayers of the People for the summer.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The Peace

Announcements

Offertory *Supplemental Hymn*

Holy Communion

Presentation *The Doxology*

Hymn 380:3

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

Hymn S-129

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer *Traditional*

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Breaking of the Bread

Fraction *Jesus, Lamb of God*

Hymn S-164

Invitation

Communion *Supplemental Hymn*

Post-Communion Prayer

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Blessing

Recessional *Thy Kingdom Come on Bended Knee* *Hymn 615*

Dismissal

Piano Postlude

Announcements



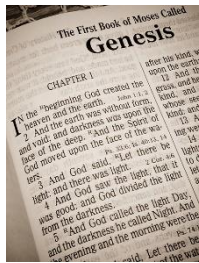
At the May 18 meeting of the Vestry, after reviewing three bids, we gave the go-ahead to James Hart to begin painting the church. Epiphany's church building is much in need of mildew removal, caulking, and new exterior paint. *Will you help with this important project by contributing generously to the Painting Fund?* Be sure to write "Painting Fund" on the memo line of your check. Thanks!

We Pray for those who are ill or recovering from surgery, particularly Lynne Dubay (Dr. Greg Dubay). Lynne has been in a leg cast and wheelchair for many weeks due to eight fractures in her left foot. Also, pray for Owen, Pam Van Etten's grandson, who had surgery. And we remember those who have died, especially Ryan Burton, a former colleague of Mike Harber's, from Millington, Tenn.



Father Wells returns to us after a month's vacation (his first ever as a priest for 18 years), on 8 Epiphany Sunday, August 3. Many thanks to Father Larry Sharpton for his fine supply work, and to all the people of Epiphany for your support and love! Wells and Leigh are on a last Great Adventure this weekend, cycling the Chief Ladiga Trail from Anniston to the Georgia line.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”



Adult Class for Fall

What kind of subject interests you most for our Adult Class this fall? I've been thinking a lot about the sacred stories of the Book of Genesis, and wondering if you might want to do a close reading of them, chapter by chapter, each week this year. It would be a considerable commitment on our part,

but I think the rewards would be great. Many of us have not read the ancient stories of the Old Testament in many years—or perhaps never. I would be eager to lead such a conversation each week, but I would like to know if you would be eager to attend such a class on a regular basis—meaning just about every Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the Little House. Let me know, if you will, by posting on our **Facebook** page! Anybody can join Epiphany's Facebook page, and it's fun to see photos and current events on a weekly basis.

Peace be with us all,

Wells+

And Many Thanks to all who helped last Thursday and Saturday with Beans & Rice! This outreach ministry provides about a ton of good food to 50 needy families each month. *God bless you!*

LESSONS FOR 7 PENTECOST

Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Lesson *Genesis 29:15-28*



Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

He is the LORD our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.

He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:

The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."

Hallelujah!

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."