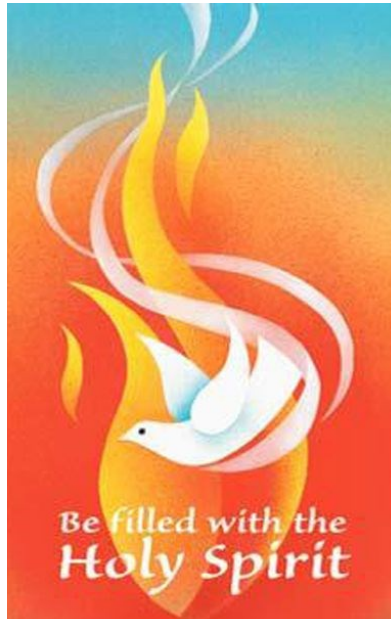




MAY 2024



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

*The mission of the Church of the Epiphany is to offer a home to all
those who are seeking God's unconditional love.*



From the Vicar

We often forget that the Church of the Epiphany is part of a much larger community. We get reminders occasionally, like when the bishop makes his annual visit, the congregation hears its delegates report on the diocesan convention or a representative from one of the diocesan agencies speaks at a Wednesday night Lenten dinner.

Of course, I get more frequent reminders, like clergy meetings, notices from the diocesan office and phone calls from colleagues at other parishes. Serving as the diocesan coordinator for the Education for Ministry program also makes me more aware of the Episcopal Church beyond Crestview.

A term that I have occasionally heard here at Epiphany and with others around the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast refers to the “national church,” as if it is something separate from us; an entity unto itself. However, it isn’t.

The Episcopal Church of the United States is a democracy. Every member is a part of the “national church.” Each of us has a voice. It is not a coincidence that the Episcopal Church is governed in a similar fashion as the government of the United States. Many of those who met in Philadelphia to debate, write, and approve the U.S. Constitution were the same Episcopalians who organized the Episcopal Church (or at least like-minded).

Each congregation meets annually to elect representatives to govern the local church and the diocese. The local representatives are the vestry. The representatives to the diocese are the delegates to the annual diocesan convention. Each body is charged with making the rules that govern the local church and/or diocese, preparing and approving a budget, and planning programs.

In addition, the delegates to the diocesan convention elect lay and clergy deputies to the General Convention, who serve a three-year term. The General Convention is the body that makes the rules, prepares and approves a budget, and plans programs for the entire Episcopal Church. So, even though it may be indirect at the highest level, every qualified communicant of the congregation has a say as to what the “national church” does.

If you have read this thus far, you may be asking, “why is Father David telling me this?”

The answer is simple: This summer, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church will be meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. The General Convention normally meets once every three years but can meet more often if necessary. (An exception was made during the Covid pandemic, when the scheduled meeting in 2021 was postponed for a year.) The convention is June 23-28.

What makes this summer’s General Convention even more important than usual is that a new presiding bishop will be elected. Unlike diocesan bishops, presiding bishops are elected to nine-year term. As he was elected nine years ago, this will be the last General Convention Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will preside over.

There are five candidates nominated for Presiding Bishop this year. If you are interested in learning about them, there is information on each posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall or you can visit the website of the 2024 General Convention ([Nominees for the 28th Presiding Bishop - The General Convention of The Episcopal Church](#)).

As each of you are a part of the “national church,” I thought you should know.

Peace be with you!

Father David+

The graduation ceremony for the 2024 class of the Diocesan School for Ministry will be Saturday, June 8, 11 a.m., at St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church in Pensacola. The graduates will include both those being trained for the ordained and lay ministries. The latter includes our very own David Bryant, who has completed his studies for Lay Worship Leader.

Anyone interested in attending the graduation ceremony can let me know, and I can give you details. If there’s interest in carpooling, we can arrange that as well.

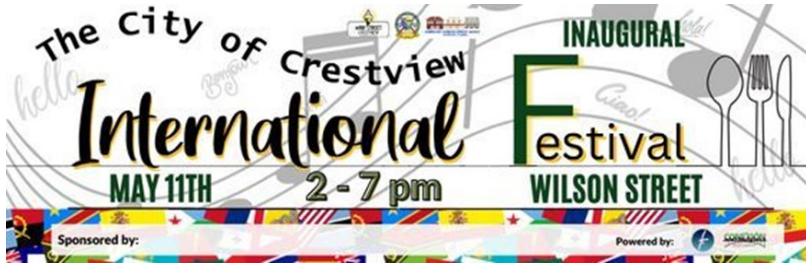
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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

National Day of Prayer, Thursday May 2

The National Day of Prayer, Blessing of the City, will be held at 6pm on May 2nd at the Courthouse Gazebo. "Rejoice always, give thanks in all circumstances: for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Bring your own Chairs.



Join us for the City of Crestview's, Inaugural International Festival, where cultures collide in a celebration of diversity and unity! It will be a thrilling extravaganza of entertainment, tantalizing culinary delights, and immersive cultural experiences from around the globe. With electrifying performances by various artists showcasing music and dance. Indulge your taste buds with a culinary journey, as our international food vendors serve up an array of flavors and aromas. From spicy Indian curries to savory Latin tapas, and from exotic Thai street food to mouthwatering French pastries, there's something to satisfy everyone. Experience the many global cultures through interactive workshops, artisan demonstrations, and cultural displays. The International Festival promises an unforgettable experience that will leave you inspired, enlightened, and craving more.

Strawberries & Spirits

at the Bush House

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Crestview History Museum:

The Historic Bush House 198 South Wilson St.

Crestview



This Memorial Weekend come shop our open-air market and support local vendors.

- ✿ Free Bounce House
- ✿ Golf at the Driving Range
- ✿ Face Painting
- ✿ Delicious Food & Beer





News from Around the Diocese

A Taste of St. Peter's

Jan 27, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

6270 Bon Secour Hwy, Bon Secour, AL



Our Taste will again be a fish fry! Come and join us on Saturday May 2nd from 5-7pm. Enjoy Fried Mullet, Hushpuppies, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Dessert, Coffee, and Tea. Plates are \$12 each and we will have dine-in or take out.

Becoming Beloved Community: Sacred Conversations

Saturday, May 4, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Episcopal Church of the Nativity,
1205 Holly Ln, Dothan

Join us for a workshop that will provide insights into the causes and effects of racism. We explore unconscious bias, prejudice, white privilege, and ways to work together to Become the Beloved Community. This offering is required for those in parish leadership (such as vestry members) and at the diocesan level (including those serving on commissions, committees, agencies, or boards). It also qualifies for eight hours of clergy training/education for those who complete the full-day course. There is no fee to participate, but it requires the commitment to be engaged for the full day. Limited to 26 participants. Lunch provided.

Becoming Beloved Community

Racial Reconciliation Sacred Conversations

Saturday, May 4, 2024
7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Episcopal Church of the Nativity
1205 Holly Lane, Dothan, AL 36020

Register by Friday 12/21 of May 2024 at <https://diocesecentralgulfcoast.org/2024/05/04/becoming-beloved-community-sacred-conversations/>

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PLEASE NOTE: We have a minimum number of registrants that we need in order to host the workshop. If you do not meet our minimum, the workshop will be canceled. We will contact you regarding any cancellations. We will contact you if you are not able to attend. If you are unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible.

Early Pick Up Available: Friday, May 17th -5:00-7:00 pm Christ Church Courtyard

Race Day Registration/Pick Up: Saturday, May 18th Available 6:30am- 7:45 am Christ Church Courtyard

Race Warm Up: Begins at 7:50 at the corner of Conception Street

Packets includes: Race T-shirt (Participants registered by May 6th will be guaranteed a shirt on race day. Participants registered after May 10th will receive shirts while the supply lasts)

Post Race: Christ Church Courtyard, Music, Refreshments, and Results.





The monthly Vestry meeting was held on Sunday April 14th. The following are highlights of the meeting:

Treasurer's Report: Laura gave the Financial Report for March. The 3rd quarter Profit and Loss statement reflects a positive balance up to the present. Randy asked why the In-Kind donations were in the expense column and Laura stated that in-kind donations are a “wash”, as they reflect no actual income. Tracy asked about pest control expense being high and needs to be reviewed. Phil will give a breakdown of expenses. The new roof was completed and paid in full (\$22,800).

Vicar's Report: There is a request for use of the parish hall or St. Joseph's Hall to lead a dance class. This request was made last year, and the vestry voted to disapprove. There are a lot of unanswered questions before the vestry can approve the use. More specific information is needed, such as: What day(s) and times/which building/how many people/moving furniture around/cleanup/will there be a donation to the church to cover cleanup and supplies? Tracy will get more details.

Senior Warden's Report: Tracy is working on replacing a light fixture in the parish hall ladies' room but there is a problem with the fixture not fitting into the space. Either a different fixture or drilling a bigger hole will be necessary, and a professional electrician may be required to finish the job.

Junior Warden's Report: The new sanctuary roof is finished, and some window screens need to be repaired. Phil is getting separate pricing for the signs and the plexiglass cover at the front of the church. Tracy's grandson repaired the signpost on Highway 85. Mr. Day, the developer who now owns the property behind the church, has not cleared the weeds as promised. Randy stated that it's his property and he might not be ready to clear the brush yet. Phil is still working on moving the small shed closer to the garage. The City of Crestview is providing a free drop-off for hazardous waste, tires, paint, chemicals, old wood, etc. at Twin Hills Park April 20-27.

Old Business: Pat Shew, our organist and choir director, was the recipient of the “Thank you” card for March, for her hard work. The nominees for this month's Thank You award are Mary Meehan and Michelle Dennis for their excellent work as the Altar Guild.

The next vestry meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2024.



Property Report for April

SEE VESTRY NEWS

The Jamestown Cross *By Jeffrey Evans*

I was given a framed map of Chesapeake Bay in Virginia by our Vicar and his wife, David and Cathy Clothier. I grew up around the bay in Virginia Beach Virginia. My parents divorced when I was 15 and my father lived in Portsmouth Virginia near the bay. He used to catch soft shell crabs in traps he set out in the Chesapeake Bay. He served them to his neighbors in his back yard on the weekends.

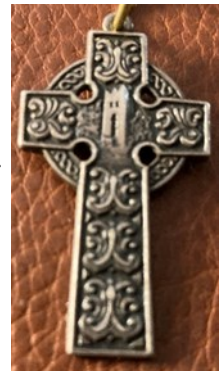
I joined my home church of Saint Francis Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach in 1965. They are a part of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. The ordained priest there was the Rev. Clayton E. Crigger (for unknown reasons he wanted everyone to call him “Bud”).

In May of 1967, when I was 12, I was confirmed by Bishop George R. Gunn. I served as an acolyte, carried the cross, lit the candles etcetera. Then when I was old enough, I was a lay reader. I was licensed to serve the wine at communion. I was Sunday school and youth group leader in the late seventies. I was given the honor of being elected by the youth of the Diocese of Southern Virginia at a conference in Blackstone Virginia. I was appointed as male lay advisor to the Episcopal Youth Churchman from 1977 through early 1980.

The Jamestown Cross itself is Celtic, symbolizing the Anglican origins of the Episcopal Church. It features a depiction of the still standing but partially ruined tower of the 17th century brick church at Jamestown, a reminder that the Anglican tradition in America began on the shores of the James River in 1607.

The settlement was named after their King, James the 1st. The settlement became the first permanent English settlement in North America. Upon touching down on the shore of the new world in April of 1607 (13 years before the pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock) the first permanent English settlement from the London Company. They set up a cross on the newly named Cape Henry Shore in gratitude to God and to affirm England’s claim to the site.

The Jamestown Cross is a pictorial cross commissioned by Bishop David Rose and created by master craftsman James Avery. It was given by the clergy of the Diocese of Southern Virginia to Bishop Charles Vache at his consecration in 1976. Replicas have been available exclusively at the Parish Book Store since 1977. As a diocesan board member, I was given a copy of the historic cross. Here is a picture of one.





WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 5 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Potluck Lunch

May 12 — Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Vestry Meeting

May 19 — The Day of Pentecost / Whitsunday

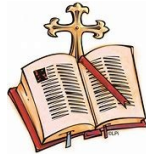
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Healing Service and Liturgy Class

May 26 — First Sunday after Pentecost TRINITY SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Liturgy Class

June 2 — Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Potluck Lunch



LECTOR SCHEDULE

May 5 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading - Michele Dennis

2nd Reading - Cathy Clothier

May 12 — Seventh Sunday of Easter

1st Reading - Tracy Kueczynski

2nd Reading - Missy Jones

May 19 — The Day of Pentecost / Whitsunday

1st Reading - Ginny Bauer

2nd Reading - Tracy Kueczynski

May 26 — First Sunday after Pentecost TRINITY SUNDAY

1st Reading - Christine Wakayama

2nd Reading - Tracy Kueczynski

What is a columbarium?

A columbarium is a wall, room, or building used to store urns holding the ashes of people who have died and been cremated.

The name “columbarium” comes from *columba*, the Latin word for dove, because columbaria usually have niches to hold the urns that resemble those in dovecotes (dove houses). Columbaria date back at least as far as Roman times; the Columbarium of Pomponius Hylas near Rome, with its lavish and beautiful internal decoration, is one famous example.



What Is a Columbarium Niche?

Also known as a cremation niche, a columbarium niche is a single compartment within the columbarium that holds a person’s cremated remains. It is a display vault in a wall or structure specifically designed to hold cremation urns. It’s a stately choice for a final disposition available at many cemeteries, churches, and funeral homes.

Why Choose a Columbarium Niche?

1. Cremation solves the problem of cemetery over-population.
2. The columbarium niche is above the ground and found not only in cemeteries, but also in churches, indoor crypts and outdoor monuments, a columbarium is a practical, economical, and beautiful memorial perpetually dedicated to the safekeeping of cremated remains.
3. Choosing a cremation niche may be considered a wise investment in “vertical” real estate.
4. Maintenance of columbaria are also easier and less costly than traditional burial grounds.
5. Choosing cremation and inurnment in a columbarium niche is also an environmentally friendly alternative to traditional burial in a cemetery. A big plot of the ground is kept unearthed, no harsh embalming chemicals are placed in the ground, and only a small amount of space is utilized.

Is Cremation in the Bible?

There is no scriptural prohibition of cremation in the New Testament. The Bible neither favors nor forbids the process of cremation.

Does the Episcopal Church allow cremation?

The Episcopal Church allows its members to choose cremation and its 1979 Book of Common Prayer was the first American Prayer Book to recognize the practice. According to the Episcopal Church, “ashes may be placed in an urn or other container and interred in a niche of a columbarium.

Epiphany currently has 20 niches available in our columbarium. The price for internment is a one-time charge of \$500.00, there are no upkeep fees, and this can also be done in payments with a promissory note. If interested please contact the church office for more information.

EPIPHANY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick Dewitt May 23rd

Katherine M^cCallum May 28th

Patricia Jackson May 29th

Michele Dennis May 30th



Janice Tyler May 10th



Pam Phillips

Pamela Phillips, at the age of 90, entered eternal rest peacefully Friday afternoon, 19 April 2024 at the North Okaloosa Medical Center Crestview FL. She was born in Banbury, England on the 28 September 1933 to Frank and Evelyn Haynes.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Maurice Phillips; her four children, Nigel Manning, Lynn Kent, Ian Manning, and Karen King; her sister, June Jone, and her husband, Ron Jone. She had a large family with 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Pamela was born in 1933 just before World War II, in the small English village of Bloxham. As a young person during this period, she experienced real-life events. Most food items were short and rationed, but she continued to go to school. She has shared stories with her children about watching distant cities being bombed, bombs falling from the sky, and being told to hide under the table. Despite the war, she also had fond memories of her childhood. You wouldn't believe how different things were in Pamela's early life. Pamela told many stories of her early life; it has opened many of our eyes to how life was. It has made us thankful for what we have today in our beautiful country. Amen

Pamela's mother and grandmother looked after the village hall for years. They organized dances for the troops and the local American troops also attended. When old enough Pamela would attend the dances as she loved to dance.

Pamela attended Sunday school as a child and attended church with her mother. Since moving to Crestview 28 years ago Pamela has been a member of The Church of Epiphany.

Pamela was married at a young age after the war. Pamela had her first three children Nigel, Lynn, and Paul. Ian and Karen were born later when she had been given a house in Banbury. Pamela worked in a Pub during the evening and in a shop when her children were older but she loved looking after all her children as they grew up. Pamela later worked in a factory full-time, which was very hard work. She used to have to walk to work and home again, which was several miles away.

Pamela starts her second life story when she meets an American named Phil, and it was love at first sight. The oldest three children were grown now but Karen was only 10 and Ian was 13. Phil had orders to return to America and Pamela went for a long holiday soon after. They traveled together across America to visit her sister June and her family in North Carolina. They also went to visit Phil's family in New Hampshire. While in America Phil proposed, and she was engaged when she returned to England.

Phil traveled back to England at Christmas, and they were married on New Year's Eve. Pamela and Karen came to America to live with Phil.

Their final assignment was Hurlbert Field, which brought them to Crestview. They both liked the community and bought a home together. Pamela and Phil lived their life to the full.

In lieu of flowers kindly consider memorial contributions in memory of Pamela Phillips to Church of the Epiphany 424 Garden Street Crestview FL32536.

EPIPHANY'S FAVORITE RECIPES

Turnip Green Soup (also known as Swamp Stew)

by Herselie Hendrix

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. of Conecuh sausage - cut into rings
- 1 pkg. of washed, chopped Turnip Greens
(or 2 pkgs - 16 oz. - Turnip Greens frozen)
- 2 cans Bush Great Northern Beans - drained and rinsed
- 1 large onion chopped
- 1 pkg. Knorr's Dry Vegetable Mix
- 3 cans of Chicken Broth

Directions:

1. Place all ingredients in a covered soup pot - simmer 1 hour until well done.
2. Add **NO Salt** or seasoning.

Note: I buy Chicken Broth in boxes rather than cans and you can add more broth as needed to make more soup.



Please remember in your prayers:

Adley Hipwell, Amanda & Jacob White, Amanda Spradlin, Amy
& Anthony Lehatto, Barbara Murrell, Betty Schwartzkopf, Bill
Jones, Brenda Faulkner, Cindy Duffy, Debra Evans, Dennis
Jackson, Donna Andrews, Florie Angelini, Janice Tyler, Jeff Evans,
Judy Tinsley, Julie Hill, Kei’Mari Martin, Mary Meehan, Maureen
Marcotte, Marilyn “Missy” Jones, Nancy Delierre,
Phil Phillips, Phyllis Alles, Steve & Buni O’Brien, and Sybil King.

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