

The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany Newsletter

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Rt. Rev Jerry Lamb, Interim
Bishop of Nevada to visit
Epiphany

Mark your calendars for Sunday Jan 21 to meet Bishop Lamb. We will be welcoming him with a Continental Breakfast starting at 9:00am and concluding with the beginning of the 10:00 service. So all can have the opportunity to meet the bishop, Adult Ed class will not take place. We are the first parish visit for Bishop Lamb in his new position in the Diocese of Nevada. It is quite an honor. Let's all come out to make him feel welcomed.

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday January 28 immediately following the 10:00 service will be our Annual Meeting. It is a great opportunity to learn about all that is taking place at Epiphany and contribute to the shaping of our future.

A light lunch of Sandwiches will be provided for a free will offering. Child Care will be provided.

Education News

Ages 7 – 9 will now meet in Room 4.

Adult is now in the meeting room in the northwest corner of the Sanctuary



The Children of Epiphany
put on an outstanding Nativity
Pageant on Christmas Eve
Angels, shepherds, sheep, cows
and even a donkey were
portrayed by the children of

Epiphany to tell the story of the birth of Jesus. Ava St. John played the part of the "holy infant so tender and mild" perfectly. Shannon Hayes did a great job of playing Mary with the big responsibility of holding a real infant. The Narrators spoke well and clearly. It was a great production. Special thanks go to Kristen Makhathini and Melissa Millus for coordinating the pageant, Terri Trompak and Betty-Jeanne Cousins for their work with the children, Mark Blaszcayk for building the stage/manger, Lucina Moses, Connie Barlow, Colleen Wolch and Judy Koehn for the sewing skills, Sue Racicot for providing musical accompaniment and the parents of the children for their support.

Vincent Michael Kistle Baptized in a Manger on Epiphany's Feast day.

We celebrated the Feast of The Epiphany at Epiphany in grand style. The Children of Epiphany once again donned their costumes for the Nativity play and continued the story they began to tell on Christmas Eve. It was most likely two years later and the family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus was surprised by the arrival of Wise Men from the east bringing gifts. The children told the story beautifully. Upon the conclusion of their storytelling and still in full costume they all gathered at Rev Helen's feet to welcome Vincent Michael Kistle to the household of God. The Baptismal font was placed in the middle of the manger. Vincent Michael was marked as Christ's own forever surrounded by angels, shepherds and wisemen. Welcome Vincent, may God's blessings always be upon you.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION 2007 VESTRY

3 TO BE ELECTED

One of the items on the agenda of the Annual Parish Meeting is the election of Vestry members. The following members of Epiphany have expressed their willingness to offer their time and talents in the leading and running of the Parish.

John B. Blenk (Jack)

I am a "cradle Episcopalian" and a member of the International Order of Saint Vincent. I have been an acolyte for fifty (50) years, a lay reader, chalice barer, and lay Eucharistic minister. A former member of St. Paul's, Doylestown, PA; St. Luke's, Newtown, PA; Holy Nativity, Plano, TX; Christ Episcopal, Las Vegas, NV. Currently a member of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Henderson, NV.

I am a professional engineer doing mostly civil and environmental design and construction projects across the country. While a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Ambler, PA, our church burned down due to an electrical fire in 1986 and I was asked to serve on the re-building committee. This necessitated collecting and coordinating the wishes of the parish, dealing with the Church Insurance Company and the designer and contractor during the long process of rebuilding our church building, which was famous for its stained glass windows, all of which were totally destroyed during the fire.

My wife Linda and I have been married for thirty-six (36) years and have two (2) daughters and three (3) grandchildren.

Tom Wolch

I have attended the Episcopal Church with my family since 1991. We started attending Epiphany at the police substation in Green Valley in 2003. Epiphany has grown quickly since that time and will continue to grow into the future with spirit filled leadership. I have served on the Marketing Committee, presently am an acolyte for the 8am service, and have worked with the diocesan youth council to promote youth ministry. Recently I started to assist with the Finance Committee and joined the Episcopal Men's Club.

I attended the Diocesan Convention as an Epiphany delegate this year. I have worked as a Civil Engineer for nearly 30 years and recently qualified for my real estate license in Nevada. I have been married to Colleen for 18 years and have two daughters, Natalie and Allison. All of us are active at Epiphany.

Nancy Knox

Before retiring in 1987 from Pac Bell, now "ATT", I was Headquarters Staff. Most of my career was in Sacramento and San Francisco. I was a coordinator of internal circuitry throughout California and Nevada.

I am a "cradle Episcopalian". Baptized in 1947 at St. John's, Oakland, CA, and confirmed in 1950, Hayward, CA. I re-affirmed my faith in Albuquerque, NM in 1959. I was also in the choir for three years. (No, I no longer sing.) I returned to California in 1961. For the next 25 years I was "on the road" with Pac Bell. We moved to St. George, UT in 1995. We joined Grace Episcopal Church. I was a lay reader, chalice bearer, choir member, chairman of the ECW bazaar and Junior Warden. Health problems brought us to Henderson in 1998.

I joined Christ Church until I discovered services were held at the Henderson Police Substation. We live across the street from the police station. I have followed this "church" around for five or six years. I am now proud to say I am a member of Epiphany. To serve as a member of the Vestry will be an honor and I will support this position with love and to the very best of my ability.

Elsa Torgerson

I am a life-long Episcopalian. As a teenager, I was an acolyte, sang in the choir and taught Sunday School. When my children were young, I taught Sunday School, was an Altar Guild member, belonged to the Women's group and a couples bible study group.

I am one of the original members of Epiphany and served as chairman of the By-Laws Committee. I now serve as Altar Guild Directress.

Clark Kincaid

Clark S. Kincaid received his doctoral degree in Hospitality Administration from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 2003. Prior to entering academia, Clark spent over 20 years in restaurant operations, 16 of those years with Chart House restaurants. Prior to leaving Chart House, Dr. Kincaid was Director of Operations supervising 17 restaurants throughout the southeastern United States and the Caribbean. Clark teaches courses in strategic management, services management, and organizational behavior. His research interests include self-service technology in the restaurant industry, ethics, and service management. Clark has a master's degree from William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration, University of Nevada, Las Vegas and an undergraduate degree from Southern Utah State College. He and his wife Vicki live in Henderson, NV with their three children, Kelsey, David, and Dalton. They have been members of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany for a year and a half.

Mike Sieczka

I am originally from New York, both upstate and eastern Long Island, where my upbringing included a Roman Catholic religious education. In 1999 I met Heather Cameron and we married in 2001 and moved to San Diego to be close to Heather's family. In the five years we lived in San Diego we had our daughter Lucy and I attended nursing school to begin practicing as an RN. Despite several attempts to find a faith community in the area, we were unable to find the right fit. After I completed nursing school in 2005, we moved to Henderson for financial and social considerations. We were introduced to Epiphany by the Barlow family and were made to feel at home immediately by everyone. Now after over a year of attending and welcoming others to our church community, I feel a connection to the church as a group and to each individual member. I look forward to the opportunity to give back to the church by serving as a member of the Vestry

Christmas Bazaar Thank You

I hope I have not left anyone out; it was truly a community effort!!!

We raised over \$700 to support the youth activities at Epiphany.

God I would like to thank the following people for their help in making our Sunday School Christmas Bazaar a huge success:

All the Sunday School Children for making crafts to sell.

Colleen Wolch, Nancy Knox, Pat Van Houten, Christine Eastburn, and the Prayer Shawl group for donating items to sell.

Vicki Kincaid, Polly Bates, Judy Koehn, Betty-Jeanne Cousins, Jill Racicot, Rebecca Dixon, Dale Apel and Melissa Millus for helping the day of the Bazaar

All those who donated their wonderful baked goods.

And, all those who supported our sale by purchasing items.
is Faithful!

- Terri Trompak





A Note from the Diocese

Standing Committee

The election of a Bishop is an event of major significance in the life of our diocese and of the whole church. The office of bishop represents both the historical preservation and the present empowerment of ministry and mission in church and world. The bishop is also an important sign of unity and community for all the people of God. We believe that God works with and through the actions and processes of human beings as they attempt together to understand and to be faithful to God's call. Our nomination, selection, and election processes and procedures are tools through which we conduct our leadership discernment efforts. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells the Church, and that God the Spirit will help us call forth a person to lead and to help us to order our

individual and communal spiritual lives, in this diocese, at this point in our history.

As we move prayerfully through these discernment processes, we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to show love and care for those with whom we come into contact. We will seek to be open to the issues and concerns of all our members; we will endeavor to be pastoral and personal with all who may be nominated at whatever point in our procedures.

We earnestly request the prayers of the diocese as we move through this challenging and hope-filled period in the life of our diocese. - The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Nevada

SEARCH IS UNDERWAY for our new Bishop! See the January/February issue of *DESERT SPIRIT* for all the details -- and plan to participate in **FOCUS GROUPS**

If you have any questions, ask the Search Committee

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New Sunday School Teachers

We are excited about the creation of a class for 7 – 9 year olds. Meet the teachers

Rebecca Dixon

Rebecca is a licensed education teacher with a Master's Degree in Education and the mother of Leah. She is soon to welcome a new baby girl into her family. Rebecca and Jay have been in Las Vegas for ten years. Many of their life milestones were celebrated at Christ Church, their confirmations, their marriage, Leah's baptism and the memorial service for their twin babies Joshua and Jason. They have been attending Epiphany since we were meeting in the Police Substation. Rebecca is excited to apply her teaching experience to teaching Sunday School.

Sue Racicot

Sue is a life long Episcopalian. From her childhood in Michigan to her early adulthood in Alaska she has always been involved with her church community. She previously taught Sunday school while in living in Alaska. She has been a member of Epiphany since it's inception and has enjoyed watching our family grow week to week.

Jill Racicot

Jill is a cradle Episcopalian. She was born and raised in Alaska, where she was involved as a child and teen with her church family. College took her to New York. Upon completion of her Masters degree, in Health Admin, She relocated to Henderson in 2006. She looks forward to working with her mom(Sue) and Rebecca, as they venture forward hoping to enrich the young lives of Epiphany's youth