



Church of the Epiphany

FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP

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FALL EPIPHANY NEWS AND MUSINGS

Looking at the calendar we still have two months to go before Advent and the new church year. We look forward to a good fall. The rains have come and the temperature is in the cool zone, Fires in the fireplace are a real possibility. We are prepared with a new cord of wood stacked under the porch. The next calendar events at church will be Halloween and All Saints Day and then later in November we will again host the Community Thanksgiving Service on the Wednesday before. This Sunday is potluck Sunday and the Leonards are bringing the fish they caught on their last trip and we are having a fish fry meal.

The church has recovered from the Labor Day Sale. And the best news is that King's Treasure came last week to take away the boxed leftovers and the back room is now clean and ready to start over for next year.

After the sale, Nancy and I got away for a few days of relaxation in southwestern Colorado and enjoyed the cool and even frosty mornings at the resort, Great food and excellent service gave us time to paint, sketch, photograph the surroundings and read and relax. No phone, no internet, and no news to mar your thinking. I read a great biography of Alexander the Great and was reminded that his rule of the world in around 320 BC matched the 530 BC prediction of the coming of the event by Ezekiel's prophecy and Daniel's visions.

According to Ezekiel (24:4) the mainland city of Tyre would be destroyed and it was by Nebuchadnezzar in 573 BC. Then came along Alexander the Great in 332 BC and finished the

job by building a land bridge with the remains of the mainland city to the island of Tyre and totally destroying the remaining portion of the great city. Well respected first century historian Josephus record this and the visit by Alexander to the Temple in Jerusalem. There he offered sacrifice to God under the direction of the high priest. This is not unusual in the conquest of Alexander as it is recorded that during his conquests he frequently acknowledge the religious observances of the area. He sacrificed at many different religious sites. These exploits are also recorded in the visions of Daniel.

Alexander died in all likelihood from malaria rather than foul play by his subordinate leader.

Frank went to the Diocesan Synod this year representing Epiphany since I had a Doctor's appointment that could not be rescheduled. His report is on page 2 and we are grateful for his attendance representing Epiphany. As you are aware we have been praying for our Deacon Dwight. We can now report that he is in Montrose, Colorado and has had a pacemaker implanted and at last report he and his heart's new friend are getting used to each other. He will have his arm in a sling for the next three weeks while the pacemaker and his heart grow together. We do miss him and please continue to keep him covered with prayer.

Interestingly this may be the year of the fox. Last week our indoor/outdoor cat who likes to go out as soon as the sun comes up to spend the day in the tall grass or lying in the sun had visitors. While she was lying near the apple peelings we had put out for the deer she was visited by three gray foxes. No one in the group seemed alarmed,

just a bit perplexed by the appearance. Google says cats and foxes are not a threat to each other and that seemed to be true. We were concerned and tried to get her back in the house. Sandy Thomas in Ruidoso said that their outdoor cat had a similar meeting with a fox recently. It is also reported that foxes have been seen on the Temple Mount in August 2019 and that is a prediction for the fulfillment of the rebuilding of the Temple. This sighting of foxes near the Western Wall is a grave reminder from the Book of Lamentations 5:18, "Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it." The foxes were observed just days before the saddest day in the Jewish calendar when the Jews mourn the destruction of the first and second Temples.

God bless you all in this Fall season,
Pastor Fred

From Fr. Frank

**2019 SYNOD
ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF THE
SOUTHWEST**

Clergy and Lay Delegates from most of the churches in the Anglican Diocese of the Southwest (ADSW) gathered in Albuquerque in mid-September for the annual Synod. Synod is a time to attend to business, such as budgets and elections and canonical matters. But it is also a time to assemble as a worshipping community with one another and with our Bishop. It is a time for fellowship and prayer, but it is also a time to reflect on and discuss our ministry and mission as a Diocese in the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA).

Accordingly, we elected new members to the Standing Committee (the Diocesan Board of Directors) and a new Dean for each of the four regional Deaneries. Elected from our Deanery was Rev. Courtney Brown from St. Clements, El Paso, as Dean, and Ms. Kristie Cossel, formerly of St. Clements and now the Youth Minister of the

Diocese, as a member. Kristie's election was quite appropriate as the Bishop announced that this would be the Year of the Youth in ADSW. Even though the great majority of those attending were, like us in Cloudcroft, long past the time of our youth, we were encouraged to hear that today's youth genuinely value the wisdom of the more mature. We were challenged to spend the time and energy necessary to build relationships with young people, even to listen to their talk which may seem meaningless, so that they know we will be there when they are ready to share what is meaningful. One quote, "They won't care about what you know until they know how much you care." The Bishop reminded us that there were two prayers that Jesus taught. One we can all recite from memory, the Lord's Prayer. The other we may vaguely recall. It is found in Luke 10:2, "And He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'" Think about it. It is pretty difficult to sow seeds if we are not willing to go out into the fields. Critically important is that we engage in youth ministry in ways that insure safety and security for all concerned.

The other major theme at Synod this year was an ongoing one: Covenant. In his teaching sessions, Bishop Mark traced that theme through Holy Scripture, explaining how God has entered into covenant after covenant with His chosen people, and how we have and have not responded. Even under the New Covenant in the New Testament, it is when we are faithful and obedient that we enter into new life. Just like in the Old Testament, however, disobedience brings death. Even as we embrace the unconditional forgiveness offered to us through the Cross of Christ, all too often, Bishop Mark taught, we, like the Jews, tend to use covenant as a weapon, the club of legalism, to find fault and blame. Rather we are to see in covenant the love of God for us

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continued**

and our charter for how we act out our love for God and for one another. Please read and apply the Covenant for our Life Together in the Anglican Diocese of the Southwest on page 4 of this newsletter.

A highlight for me at Synod was hearing how God is working in the other churches in the Diocese, many of them in difficult circumstances, and not just financial. For example, our brothers and sisters in Mexico reported dealing with victims of cartel violence and mine disasters. The Anglican church in the Four Corners area is heavily engaged in ministry to those dealing with substance abuse. Another church in West Texas supports orphanage ministry. We prayed for one another. We laid hands on and prayed for our Bishop.

Like with most out-of-town events, it was difficult to get ready and go. I am comfortable at home sleeping in my own bed. But once on site and with old friends (and some new), I was glad I went! Consider offering to go as a delegate next year. Ministry doesn't only happen at 400 Chipmunk at Grand at 10:00 on Sunday mornings.

In Christ,
Frank K. Wilson, Associate Pastor

Bishop Mark and
Fr. Frank



Pictures from Synod 2019: above, gathering and table fellowship
below, signing the covenant



A Covenant for Our Life Together in the Anglican Diocese of the Southwest

Prayer

We covenant to pray daily for each other, for our congregations, and for the Diocese. We pray for spiritual and numerical growth in all our congregations. We pray that we will always have a spirit of forgiveness and grace as we relate to one another.

Biblical Relationships

We affirm that we will communicate in a respectful and healthy manner, speaking well of one another publicly and privately. When we fail this standard, we will repent and seek forgiveness from God and one another (Ephesians 4:29-32). When we believe that another member has sinned against us, we will seek to use the process laid out in Matthew 18:15-20, first and foremost going discreetly and directly to the person with whom we have a grievance. In all humility, we commit to transparent conversations regarding our corporate life together. We will seek mutual cooperation and collaboration in our life together.

Building Gospel Partnership

During each yearly parish visitation, the Bishop and clergy will meet for mutual encouragement and prayer. We commit to ongoing reflection and dialogue around annual goals to assess the health of the congregation and thus the health of the diocese. During the visitation the Bishop will follow up efforts towards mission and evangelism.

Common Mission

We covenant to live together in community, not just in worship, but in mission as well. We commit to participate in Synod, clergy and deanery gatherings, and diocesan-wide events as much as we are able. We seek to live in obedience to the Great Commission, striving to make disciples, and leading lives in obedience to the Word of God. We will look for opportunities to reach people outside our church and impact our communities.

Global Partnership as Leaders

We agree to engage in our common life together to the best of our ability, encouraging our congregations to join us as we work to establish the Kingdom.

The following Scripture passages shape the nature of our covenant and spell out the meaning of our faithfulness to God and to one another: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, Ephesians 4:11-32, Romans 12:3-21.

We conclude with this from St. Paul: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-5

Parish News

Music: Sad Farewells

We said goodbye to our summer musicians who have all returned home by the time of this newsletter. Many thanks for a wonderful musical summer to Jessie Brinkley, Nancy Knowles, and Susan Scott! We pray they will be safe and look forward to their joining us again next Spring.

We welcomed Esther back on Sunday, September 22, and we will welcome the Thomases on Sunday, October 6, when they play while Esther is enjoying Parents Weekend with daughter Lydia at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

We look forward to having Danette Heath play for our Christmas service. She and her husband, Richard will be spending the holidays in their new cabin in 16 Springs.

Fish Fry, Sunday October 6

Bill and Evelyn Leonard have returned from an eventful fishing trip to Utah and are treating us to a fish fry for our October potluck. Bill is bringing his stove and Patrick Zima will help him with the cooking. Unfortunately the Leonards had to return early because of an unusual infestation of yellow jackets in southern Utah and Evelyn was stung several times. We thank Bill and Evelyn for the sacrifice - we will appreciate those fish!

We also thank the Leonards again for the coffee hour table, it has a permanent home at one side of our worship space and we can use all those round tablecloths that we have!

Soldier Smiles Packing Party photos: Top Rt. assembly line with youngest volunteer - 3yrs old!; bottom Rt. Paul replenishing items for Karli; Bottom: Karli and Fred working hard.



Soldier Smiles Packing Party

On Sunday, September 29, Karli Sorensen, Pastor Fred and Nancy joined the Fazenbakers at Grace Methodist Church in Alamogordo and with other volunteers from several other churches, the Masons, and some Alamogordo high school students put together 517 packages to go to deployed military. This project has been an ongoing ministry of the Fazenbaker family. The running total for packages is 18,141 over the years this project has been going.

These packages are going directly on a deployment plane that will be leaving Ft. Bliss on Friday, October 4. This was indeed a timely packing party.

You have a chance to help with the Christmas packages on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 2 pm at Grace Methodist. We will be doing Christmas cards for these boxes. Please take a few minutes to write a few cards and bring them to the church.



Fall Schedule: Looking Forward

All Saints Service, Sunday, November 3 Soldier Smiles Packing Party,

November 10 - 2 pm
Grace Methodist Church,
Alamogordo

Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 27 - 5 pm

Christmas Bazaar at church

Friday, Nov. 29-Saturday, Nov. 30

Advent begins, Sunday, December 1

Many people have asked for Ailene Gainey's grape salad recipe from our August potluck - Enjoy!

Ailene's Grape Salad

2 lbs red & green grapes
1 8oz sour cream
1 8 oz cream cheese
1/3 Cup sugar
1 tsp vanilla
topping:
brown sugar & pecans

Combine sour cream, cream cheese and sugar & vanilla until creamy.
Add grapes, stir until coated. Sprinkle brown sugar & chopped pecans on top.
Chill until ready to serve.



LEMS, Lectors & Altar Guild

Donya is looking for a few people to help her with Altar guild duties - setting up the altar on Friday or Saturday and/or cleaning up on Sunday. We can work schedules to suit and the more people we have the easier it is on everyone.

As always we need LEMS and Lectors.

Praise Reports

For the diagnosis and successful medical procedure for a pacemaker for Deacon Dwight

For a successful ADSW Synod 2019

For Eddie and Karli Aguilar's safe return from Europe

For a successful packing party for Soldier Smiles Ministry boxes

Prayer Concerns

For Deacon Dwight and Marge as they settle in to their new home in Colorado

For Maggie Fazenbaker's new employment
For Lynne Skinner

For Margaret Bailey and the Fazenbakers.
For Healing: Annette Fazenbaker, Richard Salazar, Doniece, Tom Carteaux, Joel Fyock.

For new ministry opportunities for Epiphany
For church plant plans within the diocese
Good Shepherd, Hill NM (Rev. Margaret Short)

UNM ministry (Greg & Noel Pfeifer)
Church plant by Good Shepherd Anglican, San Angelo and for a positive court decision on their building.

Raffle

Stained Glass Panel

\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 - Need not be present to win.

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Drawing to be held Sunday, December 1, 2019

All monies go to outreach

October Service Schedule

LEMS & Lectors

The Rev. Willis F. Griffin, Pastor
The Rev. Frank K. Wilson, Associate Pastor

Sunday, October 3 - 10 AM

Pentecost 8

Holy Eucharist - Pastor Fred
LEM Patrick Zima
Lector Paul Fazenbaker

Sunday, October 13 - 10 AM

Pentecost 9

Holy Eucharist - Pastor Fred
LEM Karli Sorensen
Lector Donya Conine

Sunday, October 20 - 10 AM

Pentecost 10

Holy Eucharist -
LEM Patrick Zima
Lector Paul Fazenbaker

Sunday, October 27 - 10 AM

Pentecost 11

Holy Eucharist - Fr. Frank
LEM Karli Sorensen
Lector Donya Conine

Sunday, November 3 - 10 AM

Pentecost 12

Holy Eucharist - Pastor Fred
LEM Patrick Zima
Lector Paul Fazenbaker

All Saints Day

We will celebrate All Saints Day on
Sunday, Nov. 3.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table,
please list names you wish to be
remembered at the altar on that
Sunday.

Deacon Dwight's New Address

1224 Pitchfork
Montrose, CO 81401
email
mgharp@yahoo.com

Cell Phone: 575/430-4463

Talked with Dwight on Tuesday, Oct. 1, and he is
100% better. Praise the Lord!

He appreciates your cards and letters so much!

October Events Schedule

Sunday, October 6 - Fish Fry Potluck

Sunday, October 13 - Church Board Meeting



October Coffee Hour

October 6 - Potluck /fish fry

October 13 -

October 20 - Nancy Griffin

October 27 -

Sign-up sheets are on the table in narthex.



October Birthdays

Donya Conine - 13

Joan Manley - 13

Alonso Marquez - 28

October Anniversaries

Murl & Gayle Tullis - 5

Stan & Sandy Thomas - 13

Jim & Mary Ann Russ - 15

Tom & Fran Gregg - 16

Esther & Joel Fyock - 24

Lectionary for October ACNA Anglican Lectionary C

Pentecost 17 • October 6

Psalm 37:1-17

Habakkuk 1:1-13, 2:1-4

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

Pentecost 18 • October 13

Psalm 113

Ruth 1:1-19a

2 Timothy 2:1-15

Luke 17:11-19

Pentecost 19 • October 20

Psalm 121

Genesis 32:3-8, 22-30

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

Pentecost 20 • October 27

Psalm 84

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

2 Timothy 4:6-18

Luke 18:9-14

All Saints Day • November 3

Psalm 149

Revelation 7:9-17

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 5:1-12 or Luke 6:20-26

The Head of the Church is Jesus Christ

The Anglican Church in North America,

The Rt. Rev. Foley Beach, Archbishop

Diocese of the Southwest,

The Rt. Rev. J. Mark Zimmerman, Bishop

Church of the Epiphany

The Rev. Willis F. Griffin, Pastor

The Rev. Frank K. Wilson, Associate Pastor

Deacon Dwight Harp, Deacon

Musicians: Esther Fyock, Jessie Brinkley, Nancy Knowles,
Susan Scott, David Brinkley, Stan & Sandy Thomas.

Eddie Aguilar, Junior Warden

Joan Manley, Treasurer

Wayne Conine, Assistant Treasurer

Church Board

Karli Sorensen Aguilar

Donya Conine Annette Fazenbaker

Paul Fazenbaker, William Swain,

Nancy Griffin, Clerk

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere where the Word of God fills each person with an understanding and renewal of their faith in Christ.

Outreach, both within our own community as well as abroad, is a further extension of this faith.

Romans 10:17 ~ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.

Church of the Epiphany Prayer List

The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Rt. Rev. Justin Welby, and the Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church in North America, The Rt. Rev. Foley Beach, Archbishop

The Anglican Diocese of the Southwest; Bishop J. Mark Zimmerman

Christ the King, Albuquerque (Rev. Tom McGee, Rev. Pete Falk, Deacon John Bowers, Deacon Bill Lock); **Church of Our Lord**, Albuquerque (Rev. Harold Trott, Rev. Michael Kline); **Christ Church**, Farmington (Rev. Carl Brenner, Rev. Barbara Brenner); **St. Clement's Church**, El Paso (Rev. Bill Cobb, Rector, Rev. Travis King, Rev. Rick Milliorn, Deacon Don Morrill); **Rey de Paz**, El Paso (Rev. Ken Hanna.); **Good Shepherd**, San Angelo (Rev. Hal C. Scott, Rev. June Smith); **St. Stephen's**, Roswell, (Rev. Bob Tally); **Holy Trinity**, Silver City (Rev. John Price); **All Saints & St. Paul's**, Midland (Rev. Tom Finnie); **Church of the Epiphany**, Cloudcroft, (Rev. Fred Griffin, Rev. Frank K. Wilson, Deacon Dwight Harp); **Iglesia La Trinidad**, Guadalajara, **Jesus es la Resurreccion**, Aguas Calientes, **Gran Pastor**, Fresnillo Mexico (Rev. Maria Del Rayo Jimenez Victoria, Rev. Elias Rosales Mendez); **Good Shepherd**, Hill, (Rev. Margaret Short.) **Iglesia Anglicana**, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (Rev. Jack Wehrs); **St. Mark's**, Amarillo (Rev. Tom Johnson).

For: Dwight Harp; Richard Salazar; Doniece; Dallas; Wayne and Donya Conine; Lynne Skinner; Joan Manley; Joel Fyock; Margaret Bailey; Tom and Gail Carteaux; Rev. Shelby Moon and family; Bishop Jack Iker; Trevor Conine; Eddie Aguilar; Wayne Conine Jr. and the children; Marge Harp; the Zima family; Kelli; Kathleen Paige; Patti; Ethan; Carolyn McClish, Marianne Currans; John Manley; Lisanne Fyock; Harry Duval, Heather Mott and the children;

For: Creed Napier; Alonso Marquez; Dominick Rankin, Mason Gregg, Gabriella Murley and all service men and women, all police and first responders.