



The Church of the Epiphany

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Dear Parishioners,

We have so many reasons to be filled with joy and gratitude at The Church of the Epiphany.

Our parish has been ministering in downtown Washington since 1842. Our church building has been a place of worship for all types and conditions of humankind since 1844. Our parish house has provided space for significant formation, fellowship, and social justice since 1912.

Epiphany Mission Center, Street Church, The Welcome Table, and Tuesday Concert Series are compassionate and inspirational ministries that reach out to people both near and far. Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and at other times throughout the week, we gather to practice radical welcome, intentional faith community, spiritual growth, and joyous play. Recently, we completed a very successful renovation of our buildings, so that they will continue to be a place in which people can feel the presence of God, grow in the faith, do justice, and build community.

The Vestry wants to build on the faithfulness and generosity of generations past as we move towards a new chapter of our parish journey in 2015. This year, we hired an Administrative Assistant and a Director of Epiphany Mission Center, and we expanded the role of the Music Director. Later this year, we will hire a Parish Administrator, Grants Consultant, and Sexton. Next year, we will begin the process of calling a new Rector.

The Vestry believes that this new parish staff configuration will provide the best guidance and oversight for a complex parish like Epiphany, which includes many related ministries and groups of constituents. It does, however, come with a cost. The projected budget for 2015 is at least 10% greater than this year's budget; consequently, the Vestry is asking all parishioners to make a generous pledge and all current pledgers to consider increasing their pledges by 10% for 2015.

We are on a sacred mission at The Church of the Epiphany, a mission to provide and participate in relevant, solid, inspirational, and courageously inclusive ministry in downtown Washington, DC. We invite and encourage you to make the commitment to be active in this mission. We have so many reasons to be filled with joy and gratitude!

We will be sending you more information soon about the Pledge Campaign and financial stewardship at Epiphany, and a parishioner will call or email you in case you have questions. The big date to remember is November 2, All Saints' Sunday. That is the day we all will offer in worship our pledge forms to God to be blessed.

Faithfully yours,

Epiphany's Financial Stewardship Ministry Team
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