

# Three Crowns

The Newsletter for The Parish of the Epiphany

January 31, 2012

## Together in Christ

*"Come little children, harken unto me and I will teach you to revere the Lord..."*

A daunting task, especially if we feel our own religious upbringing was lacking (or if we realize that "revere" when translated from the Hebrew "yir'ah" in the above quote usually is interpreted as "fear.")

Since beginning at Epiphany, and particularly since the implementation of the new Sunday school model in September, it has been my job to recruit and shepherd new brave volunteers as they become teachers. Some people are naturals, happy to dive in and engage the kids in a new curriculum. Most, however, seem to fear a classroom of 7 year olds more than the psalmist fears the LORD.

In teaching we face our own insecurities: we fear we won't know all the answers when asked, we won't be able to gain the children's respect or hold their attention. We fear our own lives are not Christ centered enough to be entrusted with the religious education of children. As Christians there is only one response to such feelings: Get over it!

The Church is a community (and if it hasn't come across yet, my Christology is built on community, particularly the church community as the body of the living Christ). Within a community each member is supported as they support others. It is a safe space where failure is not possible because there are always neighbors around to catch you and keep you from stumbling. This is where we confront our fears and overcome our perceived inadequacies so we may grow to be better, more able, servants of God.

I am always delighted to talk to new teachers after their first, second, or fourth Sunday. Their initial fear and trepidation has dissolved into the realization that they can teach a bunch of eight year olds about God. After telling them over and over again that they can do it they finally see their triumph for themselves.

My secret hope is that they are able to build on that realization. If they can teach

a class, maybe they can lead a chapel service. If they can lead chapel, maybe they can organize a prayer group, or take the lead in an outreach ministry. The possibilities are endless.

*Ulea Lago*

*Director of Christian Formation*

## The Parish of the Epiphany Annual Meeting

**Wednesday, February 8**

The evening begins at 6:00pm with a dinner to benefit the women's El Hogar mission team. The parish's annual meeting will follow the dinner.

The 2011 annual reports are available in the parish office and on Sundays in Hadley Hall.

## Confirmation class begins February 12

All young persons in grades 9-12 are invited to join our confirmation program. We begin on Sunday, February 12. Classes will be held in the Garrett from 11:15 until noon. Classes continue on Sundays until the service of confirmation which will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Paul in Boston on Saturday, May 12 at 10:30am. More information about the meeting schedule will be discussed on February 12. If you have any questions please contact the rector. Any adult wanting to be confirmed should also contact the rector, [tbrown@3crowns.org](mailto:tbrown@3crowns.org).

## Adult Education

This Sunday, February 5 we welcome the Reverend Carol Anderson to the adult class.

On February 12 we return to our offering of mini-courses. The classes range from studying the Bible, to the Puritans in America, to Medieval mysticism, to yoga, and finally, to health, spirituality, and healing. This last offering about healing is new and combines body, mind, and spiritual practices to facilitate the healing process. The class will be led by Susan Franchi and will meet in Hadley Hall.

## Together Now Campaign

Beginning with this edition of the Three Crowns we'll feature a regular column about the *Together Now Campaign*. Today's article describes some of the history of the church's tower, the restoration of which is a significant component of the Campaign.



*Epiphany pre-1940 without the tower (above) and after the tower was constructed (left).*

We don't know a lot about Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, the parishioners who funded the bulk of the cost of our bell tower. We don't know if there was discussion about an endowment that would have ensured the upkeep of that part of the building, nor do we know if having bells and a tower was driven more by the Miller's interests, or by the whole parish's desire. We do know that the Winchester Star wrote about the tower in November of 1940, and we know that the architect who designed the church, F. Patterson Smith, in the early 1900s, also designed the tower, 35 years later.

Now, in 2012, the tower's deterioration is a life safety concern; the masonry is literally falling off. We could remove the bells and the tower, but even that--the demolition and removal--would cost upwards of \$400,000. We believe good stewardship calls us to restore it. The vestry wants to make sure the bells are secure, while also preserving the beauty of our church, and the safety of our neighbors and ourselves. Preliminary studies estimate the cost between \$350,000-\$500,000. The reason for that significant range is that contractors need to "get in there" to figure out the extent of the damage. Your gift to the *Together Now Campaign* will enable us to get this accomplished. For more information about making a gift speak with the chairs, Jay & Gabrielle Stott at 781.721.5796 or the rector.

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## Family Day at the Cathedral

Saturday, February 11

10:00am to 2:00pm

Cathedral Church of St. Paul

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Cathedral we invite you to shake off the mid-winter doldrums with activities, song, scavenger hunting and more. Join us at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul located at 138 Tremont Street in Boston. Children, teens, parents and educators are invited to join the fun and educational activities. Events include:

- ◆ Conversation with Bishop Tom Shaw and Bishop Barbara Harris (10:00am)
- ◆ Introduction to "The Abundant Life Garden" children's program by Episcopal Relief and Development
- ◆ Learn about cathedrals through art, song and a scavenger hunt
- ◆ Fly paper airplanes off the balcony
- ◆ Have lunch followed by birthday cake
- ◆ Festive worship to culminate the day

Family Day is free and no registration is required.

## Mission and Outreach 2012

Please join us as we plan our mission and outreach programs for 2012. We will gather on Monday, February 6 from 7:00 - 9:00pm. Topics for discussion include our Lenten focus: *A Time to Turn* from Ecclesiastes 3.1-15 and how this action fits into supporting our many outreach ministries.

The meeting will be held at Peggy and Jack Roll's home: 7 Wainwright Road, Unit 45 in Winchester.

## Creole Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, February 11

6:00 - 8:00pm in Hadley Hall

Proceeds support Epiphany's  
Medical Mission to Leogane, Haiti

Tickets: \$20/person \$40/family

For more information contact  
Nick Candee or Linda Brown  
617.484.2561

## A Conference About Community

Epiphany is a lead-sponsor for the Winchester Multicultural Network's interactive conference, *Winchester In Transition (WIT)*, designed to assist people to understand, embrace, and capitalize on our population that is increasingly diverse in race, ethnicity, religion, socio-economic status, age, sexual orientation, and disability. Your participation in this discussion is encouraged. The keynote speaker and day's facilitator is Teja Arboleda, an Emmy Award-winning television producer, director, writer, professor, and entertainer, whose mission is to challenge people to grow in their understanding of racial and cultural diversity.

The conference will be held on Saturday, February 11 from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the Auditorium of Winchester's Town Hall. Lunch is being provided by Winchester's newest restaurant, Stone Hearth Pizza. More detailed information is available on the conference web site, [www.gettowit.org](http://www.gettowit.org).

## Have you heard

Our prayers are extended to - the family of Ruth Pepper, who died last week. Ruth and her husband, Edward, were active parishioners before they retired to Maine in the early 2000's.

## Epiphany Movie Nights

Monthly movie nights return in February. Beginning with "Inglorious Basterds" on February 10. The movie was made in 2009 and was directed by Quentin Tarantino. Following the presentation there will be a discussion of issues raised in the film. Admission is free. Bring a friend.

Movies continue on the second Friday of the month. On March 9 the feature is "Limbo." Mark your calendars.

## Setting the Table

*Setting the Table: From Field to Plate* is the service learning program on food, farms and hunger for middle and high school students. The class operates out of Epiphany's kitchen on Sunday afternoons and features field trips and cooking sessions.

The program starts on February 5 and continues for ten Sundays (omitting school holidays and vacations). We end on May 20 with a dinner for the community members that the students prepare. To register contact Susan Youmans at 781.729.4021 or Tim Severyn at [tseveryn@mail.harvard.edu](mailto:tseveryn@mail.harvard.edu)

This week's calendar can be found on  
Epiphany's website

[www.3crowns.org/happenings](http://www.3crowns.org/happenings)

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