

September 2011

Dear Friends of Outreach,

Seeking to make a difference in the world while uniting Epiphany around our mission of transforming our world through love and generosity the Mission and Outreach team invites you to join us in "hands on service" during the month of October. Our goal is 100% parish-wide participation. There's something for everyone, from helping serve food to the homeless or shut-ins, donating food to 3 food pantries we support, sorting and/or selling rummage, checking out books at a library, walking for El Hogar, apple picking with Brookview moms and kids, helping build affordable housing, learning about microlending and more. Enjoy fellowship while working on a project or experiencing something new together! More soon. In this newsletter, you'll find articles about:

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Please be in touch with either Kate Reynolds at 781-729-9618 or kateandjosh@kjreynolds.com or Betsy Walsh at 781-729-6598 or walshhome@mindspring.com to learn more about any one of the projects.

~ Betsy and Kate

**Please join us at our
Mission and Outreach
2011/12 Kick Off Party
September 26
7-9 pm
@ the Rectory**



Opportunities to Serve

2nd Tues.
9/13, 10/11,
11/8, 12/13

Rosie's Place sign up online @
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/rosies>
see page 9 for more details

4th Tues. ea.
mo.
9/20, 10/25,
11/22, 12/27

Meals on Wheels sign up online @
www.signupgenius.com/go/meals1238

Mornings in
October TBD
Fridays 9-11
am

Blackstone Library contact Eileen Marks @
eileenmarks@verizon.net
St Lukes Food Pantry
sign up online @
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/stlukes>

4th Sat ea
month, 8-4
pm

Habitat for Humanity
contact John @ john.cuozzo@verizon.net

3rd Saturday
of ea mo. 8-
10:30 and
10:30 -1
Sun., Sept
18,
4-6:30 pm

St Lukes Soup Kitchen-sign up online @
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/stlukes2>

Brookview House Summer Sizzler in
Dorchester see p 9 or contact Julie Dalton
@ juliecdalton@yahoo.com

Sun. Oct 2
3-5 pm

Apple Picking with *Brookview House*
contact Julie @ juliecdalton@yahoo.com

Sat. Oct 8
Noon-4:30

Sat/Sun Bread
Contact mc.provo@verizon.net

Fri Oct 14 5-
7:30, Sat Oct
15, 10-1 pm

Rummage Sale, contact
renientom@yahoo.com for more info.

Sun Oct 16

Discussion about Opportunities
In Rwanda, Africa

Sun. Oct 23,
1-4 pm

El Hogar Walk-a-thon
In Winchester

Fri, Nov 18
11 a.m -8 pm

Christmas Goose Fair

KIDS4PEACE, Boston

by Pam Chester



Epiphany just initiated a partnership with Kids4Peace, a program established after 9/11 by the Diocese of Jerusalem to teach peacemaking skills and promote understanding among Jewish, Muslim, and Christian children. The bishop's plan was to bring together groups of 12 children from Jerusalem and 12 American kids, with 4 from each of the Abrahamic faiths in each group. Unlike some earlier "peace camps," these are all 11- and 12-year-olds, open to new ideas and also thoughtful and articulate.



We asked K4P Boston executive director Peggy Stevens in early June how we could help, with the first session of

camp less than one month away. She replied that she needed funding, particularly for a campership to bring in a US camper who could not otherwise afford the camp fees, and also to support the follow-up meetings conducted in Jerusalem and the West Bank after camp is over.



Thanks to the generosity of the WE Global Mission Fund, created as a living memorial

to the decades of work by Women of Epiphany, we were able to cover not only the \$700 campership but also to give \$1300 toward post-camp support work in the Holy Land.

Just after the July 4 holiday, the Holy Land travelers arrived safely and settled in at Camp Merrowvista in NH.



The Boston campers arrived on July 7, and began a week of outdoor

adventure, learning, and silly fun. At one point the adult leaders realized that the boys, taking to heart the verse of the Quran about aromatic oils pleasing to God, had all doused themselves liberally with Axe (for those of us out of the teen-boy loop, Axe is a body spray cologne for men and is quite powerful!). Then one creative child decided that insect repellent would heighten the effect still further. By the time staff came into their dorm room, the smell was pretty indescribable! --a small humorous example of the deeply serious religious and cultural blending explorations these kids experienced.



Their second week was spent in the dorms at Bentley U in Waltham, MA, and I was privileged to attend

"Abraham's Tent," an evening of camp songs, skits, and presentations for Boston-area parents and volunteers. There were many misty eyes among the adults as we listened to the songs of "salaam, shalom, peace" ringing out (We Can See That Peace Is Coming - YouTube) and heard the Muslim call to prayer beautifully sung by a young boy from Ramallah (Muslim Call to Prayer Demonstration - YouTube)



Now camp is over and everyone is safe at home. Of course, planning for next year is already in full swing!



Israeli camper reads the Hebrew scripture during Eucharist



Epistle in Arabic read by West Bank camper

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Help spread the word about Kids4Peace—learn more at www.kids4peaceboston.org
- Ask boys and girls who will be 11 or 12 next summer to consider whether they might like to participate in the 2012 camp
- Help develop a Christian formation program for children at Epiphany (perhaps a Lenten project) about peacemaking in the Holy Land and K4P
- Give generously to Third Sunday Offering, Giving Tree, or directly

Contact Pam Chester at 617-484-6088 or pam_chester@hotmail.com for more information.

***There is early planning going on re:
an Epiphany pilgrimage
to the Holy Land in Spring 2013
Contact Jack Roll
jayroller@verizon.net with questions***

Daughters of Abraham Book Group *By Pam Chester*

The Daughters of Abraham is an interfaith book group consisting of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim women. Its mission is to overcome stereotypes and to foster mutual respect and understanding among Jewish, Christian, and Muslim women.

The first group was founded in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 2002 as a response to the tragedy of 9/11. The purpose is to increase respect for all of the Abrahamic religions by reading books that teach about each other's faith traditions and learn from each other about the practice of our respective faiths. Group members commit to building relationships with each other. Daughters of Abraham is not a dialogue group, but a book group focused on discussions of books that explore our three faith traditions.

Any Jewish, Christian or Muslim woman who shares the Daughters' purpose and mission is welcome to join.

The group's name emphasizes the common elements that unite us. Abraham is revered as the first monotheist. In this sense, he is the "father" and the members can be thought of as "daughters" of different "mothers," Sarah and Hagar. By naming themselves Abraham's daughters, the group members are saying that there is more holding them together than separating them.

Groups try to select a meeting space that is non-sectarian, comfortable and easily accessible by public

transportation. Group members agree to listen and speak respectfully to one another, not to monopolize the conversation, and to speak from personal experience, rather than making sweeping statements. Members suggest books at the meetings. Periodically, they review all the suggestions, then by consensus, choose the books that will be read. If anyone strongly objects to reading a particular book, it is not read.

On September 18, at 12:30pm, we will hold an informational meeting with Anne Minton, one of the founders of the Boston-area DoA groups. She'll tell us a bit about the group and what it would take to form a new book group in the Winchester area.

Please feel free to invite Jewish or Muslim women, or friends from other churches, who might have an interest in learning more about this opportunity to explore our own and each others' faiths in an atmosphere of friendly inquiry.

Check their website for more information, Daughters of Abraham: Women's Interfaith Book Group ,or call Pam Chester at 617-484-6088 with questions.



Chris and Nicholas Berns preparing the hot dog lunch in St. Stephens' kitchen

BSAFE (Bishop's Summer Academic & Fun Enrichment Program) - July 2011 ***St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Boston's South End***

by Betsy Walsh

For one week in July, Epiphany folks headed into Boston each day to prepare and serve a hot lunch to 180 hungry campers and staff. Feeding this many required 5 fearless lunch leaders, 23 preparers and servers, 6 bag lunch makers , 2 field trip lunch delivers, 26 food

donors, 400 hotdogs, 40 lbs of ground beef for tacos, 360 homemade cookies, 15 cantalopes- you get the point. It was a huge undertaking and once again, as is the case every year, Epiphany met the challenge with grace, enthusiasm, joy and generosity. Thank you to each and every one of you who helped make our week a great success! For more information about BSAFE or the programs run by St. Stephen's Youth programs, please contact Betsy Walsh at 781-729-6598 or walshhome@mindspring.com.



Lunch servers Changchen Gao, Rich Goldhor, Betsy Walsh, Margo Hunter, Pam Chester and Mary Street

St Luke's Food Pantry

Every Friday morning, parishioners and friends (you don't have to "go" to Epiphany to join us!) unload a pick up truck full of food and haul it up to the food pantry. We stock the shelves and then we bag it for distribution on Saturday morning. This physically challenging work is a huge help to Fr Edgar who was doing it all by himself! If you are physically able, it is a great workout. If you are less able, never fear, we have tasks for you as well! St. Luke's is easy to get to, has off street parking, and children are welcome. Please go to www.signupgenius.com/go/stlukes to sign up. The more hands, the better so it would be fabulous if we had 4 people on every shift. Thank you! Please contact Betsy Walsh at walshhome@mindspring.com or 781-729-6598 for more information.

Also, extra hands are always appreciated on Saturday mornings when local residents come in to receive the food bags. You may be asked to fill more bags, hand them out or help in whatever way is needed. You do not need to sign up ahead of time. Just show up at 8:30 Saturday morning.



Lunch servers Claudia Bell, Susan Malloy, Priscilla Berns, Susan Youmans and Sara Post

Prepare and Serve hot meals at St. Luke's- San Lucas Community Kitchen

by Claudia Bell

On September 17th, October 15th, November 19th, and December 19th, members of Epiphany will cook and serve breakfast and lunch to 60-80 Chelsea residents.

On Thursday, November 24th, THANKSGIVING MORNING, we need volunteers to prepare and serve dinner. Shift times will be announced closer to Thanksgiving.

Please contact Claudia Bell at claudiacantey@gmail.com if you'd like to help with this important ministry or sign up online @ <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/stlukes2>

Opportunities to attend bilingual services on Sunday at St. Lukes-San Lucas in Chelsea

Would you like to improve your listening and speaking skills in Spanish? Please join us as we car pool to St. Luke's on Sunday, November 6 and Sunday, December 4. We will participate in a vibrant bilingual service, filled with singing and worshipping God together with their Latino community.

There will also be a special youth-centered component at these 10:00am services.

(For those who would like to participate in a full emersion service, St. Luke's hold services in Spanish only at 12:00 every Sunday).

For more information, please contact Claudia Bell at claudiacantey@gmail.com

Council of Social Concern: Food Pantry

by Barbara Foot

Please help us put food on the table by supporting the food pantry at the Council for Social Concern in Woburn. The demand for food has increased significantly in the past year and shows no sign of abating. Donating food is a perfect way to help out during our Parish Wide Service month of October ! There is an ongoing need for staple foods – a specific list can be found on the Council's website @ <http://www.socialconcern.org/index.php?q=node/9>

Food items may be dropped off at Epiphany at any time, in the shopping cart at the entrance to the church. Contact Nancy Solomon @ nsolomon@nemoves.com for any questions about food deliveries.

In November, please consider providing a Thanksgiving basket for an area family. A shopping list will be provided and children of all ages can help fill the bags and baskets. Keep a look out for more details closer to Thanksgiving. Any questions? Please visit the Council's website or contact Barbara Foot bfoot@verizon.net

Summer Town-wide Food Drive

by Betsy Walsh

On Saturday, August 6th many Winchester faith and civic organizations came together at the Farmers market to collect food for the food pantry at the Council of Social Concern in Woburn. Food resources are very strained in the summer months because the demand for food increases with children home for breakfast and lunch and donations decrease. I am pleased to report that this town wide collaboration netted about \$3,000 worth of food and more than \$1,000 in cash donations. Thank you to all who participated- the folks at CSC were extremely grateful. We hope this is just the beginning of working together as a community to meet the needs of those around us. Please let Betsy or Kate know if you are interested in working with us to launch this new partnership.

Join us for our
Third Annual Boston area El Hogar Walk/Bikeathon
Sunday October 23, 2011
Walk starts @ 2 pm
Winchester Common



More El Hogar News
by Jenny Rappole

The dates for the next Women's Team Mission Trip to El Hogar have been set: March 3rd- March 10th, 2012. We will have an informational meeting regarding this mission trip in the Suter Room off of Hadley Hall on Sunday, October 2nd at 12:00pm. Please come join us if you have any interest in joining our next women's mission trip. If you cannot make the meeting but you are interested in the March work team, please contact Jenny Rappole at jrappole@gmail.com or at 781-729-2539.

As for the Walkathon, SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, October 23rd 1pm-4pm will be our 3rd Annual El Hogar Walkathon. This has been a wonderful event for our parish, as well as our community. Please plan on walking with your family, your kids, with dogs, with scooters, with little kids bikes, with a light foot or a speedy foot, with friends or neighbors or a friend from the parish. This is a 5K walk through Winchester, starting at the Town Common, walking past Epiphany, over towards Sandy Beach and back through town via Mystic Valley Parkway. You can register as a team or as a walker by visiting www.elhogar.org. If walking 3 miles is not in the cards for you, then please consider volunteering for an hour shift. There are many small tasks that need to be accomplished to pull off this wonderful event. We would love your help. Please contact Jenny Rappole at jrappole@gmail.com or Betsy Walsh at walshhome@mindspring.com if you would like to volunteer. HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

Mission Trip to Rwanda, May 2012

by Rev. Thomas Brown

In addition to the the parish's ongoing involvement with Books for South Africa, and a new initiative in Zambia, called Chikambuso we're excited to announce that we're taking a pilgrimage to Rwanda, May 12-20, 2012. The trip will be co-led by our rector and the Reverend Jeffrey Gill, rector at Christ Church in Andover. Some will recall meeting the Reverend Philbert Kalisa, a priest from Rwanda, who preached at Epiphany in December of 2010. Philbert is the executive director of a REACH-Rwanda, <http://www.reach-rwanda.org> an organization committed to post-genocide reconciliation and healing. Christ Church in Andover has been involved with REACH for several years, and now, through them, Epiphany has the opportunity to participate in this on-the-ground work of healing. In addition to REACH, we'll visit some of the projects of CHABHA (Children Affected By HIV/AIDS), another organization with which Thomas Brown has a history. You can read more about CHABHA @ <http://www.chabha.org>. CHABHA supports grassroots community based organizations formed to address the needs and challenges of the millions of orphans that have been affected by both the 1994 genocide, and the HIV/AIDS epidemic. CHABHA creates a chance for a child to improve her own life, a ripple effect that spreads to her family, across the country and the continent.

Interested in learning more? Not interested in going on the pilgrimage, but want to learn more generally about our ministry in Rwanda? All are welcome to a conversation on October 16th after church. More information to follow.



Chikambuso in Zambia, Africa

by Kate Reynolds

Chikambuso is a new initiative presented to Mission and Outreach by Linda Wilkinson, founder, and parishioner, Priscilla Burns, who organized a meeting over the summer with Linda and other Epiphany supporters to see how we

might get involved. Chikumbuso provides food, medical care and schooling to hundreds of orphans, widows and families affected by HIV/AIDS, an ambitious program started by Linda just 6 years ago. Working within a budget of \$170,000 compiled from generous donors, grants, sponsors of the children and a microlending business, Linda's team has built and recently opened a new school for the children. Their website is being revamped but you can learn more about the program on their facebook page @ <http://www.facebook.com/chikumbuso>

Epiphany plans to allocate some microloan funds to support her program. We also plan to offer the handbags the women make from recycled plastic bags and stylish beaded bracelets at the Goose Fair this coming November.

If you have a passion for helping people in Africa and want to learn more about Chikumbuso contact Priscilla Burns @ prisdos@gmail.com.

Books for South Africa by Helena Champion

We plan to send a container of books and teaching materials to KwaZulu Natal in late fall of 2011 and the books will be divided between a school in Ladysmith that Judith Baker, a board member, has worked with, and a community service group in Molatedi, Gauteng which works in a very under resourced area and serve many young people. We need to raise money to truck the books from the Port of Durban because the Funded Transportation Program only provides shipping to the port and this will cost about \$800 and also money for shelves for the books.

Books for South Africa continues to collect donated books at the Winchester Transfer Station and our volunteers have been very busy sorting books and trying to increase the proportion of childrens' books suitable for people learning English as a second language. Books for South Africa is a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).

- We'd love a new Volunteer Coordinator – if you are able to help, please contact Helena Champion, 781-729-2102, at booksforsouthafrica@hotmail.com Duties would be obtaining, training and coordinating volunteers to sort and organize books beginning early September (and load the shipping container in a few months).

- Or if you could share your tech talent to help us create a web page, we have photos and content

For more information, visit:

<http://booksforsouthafrica.org/ma> - for what type of books we need and where to drop them off.

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sfrm=1#!/pages/Books-for-South-Africa/258810991175>

the 2010 article in the Winchester Star newspaper:

<http://www.wickedlocal.com/winchester/news/x1757257226/Winchester-residents-gather-books-for-South-Africa>

The Blackstone Library by Eileen Marks

We are gearing up for the 2011-12 school year at the Blackstone Library.

We hope to automate the library in the early fall. We are eagerly awaiting to learn whether the school



was able to get the library connected to the internet over the summer. Once that happens, we will start entering the collection into the new system and will need a lot of volunteer help. Currently we have books to be labeled, and are hoping to get classes into the library for story time beginning in October. For information or to be added to our email list, please contact Eileen Marks at 781-729-2049 or emarks@mba1989.hbs.edu . When the schedule is available it will be posted at www.signupgenius.com/go/blackstone.

Fall Rummage Sale – *Proceeds Benefit Outreach!!!* by Celia Ceruolo



Did you know that most of the proceeds generated by the Rummage Sales benefit our Outreach Ministry? Here is how you can easily do your part to help:

- We need your stuff! This is a great opportunity to clean-out the basement or those cluttered closets! Bring these items to the church basement.
- Enter through the double doors in the Cloister Garden. Head straight down the stairs and into the room at the bottom of the stairs. Continue straight into the back of the room where you will find the rummage collection growing. Please note: Books should be delivered to the Old Parish Hall at the top of the stairs.
- We need clothing and accessories for adults, children and babies
- Kitchen equipment, dishes, serving trays, glasses, pots and pans
- Small appliances - coffee makers, mixers, cd players
- Lamps, picture frames, holiday decorations
- Bedding and towels
- Toys of all kinds: games, puzzles, dolls, legos (please no stuffed animals)
- Please no televisions, computers, microwaves, or air conditioners
- We also need your help. Please join us on any of the days below or sign-up for a specific time online by visiting: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/fall1613
- Lugging - Sunday, October 9 - We will be moving the donations from the Rummage Room in the basement to Hadley Hall after the education hour on Sunday. Please lend a hand and carry up a few loads!
- Sorting - Tuesday - Friday, October 11 through 14. It's sorting time! Sorting requires lots of help, please stop by even if you only have an hour to give!
- The Sale - Friday/Saturday October 14 & 15. The Sale! The first 5 minutes of the sale is a sight everyone should see! We need help on Friday from 5:00 until 7:30PM, especially for the first hour or so. On Saturday we need a few folks from 10 AM until 12:30PM.
- The Clean-up - Saturday, October 15 from 12:30PM until 1:30PM. We have had record breaking clean ups because of all of our wonderful helpers. We especially need folks with Winchester dump stickers. Let's see if we can clean it up in under an hour this fall!

Renie and Celia look forward to seeing you this October !!!!!

Setting the Table: From Field to Plate

by Susan Youmans

This program is a service learning program about food, farming and hunger for Winchester 7th - 10th graders, where we map out, talk about and see the path food takes to get to us. On alternate Sunday afternoons we cook (3-5pm) and take field trips (2-5pm). Most food we prepare is donated to soup kitchens/food pantries. But the teens also enjoy the cooking we do when we plan to feed ourselves. Last year we made and ate pizza, sushi, and Irish soda bread, plus a nourishing "look-in-the-refrigerator- and-invent-something" dish, and these cooking sessions allow for discussion of healthy eating. On field trips we work and glean at suburban and urban farms and food pantries, and we visit stores and restaurants. On the urban trips we talk about differences there can be between food options in Winchester and poor urban neighborhoods. The program's 10 sessions start September 25th and end December 11th, and the Spring session starts in February, 2012. Cost is \$75.00 for 10 sessions. Speak to Susan Youmans to register or sign up 781 729 4021 (Eosystems@aol.com)

Apple Picking with Brookview House on Sunday Afternoon October 2

by Julie Dalton

Epiphany will be taking the families at Brookview House apple picking and we hope that you will join us! We will head out to Honey Pot Hill Orchard in Stow, MA and meet the bus from Brookview at 3pm. We will pick apples, enjoy seasonal treats and run through the hedge maze while getting to know some of the people who live at Brookview House. BH is located in Dorchester and provides transitional housing for homeless women and their children with the goal of eventually moving these families to permanent housing. There will be a table set up in



Hadley Hall during the month of September where tickets may be purchased. If you can't make the event please consider making a donation to cover the cost of a BH family. For more information, contact Julie Dalton at 781-721-0820 or juliecdalton@yahoo.com

Brookview House Benefit

Join us for Food, Wine, Music and Silent Auction!

A four-course tasting will feature affordable red and white wine paired with tasty treats from Chef John Rush and Chef/Owner Chris Douglass.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
4:00-6:30pm

ashmont grill

[555 Talbot Avenue, Dorchester MA]

Tickets \$75.00 each

Please use the enclosed envelope and reply card to support Brookview House and/or purchase a ticket.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 617.265.2965 x207 or visit www.BrookviewHouse.org

With special thanks to Ashmont Grill

9/11 Remembrance

A community-wide service of remembrance will be held on Winchester's Town Common at 2:00 p.m.

Grants Committee Update

In 2011 a WE Global Mission Fund was created with funds donated from the Women of Epiphany dedicated to international missions. This fund was supplemental to the Outreach Memorial fund set up for local missions. To date the committee has made grants to the following non-profit organizations:

WE Global Mission Fund

1. Medical supplies for the Haiti Mission Trip in March 2011
2. Medical supplies to support Ericka Almquist's mission trip to El Salvador Sept '11 – Aug '12

Outreach Memorial Fund

3. The Multicultural Network's Building Inclusive community summit on Feb 11, 2012



Carpool with us to Rosie's Place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to serve at Rosie's place. Rosie's is a ½ hr drive just south of Boston. We meet at Epiphany then drive in to help serve a healthy meal to approx. 80 women and children between 11:30 and 1 pm. Click on this link to sign up with others: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/rosies> .

Third Sunday Offerings 2011

May	Blackstone Library	\$878
June	St Stephens, BSAFE	\$372
July	St Lukes, Chelsea	\$300
August	Environmental Partnerships	\$337
	Setting the Table	
September	Rosie's Place	
October	Brookview House	
November	Council for Social Concern	
December	Germaine Lawrence	