

THE ENLIGHTENER

Epiphany United Church of Christ, St. Louis, Missouri

October 2019

PK's Little Epiphanies

It's October now—YAY! I love autumn/fall with the cooler temperatures and excuses to layer up cute outfits with scarves. I also hate the retail cycle's insistence on rushing everything! It is 90 degrees Fahrenheit today, I'm not ready for Halloween yet and they already have Christmas up!! Slow down, enjoy the now, and for goodness sake, let me buy that stuff last-minute like God intended.

Now that I've got that out, and with no intention to rush anyone – I have three upcoming events/projects to address. I know, I know, terrible isn't it?

1) Hopefully you have received your Visioning Process letter and are looking at dates to RSVP for a meal and conversation. The dates are: Sundays October 13 & 27 and November 10 at 12:30 p.m., and Wednesday October 16 at 6:30 p.m. Some of the questions we will discuss are:

- *What are we currently doing that feeds you?*
- *What are we currently doing that uses your best gifts?*
- *What are we doing that makes a difference in your life or in the world?*
- *What are we currently doing that drains you?*
- *What do you wish we were doing?*
- *What is your top priority for our limited time, energy, and resources?*

You can RSVP to Pastor Kris by phone or email; or turn in or mail in your RSVP form.

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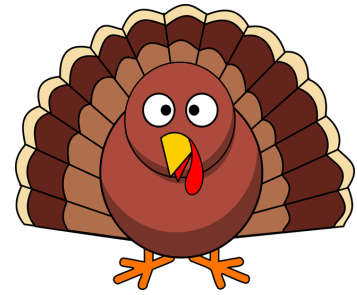
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2) Thanksgiving Dinner at Epiphany: We will begin gathering at 1pm and we'll eat when we're ready. Everybody is invited!! Just like last year, turkey and dressing, rolls and some other basics will be provided and you are invited to bring sides, salads, or desserts as you like. Games and music will also be provided.



This year we are extending the invitation to our siblings in the Metro Trans Umbrella Group (MTUG) to join us if they don't have family to celebrate with. If you know ahead that you will be joining us, please let Pastor Kris know so we can plan food quantities.

3) It isn't quite time to start working on the Advent devotional, but it might be time to start thinking and praying about it. Our theme this year is "Teach us your ways!" with each week's subtheme being, "Teach us your way of... Hope, Peace, Joy, or Love." More information, specific scriptures, and sign-ups will be coming soon. (Maybe too soon!)

Now that all that important planning ahead is out of the way, we can slow down and enjoy the fall, right? Take time to marvel at a leaf or a hill side ablaze with color, share a cider or cocoa with a friend, get out of the city (even just to a bigger park) to breathe that crisp, spicy fall air, do some spooking (or get spooked if that's your thing), and don't forget to thank God for all that God has done.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Kris



Annual Trivia Night Success

The Fund-Raising Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual Trivia Night this past September 21. Even though the crowd was smaller than expected the spirit was large and in charge. Our goal has always been to make at least \$2,000.00 on this event after all expenses are paid. At the time of this reporting the General Fund of Epiphany is over \$2,400.00 to the benefit. Such a success is a testament to the hard work of our volunteers and the generosity of our sponsors and supporters. A special "tip-of-the-hat" goes to St. John's Evangelical UCC for providing the venue AND for purchasing a full table. Another "tip-of-the-hat" goes to Steve Butz Insurance Co. for sponsoring our event. Everyone had a wonderful time and we hope those folks will spread the word for next year. Thank you so much for supporting the ministry of Christ through Epiphany. Keep The Faith.



Salam Clinic at Epiphany UCC

Were you aware that 39 percent of residents in the area surrounding Epiphany UCC in South St. Louis live at or below the poverty level? Also, did you know that approximately 30-50 percent of residents in the area have no health insurance? Despite the Affordable Care Act, many South St. Louisans still lack access to basic healthcare. Missouri being one of the several states that did not expand Medicaid has compounded this problem.

Healthcare access is a basic human right. Epiphany being a justice-minded congregation has a wonderful opportunity to help things change! After several discussions between a group of Muslim physicians and Deaconess Faith Community, **Salam Clinic has agreed to open an additional free Saturday health clinic at Epiphany in November 2019.**



Salam Clinic began as an effort of the Muslim Community of St. Louis (MCSL), an organization dedicated to helping others. Co-founded by Dr. Zia Ahmad and Dr. Bahar Bastani, the first clinic opened its doors in 2008 at Lane Tabernacle CME Church in North County and expanded its clinic services to the Ferguson community through St. Peters UCC in 2013. Deaconess Nursing Ministry provides the nursing staff for the clinics. The collaboration between these organizations illustrates the commitment of all those involved to making the world a more just and peaceful place for all faiths.

The Salam Clinic has received multiple service awards in the past which include:

- Focus St. Louis - What's Right with the Region Award (May 2019)
- Malachi Interfaith Award (January 2019)
- Deaconess Nurse Ministry Service Award
- Interfaith Partnership of St. Louis-recognized Salam Clinic as an example of Interfaith Community Service

The clinic will be holding an opening ceremony at Epiphany UCC, located at 2911 McNair, St. Louis, Missouri on Nov. 9 from between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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Patients will be first seen on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. This clinic is for adults aged 18 and older. Basic services to be offered include:

- Diagnosis and treatment of non-urgent and chronic medical conditions;
- Essential medications as available;
- Basic laboratory tests
- Basic physical examinations for purposes of employment

Chris Guelbert DNP, RN will be assisting with coordination of the clinic. Also, Epiphany has applied for a \$10,000 Neighbors in Need Grant through the UCC. This application is currently under review and the money would assist with start-up costs.

Volunteers from Epiphany and surrounding congregations are needed for assistance with greeting visitors, obtaining charts, and other various duties. Nursing staff volunteers are also required. If interested, please contact Chris at 314-873-2758 or at cguelbert@hotmail.com.

Lectionary Readings for *October 2019*

You can deepen your experience of worship by reading the scriptures in advance of Sunday. Worship services are often (but not always) based on one of the lessons of the week.

October 6

Lamentations 1:1-6 &
Lamentations 3:19-26
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 13

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 &
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 20

Jeremiah 31:27-34 &
Psalm 119:97
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 27

Joel 2:23-32 &
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Building Care Team—Meeting Oct. 6

The next meeting of folks interested in Building Care will be on Sunday, Oct 6, after church. We will meet in the Council Room where I can show you the file drawer that holds the information related to building system purchases and repairs (where copies of service calls, purchase contracts, and other stuff relevant to building maintenance are filed). Please be thinking about how to organize and/or distribute building care, and how to keep track of what's being spent for repairs and maintenance each year. Thanks for your help.

~Gail



September Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

October 1—Tuesday

7 p.m. Benton Park Neighborhood Assoc.

October 2—Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Epiphany with Hope UCC

6—6:30 p.m. Centering Prayer meeting

October 3—Thursday

October 4—Friday

October 5—Saturday

1:30 Fundraising Committee

October 6—Sunday

9:15 a.m. Adult Discussion

10:30 a.m. Worship with communion

October 7—Monday

October 8—Tuesday

October 9—Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Breakfast with Epiphany with St. Lucas UCC

October 10—Thursday

October 11—Friday

October 12—Saturday

October 13—Sunday

9:15 a.m. Adult Discussion

10:30 a.m. Worship

with Noisy Offering

Pastor Relations Com. following worship

October 14—Monday

October 15—Tuesday

October 16—Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Breakfast with Epiphany with St. John / Mehlville

6—6:30 p.m. Centering Prayer Group

October 17—Thursday

October 18—Friday

October 19—Saturday

October 20—Sunday

9:15 a.m. Adult Discussion

10:30 a.m. Worship

October 21—Monday

6:30 p.m. Church Council

October 22—Tuesday

October 23—Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Epiphany with 1st Congregational UCC @ Wydown

October 24—Thursday

October 25—Friday

October 26—Saturday

October 27—Sunday

9:15 a.m. Adult Discussion

10:30 a.m. Worship

October 28—Monday

October 29—Tuesday

October 30—Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Epiphany with Epiphany hosting

October 31—Thursday





Epiphany UCC

Adult Education Classes

9:15-10:15 a.m. | 2911 McNair Ave, 63118 | Fellowship Hall/Classroom

- 10/6/19** **Truth vs. Facts in Scripture**
Rev. Kris Avise-Rouse, Pastor, Epiphany UCC
- 10/13/19** **Truth vs. Facts in Media**
Ray Hartmann, Columnist and Founder, Riverfront Times
- 10/20/19** **Truth vs. Facts in Politics**
Jeanette Mott Oxford, Former State Representative
- 10/27/19** **Truth vs. Facts in the Faith Community**
Rev. Kris Avise-Rouse, Pastor, Epiphany UCC



Preventing
FLU starts with
YOU!

FREE Flu Vaccines for our community.

Walk-Ins | Injections only | No Preservative-Free Option

2019 Public Flu Clinic

SATURDAY, OCT. 12 | 8 am - 12 pm

Drive-thru clinic at the Ronald McDonald House

**3450 Park Avenue
Saint Louis, MO 63104**
Ages 6 months and above

Also on site:

- Car seat checks from SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Safety Program
- SSM Health Cardinal Glennon SportsCare

Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and our community from illness!

- » Everyone six months and older should receive an influenza vaccination each year.
- » The flu vaccine does not give people the flu. People may still catch a cold or other viruses.
- » The "stomach flu" is not considered influenza. It is gastroenteritis from bacteria or a virus; however, it is not related to the respiratory influenza viruses.

Did you know? Up to 50% of people infected by the influenza virus do not feel ill, but they can still spread the virus.



Family Friendly Concerts
in the Benton Park
Neighborhood



Epiphany Concert Series presents...

NATURAL BRIDGE

Andy Ploof, Joel Ferber, and Mike Lindauer string together
an eclectic mix of roots music and toe-tapping tunes to
the delight of all audiences

When: Saturday, November 2, 2019 | 5-7 PM

Where: Epiphany UCC; 2911 McNair Ave; 63118

Admission is free

A free-will offering will be taken at intermission. (\$20 suggested donation)

Pizza and soda will be available for purchase at intermission.

Sponsored by: CAFE  PIAZZA

Epiphany Concert Series

Join us for family-friendly concerts in the
Benton Park Neighborhood

2 November 2019 — Natural Bridge
15 February 2020 — Home Remedy
18 April 2020 — Pete Ruthenburg Band

Concerts are all on Saturdays from 5-7 pm

Admission is FREE, but a free-will offering will be taken at intermission.
Proceeds benefit Epiphany UCC general fund.



Pizza and soda are available for purchase at intermission

Thank You
 Friends of the Congregation
 For Special Financial Gifts

Sandy Kohring

Don & Lynnea Mayer

Paul & Shirley Godt

Norma & Armin Klemm

Michael & Anne Nancy Vosler

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

- 1st Sunday: Gail Ahumada
- 2nd Sunday: Lois Yatzeck
- 3rd Sunday: Will you sign up?
- 4th Sunday: Will you sign up?
- 5th Sunday: Dorothy Gannon & Jeanette Oxford

USHER SCHEDULE

- 1st Sunday: Will you sign up?
- 2nd Sunday: Wes Buchek
- 3rd Sunday: Will you sign up?
- 4th Sunday: Will you sign up?
- 5th Sunday: Wes Buchek



Stewardship Update

For 3 months
 ending August 2019

	Actual	Budget
Income:	YTD	YTD
Contributions	\$ 13,457	\$ 14,372
Memorials	50	47
Special Appeals	1,630	1,500
Fundraiser	15	0
Facilities Rental	2,387	3,724
Urban Mission Exp.	500	3,750
Interest	66	61
Parsonage	1,955	2,850
e-scrip	0	27
Other	21	0
Total Income	\$ 20,081	\$ 26,331

Expenses:

Mission:	1,808	2,166
Christian Educ./Camp	0	75
Worship & Leadership	12,720	13,195
Comm./Evangelism	1,091	1,231
Hospitality & Insurance	4,278	5,995
Utilities	1,732	3,152
Other	376	51
Total Expenses	\$ 22,005	\$ 25,865





Members who cannot be with us but
would love to hear from you!

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BIRTHDAYS!

September

Donna Schaeffer 10/5

Christopher May 10/7

David Hon 10/8

Del Miller 10/15

Larry Gaines 10/31

Anniversary

Fred Hudson & John Scott 10/30

If you have a story or experience to
share in The Enlightener, please
contact Wes Buchek or email it to:
epiphany.adm.assist@juno.com

**Whoever you are and wherever
you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.
No exceptions.**

MINISTERS AT EPIPHANY

Pastor, *Rev. Kristofer Avise-Rouse*
President, *Donna Schaeffer*
Vice President, *Karen Sell*
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Safe Church Coordinator, *Jennifer Everett*
Musician, *Peter Ruthenburg*

Our Purpose: We love God by: Accepting and affirming all, fostering growth, and working for social justice.

Our Commitments:

We are “Open and Affirming” – welcoming people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into church life and leadership.

We are a “Just Peace” Church – seeking to bring peace by working for social justice.

We are a “Whole Earth” Church – committed to caring for creation and bringing a ‘green’ consciousness to our living.

We seek to become a “Multicultural” Church – celebrating the diversity of racial and ethnic traditions.

WE SEEK TO BE MULTI-CULTURAL AND

ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15 A.M. Christian Ed.

10:30 A.M. Worship

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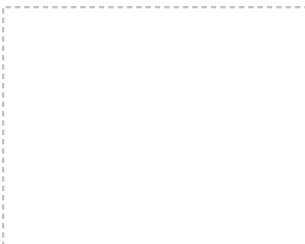
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