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Upcoming Events

1/6/2016 Bible Study – 10:30 at Christ Church
1/7/2016 Deliver Backpacks at 9:30 a.m.
1/10/2016 Holy Eucharist Rite II with Rev. Murray
1/12/2016 Vestry at Christ Church at 6:30
1/13/2016 Bible Study – 10:30 at Christ Church
1/14/2016 Deliver Backpacks at 9:30 a.m.
1/17/2016 Holy Eucharist Rite II with Rev. Murray

Backpack Blessings Volunteers

Pack January 3 – After church
Delivery January 7 – Dick Clovis
Shopper January 8 – Kathy Posey
Pack January 10 – After church
Delivery January 14 – Beth Sickles
Shopper January 15- Beth Sickles
Pack January 17 – After church
Deliver January 21 – Beth Sickles
Shoppers January 22 – Joe and Kipp Martin
Pack January 24 – After church
Delivery January 28 – Beth Sickles

Facts About Epiphany

Epiphany is celebrated 12 days after Christmas on the sixth of January each year. To learn more about Epiphany, continue reading the article on page 2 provided for today's bulletin insert by:
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/>

Serving Ministries

January 10, 2016

Epiphany I

9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-up at Christ Church
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church
Celebrant: The Rev. Kathleen Murray
Lector / Chalisist: Marilyn Blake
Ushers: Jody Morse and Kitty Clovis
Acolyte: Marlee Smith
Altar Guild: Carol Johnson and Suzanne Wilson
11:00 Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Fill Backpacks – helpers are welcome
11:15 a.m. Choir Practice
11:15 a.m. Christian Education
Adults in the Parlor with Guy Gage
11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas
Celebrant: The Rev. Kathleen Murray
Lector: Doyle Sickles
Chalicist: Beth Sickles
Ushers: Nancy Cotten
Altar Guild: Beth Sickles

2016 Vestry Meeting Dates

Beginning in January the vestry will be meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

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Journey with Episcopal Migration Ministries

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This Sunday, the Episcopal Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany, which begins the six-week season of Epiphany. Epiphany recognizes the manifestation of the divine in Jesus and recalls the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt to escape the tyranny of King Herod, who ordered the Massacre of the Innocents in Bethlehem.

Forced to flee, Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus became what we now call refugees.

The Holy Family's experience is mirrored today in the plight of more than 60 million displaced persons worldwide, including at least 19 million refugees. Many are in camps or cities in places such as Rwanda, Kenya and Jordan, hoping that someday it will be safe enough to return to their communities. Some, however, find that they must journey to a new country to begin again. For 70,000 refugees in 2015, that journey brought them to the United States.

The journey of a refugee is never easy. Someday these journeys may no longer be necessary; Someday persecution and violence may cease to drive displacement and rob refugees of their communities and nations. Until that day, please join Episcopal Migration Ministries in working toward safer, brighter futures for refugees.

For more than 75 years, the Episcopal Church has welcomed and supported refugees in the United States. Working in partnership with Episcopal faith communities as well as with local governments, non-government organizations (NGOs) and a network of 30 affiliate offices, Episcopal Migration Ministries provides safe passage, vital services, hospitality, and friendship for thousands of refugee families resettling in the U.S. every year.

Over the next three weeks, Episcopal Migration Ministries is providing bulletin inserts and Lesson Plans That Work that will help you learn more about the plight of the refugee and how you can join this life-saving and life-giving ministry.

To learn more about supporting refugee resettlement on a local level, contact Allison Duvall, Episcopal Migration Ministries program manager for Church Relations and Engagement, aduvall@episcopalchurch.org or visit <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/emm>.

O God, we ask your living protection of all refugees yearning for freedom and hope in a new land. May we ever remember that the Holy Family, too, were refugees as they fled persecution. Bless, guide and lead us in faith to open doors and to open our hearts through this ministry of hospitality. Give us strength, vision and compassion as we work together to welcome those in need. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.