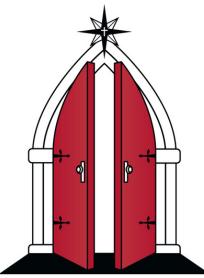
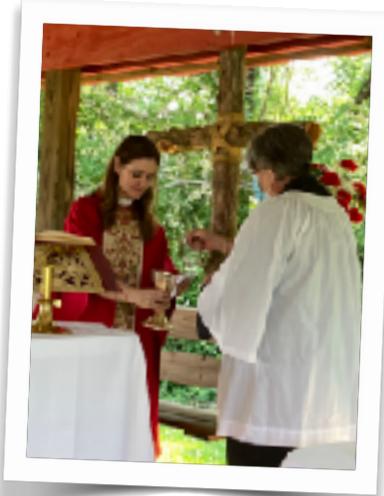


EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY LEBANON, TENNESSEE



What drives Episcopal Church of the Epiphany? In 2021 the congregation discerned the Core Value commitments to be:

- 1) Worshipping God with song, Scripture, offering and sacrament through the Eucharistic liturgies in the Book of Common Prayer.
- 2) Representing the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion
- 3) Welcoming and including all who come through our doors as Christ welcomed us and providing spiritual sanctuary and acceptance to all
- 4) Drawing near to God for healing, comfort, and peace.
- 5) Being reconciled with God and others
- 6) Responding to the practical and spiritual needs of our neighbors in Lebanon, Wilson County and beyond.
- 7) Facilitating spiritual growth through many means.
- 8) Fostering genuine faith and genuine community.



While the pandemic continued in 2021, we have moved forward with our key focuses.



Worship and Sacraments: Holy Eucharist centered our community in Christ. His people were renewed and empowered to serve. We connected with one another in relationships. We enjoyed beautiful music and sang to the Lord accompanied by organ and other instruments. Here we lifted our prayers to God for the church and the world.

Christian Hospitality: We offer Christian hospitality to our visitors whom the Lord brings to us. Our worship bulletin makes it easy for visitors to follow along the liturgy.

A few

fellowship gatherings have been restored such as coffee hour. We are grateful for **eleven new families** that have joined us and several new friends who joined us online and in person.

Pastoral Care: We connect to one another by phone, email or social media. Members and clergy attend to and intercede for fellow members who are bereaved or ill. Clergy visits and Eucharistic Visitors have resumed. We have established a Prayer Team to enable intercessory prayer by text message.





Christian Formation and Education: Epiphany seeks to form people into the image of Christ through education programs though those were challenging to enact in the pandemic. Zoom Sunday school and in person have continued. In July we held our first VBS for children in decades.

Community Outreach: Epiphany seeks to love our neighbors in Lebanon and beyond by gathering food, socks and toiletries school supplies; items for Thanksgiving Baskets and Christmas Angel Tree gifts for our neighbors at Byars Dowdy Elementary School. Epiphany also helps others through the Discretionary Fund. We anticipate providing overnight hosts for homeless women off site Wednesday nights in the winter with Compassionate Hands Ministry and continue monthly meals for the homeless. We were grateful to

distribute a \$1000 Episcopal Relief Flood grant to flood victims and those in need in Lebanon.

The Building, Administration and Leadership: The vestry, wardens, treasurer and clergy oversee the overall leadership, management and use of the church building. The vestry met several times in 2021 to unearth the **Core Values** of the Church and to approve a **new logo**. The vestry facilitated the installation twenty emerald arborvitae **trees** facing South Hartman during a very productive work day. We acquired and installed a new **sound system** after our aging system failed. We replaced the **gutters** after an ice dam bent them out of shape. New road signs have been purchased and are being installed.



The Future

With God's help, we aim to increase our outreach to the needy in our community especially with our partnership with Byars Dowdy Elementary and Lebanon Special Schools and Compassionate Hands.

- To improve our worship online and in person as possible.
- To further improve our curb appeal facing South Hartmann.
- To receive as Christ those new friends that God brings.
- To bring stability to our congregation by increasing our numbers and our giving so we can decrease our grant from the diocese by one-third (\$15,500) for 2023.



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