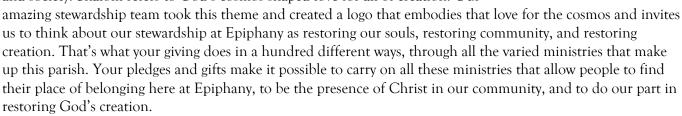


October 9, 2025

Dear Epiphanites,

"Seeking Shalom" is our stewardship theme for this year. The inspiration for the name came from an adult formation series last year at Epiphany where Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio taught us that when the gospel of John tells us that "God so loved the world," the word "world" is actually "cosmos" meaning the sum total of everything: humans, creation, institutions, systems, and society. Shalom refers to God's cosmos shaped love for all of creation. Our



If you are already an annual pledge-maker, thank you! If you are already a financial supporter of Epiphany, but have not completed a pledge in the past, I invite you to become one and be counted as a committed pledger. We develop our annual budget based on pledges, so we depend on the completion of pledge card commitments in order to know our base financial capability. Given the strong interest in our many ministries along with rising costs, we also ask that you consider increasing your pledge. Our pledge goal this year represents a modest 3% increase over last year's pledges. If you are not already giving regularly to Epiphany, we ask that you prayerfully consider pledging and making regular giving part of your practice each month. We make it as easy as possible by allowing electronic pledging and giving right from our website. Your pledge helps us determine what ministries we can offer and support in the year to come.

To pledge today, return the enclosed pledge envelope or pledge online at <u>epiphany.org/give.</u> We will celebrate the culmination of our pledge drive on Celebration Sunday with an Ingathering blessing of gifts on Sunday, November 2 following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

All that we are at Epiphany is made possible by your financial support. Giving is an opportunity to express our values and our belonging and our desire for Shalom. I'm grateful for your generosity, and for the grace and belonging we experience in this place.

Grace and peace,

The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright

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