



Church of the Epiphany

FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP

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In this year of the 250th anniversary of this country we have a local July date to remember.

In 1967 the ticket office of the Cloudcroft Railroad became available for sale. This building became known as the "Little Chapel". It was purchased and became the property of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande. The building became named The Church of the Ascension and the first Sunday service was held there on July 23, 1967. Its previous ticket office use made it a landmark fixture in Cloudcroft as an historic building.

Our early history however started earlier than that when in 1903 the Church of St Clement sent an available clergy member to Cloudcroft on weekends to hold services for the vacationing Episcopalian cabin holders. This arrangement

was promoted in 1913 as an Episcopal Chapel mission and these services were held only on Sunday during the summer months. History says that the services were held at resident homes or in the downstairs Pro shop of the Lodge. Some report say that the Red Dog saloon in the basement of the Lodge was also a venue. From 1967 to 1973 it was classified as a parochial mission of St. John's Episcopal Church in Alamogordo.

What started as an outreach to visiting church members from out of town has become our mission statement to provide for the spiritual needs of travelers to Cloudcroft. We are here to provide the welcoming church for the many visitors to the Sacramento mountains and for the people of this area.

That original purchased lot with its building was 80' x 100'. On it sat the Little Chapel in its 16' x 30' glory and served as one of the religious establishments in Cloudcroft.

In 1982, The Rev Donna McGhee was the first clergy to serve full time. Her retirement in 1989 subjected the Church to a succession of part time and visiting clergy to conduct services. One of the lasting unique aspects of Ascension was the summer congregations that were supportive of the presence of the Church in Cloudcroft and became a regular part of its existence.

In 1985 a new and larger church was built beside the Chapel mostly by the work of parishioners. This one had a seating capacity of

more than 30 and had a Sanctuary, a small parish hall, kitchen and a blessed bathroom, which was a decided improvement to the past.

In 2004 the Little Chapel was only used at Garage Sale time. Its historic value appealed to the Cloudcroft Museum and we were ready to expand into a new space with a new parish hall. By joint agreement with the Museum, we paid to move the building completely furnished and they settled it on a new foundation. To our surprise we were blessed to need to use it again when we left the Episcopal Church. We became the Anglican Church of the Epiphany in 2008. It was a welcome old home until 2010 when we moved into our own new facility.

Our mission is still in effect as our summer worship ministers to visitors. This church in Cloudcroft as a ong-lasting support all who worship with us. God bless us as we pray for more time and opportunities to serve.

Pastor Fred+.



The interior of the first chapel in its present site at the Sacramento Mountains Historical Museum in

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Women's Retreat

Saturday, August 1, 2026

This year's retreat will be led by Deacon Lisa Schwandt and Deacon Katie Dearman from the Anglican Diocese of the Western Gulf.

The theme of this year's retreat will expand upon the name of Epiphany - the missionary season of Epiphany as we are to be His light to others. Using John's gospel focusing upon the narratives where people encounter Jesus and are transformed. They then can't help but live lives that testify to Him.

The Retreat will be structured with several breaks, music and luncheon and will begin at 10 am and end at 3pm. More information will be in our July newsletter.

We hope you can join us and spend the afternoon in fellowship with Jesus and with one another.



Epiphany Ladies Retreat, July 31, 2025

Leadership In The Church And In The World

We are looking forward to the annual visit of Bishop Steven to Epiphany Church on the mountaintop. It should be no surprise that he always seems to schedule his visits with us in June. As a long-time resident of El Paso, he knows where to find cool temperatures during the hottest month of the year.

His visits are always special, but this year the worship will be even more special. Three of our members will be formally “received” into the Anglican Church: Diana Fesmire, Bobbie Kellner, and Paul Kellner. They have been worshipping with us regularly for the last several months. Join us at 10:00 AM on June 28 to welcome Bishop Steven and our newest members.

As these three formally join our church, we recognize that several others have recently become regular worshippers at Epiphany. With that in mind, we can all benefit from a review of our call as members and leaders in this congregation. First and foremost, we are called to follow Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. As we do so, we remember to act in obedience to the commandments to love God and to love one another. In the specific context of our church community, our Diocesan Canons (echoing the ACNA Canons) set forth a list of “Aspirational Vestry Qualifications” for church board members which provide:

1. Aspirational Vestry Qualifications. Qualification for Vestry membership should be based on Titus 1:6-9. Candidates should aspire to have the following characteristics:
 - i. A mature Christian;
 - ii. One who maintains an active prayer life;
 - iii. One whose life is in order;
 - iv. Known and respected among the Congregation;
 - v. One who has been or is currently active in ministry;
 - vi. Known as a cheerful giver, not only of money but of time; and
 - vii. One who understands, has counted the cost of, and is committed to fulfilling the responsibilities and duties of a member of the Vestry.
2. Duties. The vestry shall at a minimum have the following duties:
 - i. Encourage a biblically-based program of financial giving by members of the Congregation.
 - ii. Be cautious in the undertaking of debt on behalf on the Congregation;
 - iii. In all aspects, have due regard for the fiduciary responsibilities of the Vestry;
 - iv. Conform (as nearly as possible) with the financial askings of the Diocese; and
 - v. Strive for unity and adopt the principles found in Matthew 18 as the standard for resolving conflict that may develop within the Vestry, the Congregation, the Diocese, and the Province. *Continued on next page*

Leadership *Continued*

In Titus 1:6-9, the Apostle Paul set forth what elders in the church might look like:

“If anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery and insubordination. For an overseer, as God’s steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.”

Here at Epiphany, we are blessed with a mature, active congregation which engages with both the work and the worship each week. Let us welcome our Bishop as we worship together.

Frank K. Wilson,

Associate Pastor



Bishop Steven last year at Epiphany

Bishop's Visit to Epiphany

Bishop Steven Tighe of the Anglican Diocese of the Southwest will visit the Church of the Epiphany on Sunday, June 28, 2026. There will be a service of reception for Paul and Bobbie Kellner and Diana Fesmire. We hope to see everyone for this celebration.

A luncheon will be served after the service.

Ordination at St. Clement's El Paso

Deacon Kristie Cossel will be ordained as a priest at St. Clement's Anglican Church, El Paso on Saturday, 10 AM, June 27, 2026. Kristi has been active in the St. Clement's Youth Ministry for a number of years. Please keep her in prayer as she takes on this new avenue of ministry.



for June 2026

ADSW Standing Committee Meeting

Rev. Tara Jernigan gave a report on the diocesan aspirants and postulants and the interview process. The ROC is going to institute an interview for the "spouses or fiancé's of aspirants: to make sure that the aspirants are supported at home as well as in the diocese. This diocese has not yet come across a spouse that was negative or "indifferent" to their aspiring partner, but they have known of priests that have had denominational or personal differences with their spouses regarding their ministry. The hope is not only to find out if the aspirant's spouse or potential spouse is supportive of their lifelong commitment to the ministry, but also to know what potential roadblocks and pitfalls could be for the aspirant as he/she pursues their life goals if there is not complete agreement and understanding of the undertaking between the two spouses. I think that the mission is to prepare the couple for what this commitment to ministry means in relationship to a marriage.

Also, the School of Ministry will be offering some short courses for anyone interested in youth ministry. In particular "A call to Generational Discipleship" is a preparation for those looking to shepherd young people, as it is not always a "young person's game" in handling youth ministry programs.

The Bishop discussed the financial arrangements with the Oklahoma churches that were taken into the diocese from the International Diocese two years ago. The parishes will now solely support the ADSW.

The bishop has tasked the standing committee with finding a monthly time to hold a prayer meeting (via zoom) solely for the purpose of supporting our diocese and its parishes in prayer. He feels that while communications in our diocese have improved, this is one aspect we can improve upon.

With that said, some of the prayer concerns from some of our clergy, standing committee members and bishop are as follows:

For Olivia, the wife of Fr. Eduardo who is dying of liver cancer, as well as the peaceful passing of Fr. Eduardo. (Bishop said Eduardo is "still fighting to do his ministry.")
For the son of Fr. Isai' Valenzuela who was in a multi-car accident in Mexico that was caused by a drunk driver.

Rev. Maria del Rayo Jiminez asks for prayer for her son in law, Diego who has spinal issues.
Rev. Raul Serrano asks for prayer for reaching college students his ministry and for the spiritual growth of the diocese/church.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Fazenbaker

Mother's Day And Pentecost Celebrations at Epiphany

We celebrated Mother's Day with many visitors and continue to enjoy more old friends and new friends as they arrive in Cloudcroft for relaxation and cool air! We praise God that they find a church family here at Epiphany for however long their stay.

We thank Annette Fazenbaker for our new Pentecost banners which welcomed the Holy Spirit on that Sunday, May 24.

We welcome back John and Judy Metts, Mike Thomas and Pat and JB Townsend and are pleased to welcome Wes and Laura Schlenker and their extended family. Wes and Laura recently purchased a second home in Cloudcroft so we hope to see them often. Charles and Susie Stigall were here helping with the Memorial Day Sale and will be back in July. We look forward to seeing Scott and Lisa Schwandt, Becca Price, Doug Price, Kathy Beer, and Tom and Fran Gregg in July.



Above: Wes Schlenker with his grandson.



Above John and Judy Metts and Mike Thomas enjoying our June potluck.

Left: Mother's Day congregation

Memorial Day Sale

We are so grateful to Annette Fazenbaker and Bill Haynes for making our Memorial Day Estate Sale possible. The village was filled with people that weekend and a steady flow of customers assured us of a very successful sale. We shared our space with the ladies of Grace Methodist Church in Alamogordo and they also had a successful sale. The weather was beautiful and we made many new acquaintances. A few of whom worshipped with us the following Sunday, on Pentecost. We praise the Lord for the lovely weather and good sale.

Since this sale was mainly jewelry and estate items donated by Bill Haynes, Machele Lackey, Marcus Thomas, Dawn Wilder, Paul and Bobbie Kellner, and Darcy Ellis, we still plan on our annual Labor Day Garage Sale. Thank you to everyone who helped, Madeleine Fazenbaker, Susie Stigall, Karli Sorensen, Darcy Ellis, Patrick Zima, Paul Fazenbaker, Pastor Fred, Nancy Griffin, and Nancy Heinmark and Cheeta McMurry from Grace Methodist Church.

Bless you all!



There is always a constant crowd at the jewelry table!



Above: A sample of Bill Hayne's furniture, we were all hoping that no one would purchase the bench so we could have it at the church entrance.

Didn't work out! Smart shoppers!





Ecumenical Bible Studies

Fr. Frank's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 4:00 - 5:00 PM

At Grace Methodist Church 16th St. and Cuba,
Alamogordo.

They are studying the Gospel of John.

**For more information, call or text Fr. Frank
At 575-442-1354.**

Combined Ladies Bible Study

Thursdays, at 10 am

at Westminster Presbyterian Church,
2201 15th St. , Alamogordo.

We are studying the Gospel of Matthew using the
book, "Lets Study Matthew" by Mark E. Ross.

Class leaders: Katy Bailey, Nancy Griffin and Dawn
Wilder, Hannah Barnhart
Books are available now.

**For more information call or text Nancy at
575/495-3811**

Epiphany Military Prayer List

Gabriella Murley, US Army,
Mason Gregg, US Marines
Creed Napier, USAF
JW Grove, US Navy
Shawn Zima, US Army, Hong Kong
Wyatt Green, US Navy
Emma Skidmore, US Navy
Patrisha Wilson Kellner, US Navy
David Fazenbaker, USAF
Garrett Haynes, Army National Guard
Samantha Kozeniesky - US Air Force

Praise Reports

- For** Walter and Carolyn Ford's 68th Wedding Anniversary, June 7.
- For** Fr. Frank and Carolyn's anniversary on June 26.
- For** a successful Memorial Day Sale and for all who assisted with it.
- For** Charles Stigall's successful surgery
- For** Nancy Knowles' safe trip from Florida and recovery from a broken wrist. She will be our summer musician.
- For** the repair of our hot water heater, thanks to Paul Fazenbaker.
- For** the moisture we have had and for more!

Prayer Concerns

- For** Court Fesmire for more recovery from knee surgery
- For** JR Hester's niece, Cassie, as she recovers from serious injuries in an automobile crash in Texas
- For** Fran and Tom Gregg as Fran recovers from covid.
- For** Rev. Eduardo Gonzales as he nears the end of this life.
- For** Woody Burgess & Carol
- For** our Ladies Retreat, August 1 and for Deacon Lisa Schwandt as she plans for it.
- For** Donya and Trevor Conine to regain more strength and mobility
- For** Fr. Frank and Carolyn Wilson, Walter and Carolyn Ford, George and Gayla Chapman, Patty Kendrick, and for all our caregivers
- For** the ACNA and Bishop Julian, and the ADSW Diocese, Bishop Steven, and the Staff and Standing Committee.
- For** Annette Fazenbaker as a deanery representative to the Standing Committee of the Diocese.
- For** Fr. Frank as a member of the Diocesan ROC committee and the Bylaws committee
- For** church plants within the diocese and for protection for our Mexican churches

June Service Schedule

LEMS & Lectors

The Rev. Willis F Griffin, Pastor

The Rev. Frank K. Wilson, Associate Pastor

Pentecost 2 - Sunday, June 7 - 10 AM

Holy Eucharist - Fr. Frank

LEM Karli Sorensen

Lector Paul Fazenbaker

Pentecost 3 - Sunday, June 14 - 10AM

Holy Eucharist - Fr. Frank/ Pastor Fred

LEM Patrick Zima

Lector Annette Fazenbaker

Pentecost 4 - Sunday, June 21 - 10 AM

Holy Eucharist - Fr. Frank

LEM Karli Sorensen

Lector Machele Lackey

Pentecost 5 - Sunday, June 28 - 10 AM

Holy Eucharist - Bishop Steven Tighe/ Fr. Frank

LEM Madeleine Fazenbaker

Lector Carolyn Ford

Pentecost 6 - Sunday, July 5 - 10 AM

Holy Eucharist - Fr. Frank/ Pastor Fred

LEM Patrick Zima

Lector Bill Haynes



June Events Schedule

Sunday, June 7

Potluck after the service

Sunday, June 21

Father's Day

Vestry meeting after service

Sunday, June 28

Bishop Steven Tighe's visitation

Reception of new members,

Paul and Bobbie Kelner

And Diana Fesmire

Luncheon after the service.



June Birthdays

Jennifer Williams - 8

Elliott Griffin - 14

Machele Lackey - 16

Dwight Harp - 26

June Anniversaries

Walter & Carolyn Ford - 7

Bert & Judy Hungerford - 10

Frank and Carolyn Wilson - 26



Coffee Fellowship

June 7 - Potluck

June 14 - Nancy Griffin

June 21 - Machele Lackey

June 28 - Bishop's visit

Luncheon after service

No potluck on July 5

Sign-up sheets are on the table.

**ACNA Lectionary yr. A
June 2026**

Pentecost 2 • June 7, 2026

Hosea 5:15-6:6
Psalm 50
Romans 4:13-18
Matthew 9:9-13

Pentecost 3 • June 14, 2026

Exodus 19:1-8
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-11
Matthew 9:35-10:15

Pentecost 4 • June 21, 2026 - Father's Day

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:1-15
Romans 5:15b-19
John 17:1-11

Pentecost 5 • June 28, 2026 - Bishop's Visit

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:7-13
Romans 6:1-11
Matthew 10:34-42

Pentecost 6 • July 5, 2026

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:1-13
Romans 7:21-8:6
Matthew 11:25-30

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The Anglican Church in North America,**

The Rt. Rev. Julian Dobbs

Diocese of the Southwest,

Bishop Steven Tighe

The Church of the Epiphany

The Rev. Willis F. Griffin, Pastor

The Rev. Frank K. Wilson, Associate Pastor

Musicians: Esther Fyock, Nancy Knowles

Senior Warden

Annette Fazenbaker, Junior Warden

Financial Committee: Paul Fazenbaker, Machele Lackey,

Doug Price

Church Board

Karli Sorensen Aguilar Patrick Zima

Machele Lachey, JR Hester

Nancy Griffin, Clerk

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere where the Word of God fills each person with an understanding and renewal of their faith in Christ.

Outreach, both within our own community as well as abroad, is a further extension of this faith.

Romans 10:17 ~ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.

**The Head of the Church is Jesus Christ
The Anglican Church in North America, The Rt. Rev. Julian Dobbs
The Anglican Diocese of the Southwest. Bishop Steven Tighe**

The Church of the Epiphany, Cloudcroft, Rev. Fred Griffin, Rev. Frank K. Wilson

Christ the King, Albuquerque (Rev. Peter Falk, Deacon Bill Lock); Church of our Lord, Albuquerque (Rev. Harold Trott, Michael Kline); Emmaus Anglican Church, Albuquerque (Revs. Greg & Noel Pfeifer; Christ Church, Farmington (Revs. Carl & Barbara Brenner); St. Clement's, El Paso (Revs. Bill Cobb, Rick Milliorn, Eduardo Gonzalez, Michael Sheehan, Deacon Courtney Brown) Rey de Paz, El Paso (Revs. John Dixon, Ken Hanna); Good Shepherd, San Angelo (Rev. Hal Scott); St. Stephen's, Roswell (Rev. Bob Tally); All Saints' and St. Paul's, Midland Texas (Rev. Tom Finnie); Iglesia La Trinidad, Guadalajara (Lay Leader, Miguel Meriono Lobos) Iglesia de Jesus & Jesus es la Resurreccion, Aguas Caliente, Mexico (Revs. Elias Rosales Mendez and Maria del Rayo Jimenez Victoria, Deacon Roger Griffin); Gran Pastor, Fresnillo, Mexico (Sr. Warden, Norma Rodriguez, Missionary Meredith Omland); Good Shepherd, Hill New Mexico (Rev. Farhid Adabache); St. James, Dalhart, Texas (Rev. Philip Ray). Emmaus Anglican, Castle Rock CO (Rev. Theron Walker; Resurrection Anglican Fellowship, Greenwood Village, CO (Fr. Phil Eberhardt) St. Paul's Anglican Church, Owasso, OK (Fr. Chris Waters); Christ the Redeemer, Oklahoma City, OK (Fr. Brad Van Deventer); Iglesia Piedra Angular & Comunidad de Fe, Rey de Justicia, Juarez, Chihuahua;