



The EPIPHANY STAR

a word to the wise • The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Atlanta Georgia

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Visions and Things

And afterward I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

Joel 2:28

I've always liked this passage from Joel. I like it for two reasons. First, it gets me off the hook for being in charge of prophecies, dreams and visions. Second, it is a universalist manifesto, which is in keeping with the vision of God for humanity.

Another way to say it is that we are all in this together. Our sons and daughters, our old men (and I think it is safe, in the spirit of the text, to include our old women), our young men and women (of course them too), all of us then are in this together.

You might and should ask, "in what"? Two things comprise the 'what.' The first part is the reception of God's spirit. We get to receive God's spirit. What a gladsome thought. What a life-altering thought. We, all the people in this place, are going to have already, will again tomorrow receive God's spirit. No one is left out and this is important. We are all in and in *in the flesh*.

This matters because what comes next is that we do this vision stuff, this dreaming stuff, this prophecy stuff, together. Now I would argue that if a young person has a dream, that counts. If an older person has a vision, that counts. All of us might want to take a swing at prophecy.

We are going to get together over the next couple of weeks and do some spirit receiving, vision/dream/prophesying work about our life together at Epiphany. You have by now received information about our cottage meetings to have these conversations around dreams and visions. We are going to record it all and digest it all and think on it all and then the vestry will make some decisions about how we move forward.

I want to remind us all that it's about all of us. All of us have a voice and all of us are invited to this moment.

I must say that it is a relief to know my role is to inspire us all to be ready for the spirit, be ready for the vision, the dream, and the good word from a person we may not have thought to engage in conversation. That might be you. Bring your voice; bring yourself to the discussion to this moment. It is about all of us.

Peace,

The Rev. Benno D Pattison, Rector



You can find the link for the Cottage Meetings Signup on the home page of www.epiphany.org.

MISSION STATEMENT: *The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany is an inclusive community called to seek and follow Jesus Christ. We welcome all people in the Eucharistic fellowship of Christ's Body. We receive strength and encouragement at the common table to carry out Christ's work of reconciliation in our broken world. Nourished by worship and witness, learning and teaching, fellowship and service, we strive to live out the Gospel's radical values with gladness of heart.*

Parish News

Jumble Numbers

Thanks so much for participating in this year's Jumble Sale & Silent Auction. The Preview Party on Friday night was a hit. The auction raised \$3,345 for the music department. The Epiphany sale on Friday night and the public sale on Saturday raised \$5,258, which will be divided between ECW for their outreach giving program, and Kanuga to help with scholarships and offset retreat costs. Thanks again to everyone who donated, sorted, priced, brought items for the party, bidded, shopped and cleaned up!

Summer Breakfast

Summer Breakfast is offered between services from 9:30-10:30 a.m. if we have a host. Groups or individuals can sign up for a Sunday on the doors leading to Jones Hall. *Outreach is serving breakfast between services this Sunday. Proceeds will benefit our Haiti/BTI ministry. Come meet our eight visitors from BTI, celebrate with our MAD camp performers, and hear what the Episcopal Church Foundation people have to share to get us started with our "visioning" conversation.*

Epiphany Summer Choir

Our Epiphany Choir is taking a well-deserved break from regular rehearsals this summer, but we will still have choral music on Sunday mornings. Here is your chance for singing with no mid-week commitment! Come to the music suite on Sunday mornings at 10:30 and learn the music for that Sunday's service. We will not process or vest and you may decide to sit in the congregation until the Peace, sing the anthem, and then return to your seat. All adults and high school youth are welcome.



Weekday Bible Study

Bible Study is offered on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. following the mid-day service, led by The Rev. Barbara Ryder. The group is currently focusing on Henri Nouwen's book *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. The Wednesday Evening Bible Study with the Rector will resume on August 26.

Thank You 1323.09 Times

Barbara Ryder, UTO Chairman for Epiphany Church Women
That is the amount you gave to the United Thank Offering. We are very grateful for that and for the many pennies, nickels, dimes, dollars, and checks that made up that total. For 2015 they are giving \$1250 to one recipient in each Province (9) for young adult ministries. The dollar amount reflects that this is the 125th year of the United Thank Offering.

It seemed to work that the suggestion was made to collect your offerings during Lent. Since it was so successful, you can look for me again February 14—this is Valentine's Day and the first Sunday in Lent and hopefully you will find it in your hearts to be generous once again. It's also possible, since you created a habit, to keep filling the box in between times.

Thank you for your gratefulness that translated into generosity.

Pastoral Needs

Epiphany Arlen Grey needs rides to and from church on a weekly basis to participate in the Choir. If you can help on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, sign up at the link on the People & Posts page at epiphany.org.

AmazonSmile

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Church Of Epiphany. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-0838713> and support us every time you shop.

Summer Camps

- **6/22-26—Vacation Bible School:** A fun-filled week in late June with Chapel time and theme-based programs of art, games and music. Morning and after-care available. Registration forms can be found online or in the Gallery.
- **Summer Camps at Epiphany:** Join Imagine That & Future Tech this summer for fun and educational Art, Science, Technology and Robotics Summer Camps for ages 3-14. Camps will be held at Epiphany. Course fliers are in the Gallery. For more information, call Imagine That at 770.455.1980 or visit their website at www.ImagineThatFun.com
- **Summer Camps at Mikell:** Registration is under way at Mikell Camp and Conference Center in Toccoa, GA. The camp schedule and registration information are available online at campmikell.com.

Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Light Sponsorship

Altar Flowers

Each Sunday, with the exception of Lent, flowers are placed on the high altar area. There are occasions when the church takes on a more festive look such as Christmas and Easter. Flowers are offered “for the Glory of God and in thanksgiving or in memory of a person or event.” Parishioners offer altar flowers as a visible sign of acknowledgement of God’s presence in their lives. Make your check payable to Church of the Epiphany for \$70 and note “Flowers” in the memo field. The 2015 calendar signup can be found on the People & Posts page of epiphany.org. The color and selection of flowers is based on the appropriateness of the liturgical season. More than one person or family may sign up for the altar flowers during the same week.

Sanctuary Light

The Sanctuary Light is a visible sign of the presence of the Blessed Sacrament held in reserve in the Tabernacle. It is the tradition of our faith that parishioners make an offering to acknowledge the memory of a loved one in his or her life—especially appropriate during the week or day of an anniversary date of someone’s death. Make your check payable to Church of the Epiphany for \$70 and note “Light” in the memo field. The 2015 calendar signup can be found on the People & Posts page of epiphany.org.

Transitions

Please make the following changes and/or additions to your parish directory and welcome our new members. Directories are available from the office by request (parishadmin@epiphany.org) or you can download a pdf from the news page of our website.

If you would like to transfer your membership to Epiphany, you may pick up a Transfer Request form in the gallery or send your date of birth and any dates of baptism or confirmation, along with the name and address of your previous church home, to the parish office.

Transfers In

Amy Zeller

from Church of the Assumption, Jacksonville, FL

Shannon Lambeth

from St. Francis Episcopal, Greensboro, NC

Amanda Bersinger

from Memorial United Methodist, Clinton, TN

Do you have a number for...

Looking for someone’s address or phone number? There are several ways to access our parish database information.

1. **Paper:** At least twice a year a good ol’ fashioned paper directory is printed. Copies of the June edition are on the black library table in the gallery.
2. **Website:** A link to a pdf version of the January 2015 paper directory can be found on our website under News and Events on the [Newsletters and Other Publications page](#). The document is password protected. Contact the parish office for the password.
3. **Online:** Access data using our online directory, which is updated every evening. Click on the Members Online Directory link on the [home page](#). First-time users have to register. There you can also look up your financial information or send group emails to groups you’re a member of (provided I’ve been given an updated list of members, of course!).
4. **Smartphone:** The Members Online Directory also has a Smartphone app for mobile phones. Look for the free ACS Church Life app at the app store.



Outreach News

Food for DEAM

June is Epiphany's month to help stock the pantry at the Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministry. Our goal is to collect at least 100 each of the following items: Jell-O, bar soap, small cornbread mix, and hearty soups. Watch for our progress on the tally sheet posted near the DEAM basket.



Peachtree Pine Ministry

Please volunteer to help feed 500 men once a month. No experience necessary, just kind hearts and willing hands to give to those less fortunate. Contact Bev Lorenzo, 404.825.3402.

Upcoming Dates:

June 18 & 19,
July 16 & 17,
August 20 & 21

Ongoing Meetings

Meeting Night

Committees are asked to meet on the 2nd Monday of the month from 6–7:30 p.m. We gather in Jones Hall, sign up for a room, pray together and then go our ways. Chairs, please be sure to let your committees know each month if they are meeting.



Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King (DOK) meet on the 4th Sunday at 10 a.m. between services in Jones Hall, Room A. We invite all ladies of the congregation to join us. The DOK take a lifetime vow to live by the Rule of the Order; it requires a spiritual discipline of daily Prayer, Service and Evangelism. Because of our vow, we refer to ourselves as an order, not an organization. Our bylaws prohibit us from raising funds. Contact: Shirley Sugden, 404.373.4885

ECW Meeting

The Episcopal Church Women meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. The program and potluck following is on hiatus until September

Epiphany Book Club

The Epiphany Book Club is in hiatus for the summer. We will start up again August 31 then resume meeting 1st Mondays at Regency House (341 Winn Way, Decatur 30030) at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Christina Kaylor, 404.525.7595. August: *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson (Pulitzer Prize for Fiction).

Mental Health Support Group

A support group for people living with mental illness is being formed. Meetings take place the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the group is to provide a community of and for people who are living with mental illness. It is a confidential, safe place for people to be honest about their condition and its impact in their lives. Members gather to discuss recovery, spirituality, trials, and triumphs. If you are interested in learning more about the group, or would like to join the group, please contact Wende Crow: wendecrow@gmail.com 678.900.7930.

Veteran's Support Group

Veteran's Heart GA invites active duty service members, Veterans of all wars, their family members, healing professionals and concerned citizens to speak with and listen to each other, create understanding, and collectively address the effects of war that touch all of us. The meeting is from 1:30-3:30 p.m. every second Sunday in Jones Hall. We request that you register through our website www.veteransheartgeorgia.org prior to each meeting. Sign up for the newsletter and receive a reminder every month.



For Our Prayers...

Prayer intentions for *The Epiphany Star* and for Sunday Services should be directed to the parish office at parishadmin@epiphany.org. For Pastoral Emergencies, text or call the clergy on call at 404.939.2137. Please let the Parish Office know if there are any errors on the listings below.

Heal your sick servants

- Richard Bassett
- Bill Hudson
- John Keys
- Anne Rowles
- Larry Wilcox

Rest eternal grant him

- Meredith Wiles, stepfather of Jason Wiles
- David Brister, uncle of Joey Saavedra.
- Ed Hambalek, friend of Barbara Belcore

Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

- Neil Banfield
- Marlene & Charles Coats
- Alice Cunningham
- Laura Faller
- Tim Gore
- Arlen Gray
- Adele Reeves
- Ted Yardley
- Sarah Jane Wollison

Those in the armed forces

- GySgt Stewart Mundy, son of Dan & Diane Mundy
- Matthew Howells, nephew of Audrey & Neil Banfield

Family and friends who request our prayers

- Michael Morehouse, friend of Holly Slater
- Mickie Schierman, mother of Ann Fowler
- Janice, Jessica & Megan, relatives of the Laird Family
- Thelma & J.O. Hudson, parents of Bill Hudson
- Martha Sanders Vincent, mother of Heather Holly
- Mike and Bethany Gaige, Joan Hambalek, family of Barbara Belcore
- Kat Rader, friend of Chippy & Mac Holladay
- Justin D'zan, friend of Rob Godsall
- Lynn Gable, friend of Rob Godsall
- Mike, Nona and Dave Tipton, relatives of Pam Tipton
- Chris Dolezel, sister of Marjorie Timmer

- Grace Edmiston, mother of Dennis Edmiston
- Laurie, friend of Laura Faller
- Jane Howe, sister of Chippy Holladay
- Molly Gray, sister of Lissa Jackson
- John Aull, brother of Kathy Walmsley
- Kyle, friend of Sandy Land
- Donnie Huestess, relative of Randy Shearin
- Shelly Raines, father of Ann Williamson, grandfather of Lea, Maggie, Mary Katharine and Alex Williamson
- David Crawford, brother of Debby Crawford
- Don Lloyd, brother of Brenda Lloyd
- Jean Sengl, aunt of Brenda Lloyd
- Habiba & Farshad, friends of Wende Crow
- Miller Montesinos, nephew of Cristina Montesinos
- Lillian Fox, mother of Keith Fox
- Niki Thomas, friend of Chippy Holladay



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Worship Schedule—Sunday

8:45 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
11:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
6 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Worship Schedule—Weekdays

Tuesday at 7 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist with Healing Rite