



The EPIPHANY STAR

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

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James Weldon Johnson: Lift Every Voice and Sing

In the summer of 1871, a mere eight years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, James Weldon Johnson was born in Jacksonville, Florida. Educated by his mother, the first female African-American teacher in Florida, young James was infected with her love of English literature. In the volatile years that followed, his father made great achievements, becoming the head waiter at a prominent luxury hotel. This strong example affected James and gave him great confidence as he dreamed of pursuing a professional career. The summer before his freshman year at Atlanta University, James spent time in rural Georgia – Henry County exactly - charged with teaching the children of former slaves. He writes of that time: "In all of my experience there has been no period so brief that has meant so much in my education for life as the three months I spent in the backwoods of Georgia."

A few years after James graduated from college, in the year 1900, a group of men in Jacksonville decided to celebrate the memory of Abraham Lincoln on his birthday. For the occasion, James, with the help of his brother Rosamond - a noted musician - teamed up to write a song. As the story goes, James scribbled out a few lines on a piece of paper, but he wasn't particularly impressed with it...

"Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea."

It was a great set-up, for what James really wanted to say – and then the words came to him...From a man whose world was subject to Jim Crow laws and public lynchings, James dug deep in his **knowledge of the past and his hope for the future** as these words flowed from the depths of his soul:

"Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us."

James writes of these words: "The spirit of the poem had taken hold of me." But he wasn't the only one... James and his brother finished their song, and took it and taught it to over 500 school children in Florida who sang it on February 12, 1900. People were caught in the passion of it, choked up by the memory of pain, and filled with hope for the future. James and his brother had put into words the emotion of so many people, so many lives, so much they had experienced and all they hoped for. All while standing in the middle of their lives in a community filled with emotion.

The brothers never imagined the impact their song would have. The children held onto that song they learned. They in turn taught it to their families, and as they grew they taught it to their own children, and it spread in popularity. In a time of great transition, a time of great hope and forward movement, a time of great pain and despair, this song spoke to a nation of people. A nation needed a song of hope like this, and it still connects today, with words that express emotions we can all understand. It is said of this hymn: "When people stand and sing it, you just feel a connectedness with the song, with all the people who've sung it on numerous occasions, happy and sad over the 100 years before."

In the Episcopal Church, we remember and celebrate the life and gift of James Weldon Johnson on June 25.

The Rev. Dr. Sharon L. Hiers, Sr. Associate Rector



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

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.

Pastoral Needs

Epiphanyite 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.

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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 the anniversary 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

Michael Kenyon

from St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA

Fred Hubbs

from Baylor Chapel, Waco, TX

Do you have a number for...

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

- 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.
- 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.

- 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!).
- 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.

July Anniversaries

- Donna & Doug Whitehead
- Andrea Carpenter & Dennis Edmiston
- Bob & Lynn Holland
- Leah & Tom Felcher
- Elena & Tad Braswell, Jr.
- Barbara & Craig Ryder
- Linda Ryder-Wolf & Steven Wolf
- Heather Hastings & Christian Zsilavetz
- Wallace Bryan-McGrath & Jeff McGrath
- Mary & Bill Braswell
- Audrey & Neil Banfield
- Michele & Rod MacLeod, Jr.
- Lynn & Quentin Holden
- Barbara & Joe Patterson

July Birthdays

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|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Gavin Duffy | 7 Mike Holmes | 14 Ella Thomas | 21 Alexander Meier |
| 1 Brian Sprinkle | 7 Charleigh Parks | 15 Everett Cobb | 21 Jessica Moody |
| 2 Barbara Buehrer | 7 Liz Wall | 15 Maggi Ewing | 22 Josh Becker |
| 2 Lilly Burnett | 9 Erin Democko | 15 Jessica Keys | 22 Anne-Marie Happe |
| 2 Joe Patterson | 9 Liz Romo-Rasha | 16 Susan Crooks | 22 David Knope |
| 2 Rachel Robb | 9 Ellen Wojcik | 16 Ann Temkin | 22 Carter Peatman |
| 2 Amy Roth | 10 Mary Lou Bassett | 16 Amy Zeller | 23 George Councill |
| 2 Hannah Shew | 10 William Sabom | 17 Ross Democko | 23 Alexander Deocampo |
| 3 Cooper Kelley | 10 Katie Teel | 19 Trevor Graetz | 23 Lily McCord |
| 3 Killian Duffy | 11 Muriel Knope | 19 Susan Pierce | 23 Larry Nodine |
| 4 James Rowles | 11 George Stockton | 19 Todd Smith | 24 Gabriella Deocampo |
| 4 Craig Ryder | 13 Wallace Bryan-McGrath | 20 Adrienne Archuleta | 27 Nathalie Wall |
| 5 Larry Kilday | 13 Lisa Carlson | 20 Abigail Dyer | 28 Henry Williams |
| 6 Katrina Shoemaker | 13 Alex Costello | 20 Mary McKenzie | 29 Irene Browne |
| 6 Max Nodine | 13 Miriam Koons | 20 Reid Prikkel | 30 Ivy May |
| 7 Alixe Davidson | 13 Raleigh Coleman | 20 Scott Yaegle | 30 Luke Pattison |
| 7 Rob Godsall | 14 Caroline Carr | 21 Jameson Holmes | 30 Nancy Thompson |
| 7 Charlotte Grubbs | | 21 Joy Hymel | |

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:

July 16 & 17,
August 20 & 21
September 17 & 18

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.

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

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

Epiphany Book Club

The Epiphany Book Club is on 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 Thursdays 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
- Anne Rowles
- Larry Wilcox

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

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JULY 2015

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