



The EPIPHANY STAR

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

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Goats

Caroline Cook took the pictures. There are three, one of me and a goat, one of a little Haitian Episcopalian and a goat, and one of the goat. A triptych. Which is a formal sort of religious iconography, by the way.

This triptych hangs in the office. I was caught speaking to the goat; in other words I am leaning in, preaching mode, and yes, I do believe I was talking to the goat.

Goats get a bad rap theologically. They are the ones that veer off and go *left* as it were and don't enter the kingdom of God in Matthew 25. Goats, contrary to sheep, seem to be ornery and contentious, stubborn and a nuisance.

I like goats. I like that, unlike sheep, they are not docile. Goats have horns and they know how to use them. Goats are climbers and adventurers and hard-headed. Goats have a capacity for great adaptation. Goats are sturdy and durable and inventive. Okay, so I am stretching the anthropomorphic a bit. But I like goats.

Haiti is a fascinating experience when it comes to goats. They are ubiquitous. They stand atop mounds of trash, they roam city streets, they ironically get staked out along roads in the countryside. They show up at church (and politely listen to the sermons). They are even on the menu. Makes you wonder if you know what your goat was doing before it landed on your plate?!

All this is to say that goats are a part of my metaphorical and literal landscape of Haiti. They symbolize something for me. Haitians over the course of their history have been labeled as goats, not fit for the kingdom of nations that abided by the rules (read: power to colonize and maintain order and discipline through the subjugation, extermination and importation and exploitation of indigenous and slave populations, respectively). They have been stubborn and not wanted help. They are independent (only successful slave revolt in history). They are adaptable—life in Haiti is one big huge amazing complicated thing. And in some respects the rest of the world, at least in this hemisphere, has devoured Haiti, its resources and its people.

So, the irrepressible Haitian goat. To me, a symbol of utility, resourcefulness, fortitude, perseverance, hope, fun, and stubborn beauty. The goats of Haiti have become an incarnate form, or expression of prayer for Haiti itself. I look forward to seeing the goats and all that they represent.

The girl and the goat and I all hang together connected by experience, and prayer and history and beauty and a journey and a moment and a timelessness that I keep visiting with God, my fellow travelers, our Haitian partners, the rest of the world and all those amazing goats.

Peace,

The Rev. Benno D. Pattison, 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

Hello from Navajoland!

Wow – four long days on the road with a 22-foot truck (with an almost-flat tire in west Texas), three weary travelers and two cats. We landed Thursday afternoon. A mission group, students from University of New Mexico Lutheran House, was waiting to help us unload. The next morning, we went, along with the Americorp Volunteers who are staying here for three months, to visit the Medicine Man, Phil Bluehouse. It was a great way to start our sojourn here, to get aligned with the core values of Creation, right from the start.

Now we are settling in! Enjoying the vast beauty and otherworldly air, especially at dawn. Doing laundry, moving boxes and getting things situated - even my camel collection! We've had our first Sunday, and first parties. My celebration of New Ministry is set for May 10, Mother's Day, with my new Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dave Bailey, present. On that day I will be presenting all the gifts from Epiphany. I thank you again for all your generosity to this place, Good Shepherd.

We've had our first staff meeting – with ten people, including two deacons, a bookkeeper, three sextons, a building manager and a garden manager! Three churches, four retreat houses, dozens of partner churches and mission groups from around the country, twelve buildings and an almost-finished Hogan, along with intermittent internet access: my learning curve is straight up. I was in bed by 7:30 last night....

Which makes my thanks to all of you for your gifts – monetary and otherwise – all the more precious! Self-care will be something I will have to prioritize. I will use your gifts with great reverence.

I hope you will stay in touch, come visit, bring a group, have a retreat (or hold one). We have tons of fascinating projects....especially if you are a roofer, plumber, rehabber, gardener, bee-keeper, visionary, land-use, energy or sustainability deep-thinker, fund-raiser, or like heavy lifting. I hope to have a website up soon, and Facebook even sooner. Come be with us!

I miss you all!
Ya' ah 'tee!

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Corks & Batteries by Sunday

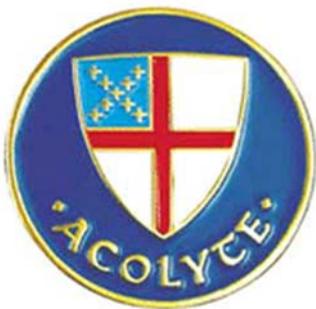
Sunday is the last day the tub will be out to collect your corks and batteries for recycling. Help us keep your household batteries (AA, AAA, cell phone, etc.) and corks (no synthetics, please) out of the landfill by depositing them in the container in the crossing hall.

Altar Guild Members Needed

The Altar Guild consists of men, women and older children who work in teams once a month to prepare the church for worship services. Some of the responsibilities include setting out the wine and bread, preparing the chalices, putting out the vestments and posting the hymns. We need more members to keep this vital ministry operating optimally. Each team is assigned to one Sunday a month, with a time commitment of no more than two to three hours. Some members elect to assist with weddings and funerals. Most people who join the Guild stay for years, nourished by a deeper connection to the worship experience and to each other. Children, age ten and up, are welcome with a parent partner. Training and support are provided. For more information about the Guild, please contact Kathleen Rinehart, 404.284.3257, kathos47@aol.com, or Annie Strahan, 404.373.8525, agstrahan@gmail.com.

Adult Education Offerings on Sunday at 10 a.m.

- **Adult Forum:** The rector continues his discussion on the topic of Anglicanism. Join us in Jones Hall, Room C.
- **The Epiphany Parents Group** meets in the downstairs classroom, Room 001.
- **For Lent, the Lovingkindness Meditation Group** is spending time in the wilderness to discern our next direction. We will meet in Room 202, but instead of the usual meditation, we will have a series of discernment discussions. All are welcome.



Attention Acolytes

There will be a training session for ALL acolytes on March 22 and March 29. Attendance at ONE of these meetings is compulsory and failure to

attend will result in your being removed from the Acolyte Schedule. The training is also open to anyone who wishes to become part of this rewarding ministry. All those in 3rd grade or above (including adults!) are eligible. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Linda Ryder-Wolf at 908.403.9847.

Intergenerational Lenten Quiet Day

Please join us on Saturday, March 21, for a day of prayer. This morning is for children, youth and adults. We will learn about intercessory prayer and various methods of prayer: journaling, mandalas, prayer rug, etc. The day will end with walking the labyrinth. Contact the parish office at parishadmin@epiphany.org to register.

Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Light Sponsorship

Altar Flowers

Each Sunday, flowers are placed on the high altar area, with the exception of Lent. 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 the 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 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 the 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.

Epiphany Stars

Have you or another parishioner you know done a good deed for the parish? Do you know someone who has received recognition for a personal achievement? Let us know!

- ★ Thank you to the kind person who recently repaired snaps and buttons on the LEM vestments. It was noticed and appreciated by many!



Marathon Route by Epiphany

The Publix Georgia Marathon & Half

Marathon will take place on Sunday, March 22, and the route passes by the church, so visit their website to plan your route. To view detailed street closure and traffic information, go to georgiamarathon.com and look for Road Closures under the Get Involved pull-down menu.

Pastoral Needs

Epiphanyite Arlen Grey, now a resident of Sunrise Assisted Living, 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.

Wednesdays at Epiphany

- **Bible Study** is offered twice on Wednesdays, first at 1 p.m. following the mid-day service, led by The Rev. Barbara Ryder, and again at 6:30 p.m. for a study of the upcoming Sunday's readings, led by the rector
- **Wednesday Night Dinner** is served from 5:30-7 p.m. Cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children 12 and under. Sign up in the Crossing Hall by 11 a.m. Tuesday.

Epiphany Book Club

The Epiphany Book Club meets on 1st Mondays at Regency House (341 Winn Way, Decatur 30030) at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Christina Kaylor, 404.525.7595.

- April: *The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the American Dust Bowl* by Timothy Egan (National Book Award for Nonfiction)
- May: *Long Man* by Amy Greene. (This book comes out in paperback March 3rd. I'm told the library has several copies in hardback.)
- June: *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves: A Novel* by Karen Joy Fowler (Shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize)
- September: *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson (Pulitzer Prize for Fiction)

Baptism Dates for 2015

The sacrament of Holy Baptism is offered for adults, infants and children and will be administered during the morning services on the dates listed below. If you or a member of your family desires to be baptized, please contact the parish office.

April 5, 2015

The Easter Vigil 6:00 a.m. sunrise service

April 12, 2015

The Sunday following Easter

May 24, 2015

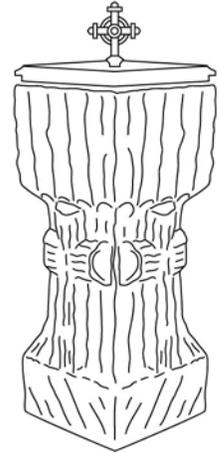
The Sunday of Pentecost

August 9, 2015

The Sunday following the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord

November 1, 2015

All Saints' Sunday



Amazon Smile Earnings

Epiphany has been issued an \$8.61 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity in 4th quarter 2014. When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Church Of The Epiphany. So please bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-0838713> and support us every time you shop.

April Anniversaries

- 5 Richard & Susan Messner
- 8 Phil & Vicki Bolton
- 17 Sarah & Michael Holmes
- 20 Michelle & Randall Moody
- 20 Ellen & Jeremy Wojcik
- 21 Christine Maurer & Paula Maiberger
- 27 Beverley & Ralph Lorenzo
- 28 Sharon Hiers & Lisa Newton

The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

APRIL 2015

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			<p>1</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer (CH) 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist w/Healing (CH) 1:00 p.m. Bible Study (JH-C) 5:30-7 p.m. Supper (JH) 6:30 p.m. Tenebrae (CH) 7:15 p.m. NO EPIPHANY CHOIR</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Maundy Thursday</p> <p>Newsletter Published</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Agapé Supper & Holy Eucharist (JH)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Children's Holy Saturday Prep. 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild I</p>
<p>Easter Day 5</p> <p>6:00 a.m. The Great Vigil, Baptism & Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Epiphany Choir (MS) 8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:30-11 a.m. Easter Breakfast 10:00 a.m. No Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt ff early service 10:30 a.m. Epiphany Choir (MS) 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist 2:00 p.m. Daisy Troop (JH) 6:00 p.m. No Youth Group</p> <p>[NOTE: No 6 p.m. Eucharist]</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Writers' Group (202) 5:30 p.m. *AVAC (001) 7:30 p.m. Book Club (Regency)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (KT) 10:00 a.m. Staff (101) 5:30 p.m. *Spiritual Discovery (001) 7:00 p.m. AA for Women (202) NO CHOIRS</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer (CH) 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist w/Healing (CH) 1:00 p.m. Bible Study (JH-C) NO CHOIRS</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Altar Guild II 10:00 a.m. Baptism Seminar 2:00 p.m. Trautwein/Mitchell Wedding</p>
<p>2 Easter 12</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Epiphany Choir (MS) 8:45 a.m. Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Epiphany Choir (MS) 8:45 a.m. Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist 1:00 p.m. *Veterans Heart of Ga. (JH-C) 5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Dinner 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>13</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Writers' Group (202) 5:30 p.m. *AVAC (001) 5:30 p.m. Liturgy Group (JH) 6:00 p.m. Committee Mtg. Night</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (KT) 9:30 a.m. ECW/Sandwiches for EH (KT) 10:00 a.m. Staff (101) 11:00 a.m. Episcopal Church Women (JH/KT) 7:00 p.m. AA for Women (202) 7:30 p.m. *Sierra Club (JH-B/C)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer (CH) 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist w/Healing (CH) 1:00 p.m. Bible Study (JH-C) 5:00 p.m. Junior Choir (MS) 5:30-6:45 p Supper (JH-B) 6:00 p.m. Epiphany Ringers (CH) 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (JH-A) 7:15 p.m. Epiphany Choir (MS)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Newsletter Published 2:00 p.m. Prep & Cook P'tree Pine Shelter Dinner (KT/JH) 6:30 p.m. Mental Health Grp. (BH)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Heat up P'tree Pine Shelter Dinner (KT/JH) 5:30 p.m. Deliver & Serve Meal (P'tree Pine Shelter) 7:30 p.m. P'tree Pine Volunteer Dinner (JH-A)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Altar Guild III 5:00 p.m. Open House w/Sharon</p>
<p>3 Easter 19</p> <p>Green Sunday</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Epiphany Choir (MS) 8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Epiphany Choir (MS) 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist 5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Dinner 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>20</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Writers' Group (202) 5:30 p.m. *AVAC (001) 7:00 p.m. Vestry (KT/JH)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (KT) 9:00 a.m. DMST Workshop (JH-B) 10:00 a.m. Staff (101) 5:00 p.m. Beginning Choristers (MS) 5:30 p.m. Intermediate Choristers (MS) 5:30 p.m. *Spiritual Discovery (001) 7:00 p.m. AA for Women (202)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer (CH) 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist w/Healing (CH) 1:00 p.m. Bible Study (JH-C) 2:00 p.m. Holy Comforter Dinner (KT) 5:00 p.m. Junior Choir (MS) 5:30-6:45 p Supper (JH-B) 6:00 p.m. Epiphany Ringers (CH) 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (JH-A) 7:15 p.m. Epiphany Choir (MS)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>St. Mark 25</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Altar Guild IV (Regency)</p>
<p>4 Easter 26</p> <p>UTO Ingathering</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Epiphany Choir (MS) 8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Daughters of the King (JH-A) 10:30 a.m. Epiphany Choir (MS) 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist 4:00 p.m. Open House w/Sharon 5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Dinner 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Our Week at Hagar's House</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Writers' Group (202) 5:30 p.m. *AVAC (001)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Our Week at Hagar's House</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (KT) 10:00 a.m. Staff (101) 5:00 p.m. Beginning Choristers (MS) 5:30 p.m. Intermediate Choristers (MS) 7:00 p.m. AA for Women (202)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Our Week at Hagar's House</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer (CH) 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist w/Healing (CH) 1:00 p.m. Bible Study (JH-C) 5:00 p.m. Junior Choir (MS) 5:30-6:45 p Supper (JH-B) 6:00 p.m. Epiphany Ringers (CH) 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (JH-A) 7:15 p.m. Epiphany Choir (MS)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Newsletter Published Our Week at Hagar's House</p>		<p>LEGEND</p> <p>BH = Byrd House CH = Church CL = Choir Loft KT = Kitchen MG = Memorial Garden MS = Music Suite JH = Jones Hall * = Outside Group or Private Function</p>

April Birthdays

1	Abigail Wiles	10	Mary Margaret Stewart	18	Anne Meyer	25	Laura Eby
2	Alex Belcore	11	Christine Maurer	18	Grace Meyer	26	Mike McAuliffe
2	William Lowance	11	Gabriel Navarro	18	Leigh Potts	27	April Maa
3	Shea McNutt	11	George Smith	18	Adele Reeves	27	Dean Potts
3	Grant Rivera	11	Matt Woods	18	Liefy Smith	27	Mark Rowles
5	Eva Brandon	12	Christen Erskine	18	Galo Velasco-Jackson	28	Brian Gross
5	Skye McKinney	12	Grace Fico	19	Sofie Wallace	28	Lena McBath
5	Annalia Polemitis	12	Lauren Rivera	19	Sandy Land	29	Lily Brandon
6	Jim Biddle	13	Rachel Thompson	19	Ingrid Reinhard	29	Chris Introna
6	William Wilson	14	Charles Coats	20	Lindsey Coleman	29	Gail Munoz
7	Mae Kotzan	14	Benno Pattison	20	Tracey Laird	29	Kelli Shadwell
9	Margaret Ann Breed	14	Zjahni Smith	21	Jackie Mickle	29	Lou Squyres
9	Damian Kavanagh	14	Max Woodliff	22	Richard Bassett	30	Jimmy Rabb
9	Luise Kirkhuff	16	Richard Kertscher	22	Andrew Cobb	30	Esther Bryant
9	Mary Lowance	17	Bill Rudolph	23	Sophia Fasano	30	Rekha Gross
9	Elizabeth McBath	18	Erin Braden	23	Keith Fox		
10	Lisa Daily	18	Sara Dangel	24	Ally DeVries		
10	Luc Holden	18	Marilyn Harbert	24	Ben Holland		

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 starts at 11:00 a.m., with potluck lunch to follow.

DOK New Meeting Day & Time



The Daughters of the King (DOK) are changing our meeting time and place to the 4th Sunday at 10 a.m. between services. We will meet 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, shirleysugden@gmail.com; Barbara Ryder, 404.373.9472,

bhwryder@bellsouth.net, or Audrey Banfield, 770.465.7301, banfield@bellsouth.net.

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.

Children & Youth

Activity Bags



One of the helps for our children during church is the colorful bags found in the left cubby as you enter the narthex glass doors. Inside you will find pipe cleaners (the color of our lectionary season – purple for Lent. You might want to ask your child where else in the church they see purple), a children’s bulletin about the day’s scripture, and crayons. (Parents: please read the back page, that is for you.)

I like to think of this activity like knitting – It’s something that you can do and still listen and engage. Busy hands/open ears. The children’s church bags exist not to distract, but to assist in our children being in church. Please be sure to return the bags to the nook at the end of worship.

Easter Egg Hunt Preview

As we did last year, we will gather in Jones Hall to begin the hunt. But this year the eggs will be empty! Just like Jesus’s tomb – nothing there. But when the children return with the eggs they have found and go to the Easter table, they will receive an Easter Goodie Bag filled with stickers, tattoos, toys, that remind them that Jesus Lives! And as they enjoy their “goodies” that Easter is the best day ever.



So, we don’t need candy from parishioners this year, nor help stuffing eggs, but we need cash to make these purchases. Donations can be left in Ellen’s cubby or leave a check marked for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Please note that with these changes, all children will go home with some special goodies from the parish, and we can continue to hide eggs as needed for any late comers.

Outreach News

Advocacy Corner

Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Bill Still Alive

The major Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking bill was heard in the House Juvenile Justice Committee on Wednesday, March 18 (press time before that). The legislation, SB 8 Safe Harbor/Rachel's Law Act, provides funding for services for child victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking, increased penalties for traffickers, and mandatory fees for adult entertainment establishments, a major feeder industry. SR 7, Constitutional Amendment, would be on the ballot in November 2016 for the electorate to approve should the legislation pass the House and be signed by Governor Deal.

Action now will center on the full Georgia House of Representatives. Please contact your representative. Find out who represents you in the House by going to: <http://mvp.sos.state.ga.us/> or www.openstates.org.

Request a "Do Pass" vote of SB 8 Safe Harbor/Rachel's Law Act and SR 7 the Constitutional Amendment. Add anything relevant about being a person of faith (Episcopalian), someone who has worked with abused boys and girls, or been affected themselves.

Good News: Local “Rachel” whose name is on the bill along with another survivor, both formerly trafficked girls, were panelists at the United Nations, Commission on the Status of Women. With Lisa Williams, founder of Circle of Friends and the Living Water restoration programs they spoke on the "Unfinished Business from the Beijing Platform for Action: American girls speak out against commercial sexual exploitation." The Beijing Conference on the Status of Women Worldwide was held in 1995.

Gretchen Maclachlan 404.502.6582; Cindy Bell 404.549.3363.

Hunger Walk/Run Huge Success!

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of 45 of you, Epiphany raised \$2,540, supporting efforts to fight against local hunger. Epiphany will get credit at the Atlanta Food Bank for 80% of our contributions, which we will use over the next year to support our feeding programs at Peachtree-Pine, Hagar’s House, Emmaus House, Holy Comforter, and Church of the Common Ground. Thank you for your support through prayer, participation, or sponsorship.



Matthew Project Thanks

Building I of the Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center in Jasper, GA, is complete! For the past year, Epiphany has supported a Diocesan effort to build a replacement facility for “Good Sam.” Our first trip to Jasper was in April 2014, and we have recently completed our eighth trip! Patients are now being seen in a modern 4000 sq ft building instead of seven 20+ year-old double wide trailers.

An open house is scheduled for April 27th at 4:00 pm, and we are all invited. Thanks to all of you who have supported this effort through your prayers and participation. Stay tuned for how we can help with the construction of Buildings II and III.



Care for Moms and Newborns!

During Lent, Epiphany’s Christian Education Program and Outreach Committee are co-hosting a campaign to raise money for Episcopal Relief and Development through the “Moms and Newborns” program which provides basic medicine and nutrition for mothers and newborns. For every \$35 donated, we will put a silhouette of a baby on our ERD wall. Checks should be made out to Epiphany with ERD on the memo line; checks and cash may be put into the ERD envelopes in the vestibule and then into the collection plates or into Kim Finnegan’s cubby.



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: April 16 & 17, May 14 & 15

Easter at Epiphany

Holy Week & Easter Services

Sunday, April 29	The Sunday of the Passion:
	Palm Sunday
*8:45 a.m.	Palm Sunday Process (The Point) & Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
*11:15 a.m.	Palm Sunday Process (The Point) & Holy Eucharist
	Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m.	
Monday, March 30	Monday in Holy Week
6:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, March 31	Tuesday in Holy Week
7:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, April 1	Wednesday in Holy Week
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m.	Tenebrae
Thursday, April 2	Maundy Thursday
*6:15 p.m.	Agápe Supper (by reservation) Maundy Thursday Liturgy, Foot washing & Holy Eucharist
Friday, April 3	Good Friday
*11:30 a.m.	Stations of the Cross
*12:00 p.m.	The Good Friday Liturgy
*6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
*6:30 p.m.	The Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday, April 4	
10:00 a.m.	Holy Saturday Family Workday
Sunday, April 5	Easter Day
6:00 a.m.	The Great Vigil, Baptism & Holy Eucharist
	Holy Eucharist
*8:45 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
*9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
*10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt—immediately following the 8:45 service. [BYOB – bring your own basket]
	Holy Eucharist
*11:15 a.m.	

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* Childcare Available

** There will be no 6 p.m. service on Easter Sunday



Palm Sunday- The Passion Gospel

The narrative
account of Jesus's

last days is read at 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Volunteers are needed to read the various parts, which range from single lines to extended dialogue. The signup link is on epiphany.org.

Palm Sunday School hour

Please note that everyone is invited to Jones Hall to greet our new priest Sharon Hiers during the Sunday School hour. Children will gather in the Godly Play 3 room to begin their special Holy Week event during Sunday School with Mike McAuliffe and Cristin Davis.

Rite of Reconciliation

During Holy Week, our priests are available by appointment for those wishing to make formal confession along the Rite outlined in the BCP. Formal confession is an ancient Christian practice that makes explicit the pardon and grace of God for the penitent. Many have found this practice central to their Lenten journey. While confession is recognized as a sacrament, the Episcopal Church's stance on confession is that "all may, none must, some should." Please contact either The Rev. Benno Pattison or The Rev. Sharon Hiers (after 3/23) by phone or email if you wish to schedule an appointment.

Tenebrae

Wednesday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m.

Take part in Wednesday's Tenebrae service at 6:30 p.m. *Tenebrae* is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." This is a contemplative service recalling the Passion of Christ in music, verse and light. You can sign up to read a lesson at epiphany.org.

The Maundy Thursday Liturgy

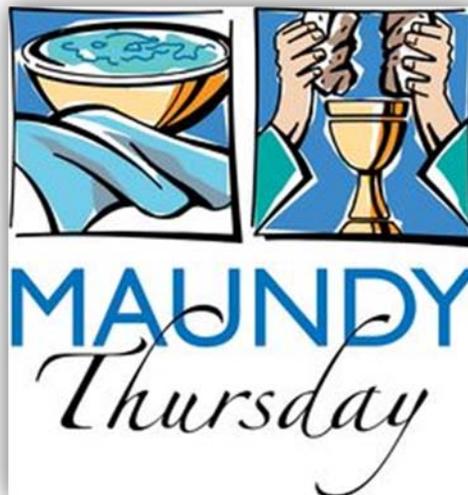
Thursday, April 2, at 6:15 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified. Epiphany has a long held tradition of celebrating this special day beginning with a simple and communal Agápe supper, followed by a procession into the Church to strip the altar and reserve the blessed bread and wine, body and blood of Jesus.

No recipes have come down to us from the time of Christ; however, knowing what raw materials were available to the Jews of Palestine in that period and what dishes were mentioned in the Bible, we have an idea of what Christians may have eaten at an Agápe (love) feast. Dried and fresh fruits (no citrus as oranges and lemons were rare and very expensive), olives, almonds, different kinds of cheeses, lentils, cucumbers with yogurt, couscous, tabbouleh, hummus and bread could have been a part of these meals. For the bread, flatbread, pita, or matzoth (or all three) might have been eaten. Wine for the adults (and grape juice for the children at our supper) would be the custom.

As part of our liturgical expression of this event, we invite participants to bring to their 'assigned' table one of the components listed above while Joel Fowler prepares a delicate fish fillet for those who are interested. As we eat, we will do the liturgy of the Word, make Eucharist around our tables, and humble ourselves to our neighbors by the washing of each other's feet for those who wish to participate.

Sign-up sheets for tables are located outside the kitchen in Jones Hall. Please note there is a \$7 charge for the fish, with a maximum family cost of \$25. Your



food offering is designated on the sign-up sheet. The nursery will be available for infants and toddlers, if parents wish to use it. Older children are seated with their families and are encouraged to attend.



Watch One Hour

Our traditional vigil on Maundy Thursday night and Good Friday morning is an opportunity for people to come to the church in response to Jesus's question in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Could you not keep awake one hour?" A time for prayer, meditation and scripture reading, the vigil hours

mark the time between the Last Supper and Jesus's crucifixion. Vigil keepers are invited to pray near the altar of repose, in the baptistry, where the reserved sacrament is kept during this time. Please sign up at <http://www.epiphany.org/ministries/people.html> to watch with Christ one hour.

Good Friday

Good Friday Services are at noon & 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 3. The Stations of the Cross—a symbolic meditative journey beginning with Christ's condemnation and ending with his burial—will take place at 11:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Since 1922, the Episcopal Church has contributed the Good Friday Offering to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. If you would like to contribute, make a check payable to Epiphany noting "Good Friday" in the memo field.

Holy Saturday Family Workday

Holy Saturday Family Workday, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saturday, April 4, includes helping Guilds prepare the Nave

for Easter and making crafts for Easter. Sign up your child in the Crossing Hall for ways to help. Because of Spring break beginning this weekend, we especially ask that children sign up for this event this year so we can plan appropriately.

Easter Vigil

Join us for the Great Vigil of Easter at 6 a.m. on Sunday morning to begin our Easter celebration. There will be incense at this service. Remember to bring bells to ring during the service and plan to stay afterwards for champagne and strawberries.

Easter Breakfast

Easter Day, April 5, from 9:30 – 11 a.m.

Breakfast begins Easter morning at 9 a.m. Parishioners are invited to bring breakfast dishes to share. Sign up in the Crossing Hall.



Easter Egg Hunt

As we did last year, we will gather in Jones Hall to begin the hunt. But this year the eggs will be empty! Just like Jesus' tomb—nothing there. But when the children return with the eggs they have found and go to the Easter table, they will receive an Easter Goodie Bag filled with stickers, tattoos, and toys, that remind them that Jesus Lives! So, we don't need candy from parishioners this year, but we need cash to make these purchases. Donations can be left in Ellen's cubby or leave a check marked for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Easter Flowers & Music



(PLEASE PRINT TO MINIMIZE ERRORS)

I would like to make a contribution of \$ _____ for flowers.

I would like to make a contribution of \$ _____ for music.

Your Name: _____

In memory of: _____

and/or

In thanksgiving for: _____

This form with check attached must be returned to the parish office no later than Monday, March 30, for the donation to be listed in the Easter bulletins.

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 404.368.7937.

Please let the Parish Office know if there are any errors on the listings below.

Heal your sick servants

- Alice Cunningham
- Bella Fasano
- Tim Gore
- Arlen Gray
- Mary McKenzie
- Chris Miller
- Chris Moser
- Annalia Polemitis
- Judy Urban
- Hoby Warner
- Louise Wheelless
- Larry Wilcox

Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

- Marlene & Charles Coats
- Laura Faller
- Arlen Gray
- Adele Reeves
- Ted Yardley
- Sarah Jane Wollison

For those who have died

- Peggy Robinson, friend of Audrey & Neil Banfield
- Virginia, sister of Sytha Cheatham

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

- Shirley, friend of Nancy Thompson
- Jerrie & Carolyn Cheatham, sisters-in-law of Sytha Cheatham
- Margaret Moore, sister of Brother Francis Boniface
- Bryce, nephew of Audrey & Neil Banfield
- Michael Morehouse, friend of Holly Slater

- Jen Cronin, friend of Holly Slater
- Mickie Schierman, mother of Ann Fowler
- Lucy & Bob Yntema, parents of John Yntema
- Laurie MacLeod Bennett, daughter of Rod MacLeod
- Dave & Jack Willadsen, friends of The Deocampo Family
- Don Baltrunis, cousin of Sandy Land
- Janice, Jessica & Megan, relatives of Tracy Laird
- Kathy, Jeremy, Jerry, relatives of Pam & Mike Smith
- Bob Kruger, brother-in-law of Pat Madden-Hudson
- Annie Loring, friend of Linda Erhard
- Garrison Pierce, grandson of Pat Spivey
- Nick Klist, relative of Neil & Audrey Banfield
- Kay, friend of Jewel Allen
- Thelma & J.O. Hudson, parents of Bill Hudson
- Lynn and Colin, friends of Michele and Rod MacLeod
- Les Howell, partner of Cliff Edge
- Jan Pedersen, mother of Katie Pedersen
- Martha Sanders Vincent, mother of Heather Holly
- Greg, brother of Dan Deocampo
- Katherine, friend of Joanne & Dan Deocampo
- Mike and Bethany Gaige, Ed and Joan Hambalek, family of Barbara Belcore
- Mary Lou, mother of Susan Messner
- Bill Lawrence, brother of Terri Lawrence
- Janet, friend of Ruth Olson
- Kat Rader, friend of Chippy & Mac Holladay
- Jenny Allen and her family, sister of Jewel Allen
- Justin D'zan, friend of Rob Godsall
- Lynn Gable, friend of Rob Godsall
- Mike Tipton, brother of Pam Tipton
- Katherine Lee, daughter of Jackie Lee
- Lynn Gable, friend of Rob Godsall
- Kyle, cousin of Jessica Boatright
- Charles, Clara, Brady & Jeff, family of Penny Pritcher
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- Molly Gray, sister of Lissa Jackson
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- John Aull, brother of Kathy Walmsley
- Lou Klist, sister of Neil Banfield
- Kyle, friend of Sandy Land
- Tom Pedersen, father of Katie Pedersen
- Bill Lawrence, brother of Terri Lawrence
- Becki Kelly, friend of Jewel Allen
- Donnie Huestess, relative of Randy Shearin
- Lillian, mother of Keith Poole
- Pete Golden, friend of Katie Pedersen
- Patrick Arneodo, friend of Shirley Sugden
- Shelly Raines, father of Ann Williamson, grandfather of Lea, Maggie, Mary Katharine and Alex Williamson



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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