



The EPIPHANY STAR

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

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March 5, 2015

Wilderness

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. —The Gospel of Mark

Maybe Jesus wanted to stay—in the wilderness. Maybe it wasn't a difficult excursion for him. Maybe he was at home out in the wilds. Maybe it filled his cup.

I've taken for granted over the years that Jesus's 40-day sojourn in the wilderness was not to his liking, and that it was difficult because it was wilderness, and that he wanted it to hurry up and end, etc...my Dad was not a woodsy guy, maybe I projected a bit of my paternal angst on Jesus.

I've wanted to get out to the woods lately. I've had that itch that happens when I've spent too much time inside the perimeter and I know that being out on a trail or in a river or a meadow would restore me and invigorate me and make me feel full again.

So when I read it, that Jesus went to the wilderness and that he was tempted and then, then, here is the fun part...*he was with the wild beasts...*that did it.

That was the phrase that reversed the trajectory of an age-old interpretation of this text for me. Maybe Jesus liked it out there with the wild beasts. It certainly sounds fun, and chummy. It even echoes a little Adam/Eve moment of a paradise where man/woman names all the beasts of the earth. What a great vocation, to be naming the beasts, to *be* with them.

Maybe the temptation, at least from Mark's vantage point, was to think that the wilderness is a scary place where God is not. Maybe the temptation was to think that the city is where it is going on. Maybe the temptation is to not spend time in the wilderness. Maybe the temptation was to get back to work.

I love the woods and mountains and deserts and wild beasts and, oh, I just love it. And I don't do it enough. Stewart is at Renfroe this year (his mother lives in Decatur), and that has afforded us fall and winter breaks of days at a time.

During winter break a couple of weeks ago, we decided to get out. Thursday night of that really cold week, Ruth and Emma and Stew and I stood out in the woods at Unicoi State Park and looked up at a wonderfully lit-up sky, full of stars. It was 14 degrees. It was wilderness and gorgeous and I am sure we were with the wild beasts (the only other creatures nutty enough to be taking a starlit walk in that kind of weather).

This Lent, find a wilderness, even if it's just your back yard. Be with the wild beasts, and the Angels, and listen for the voice of God, and don't let the temptation to get back to work get in your way.



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

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:** Do you have questions about Epiphany? Are you a newcomer who wants to learn about our community? Or are you a regular attendee who wants to become a member? Or maybe you're a long-time member who wants to get more involved? Wherever you are on your journey, we can help. Drop by Epiphany 101 to ask questions and learn more about us. Join us in Jones Hall, Room C. Led by Paul Welty.
- **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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



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.

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

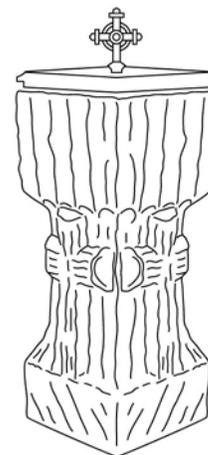
The Sunday of Pentecost

August 9, 2015

The Sunday following the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord

November 1, 2015

All Saints' Sunday



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

Kelleen Hubbs

from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Denver, CO

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, bhwyder@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 Return



From our New Interim Children & Youth Coordinator, Ellen Mintzmyer

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.



Earth Guild News

Corks & Batteries

The Epiphany Earth Guild will be collecting and recycling your batteries throughout the season of Lent. 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.

Electronic Recycling



For the next two Sundays (March 8 and 15), the Earth Guild will collect electronic devices for recycling. Bring devices to the paved parking lot between morning services, and we will store them and take them to the City of Decatur Recycling Event on March 21. (Note: City of Decatur will not accept large appliances and TVs cost \$10.) Accepted Items: microwave ovens, copiers, printers, scanners, projectors, CB radios, video machines, VCRs, phones, cell phones, cameras, stereos, record players, speakers, CD players, portable radios, typewriters, computers, computer monitors, CPUs, laptops, disk drives, mice, keyboards, circuit boards, CD ROMs, modems, floppy drives, cables circuit boards, UPS Battery backup, electrical panels, test and networking equipment

GIPPY Awards – March 19

The Rev. Canon Sally Bingham, founder of National Interfaith Power & Light, is this year's keynote speaker at the Georgia Power & Light's (GIPL) ninth annual GIPPY Awards. The ceremony will be held March 19 at the Young Israel Toco Hills Synagogue at 2056 LaVista Road from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Epiphany is a charter congregation of GIPL and winner of the GIPPY award in 2008. GIPL is the Georgia offspring of IPL. Bingham is one of the first faith leaders to fully recognize global warming as a core moral issue and has mobilized people to put their faith into action through energy stewardship. She serves as Canon for the Environment in the Episcopal Diocese of California.

This year's GIPPYs will be hosted by Young Israel Toco Hills, the first house of worship to be Earthcraft green certified and one of the country's most sustainable synagogues. The GIPPY awards celebrate the best of the best in congregational sustainability. Please join others from the Earth Guild and Epiphany to enjoy this Creation-conscious space as GIPL honors this year's winners.

Tickets are \$10 per person, which can be obtained by going to www.gipl.org and registering online. Or you can contact Brenda Lloyd at 770.934.2096 or lloydbv@bellsouth.net. There will be a kosher dessert and coffee buffet.

Outreach News

Advocacy Corner

Knowledge for Your Advocacy: Engaging Poverty through Housing

“On a single night in January 2013, there were 610,042 people experiencing homelessness in the United States, including 215,344 people who were living in unsheltered locations.” On that particular night, nearly one quarter (23%) were children. More than a third (36%) were a part of a homeless family. So reports the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in its recent annual report to Congress.

This tragic situation is tied in large part to such systemic issues as a lack of affordable housing across the nation, racial disparities, and domestic violence. While not comprehensive, these three issues are becoming an ever-increasing reality faced by the unemployed and working poor alike.

- Affordable housing is becoming more and more difficult to find for the working poor across the country.
- An estimated 12 million renter and homeowner households, nearly 10% of all households in America, now pay more than 50% of their annual incomes for housing.

- Racial disparity is particularly troublesome when it comes to transitioning from tenant to homeowner. Yet for years, redlining, discriminatory mortgage-lending practices, lack of access to credit, and lower incomes have blocked the home ownership path for African Americans while creating and reinforcing community segregation by race.
- In 2005, nearly 50% of US city mayors identified domestic violence as a primary cause of homelessness in their city. Other studies report that as many as 92% of homeless women have suffered severe abuse at some point in their lives.

Having shelter - a place to call home - is foundational to a secure and hopeful life. It affects our present and future economic, physical, emotional and even spiritual state. Policies, practices, and ministries designed to improve access to quality housing are critical to breaking the cycle of poverty and providing opportunities for a better life.

Excerpts from the Episcopal Public Policy Network.
<http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/app/document/6620185>

Gretchen Maclachlan 404.502.6582, Cindy Bell 404.881.7777

Peachtree Pine Homeless Men's 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: March 19 & 20, April 16 & 17, May 14 & 15

Matthew Project Update

For us at Epiphany, the Matthew Project is a series of short "mission trips" to Jasper, GA, in support of a Diocesan effort to build a replacement facility for the Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center. It is a three-year endeavor to build three 4000 sq ft buildings to house the free clinic. Our first trip to Jasper was in April 2014, and we have recently completed our seventh trip!

Building I is almost complete! Projected opening is March 17th. Our last trip before the opening will be Mar 13/14 (Fri/Sat) to help with the move in. It is not too late for those that have not yet responded to join in. We plan an

early morning departure to work, spend the night, work, and return home Saturday afternoon. Come join us! If you wish to sign up, go to <http://doodle.com/v64s8ud23qkym2sz>



Join us for Hunger Walk/Run 2015!

On March 15 Epiphany will once again be supporting efforts to fight against local hunger. The Hunger Walk/Run - an annual 5K walk and "fun run" begun in 1984 - is a project of the Atlanta Community Food Bank that unites our community to raise awareness and critical funds for local hunger relief. Proceeds from the event benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank and other local nonprofit organizations.

The event is held at Turner Field's Green Lot and includes food trucks, games, educational activities, and live entertainment. The event opens at noon, so that teams may go from church and buy lunch/enjoy the entertainment there. The walk/run begins at 2:00 p.m., and everything is over by 4:00 p.m. For those at Epiphany who wish to ride down together, we will leave from Epiphany at 12:30 p.m. and meet at the ACFB and Meet Your Team Area. This event is great fun for all ages!

Epiphany will have one team (Epiphany Magi) jointly sponsored by our Youth and the Outreach Committee. We will walk/run to raise money for the Food Bank and Epiphany's feeding ministries (Peachtree Pine, Holy Comforter, Emmaus House, and Hagar's House). Our Epiphany Food Pantry receives a credit at the Food Bank for 80% of the funds raised (which last year was \$1800!). These funds are a major help in allowing us to serve the underserved!

There is a \$25 registration fee (donation) to walk at the event or \$35 to run. Members of the Youth and/or Outreach Committee will be collecting registrations between services, or you can register on-line: (<http://engage.acfb.org/goto/EpiphanyMagi>). Registration checks should be made out to "ACFB Hunger Walk." If you cannot personally participate, you may sponsor a church member who is registered or donate to the team. Use the same registration link above. Deadline is noon, March 13.

Through the Hunger Walk, we can again help make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need. Please consider supporting us through prayer, participation, or sponsorship. Contact Tom Bell 404.549.3363 or bellsat243@gmail.com for questions.

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) Project for Lent – 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

(ERD) through the "Moms and Newborns" program in the ERD "Gifts for Life" catalogue. Gifts provide 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.

The program will end on Palm Sunday, March 29. We will have a brief celebration of our ERD donations for "Moms and Newborns" program on Palm Sunday between services. Hopefully this program will be a good learning experience for all of us and provide much needed assistance through ERD programs at the same time. Many thanks for your help in making it all happen.

(Episcopal Relief and Development is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that works with Church partners and other local organizations to save lives and transform communities worldwide. It rebuilds after disasters and empowers people to create lasting solutions that fight poverty, hunger and disease. Go to <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/> for complete information. ERD Lenten Meditation Booklets are on the table in the vestibule.)

Easter at Epiphany

Holy Week & Easter Services

Sunday, April 29	The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
*8:45 a.m.	Palm Sunday Liturgy & Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
*11:15 a.m.	Palm Sunday Liturgy & Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
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
*8:45 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
*9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
*10:00 a.m.	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Easter Egg Hunt—immediately following the 8:45 service. [BYOB – bring your own basket]
*11:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
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* Childcare Available

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



Holy Week

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 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

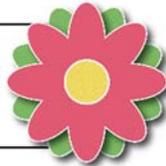
Good Friday Services are at noon & 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 3. The Stations of the Cross—a symbolic meditative journey beginning with Christ’s condemnation and ending with his burial—will take place at 11:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Since 1922, the Episcopal Church has contributed the Good Friday Offering 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.

Remember to bring a flower to adorn the cross on Easter Sunday!



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



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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.

Diocesan & Community News

Want to stay on top of what's happening in the Diocese? You can subscribe to Connecting, the enews publication from the Diocese. A sign up link can be found at

<https://www.episcopalatlanta.org/>

Summer Camp registration



Registration for Summer Camp sessions at Camp Mikell begins Feb. 10. Learn more about the schedule and rates at <http://campmikell.com/summer-camp/information/>

Come to the Temple March 31

You are invited to come together with our bishops and clergy for a Holy Week liturgy and renewal of vows. The event begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, at The Temple, a Reform synagogue at 1589 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30309. Rabbi Peter Berg will preach. All are welcome.

Don't miss this unusual opportunity to worship as Jesus did ~ and support your clergy too.

Author to speak on civil rights in film, novels

Anthony Grooms, award winning local author, will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at St. James Episcopal Church, Marietta. He will read from his work and speak about the depiction of the civil rights movement in recent films and novels.



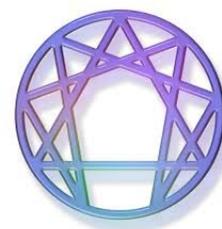
Grooms, who teaches creative writing at Kennesaw State University, is the author of *Trouble No More*, a collection of short stories, and *Bombingham*, a novel. The Southern Regional Council has given Grooms the Lillian Smith Award for each of these books. He is also the author of *Ice Poems*. In addition he has received a Fulbright Fellowship and an Arts Administration Fellowship from the National

Endowment for the Arts. He was a Hurston-Wright Foundation Legacy Award finalist. Both *Trouble No More* and *Bombingham* are a part of the All Georgia Reads program, and *Bombingham* has been adapted for study in college classes.

His new novel, *Burn the House*, is being edited for publication, while he writes another novel about school desegregation in Birmingham.

Grooms' visit to St. James is sponsored by the church's Pathfinders Committee and is open to the community.

Enneagram and the Lenten Journey



The Enneagram and the Lenten

Journey: Walking the Path to New Life

is the title for a workshop from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Atlanta. Kimberly Broerman, certified Enneagram trainer and spiritual director, will lead the program. A working knowledge of the Enneagram is required. Cost is \$50. Register at amersonhouse@gmail.com with your name and Enneagram type.

Deposit due March 14 for Spain pilgrimage

The deadline is March 14 to pay the \$150 deposit on a pilgrimage to five cities in Spain to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the birth of Teresa of Avila April 20-29 with the Rev. Isaías A. Rodríguez, Diocese of Atlanta Hispanic missionary. Five of the most beautiful cities of Spain are on the tour: Avila -the walled city, Salamanca, Segovia, Toledo, León and Alba the Tormes, where St. Teresa is buried. Total cost is \$960 per person double occupancy or \$996 single and includes lodging and three meals a day, ground transportation, tour guides, admission to museums, monasteries and tips and lunches on day excursions. Contact as soon as possible: irodriguez@episcopalatlanta.org or 404.707.1217.

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
- Virginia Stuart, sister of Sytha Cheatham

- 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
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- Les Howell, partner of Cliff Edge
- Jan Pedersen, mother of Katie Pedersen
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- 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
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- Kyle, cousin of Jessica Boatright
- Charles, Clara, Brady & Jeff, family of Penny Pritcher
- Chris Dolezel, sister of Marjorie Timmer
- Orval Jackson, father of Ted Jackson
- Connor & Keri McNulty, cousins of Lisa Carlson
- Henry, friend of Dan Mundy
- Grace Edmiston, mother of Dennis Edmiston
- Laurie, friend of Laura Faller
- Jane Howe, sister of Chippy Holladay
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- Molly Gray, sister of Lissa Jackson
- Daniel Kelhoffer, father of Beth Kelhoffer
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- Beth Begley, friend of Lisa Carlson and Johanna Hinman
- John Aull, brother of Kathy Walmsley
- Lou Klist, sister of Neil Banfield



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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