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The Devil and Episcopalians

As Episcopalians, we don't talk about the devil much, no fire and brimstone sermons about "Ol' Scratch" to scare us to death during Sunday morning sermons. So you can imagine my surprise when an Episcopal priest told me that the devil often tries to impede you when you take on holy work. I've pondered this, but never really experienced it...until I agreed to be the interim for children's ministries here at Epiphany. It began with a cold that would not cease. I am a healthy person, colds last 5 days, not 5 weeks. And I believe you stay at home when you are sick so you don't pass on your germs. But I had to change that a bit, leaving the nave before Peace was passed, keeping a tissue nearby in case of a cough. Finally, that was over.

Then my bank account got hacked! Fortunately, my bank saw this unusual transfer and called me within 3 hours of its occurrence. This required all my accounts to be closed and opened with new ones. The bank personnel were great and I really had quite an easy time of it. But while waiting for my new checks, debit card etc. to arrive, I was checking my accounts daily, scheduling dates in the future to change my passwords.

Then there was a mess-up with my health insurance that I don't even want to go into. With the aid of many, it is still not totally resolved, but I've moved on until that glorious day when it will be.

Then, on March 24, I was in a car accident and my car was totaled. Fortunately, I only bruised my ribs and chest from the seat belt, so I thought-until I discovered ribs can take 4 - 8 - 12 weeks to be fully healed. And then I got to work with a towing company, salvage company, rental agency, my insurance company, the car dealership. All were professional people and willing to help. In many ways, I was blessed. But my life was topsy -turvy and the To Do list was out of sight.

Does God really only give you as much as you can handle? Isn't bad luck supposed to come in threes?

And it was almost Easter. Maundy Thursday, Holy Saturday, Easter egg hunt and Easter Goodie bags for the children. Oh, my. Actually, at this point it was very comforting to remember that Jesus triumphed! That Christ is triumphant not only over death, but over sin and the obstacles that life puts in the way, all the ways we are bedeviled. He also had 40 days in the wilderness and was devil-tempted and He triumphed! And now I had Jesus on my side. It also helped that, for me, working with children and being able to join them on our mutual spiritual journey is life giving. I think that ol' devil saw the bright eyes and smiles of the children and knew he was doomed to fail. Yes, Alleluia, Jesus is Alive! And so am I!

For the past 31/2 months, it has been a pleasure to work as your interim for Children's Ministries (with a few Youth tasks). The work has often been a bright spot of my days, and as noted above, life-giving. The interim period ends on May 17 as Sunday School comes to an end. And I have been contracted to help with VBS during June. Also, I am a member of this parish. So, whatever my role may be in the future at Epiphany, we will minister to and with children, we will find innovative and engaging ways that will enhance our Christian journey together. And we will all be a part of it, including me.

Blessings,



Ellen Mintzmyer, Interim Children & Youth Coordinator

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 Camps

- 6/8-12-Music & Drama (MAD) Camp: With a performance on Sunday, June 14. Look for registration forms in the Gallery and online soon!
- 6/22-26-Vacation Bible School: A funfilled week in late June with Chapel time and theme-based program 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.

Parish Picnic

Sunday, May 17

The Parish Picnic begins with worship at 10:30 a.m. in the backyard of the Byrd House. Level seating will be on the covered porch, for the lawn, bring blankets or chairs. If you missed the chance to get tickets, come anyway. Rain plans are back in the Parish Hall. Note: There will be just the one service at 10:30 a.m.

Congratulations **Graduates!**

- ★ Wren Ballou is graduating from Decatur High School and will be attending the University of Georgia.
- ★ Shirley Banks is graduating from the Candler School of Theology with a Masters in Theological Studies.
- ★ Brendan Bender is graduating from Woodward Academy and will be Reed College in Portland, Oregon
- ★ Will Bryant is graduating from Druid Hills High School and will attend Mercer University in Macon.
- ★ Emily Cook is graduating from a home study program and will attend Georgia Tech
- ★ Zoey Laird is graduating from Decatur High School and will be attending Warren Wilson College.
- ★ Carter Peatman is graduating from Decatur High School and will be attending a college in Georgia.
- ★ Julian Pierce, grandson of Pat Spivey, is graduating from South Walton High School
- ★ Jimmy Rabb is graduating from Georgia Southern with a Bachelors in Management.
- ★ James Weigle is graduating from Decatur High School and plans to attend the University of Chicago
 - ★ Alex Williamson is graduating from Parkview High School and will be attending the University of Georgia
 - ★ Lea Williamson, is graduating from Georgia State University with a Bachelor's in Business Administration

Pastoral Needs

Epiphanite 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.



The Jumble Sale

Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Scour your house for items to donate to the jumble sale! You can drop off donations (see exceptions list) in Jones Hall beginning Sunday, May 24. The deadline for all donations is Tuesday, June 2. The sale is

Have any bags with handles? We'd love them for our shoppers to use!

Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. This year, proceeds from the sale will benefit ministries of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and the fall parish weekend in Kanuga. Youth can offset costs of upcoming youth trips by helping with set-up, sale day, and clean-up. The Preview Party, for parishioners and their guests only, will be Friday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m. (\$5 per person). New this year: The Jumble Sale will include a silent auction during the Preview Party on Friday evening, to benefit our Music Ministry. If you have items or services to donate for the silent auction, please contact Julie Ryder (music@epiphany.org).

Donation Exceptions

We can't accept the following items:

- Clothing
- Mattresses or box springs
- Cribs
- TVs
- Dishwashers
- Trash, broken items, used construction material like used paint, grout, broken and/or stained Tupperware,
- Appliances older than 6 years
- Used wall to wall carpet
- Chemicals
- Concrete or bricks
- Broken items and Furniture in poor condition

Guest Preacher & Teacher 5/31

I am delighted to announce that Joseph Mole, Executive Director of Emmaus House in Peoples Town, Ga, will be

our guest preacher and teacher on May 31st. Joseph has a remarkable story to share and compelling news about our mission with the people of Peoples Town. Join us and welcome Joseph as I know you will.



Biography: Joseph D. Mole, LMSW

Joseph Mole is the Executive Director of Emmaus House, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta working toward educational achievement and economic independence for families in the Peoplestown neighborhood.

Throughout his career, Joseph has led efforts to bring about innovative change within nonprofit organizations ranging from regional to national in scope. These include a 10-year career in program evaluation and child abuse prevention work with The Salvation Army and the creation of a holistic model of legal and social work services at Cabrini Green Legal Aid in Chicago.

Joseph received his Masters degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan, where his studies focused on management of human service organizations. Prior to that, he earned a BA in Philosophy/Religion & Sociology from Spring Arbor University. Joseph is a licensed social worker in Illinois and Georgia.

Joseph is passionate about people, committed to social justice and inspired by the strength of communities.

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.

The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany's Annual

Jumble Sale

Saturday, June 6

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- furniture
- books
- · dishes, china & crystal
- jewelry
- cd's & tapes
- artwork
- small appliances
- toys
- and a white elephant item or two





This year, proceeds from the sale will benefit ministries of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and the fall parish weekend in Kanuga.

Epiphany is located at 2089 Ponce de Leon Ave. at the corner of Ponce de Leon and East Lake Road, about one mile west of Decatur. The entrance to the parking lot is off of East Lake Road.

Outreach News

Advocacy Corner

Help Me~Where Can I Call?

"Post It Up!"

Georgia House Bill 141 was passed into law and signed by the Governor in 2013. It requires that the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline 888.373.7888 number be posted in businesses and venues as a means of providing help for children and adults who are victims or potential victims of human trafficking.

How many places are there, who will post the number, will we post it at Epiphany?

A "Post It Up!" Event in DeKalb County will be held Saturday, June 27, 11:00 a.m. Watch for locations to be announced later. This is a concrete way to give information widely to help those at risk for human trafficking.

The event is supported by a host of organizations including:

DeKalb County Human Development, Interfaith Children's Movement, 4Sarah, Tabitha's House/Greater Traveler's Rest Church, youthSpark!, Tapestri, the ICAC unit of the DeKalb County Police Department, the DeKalb County District Attorney's Office, and other agencies involved in the fight against human trafficking for DeKalb to help protect children and vulnerable adults in DeKalb County.

Gretchen Maclachlan 404.502.6582; Cindy Bell 404.549.3363.

Interfaith Prayer Pause

Interfaith Prayer Pause–May 26th, 1-1:30 at the Cathedral of St. Philip-The Rt. Rev. Keith Whitmore, Rabbis Peter Berg and David Spinrad from The Temple, and Pamela Perkins-Carn of Interfaith Children's Movement will offer prayers that, as members of faith communities and our civil society, we may stand together committed to finding a way to offer each and every young person in our nation opportunity, hope and justice. Join us on the outdoor labyrinth in front of Lanier House. Cathedral address is 2744 Peachtree Rd. NW, Atlanta, GA 30305. This event is sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta's Commission on Human Trafficking.

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. Contar Don Toronto 404.825.3402.

Upcoming Dates:

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

DEAM In-kind Needs

January and June are our "turns" for stocking the pantry, but the basket is out year-round to accept your donations of cereal, jelly, 1 lb. pkgs. dry beans, mac & cheese, 1 qt. pkgs. dry milk, hearty soups, and toilet paper.

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.

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.

- 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)



DOK New Meeting Day & Time

The Daughters of the King (DOK) have changed 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.

Diocese & Community Events

Conversations at First Baptist Decatur

Conversations at First Baptist Decatur (308 Clairemont Avenue, Decatur, GA 30030) are sponsored by the Georgia Center for the Book; no tickets or reservations are required.

Story River Books Presents: An Evening with Pat Conroy and Friends

May 18, 2015, at 7 p.m.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Pat Conroy, best-selling author and editor-at-large for Story River Books, will host a panel discussion featuring four authors whose works are recently released from the series imprint of the University of South Carolina Press. Conroy will be joined by South Carolinians John Lane, Bernie and Maggie Schein, and the Townsend Prize for Fiction and Lillian Smith Book Award winner, Mary Hood. Books will be available for guests to purchase and have signed at the event.

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.

NEW NUMBER: Calls for Pastoral Emergencies will now go directly to the clergy cell phones for the clergy on call. Please note the new number above. If your call is unanswered, please leave a message and it will be texted and emailed as well as a voice mail for the clergy to hear.

Heal your sick servants

- **Richard Bassett**
- Alice Cunningham
- Larry Wilcox

Rest eternal grant him

- Pete Golden & Kristin Corgan, friends of Katie Pedersen
- Wilda, aunt of Marjorie Timmer
- Ann Hudson, godmother of Eric Schulz

Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

- Marlene & Charles Coats
- Laura Faller
- Tim Gore
- Arlen Grav
- 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

- Jerrie & Carolyn Cheatham, sisters-inlaw of Sytha Cheatham
- Margaret Moore, sister of Brother Francis Boniface
- Bryce, nephew of Audrey & Neil Banfield
- Michael Morehouse, friend of Holly
- Mickie Schierman, mother of Ann
- Lucy & Bob Yntema, parents of John
- 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
- 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
- Nick Klist, relative of Neil & Audrey Banfield
- Kay, friend of Jewel Allen
- Thelma & J.O. Hudson, parents of Bill
- Lynn and Colin, friends of Michele and Rod MacLeod
- 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
- 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
- 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
- Charles Joyner, Uncle of Christina
- Molly Gray, sister of Lissa Jackson
- Daniel Kelhoffer, father of Beth Kelhoffer
- Scarlott Cagle, friend of Lisa Carlson and Johanna Hinman
- Beth Begley, friend of Lisa Carlson and Johanna Hinman
- 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
- Donnie Huestess, relative of Randy Shearin
- 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
- Carolyn Allen, mother of Jewel Allen Randy Jaquish, friend of Terri Lawrence
- Jane, sister of Chippy Holladay
- David Crawford, brother of Debby
- Don Lloyd, brother of Brenda Lloyd
- Jean Sengl, aunt of Brenda Lloyd
- Nancy Purdon, mother of Susan Montgomery
- Habiba & Farshad, friends of Wende Crow
- Miller Montesinos, nephew of Cristina Montesinos

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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