



The EPIPHANY STAR

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

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Saint's Days

Hildegard, Francis, Oakerhater, Nicolas and all the rest! Okay, so Oakerhater is one of the lesser feasts, as the saying goes, but we do have the solemn grace to have the great opportunity to celebrate many of the saints as we move through the fall of the year.

In a community such as ours, a couple of things are relevant as we consider how we approach our life together. First, we must find ways to celebrate our common cause. That is, why are we all here? What does this holy life mean to us as a group? So we pick on the Saints as icons and sacraments, totems of our communal life; they have something to say about it all that has stood the test of time.

Secondly, Saints' days are celebration of our particularity as groups within the church, but also just as plain old ordinary unique people. A saint is just simply, in the end, a holy one. We are all holy ones and each saint we celebrate serves to accentuate our uniqueness.

To that end we want to hold up the 'festival days' this fall as occasions to celebrate our communal identity and what our work and play should look like at Epiphany, together. And—we want our 'festival days' to be occasions of celebration of our particularity, our uniqueness.

On September 20 we celebrate Hildegard, a champion of community, of the environment, of beautiful music. If it sounds like you, or a group that you belong to or an echo of why you are a part of this community come celebrate with us.

On October 4 we celebrate St. Francis, birdman (he preached to the birds), ascetic, visionary, lover of simplicity. If you've ever talked to your pet, if you desire a simpler life, if you've ever loved your neighbor come celebrate with us.

On October 28 we will celebrate the feast of All Hallows' Eve. If you have ever dressed up in a costume (I know you have) than come and feast with us as we bless costumes and celebrate our life together as our particularity as Saints.

There is of course more and will always be as it should be. But this fall we want you to mark these days, these celebrations as particular occasions to celebrate with this community where you have found a home.

Looking forward to being here with you, all of you as we celebrate our Saint's days.

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

Adult Education Offerings for Sunday, September 6

- **Adult Forum:** “Theological Reflection” sounds like something that only ministers or scholars would do. But hundreds of “regular people” do it every week in Education for Ministry. Esther Harbert, an EFM leader, will give an introduction to this wonderful life skill that links our faith with our everyday life experience. Next week: Hildegard Inside and Out with Sharon Hiers. JH Room A.
- **Parents Group:** Join the group and some of the church coffee hour regulars for some coffee in Jones Hall.
- **Basics of Buddhism:** Southeast Asia and Sri Lanka - The oldest existing Buddhist teachings remain vibrant in Southeast Asia and Sri Lanka. The contemporary “mindfulness” movement stems from this region. We will learn about Buddhism as practiced in Burma/Myanmar, Thailand, and Sri Lanka, where the ancient Pali texts are still authoritative. Room 202.

Young Adults Sunday Lunch

If you consider yourself a young adult that falls between the ages of “a little out of college” and “not quite young family” please join the Epiphany Young(ish) Adult group for brunch on the last Sunday of each month. Gather in the courtyard following the second service, about 12:30 p.m., to carpool to our location.

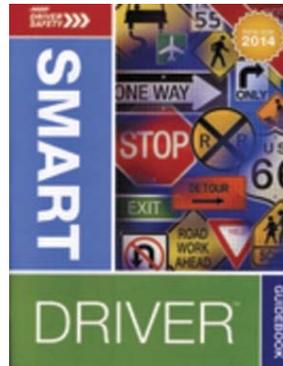
Confirmation Classes Rescheduled

We have found that Wednesday nights are not possible for most folks looking to be confirmed. Therefore we have rescheduled confirmation classes for Sunday afternoons, 1-4 p.m., in the Byrd House, through the Fall. The dates are September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 6. There will NOT be classes on Wednesday evenings.

Contact Sharon@epiphany.org if you would like to join our classes!

Epiphany WOW (Women Outside Work)

The Epiphany WOW (Women Outside Work) will meet again on Tuesday, September 8, at 7 p.m., at the Byrd House. Please bring a beverage and/or an appetizer or dessert to share. Please rsvp to me at lauragary@icloud.com if you can, so we will have an idea of who’s coming. Or just show up!



AARP Smart Driver Course

AARP Smart Driver Course for Epiphany members will take place on Saturday, September 19, from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. in Jones Hall. Cost is \$15 for AARP members/\$20 for non-members. Drivers 25 years and older will earn a 10% car insurance discount good for 3 years. Bring your own lunch. Register with the parish office at parishadmin@epiphany.org.

Epiphany Outdoor Work Day

Epiphany Outdoor Work Day on Saturday, September 26, from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Volunteers needed to clean up the grounds and gardens around the church and the Byrd House. We have projects for all skills and sizes! Bring a friend. Contact: Paul Herrgesell 216.272.3327.

Now Showing

Epiphany’s Art Ministry welcomes Craig Ford for September. Please view his work in the Gallery. Remember, Epiphany receives 25% of sales. To make



a purchase, sign up on the list in the Gallery, fill out an envelope and put it with your check in the box on the round table. No cash, please. Be sure to note the title and number of the art piece. All paid-for items will be left in the office area at the end of the month.

Weekday Eucharist and Bible Study Opportunities

- **Tuesday Morning Eucharist** is celebrated at 7 a.m. A group of men gathers for breakfast and discussion afterwards and typically are on their way to work by 8 a.m.
- A **Noonday healing service** is offered on Wednesdays followed by Eucharist followed by Bible Study at 1 p.m. The group will continue their study of *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen. Bring your lunch and join us.
- **The Wednesday Evening Bible Study** with the Rector is offered at 6:30 p.m. for a study of the upcoming Sunday's readings.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Wednesday Night Dinner is served from 5:30-7 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$3.50 for children 12 and under. Sign up in the Crossing Hall by 11 a.m. Tuesday. If you'd like to be on the standing reservation list, please contact the office at parishadmin@epiphany.org.

Choir Rehearsals Resume

Epiphany Choir (*adults and high school youth*), Wednesday, September 2, 7:15-9:00 p.m.

Epiphany Ringers (*adults and high school youth*), Wednesday, September 23, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Junior Choir (*grade 3-voice change*), Wednesday, September 23, 5:00

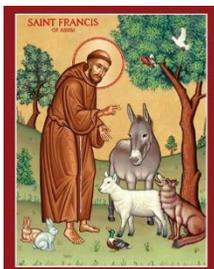
Intermediate Choristers (*grades 1-2*), Tuesday, September 22, 5:30

Beginning Choristers (*pre-K*-Kindergarten*), Tuesday, September 22, 5:00

*Pre-K means no more than 1 year prior to Kindergarten

Registration forms for children's and youth choirs will be available on the website beginning September 1

For more information, visit our website, or contact Organist & Choirmaster Julie Ryder (music@epiphany.org)



St. Francis Animal Blessing

Sunday, October 4, at 6 p.m.

All restrained critters are welcome at the 6 p.m. Eucharist on Sunday, October 4.

Save the Date:

10/11—You're Invited: Keith W. Fox & Joseph D. Saavedra invite you to share in their joy at their wedding on Sunday, October 11. There will be a Choral prelude beginning at 6:45 p.m., followed by the wedding ceremony, beginning at 7 p.m. Black tie optional. Reception in Jones Hall to follow. RSVP at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084aa2c7-foxaavedra>

10/23-25: Parish Retreat: Our annual Parish Retreat will again be at the Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville NC. Many more details to follow.

Give the Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Light

The Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Light dedicatory offerings can be given as a memorial, thanksgiving or special occasion online at the People & Posts page of epiphany.org, or contact the parish office (404.373.8338, parishadmin@epiphany.org). Cost: Flowers \$70, Sanctuary Light \$6.

New Babies

Parents, be sure to let us know when there is a new baby in your life! Send a picture to the church office with the name, birthdate, weight, length and parent's names of the newborn and we'll post it on our Guild of the Christ Child Board.



Batteries & Corks

New! *Ongoing* (no deadline) battery and cork recycling at Epiphany: Please drop off your batteries and natural corks (no synthetics) in the container next to the microwave in the kitchen. [If you have a really, really large/ ? unmanageable quantity of batteries or corks and are able to email, a heads-up to our recycling czarina Sandy Land (alexandra_land@yahoo.com) would be nice, so that we can keep our kitchen uncluttered.]



Altar Guild

Submitted by Anne Warner

Some years ago when Claiborne Jones, our former rector, asked me to join Altar Guild—or attend a

lunch where we would speak about it—I expressed an interest because I thought Altar Guild was Flower Guild. Clueless.

I signed on. Each fourth Saturday morning, I met team members in the quiet church—occasionally with the organist practicing. From the guidance of more experienced members, I learned to count out wafers and prepare the communion wine, prepare the healing table, and set up the alms basins. I gradually learned terms that signified a special world, that echoed a journey from the medieval church to the English Renaissance: The sacristy, the aumbry, a chasuble, chalices, patens, palls, and purificators. After the 8:45 service on the fourth Sunday of each month, I joined a team member to set up for the next worship.

That was well over ten years ago. Of the limited amount of volunteering I have done during that period, Altar Guild has become one of the most rewarding—in terms of spiritual gifts and friendships. The organization in teams has presented me with the opportunity to work quietly, or just chatting, and checking the “book” that outlines the procedure, with a partner or small group. This environment has invited easy friendships—and a sort of monthly mutual check on how things are going. The members of the teams have changed from time to time, so that the group of friends has grown. In each case I have valued this quiet way of preparing for church and coming to know someone I might not otherwise have met—people of different ages and interests and ways of belonging to the church. Altar Guild—during my experience of daughters’ weddings, a divorce, and now, retirement—has become a considerable resource and has allowed me to belong to this community in deeper ways.

Especially for the reticent and those without the time for large projects, this is a wonderful mission to choose. If you wish to know more about becoming a part of Altar Guild, please contact Kathleen Rinehart (kathos47@aol.com) or Annie Strahan (agstrahan@gmail.com). (And Flower Guild, incidentally, is another rich way to learn and give.)

St. Bartholomew’s & Epiphany EFM - Sept 2015-May 2016

Education for Ministry is a group designed to help you discover your own ministry as a lay person. EFM groups consist of 6-12 lay people who commit to meet weekly between September and June. The heart of EFM is the weekly discussion in which participants wrestle with relating their faith to their daily lives. There is also some discussion of academic material.

EFM is a four-year program, but participants commit to only one year at a time. There are different academic materials for each year:

Year one students study the Old Testament, including the different source materials from which the Old Testament was derived, and the historical and cultural context of each book.

Year Two students get into the New Testament. Lessons cover historical and cultural background of the texts as well as the texts themselves.

Year Three students study Church History.

Year Four students explore theology in the modern world. There will be readings on ethics, on interacting with other religions, and on forming one’s own theology.

Theological Reflection is a crucial part of EFM. Each week, we try to put our experience in conversation with the Christian tradition, to make sense of what our experience means in light of our faith, and to understand what unique calling there might be for each of us.

EFM is an extension course of the School of Theology of the University of the South. The cost is \$350 per year, and CEU credits are available. If you are interested, please contact Esther Harbert at eharbert@gmail.com.

Pastoral Needs

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

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

Colleen & Peter Morich
from St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Marietta, GA

AmazonSmile program

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

Outreach News



Food Drive for Emmaus House

September is Epiphany's month to provide food for the Emmaus House Food Pantry. Emmaus House (www.emmaushouse.org)

is a mission of the Diocese of Atlanta located in Peoplestown, a low-income neighborhood just south of Turner Field. Items needed: canned vegetables, except corn or carrots, canned beans, canned chicken/ tuna or salmon, canned fruit or applesauce, peanut butter, powdered juice mixes/juice boxes. Please place your items in the basket in the narthex. Contact Lisa Daily (lisadaily1884@gmail.com or 404.325.0043).

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: September 17 & 18, October 15 & 16, November 19 – 20

Post It Up! DeKalb

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, is posted in businesses and venues as a means of providing help for children and adults who are victims or potential victims of human trafficking. Join DeKalb County Human Development, Interfaith Children's Movement and a host of others for Post It Up! DeKalb on Saturday, September 19, at 8:45 a.m. at 4380 Memorial Drive, Decatur GA 30032. For more information or to register for this event, contact Cindy Bell (cindybell30030@gmail.com).

Ongoing Meetings

Meeting Night

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

ECW Meeting

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

Daughters of the King

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

Epiphany Book Club

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

- October 5: *We Are the Mulvaney* by Joyce Carol Oates
- November 2: *The Warden* by Anthony Trollope
- December: No Gathering
- January 4: *River of Smoke* by Amitav Ghosh

Peer to Peer Support Group

There is a support group for people who have personal concerns or issues that might include questions about mental health, and for those who know or live with others who have these concerns. It is a safe place where honesty and vulnerability are respected. This is not therapy, but a chance to hear from others who've lived in similar circumstances. It meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., in the living room of the Byrd House. Contact: Wende Crow (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.



Diocesan & Community Events

Ormewood Park BBQ Fest & Plant Sale

Saturday, September 19; 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Holy Comforter Church, Atlanta, is the setting Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Ormewood Park Barbecue Festival and Plant Sale presented by Seedtime and Harvest and the Holy Smokers from St. Peter and St. Paul Episcopal Church, Marietta.



Featured will be: The band, The Back of the Bus, will play classic rock and roll; The barbecue team will be selling pulled pork or barbecued chicken plates with all the sides, including a drink, for \$10 a plate; The gardeners will be supplying everything needed for fall vegetable gardens (collards, kale, beets, etc.) and other plants.

You may also pre-order and take home whole smoked pork butts (\$40, feeds 8-10, can be picked up anytime during the event). Order your tickets and pre-order your smoked pork today!

<https://www.episcopalatlanta.org/Events/2015/09/19/ormewood-park-bbq-fest-plant-sale/>

All proceeds from the fundraiser are to benefit the garden and Friendship Center.

Emmaus House event explores 'Beyond the Braves'

"Beyond the Braves" is the theme for the annual Walk the Road event hosted by Emmaus House from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27. The key topic for the event will be the redevelopment of Turner Field and its implications for Peoplestown. All are welcome.

First Baptist Church Decatur Conversations

Nadia Bolz-Weber, founding pastor of House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver, Colorado, will discuss her new book, *Accidental Saints*, on Friday, September 11, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church Decatur (308 Clairemont Avenue, Decatur, GA 30030). This event is sponsored by Georgia Center for the Book and hosted by Conversations. No tickets or reservations are required. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

Cathedral Book Store features The Rev. Stuart Higginbotham on mindfulness

The Ninth Jane Baird Lecture is *Risky Bliss-ness: Toward the Practice of Christian Mindfulness*. As Rev. Higginbotham asks, "Given the pressures and strains on parish communities, do we yearn for a space to explore the deeper resonances of our vocation and ministry?" The lecture is at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 17, Cathedral of St. Philip. No charge, but please RSVP to the Book Store at 404.237.7582 or chs3@mindspring.com. Stop by the Atrium between 6:00-7:00 for wine and refreshments, and stay for a reception in the Book Store following the lecture.



Mikell Folk School's fall weekend registration underway

The Fall Folk School at Camp Mikell in Toccoa is Oct. 16-18 and will offer classes in copper enameling (see right), woodturning, chainmaille, weaving, independent study and stained glass (though that class is already filled). For more information and registration, visit <http://campmikell.com/mikell-folk-school/>

For Our Prayers...

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

Heal your sick servants

- Richard Bassett
- Pam Hall
- Bill Hudson
- Anne Rowles
- Larry Wilcox

Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

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

Those in the armed forces

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

Family and friends who request our prayers

- Mickie Schierman, mother of Ann Fowler

- Janice, Jessica & Megan, relatives of the Laird Family
- Thelma & J.O. Hudson, parents of Bill Hudson
- Martha Sanders Vincent, mother of Heather Holly
- Mike and Bethany Gaige, Joan Hambalek, family of Barbara Belcore
- Kat Rader, friend of Chippy & Mac Holladay
- Justin D'zan, friend of Rob Godsall
- Lynn Gable, friend of Rob Godsall
- Mike, Nona and Dave Tipton, relatives of Pam Tipton
- Chris Dolezel, sister of Marjorie Timmer
- Grace Edmiston, mother of Dennis Edmiston
- Laurie, friend of Laura Faller
- Jane Howe, sister of Chippy Holladay
- Molly Gray, sister of Lissa Jackson
- John Aull, brother of Kathy Walmsley
- Kyle, friend of Sandy Land
- Donnie Huestess, relative of Randy Shearin
- Shelly Raines, father of Ann Williamson, grandfather of Lea, Maggie, Mary Katharine and Alex Williamson
- David Crawford, brother of Debby Crawford

- Don Lloyd, brother of Brenda Lloyd
- Jean Sengl, aunt of Brenda Lloyd
- Habiba & Farshad, friends of Wende Crow
- Miller Montesinos, nephew of Cristina Montesinos
- Lillian Fox, mother of Keith Fox
- Niki Thomas, friend of Chippy Holladay
- Angie Warden Pasqualel, friend of Linda Ryder-Wolf
- Carol Hasset, friend of Linda Ryder-Wolf
- Gloria Davis, mother of Jeremy Davis
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- Larry Stephens, brother of Polly Nodine
- Peter Sells, nephew of Craig & Barbara Ryder
- Elizabeth Waddell, friend of Stanley Harper
- Michael Morehouse, friend of Holly Slater
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- James Wilcox, father of Larry Wilcox
- Lila Becker, daughter of Sara & Josh Becker



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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