



The EPIPHANY STAR

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

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Symbol/Haircut

Priest as symbol bearer can be a scary thing, yet that is one of the principal functions of priesthood. Implicitly or explicitly, ordained folk walk around carrying the sometimes odd, difficult, wondrous, outrageous, spectacular, daring, funny, sad, lovely symbols of divine presence, or church, or Jesus, or Dad, or Mom, or Saint, or scoundrel, or fool.

There is purpose to this and it is ancient. Take anything that has to do with God, which from a sociological vantage point is a construct of human imagination (i.e., it's very difficult to prove the existence of God) and put it on a human and that human is sure to attract the attentions—conscious, unconscious, latent, passive, active, transference and projective—of just about any passerby.

Priest as symbol bearer at times then can function as a transitional object for someone in their journey with God, or church, etc. Priest as symbol bearer can be a productive conduit for communicating the things of God, love, mercy, grace, judgment. Priest as symbol bearer can shatter images of God—in preaching outrageous things, or engaging in immoral behavior, or profaning the work of priesthood. It's a mess, isn't it?

So, now you know it's coming. And normally, I wouldn't make such a fuss around my coiffure but I think, just from listening and observing commentary and reaction over the last few years, that hair around Epiphany has a bit of a symbol-bearing function.

I have been told that I look like Jesus—has to be the hair. (Irish and German and a little Scandinavian according to ancestry.com; I don't think Jesus came from any of those places). I have been told that I wouldn't be taken seriously; I guess ponytails are frivolous. I've been told that I looked like Moses—uh, no, that was just the wardrobe excellence at bible school one year. People presume I am a liberal. Ruth says...well, I'll keep that to myself and that is not about symbol anyway. People presume I am a hippie—I am not old enough!!

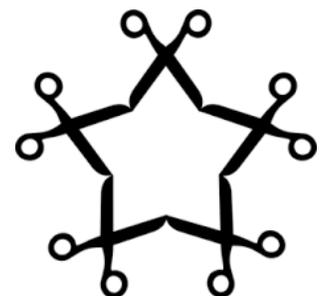
When I had short hair, which was just a few years ago and which I have had for most of my adult life, people thought I was a cop, or Arnold Schwarzenegger (as opposed to Jesus?! Ha-ha). Or hard and rough looking: a drill sergeant-like person. People presume I am conservative. I was even told, and this is funny to my family, that I looked like a 'frat boy.'

What to make of it all? Without making too much of it all. I love expedience. I love ease. I love simplicity. Having super short hair and super long hair both meet some of those criteria. Short actually is best, though it costs more to maintain. Long is a nuisance sometimes, and I am going on a trail for 16 days and I think I am about ready to cut it off. So that is really what I am thinking about it all, and it's really pretty mundane. Short hair is easy to take care of traveling.

No mysteries, no politics, no want of being a symbol bearer in regard to my hair. Convenience really, and change; I like change. The wild card will be that Ruth will have about 170 miles from Leon to Santiago in Spain to tell me if she likes it, then it will either stay for a while, or I am growing it right back.

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

Earth Sunday Events

By Brenda Lloyd

Every year the Church of the Epiphany celebrates Earth Day with our own Earth Sunday. Please join us on Sunday, April 17, for a light breakfast provided by the Earth Guild and to hear our own Philip Ranglin, adult formation speaker, discuss sustainability in his talk on "Accountability: will the scavengers outlive mankind?" Ranglin, a member of Epiphany, is an environmental microbiologist who has his own composting company.

The Earth Guild also is sponsoring a fabrics recycling drive on April 17, April 24, and May 1. If you have clean clothes, towels, sheets, or other types of fabrics (except for upholstery) that are beyond donating to second-hand shops, please pack them up and bring to the parking lot near the dumpster where we will have carts. We will take them to re:loom, a non-profit organization that will turn them into saleable products, including handbags and tote bags, area rugs, tabletop accessories, bandanas, leashes, etc. Re:loom employs and empowers homeless and low-income individuals through weaving beautifully-designed products out of recycled materials. Check out their products at <http://www.reloom.org>.

We look forward to seeing you on April 17 as we celebrate God's extraordinary creation! "God saw all that he had made and it was very good." (Genesis 1:31)

Other events that celebrate Earth Day, which is April 22, in the Atlanta area include the Georgia Interfaith Power & Light's annual GIPPY awards on April 17 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. The speaker is Dennis Creech, co-founder and director of Atlanta-based Southface Energy Institute, which has brought together a diverse group of stakeholders towards a common goal of building sustainable communities.

A Taste of Atlanta on Monday, April 18, highlights tastings from Westside farm-to-table restaurants, including JCT Kitchen, 5 Seasons, Souper Jenny, Amelie's French Bakery, and more, with beer provided by Sweetwater. Fashions by eco-designers will be modeled at the event, which is hosted by Laura Turner Seydel and Atlanta First Lady Sarah-Elizabeth Reed. The mayor will be on hand, too.

A Green Gathering for Urban Leaders in the Environmental Movement of America (ULEMA) will be held on Thursday, April 23, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at Liberty Plaza at the Georgia State Capitol. There'll be music, speeches from urban leaders, and various display tables.

There's a lot going on. For more events, search for Atlanta Earth Day Events on the Internet.

Adult Formation at 10 a.m.

Epiphany 101: Wonder why Epiphany is like it is? Why we do what we do? What this space is all about? Join us in April for four weeks of Epiphany 101! We will talk about what it means to be an Episcopalian, what makes Epiphany particular, how and why we worship like we do, and our service inside these walls and out. You can attend any and/or all, but each class is independent. Join us in the Choir Loft.

Adult Forum: Epiphany Phillip Ranglin, adult formation speaker, will discuss sustainability with his talk "Accountability: will the scavengers outlive mankind?" Ranglin is an environmental microbiologist who has his own composting company. 10 a.m. (JH-C).

MAD CAMP

Music & Drama (MAD) Camp
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 1.
Camp will take place on 6/6-10
with a performance on Sunday,
June 12. Forms are in the gallery and online.





Graduation Approaches

If you or a member of your family are graduation from high school, vocational school or college (undergraduate or graduate), we would love to

know. Epiphany traditionally recognizes these great life accomplishments and transitions with a blessing at the parish picnic. To be included in our celebration, please contact the parish office (404.373.8338).

Save These Dates for May

- 5/15—The sacrament of Holy Baptism is offered for adults, infants and children. If you or a member of your family desires to be baptized, please contact the parish office at parishadmin@epiphany.org or 404.373.8338.
- 5/15—Capital Campaign Update: Please plan to attend the Parish Meeting on Sunday, May 15, for a Capital Campaign discussion.
- 5/22—Coffee & Donuts for Newcomers will take place at 9:30 a.m. in the Memorial Garden. Join us for the service at 10:30 a.m. and then stay for the picnic.
- 5/22—The Parish Picnic begins with worship at 10:30 a.m. in the backyard of the Byrd House. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket. No charge for entrees, donations welcome. Sign ups for Burgers/Hot Dogs/Veggie choice begin May 1.

Choir Appreciation Dinner

May 4 at 6 p.m.

Thank all those who participate in the Epiphany Music program by coming to a dinner in their honor. All members of our choirs and ensembles will be honored during this parish-wide event; sign up by contacting the parish office at parishadmin@epiphany.org or 404.373.8338.

Now Showing

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes Jeremy Levi Brooks through April 18. Please view his work in the Gallery. Epiphany receives 25% of sales. All paid-for items will be left in the office area at the end of the month.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Wednesday Night Dinner is served from 5:30-6:30 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.

Amazon Smile Earnings

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.

Summer Notes

Music & Drama (MAD) Camp will take place June 5-10 with a performance on Sunday, June 12. Registration forms are in the gallery and on the epiphany homepage.

Summer Camps at Epiphany: Join Imagine That & Future Tech for fun and educational Art, Science, Technology and Robotics Summer Camps for ages 3-14. Course fliers are on the table in the Gallery. For more information, call Imagine That at 770.455.1980 or visit 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 is available online at campmikell.com.

Vacation Bible School: We will take a brief sabbatical from hosting Vacation Bible School this summer. We can point you to VBS programs at neighboring churches if you desire. In the meantime, if you are interested in being a part of the VBS planning and leadership team for 2017 please email Catherine Breed at cbreed@epiphany.org.

DATE CHANGE: The Jumble Sale will take place in August this year. The Preview Party will take place on Friday, August 5, at 7:30 p.m.; the sale is open to the public on Saturday, August 6, from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. We will begin accepting items for the sale on Sunday, July 24.

Children's News

Sign up to receive the e-newsletter for Epiphany Children's Ministries by e-mailing cbreed@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!

- ★ Epiphanyite Brennan Breed, who is Columbia Theological Seminary's Assistant Professor of Old Testament, is being honored for his work, *Nomadic Text: A Theory of Biblical Reception History* (Indiana: Indiana University Press, 2014). He is among ten winners to receive the prestigious 2016 Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise, an international award given annually by Forschungsinstitut Internationale und Interdisziplinäre Theologie to outstanding first books in theology. The celebration of the Awards will take place at the University of Heidelberg (Germany) in May.

Weekday Worship & Bible Study

Morning Prayer (Thursdays at 8 a.m.) and Evening Prayer (Mondays at 6 p.m.) are part of the Daily Office, a format for group prayer found in The Book of Common Prayer which focuses on reading Psalms, Canticles (liturgical poems), Bible passages, and prayers. Trained lay people lead the service.

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 and then Bible Study at 1 p.m. The group is studying the Revelation of John.

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study with the Rector is offered at 6:30 p.m. for a study of the upcoming Sunday's readings.

Thursday Shared Silence (7 a.m.) is a drop-in time for anyone who wants to sit with others in prayer, meditation, or self-reflection. The time is unprogrammed; come as you are and join a relaxed, open atmosphere. Followed by Morning Prayer.

What's my Pledge Status?

Log in to the Online Directory to access your personal and financial information, including pledge status. First time users will have to register. The link is at epiphany.org.

Questions about your financial information? Contact our bookkeeper, Robert Pitman, at bookkeeper@epiphany.org.

Battery & Cork Recycling

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 large quantity of batteries or corks, contact: Sandy Land (alexandra_land@yahoo.com).

Altar Arrangements & Sanctuary Light

Do you have a special person or event you would like to honor? You can sponsor the altar flowers and/or the Sanctuary Light used during the Sunday Worship Services. Dedications can be made to celebrate a special birthday or occasion, to honor someone special, or to remember family or friends who are no longer with us. Those contributing and those remembered will be recognized in the bulletin insert on the day.



Click the RSVP button on the homepage to find the sign-up link. Cost: \$70/flowers, \$6/light. Make check payable to Church of the Epiphany, noting "Flowers" or "Light" in the memo field, or pay by Paypal to treasurer@epiphany.org.

Outreach News

Refugee Update

The Syrian family arrives April 27 and we will set up the apartment on April 23. We still lack a few items, see the list in the gallery. If you can join us at the airport to welcome them or help set up the apartment, contact Beverly Lorenzo 404.825.3402.

Peachtree Pine Ministry

Join us to cook for the men of the Peachtree Pine Shelter. Epiphany is now offering childcare both days: Thursday 1-5 prep; Friday 2-5 cook; 5-7 serve; 7-9 cleanup. RSVP to bevlorenzo@att.net if you plan to pitch in. Sign up for childcare at epiphany.org. **Upcoming Dates:** May 19-20, June 16-17, July 14-15.

Food for DEAM

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

Hagar’s House

Our next dates for Hagar’s House are May 2-6 and we need your help! This important ministry for homeless mothers and children offers a chance for hands-on assistance and connection with residents. Volunteers prepare a meal at home, serve it at the shelter, visit with guests, and clean up. This usually takes two hours, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Meals are typically for 25-30 people, but do not need to be elaborate. We will make sure that there are two households to cover each dinner, so you can enjoy getting to know Epiphanyites better or serving with your friends. (Note: We are asked not to have more than five volunteers an evening.)

Important: You may sign up as Volunteer #1, who brings the entrée and a side (and/or another item such as bread, drinks, etc.,) or Volunteer # 2, who brings the fill-in items such as a side/salad, bread, drinks, dessert. When you sign up, please put your specific menu items under “comments.” This is information the shelter requests, and it helps us avoid duplications. Also, please put “new” under comments if this is your first time to help with Hagar’s House.

Other Help: If you would like to prepare food but not serve at the shelter or if you wish to sponsor a meal with a monetary donation, please contact the Hagar’s House Coordinator, Anne Warner, 404.876.3245.



Ongoing Meetings

Epiphany Book Club: The Epiphany Book Club meets 1st Mondays at Regency House (341 Winn Way, Decatur 30030) at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Dennis Edmiston 678.613.7401 or dce1946@gmail.com. New members welcome! May: *The Wright Brothers*, by David McCullough.

Meeting Night: Committees meet on 2nd Monday from 6—7:30 p.m. We gather in Jones Hall, pray together and then go our ways. Committee Chairs, please be sure to let your committees know each month if they are meeting.

Peer to Peer Support Group: Peer-to-Peer Support Group is for people who have personal concerns or issues that might include questions about mental health. It meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m., Room 001. Contact: Ron Hall at 404.299.1502.

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 a.m. with potluck lunch to follow.

Moms’ Group: The Moms’ Group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. We gather for coffee, fellowship, Scripture reading, and prayer. Childcare is available if needed. Contact Catherine Breed at cbreed@epiphany.org for more information.

Young Adults Sunday Lunch: 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.

Daughters of the King: The Daughters of the King (DOK) meet 4th Sundays at 10 a.m. in Jones Hall, Room A. We invite all ladies of the congregation to join us.

Veteran’s Support Group: Veteran’s Heart of GA invites service members, veterans, and family members to speak with and listen to each other, create understanding, and collectively address the effects of war that touch all of us. They meet on 2nd Sundays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. *RSVP at www.veteransheartgeorgia.org.

Diocesan and Community News

2016 Emmaus House Gala

Emmaus House hosts their Annual Gala where they will celebrate the resilient human spirit that inspires children and families to build better lives for themselves and motivates people to support them. The Gala is Sunday, April 17, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Carter Center. RSVP at <https://501auctions.com/emmaushousegala/tickets>

ASCCO Spring Concert

On Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 3:00, the Agnes Scott College Community Orchestra presents a concert of works that include the Southern premiere of highlights from the 2009 opera *Dark River: The Fannie Lou Hamer Story*. The 2009 opera composed by Mary D. Watkins (b. 1939) presents the story of Civil Rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer, a Mississippi-born sharecropper whose stand in 1962, demanding her voter registration rights in a courthouse in Indianola, MS, shaped her personal life as well as the Civil Rights Movement in powerful ways. Other works include a movement from another work by Watkins, *Five Movements in Color*, as well as all four movements of William Grant Still's famous *Afro-American Symphony*. Held in Presser Hall on Agnes Scott's campus, the concert is free but a ticket is required. The link is included in the web announcement:

<https://agnesscott.edu/the-arts/ascco-spring-concert.html>

Event co-sponsors include Agnes Scott College, the James T. and Ella Rather Kirk Fund, the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Starry Night Fund, and WomenArts.



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Special GUESTS Bishop Robert Wright
Dr. Beth-Sarah Wright
Joel G. Baker, Fire Chief,
Atlanta Fire Rescue Dept.

the DATE Sunday, April 17th
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

the PLACE The Carter Center
The Ivan Allen III Pavilion
453 Freedom Parkway NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30307

Questions beverlygreene@emmaushouse.org

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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. Sunday Prayers are kept for a month, prayer intentions in the newsletter are kept for two months. Please let the Parish Office know if there are any errors on the listings below.

Heal your sick servants

- Laura Faller
- Lee Fidler
- Pam Hall
- Chris Miller
- The Schexnyder Family
- Evelyn Stewart
- Ruthie Stewart

Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

- Neil Banfield
- Richard Bassett
- Marlene Coats
- Alice Cunningham
- Laura Faller
- Tim Gore
- Arlen Gray
- Sarah Jane Wollison

Rest eternal grant them

- Pam, friend of Nancy Thompson

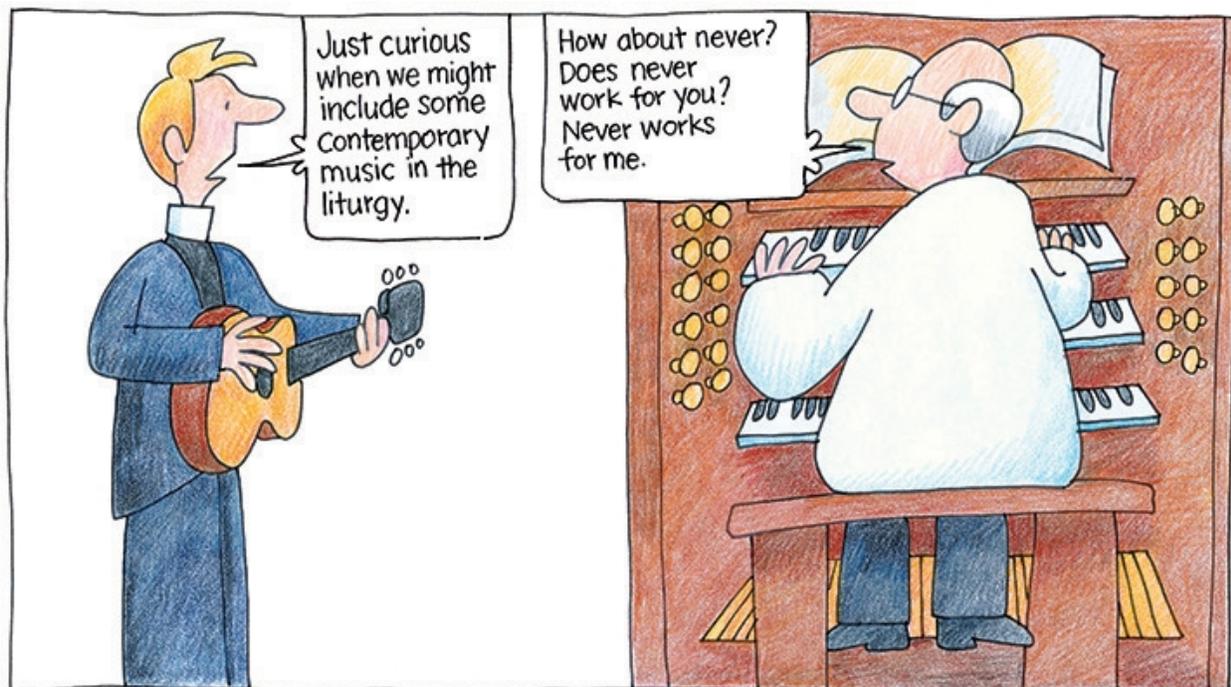
Those in the armed forces

- Matthew Howells, nephew of Audrey & Neil Banfield
- MSG Stewart Mundy, son of Dan & Diane Mundy
- Brandon Pattison, nephew of Benno Pattison
- 1LT Elizabeth Tankovich, sister of Catherine Breed

Family and friends who request our prayers

- Carolyn Allen, mother of Jewel Allen
- Elizabeth & Dempsey, friends of Shirley Banks
- Gail Peterson, uncle of Lisa Carlson
- David Hinman, cousin of Johanna Hinman

- Warren Westerberg, friend of Lisa Carlson & Johanna Hinman
- Annie Lambert, sister of Brian Hawkins
- Polly Hawkins, mother of Brian Hawkins
- Veronica Nicholas, mother of Clare Schexnyder
- Joel Elmore, nephew of April Freeman
- The Barbagallo Family, friends of Linda Ryder-Wolf
- Dana Stewart, daughter of Evelyn Stewart
- Amanda Gable, friend of Bruce & Gretchen Maclachlan
- Jim, friend of Evelyn Stewart
- James Shane, stepfather of Elizabeth Roberts





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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

Monday at 6 p.m. — Evening Prayer

Tuesday at 7 a.m. — Holy Eucharist

Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. — Holy Eucharist w/Healing

Thursday at 8 a.m. — Morning Prayer

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