



# The EPIPHANY STAR

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

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## Advent Intimacy

A few years, I visited the home believed to be the last place Mary, the mother of Jesus, lived on earth. In the hills outside of Ephesus in Turkey, many make the pilgrimage here as part of some larger tour while seeing all the other important religious sites.

We were there in August, and it was sweltering, so many stopped to rest in the shade on long benches near the wells of water, slipping tired feet out of worn shoes. This water, flowing abundantly, had been blessed by a number of popes through the years, and people treated it as such. Some collected it in bottles to take home, some drank, and others even seemed to bathe in it, seeking new life.



Our tour group was gathered waiting for the Catholic priest to celebrate Eucharist. And yet, in that moment, I clearly remember thinking how this moment was made for foot-washing. We had tired feet, we had holy water, we had throngs of people speaking more languages than I could count, and what more holy and sacred act could there be than offering to wash another's feet?

Now before you think I have gone liturgically astray with this story, let me tell you why I have been thinking about it in the season of Advent.

Something like foot washing required intimacy. And humility. A willingness to surrender our comfort for the sake of another.

And that is exactly what Mary did. Mary surrendered her comfort, and in great humility responds to God with "Here I am..." no matter the consequence. And I cannot imagine many things are more intimate than the connection of a mother and baby, of Mary and Jesus, of this new birth we are anticipating in this season.

We could use more intimacy in our world today. We could use more divine respect for one another, more awe and less judgement. What if, before every hard conversation with the "other" we stopped to wash their feet? To recognize the humanity of another and our true call to serve one another in love? Does that idea sort of make you squirm? Yeah, me too.

But so should the idea of this birth we are anticipating. And so should the anticipation of what Jesus' second coming will mean for us. What would it mean for us to be willing to be as intimately connected to God as a teenage girl, unwed in the first century, opening herself completely to being the one to bear God's son? To be that uncomfortable in the way we live and serve each other?

May you be uncomfortably intimate with God this Advent!

The Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers, Senior Associate Rector

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**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.

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# Parish News

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## Feast of St. Nicholas Celebration & Shoe Drive

*Sunday, December 11*

This coming Sunday, Dec. 11, we will celebrate the feast of **St. Nicholas**. This year all children and families are invited to *remain in the nave immediately after the 8:45am service*. Children will place their shoes in the back of the church and bring forward donations of new shoes before our annual visit from "St. Nicholas." **After a brief story, children and adults will proceed to their regular Sunday School classes.**

Notes about the **shoe drive**: Please purchase the following sizes: Men: sizes 11-15, Women: all sizes. *When you bring your shoes, please take them out of the box/bag and tie the shoe strings together.* To donate shoe funds instead, Venmo@Erin-Democko with the memo "St. Nicholas Shoes" and we will purchase shoes on your behalf.

Children's Chapel will take place during the 8:45am service, as usual.

## Adult Formation Offerings for Sunday

*Sunday Mornings: 10:00 a.m.*

- Bible and Theology: This class features the study of sacred texts and traditions. Each session looks at sages who have preceded us in faith, and will have at its heart a yearning to know. If you would like to do some pre-reading for this class, the syllabus can be found online at <http://www.epiphany.org/pdfs/dated/Christology%20and%20Scripture%20Syllabus.pdf> or in the tract rack by the front door. Today's focus is Matthew's Apocalyptic Jesus: The "Son of Man" with presenter The Rev. Benno Pattison. Room JH C.
- Practical Theology: This class will be structured as an opening speaker or presenter introducing a topic, followed by small group discussion of theological reflections around that topic. The goal of this class is connecting our everyday lives with our call to live righteously and our identity as Christians. Today's

topic: Anticipation: The Reign of God is Like... Led by Esther Harbert. Church Choir Loft.

- Anglican Prayer: This class will reflect on Anglican practices of spiritual contemplation. Each week's class will focus on a different aspect of the Book of Common Prayer, order of worship or other aspect of Anglican tradition. During Advent, we are studying Collects & Psalms. Led by Shirley Banks. Room 202.



## 1 Saviour, 2 Stories, 300 Nativities

Our annual Nativities Exhibit opens Saturday, December 3, and will run

through Sunday, December 11. We need help with set up and take down, as well as hosts to greet our visitors. Please sign up in the Crossing Hall or online right here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084aaeaa2c7-nativities1>

If you have never been a part of this event, come find out what a delightful way it is to begin the Advent/Christmas Season!

## Annual Bake & Craft Sale

*Sunday, December 18, at 10:00 a.m.*

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will hold their annual Christmas Bake & Craft sale Sunday morning. Please support the ECW's many outreach projects by purchasing sumptuous baked goods and other



handcrafted items to enjoy at home with family, share with co-workers, or to offer as gifts. Some items to look for include delicious cookies in decorative containers, freshly baked cakes, muffins and loaves, canned jellies and sauces, and items for beloved pets.

# Christmas Flowers & Music

Monetary contributions are needed to decorate the church and have guest musicians and new anthems for Christmas. To make a monetary contribution for poinsettias, decorations, or Christmas Music, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the parish office with your check made payable to Church of the Epiphany. Please note Christmas Flowers or Music in the memo field. This form with check attached must be returned to the parish office no later than Sunday, December 18 for the donation to be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.



( PLEASE PRINT TO MINIMIZE ERRORS )

I would like to make a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Decorations - and/ or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Music.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

*and/or*

In thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

## Year End Gifts

Gifts need to be received at the church or postmarked by December 31 and stock contributions must be delivered to the church brokerage account by December 31 to be recorded for 2016.

## Epiphany Pageant

January 6, 2017

This year we look forward to a "Come as you are pageant" during our Feast of the Epiphany service and Eucharist (Friday, Jan. 6, at 6pm). All children are invited to participate and there will be no lines to memorize. Please dress as your favorite nativity character. The church has some costumes which will be available if you can come to the rehearsal on Wednesday, Jan. 4. Otherwise, get creative with scarves, bathrobes, wings and anything else you can think of! Volunteers are needed for this fun event. Please contact Catherine Breed at [cbreed@epiphany.org](mailto:cbreed@epiphany.org) if you are able to help!



## Christmas & Epiphany

### Christmas Eve

- At 3 p.m. we will have a family celebration, children's choirs will sing, and the homily will be preached from the steps with kids all around.
- At 5:30 p.m. the Hildegard Ensemble & the Epiphany Ringers will help us make our music, and we will light candles at the end and sing Silent Night.

- *Childcare will be provided in the nursery for children ages 3 and under for the first two services.*
- At 11 p.m. we will sing it all, swing the incense and have the Epiphany Choir as we celebrate God with us.
- An extended prelude begins at 10:30 p.m. and will feature the Epiphany Choir and Organ as well as congregational carols.

**12/25—Christmas Day** service will take place at 10:30 a.m. with Christmas Lessons & Carols.

**1/1—Christmas 1:** Please note that this service will take place at 10:30 a.m. and is the only service on Sunday.

**Our Feast Day is Friday, January 6.** Save the date for the Pageant, Baptism & Confirmations by the Bishop with a Gala Celebration dinner to follow (details below)

- **Epiphany Pageant:** An online signup to volunteer to participate in the pageant for roles of all ages will be posted soon. A rehearsal for speaking parts will take place on Wednesday, January 4, at 5:30 p.m. with dinner. RSVP to the parish office for the dinner.
- **Epiphany Offering:** Bring a can of peaches or pears for the Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM) Basket as your Epiphany offering. We will also be taking up an offering for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund in honor of his visit.
- **Epiphany Dinner:** Join us after the pageant for Gala Celebration and ingathering for our stewardship campaign. An RSVP link will be posted soon. No cost for the meal, but donations would be appreciated.



# Mark Your Calendar

## Advent, Christmas and Epiphany

### ADVENT LITURGIES & EVENTS

- 11/27 Advent 1 • 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.
- 12/3-11 Nativities Exhibit (times vary)
- 12/4 Advent 2 • 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.  
4:00 p.m. • Parish Evening for Nativities (Wine & Cheese)  
5:00 p.m. • Advent Lessons & Carols
- 12/11 Advent 3 • 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. • Feast of St. Nicholas/Shoe Drive
- 12/18 Advent 4 • 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. • ECW Bake Sale  
Emmaus House Children's Christmas gifts due

### CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

- 12/24 3:00 p.m. • Family Celebration with Children's Choirs  
5:30 p.m. • Hildegard Ensemble & the Epiphany Ringers  
*Childcare is offered for children ages 3 and under for the first two services*  
11:00 p.m. • A Sung Eucharist with the Epiphany Choir and incense  
*Pre-service music begins at 10:30 p.m. and will feature the Epiphany Choir and organ as well as congregational carols*
- 12/25 10:30 a.m. • Christmas Lessons & Carols  
*One service on Christmas Day, no Sunday School*

### NEW YEAR'S DAY, FEAST OF EPIPHANY AND EPIPHANY 1

- 1/1 First Sunday after Christmas • 10:30 a.m.  
*One service on New Year's Day, no Sunday School*
- 1/6 Feast of Epiphany • 6:00 p.m.  
*Our Feast Day: Pageant, Baptisms & Confirmations by the Bishop followed by our Gala Celebration dinner*
- 1/8 Epiphany 1 • 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.  
*Baptisms, Sunday School resumes*

## Electronics Recycling Drive

Friday, December 9, 2016

The Earth Guild is holding another electronics (ONLY) recycling event so that you can ditch your non-functioning computer, CD player, household appliances, or "anything with a plug" (please, no large appliances such as washing machines, dryers, etc.). You may stack your appliances on the shelving in the Byrd House carport at any time by Friday, December 9, or you may bring them on Sundays, where the Earth Guild will have a collection station between the morning services.

### Please note:

- At this time, we are collecting ELECTRONICS only; we are not accepting CFL's, paper, etc.
- The recycling center requires a \$15 fee for all TV's and monitors, so please have cash or a check to give either to the Church Office or to an Earth Guild member for each item. Also, please remove all confidential information on computers, cell phones, tablets, etc. before bringing them.

## 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](mailto:alexandra_land@yahoo.com)).

## Children's Ministries

**Children's News:** Sign up to receive the e-newsletter for Epiphany Children's Ministries by e-mailing [cbreed@epiphany.org](mailto:cbreed@epiphany.org).

**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, and parents' names of the newborn and we'll post it on our Guild of the Christ Child Board.

## Altar Arrangements & Sanctuary Light

### 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. 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.

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](mailto:treasurer@epiphany.org).

## Announcements

**In the Bulletin & Weekly E-blast:** Insert notices – 40 words or less – are due 9 a.m. Thursdays. Weekly E-News items are due 4 p.m. Tuesdays. If you have photos from Epiphany events you want to share, email the parish office at [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org).

## Wednesday Night Dinner

Dinner served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 10 and under. This year we are alternating between hot meals from Bridge Catering and Boxed Sandwich meals or Pasta and Salad from Jason's Deli. 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 parish office.

## Weekday Worship & Bible Study

**Tuesday Morning Eucharist** is celebrated at 7 a.m. A group of men gather 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 Wednesday Evening Bible Study** with the Rector is offered at 6:30 p.m. for a study of the upcoming Sunday's readings.

## Ongoing Meetings

**The Epiphany Book Group** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Hall. January Selection: *The Road to Character*, by David Brooks. Contact: Dennis Edmiston at [dce1946@gmail.com](mailto:dce1946@gmail.com) or 678.613.7401.

**Meeting Night:** Committees meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m., Room 001. Contact: Ron Hall [rrh103@gmail.com](mailto:rrh103@gmail.com) or 404.299.1502.

**ECW Meeting:** The Episcopal Church Women meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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.

**The Daughters of the King (DOK)** usually meets the 4th Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Banfield residence. But for November and December, they will meet the third Thursday. For directions, email [banfieldn@bellsouth.net](mailto:banfieldn@bellsouth.net). 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. \*RSVP at [www.veteransheartgeorgia.org](http://www.veteransheartgeorgia.org).

## Directory Update

Our parish database is available online to members and we'd like to ask you to take a moment to go visit and update your membership information. Just click the "Online Directory" link on the homepage at [epiphany.org](http://epiphany.org). First time visitors register by clicking on the "Need a login?" link. There's also a free smart phone app version, called "Church Life." And if you don't have a photo on file yet, or want to update your photo, please send it to Shea McNutt at [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org).

## The Forward Day by Day

The Forward Day by Day quarterly booklet for Nov/Dec/Jan is out. The publication, owned by the Episcopal Church, is a pocketsize booklet of daily Bible readings and devotions. You'll find them in the Gallery tract rack for \$1 a copy.

## 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.



## Attention Kroger Shoppers!

Donate to DEAM by using your Kroger Plus card. Sign up at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) with Decatur-Area Emergency/10566. Kroger sends them quarterly checks based on the number of reward points the collective supporters accumulate.

## 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](mailto: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

April & Jay Freeman  
*from St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral, Jackson MS*

Katherine Arrington  
*from St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA*

### Transfers Out

Kimber Hays DeMuga  
*to St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA*

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# Outreach News

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## 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: December 15 & 16, January 19 & 20, February 16 & 17

## Goodie Bags Dec. 15

Each year during the Christmas Season, the Peachtree Pine Ministry folks hand out goodie bags to the men at the shelter in addition to the warm meal provided. Donations of gently used and clean gloves and hats, new pairs of socks, and travel size toiletries would be appreciated. You are also welcome to join us at 1 p.m. on Thursday to assemble the bags!

## Donate to the Emmaus House Christmas Ministry

### Presents for Children ...

Make a child's holiday brighter by donating a gift to the Emmaus House Christmas ministry. Over 900 children receive gifts from Santa on Christmas Eve at Emmaus House, in Peoplestown south of Turner Field. Santa wants your help! Please bring presents wrapped and "Well Labeled" to Epiphany by Sunday, December 18th.



**All Ages:** Stuffed animals, balls, warm hats, gloves and socks.

**Infants:** Blankets, sleepers, diapers, wipes, baby lotion, powder, shampoo, drinking cups, educational toys and books. Clothing for 8 months and older.

**Toddlers, 1 - 2 years:** Girls, culturally sensitive dolls, tea sets, educational games, books. Boys, age-appropriate cars and trucks, soft footballs, and action figures. Boys or girls, musical & educational toys, stuffed animals, puzzles, games, backpacks, art sets, building blocks, balls, crayons and coloring books, videos, and books.

**3 - 5 years:** Girls, culturally sensitive dolls, jewelry, purses, barrettes & hair accessories, dish/tea sets, jump ropes. Boys, trucks, cars, and action figures. Boys or girls, sports equipment, backpacks, sleeping bags, stuffed animals, art & craft and magic sets, chalk, books, educational toys.

**6 - 8 years:** Girls, culturally sensitive dolls, jewelry, purses, hair accessories, dish/tea sets, jump rope. Boys, trucks, car collections, and action figures. Boys or girls, sports equipment, backpacks, duffel bags, sleeping bags, stuffed animals, art & craft and magic sets, chalk, science books, educational toys and games, videos.

**9 - 12 years:** Girls, inexpensive MP3 players w/batteries, head set, MP3 speakers, science sets, jewelry, arts & crafts supplies, slippers, sports equipment, stuffed animals, backpacks, board games, educational items, sleeping bags, books and DVDs, socks, gloves, scarves, and warm hats. Boys, inexpensive MP3 players w/batteries, head set, MP3 speakers, sports equipment, science sets, watches, arts & crafts supplies, DVDs, backpacks, board games, educational items, books and videos, socks, gloves and hats.

**13- 16 years:** Girls, inexpensive MP3 players w/batteries, head set, MP3 speakers, watches, jewelry, makeup kits, hair brush and comb sets, DVDs, slippers, pajamas, perfume, purses, sports equipment, backpacks, books and videos, socks, gloves and warm hats. Boys, inexpensive MP3 players w/batteries, head set, MP3 speakers, DVDs, sporting equipment, backpacks, board games, playing cards, cologne, shaving items, nail clippers, sunglasses, crew/sports socks, gloves and warm hats.

**Please do not wrap:** stuffed animals, book bags, sleeping bags, basketballs, footballs and other balls.

**All other gifts should be wrapped AND labeled** to indicate the age/gender suitability. Use a white adhesive label to write the age range and a colored dot to indicate the gender. Include a brief description.

**The age categories are:** Infant, 1-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, 13-16, and 17-18.

**The three gender categories are:** boy (blue), girl (red), either (yellow).

**Description:** board game, doll, arts and craft, etc.

For complete information on Christmas opportunities, go to <http://www.emmaushouseatlanta.org/holiday-programs/> scroll down to "Click to download the 2015 Holiday Events Guide" and click. Questions? Contact Jeanette Hanson, 404.982.9134, [isjch@emory.edu](mailto:isjch@emory.edu) or Roberta Long, 404.378.2069, [rlong25@bellsouth.net](mailto:rlong25@bellsouth.net).

## Hagar's House Holiday Help

Hagar's House asks for help to extend shelter hours for the residents every year during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holidays. Our volunteer help allows the families to stay in the shelters during the day. (Hagar's House is an overnight shelter, so residents leave after breakfast and return in time for dinner.) The need for assistance is on December 24 and 25, and January 1. Volunteer shifts are two hours long, and there will be training closer to the holidays.

To volunteer, please contact Machel Scandrett at [machelle@decaturcooperativeministry.org](mailto:machelle@decaturcooperativeministry.org). If you have not filled out a volunteer form in the last two years, you also need to fill out the online volunteer application at [www.decaturcooperativeministry.org](http://www.decaturcooperativeministry.org). Thank you for considering this opportunity to assist the Hagar's House ministry.

## Hagar's House

January 8-12, 2017

Epiphany's turn to serve meals at Hagar's House is coming up, and we need your help for those dates. Coming soon after the holidays, we hope to organize the schedule a little farther ahead than usual.

- 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 pm. 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 other Epiphanyites better or serving with your friends.
- Volunteers may sign up in the Crossing Hall or on SignUpGenius (it will be up soon) on the Epiphany web site.
- For more information, contact Anne Warner (H: 404.876.3245, C: 770.833.4041) at [anne\\_warner@att.net](mailto:anne_warner@att.net).

## DEAM Needs

January and June are our "turns" for stocking the pantry, but the bins are out year-round to accept your donations of:

Cans of beef stew  
Sweet Cereal  
Canned fruit (other than pears)  
Soups of any kind - especially chunky chicken, and cream of chicken  
Pasta sides such as hamburger helper, suddenly salad  
1 lb packages of yellow rice  
1 qt packages of dry milk  
Toilet paper  
Bar soap  
Deodorant  
Toothpaste

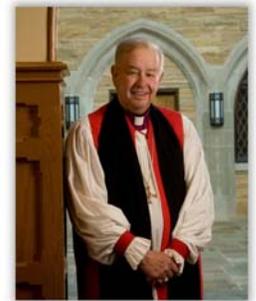


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# Diocesan and Community News

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## Bishop Whitmore Returning to Wisconsin



At the end of 2016, Bishop Keith and Suzie Whitmore will bring their ministry in the Diocese of Atlanta to a close.

Bishop Whitmore came to Atlanta on April 15, 2008, to serve as Assistant Bishop of Atlanta at the invitation of Bishop Alexander and has served Bishop Wright since his election. The Whitmores are returning to Wisconsin to listen for God's next call to ministry, to be close to family, and to learn to live into retirement.

Bishop Wright said, "I am extremely grateful for the service Bishop Whitmore has given to this diocese and to me personally. His experience and wisdom will be missed."

"Susie and I are so grateful for all the people of this Diocese who have welcomed and blessed us these nearly nine years," Bishop Whitmore said.

To express appreciation and gratitude for Bishop Whitmore's ministry among us, a purse will be collected. Checks can be sent to the diocese with the notation "Bishop Whitmore Purse" or on-line contributions can be made [here](#).

## You Did It!

The Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta's Commission on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking, DMST, wishes to thank parishioners who voted for passage of Amendment 2 on Election Day. **The amendment passed!** There is now a constitutional amendment in place in GA that sets up a dedicated fund to help children who are rescued from sex trafficking. This fund will help address the mental and physical health services needed by these children. THANK YOU!

For more information see the GA Cares website <http://www.gacares.org/>

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## For Our Prayers...

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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](mailto: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*

- Scarlett Anderson
- Richard Bassett
- Jackie Boles
- David Draper
- Pam Hall
- Patrick Hanna
- Edouard Johnson
- Reese Rivera
- Liz Romo-Rasha
- Jaye Rudolph
- Steve Sabom



### *Rest eternal grant them*

- Veronica, mother of Clare Schexnyder
- Sidney Blyth, relative of Barbara & Craig Ryder, Julie Ryder & Linda Ryder-Wolf

### *Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers*

- Neil Banfield
- Richard Bassett
- Marlene Coats
- Arlen Gray
- Sarah Jane Wollison

### *For members who are expecting*

- Rebecca Woodruff & Adam Gaeddert
- Kenan & Ben Morrisey

### *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
- Nick Watts, brother of Chris Booth

### *Family and friends who request our prayers*

- Jessica Gallegos, Monica Bestawros and Zaheer Mirza, friends of Jaye Davidson
- Mike Kissler, father of Bonnie Kissler
- Jimmy Kwan, father of Chris Kissler
- Nancy Carnes, friend of Chippy Holladay
- Zoe Holladay, granddaughter of Chippy & Mac Holladay
- Jim Tankovich, father of Catherine Breed
- Mark Moyano, friend of Patrick Lennon
- Jared Finnegan, uncle of Kim Finnegan
- Tina Caine, cousin of Rachelle Udell
- David Lloyd, brother of Brenda Lloyd
- Mack Howell, father of Terry Howell
- Charlton, Jenny, & Stephanie Allen, relatives of Jewel Allen
- Anne Vari, sister-in-law to Caroline Driebe
- Beatrice & Larry Soublet, friends of Jewel Allan
- John McGowan, friend of Johanna Hinman & Lisa Carlson
- Denny Hill, brother of Jim Loupe
- Zoe, granddaughter of Chippy & Mac Holladay
- Greg Robert, friend of Jewel Allen
- Sharon Pierce, daughter of Pat Spivey
- Susan Fuller, daughter of Alma Fuller
- James Wilcox, Mattie Zanders and Marion Danley, father and aunts of Larry Wilcox
- Casey Blankenship, friend of Linda Ryder-Wolf
- Ann Giblin, friend of Sara Cushing
- Lydia Kramer Lee, cousin of Gretchen Maclachlan
- Bette Phillips Hershey, mother of Kristin Phillips



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## The Epiphany Star

a word to the wise...

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8:45 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

11:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

**Worship Schedule—Weekdays**

Tuesday at 7 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

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

Thursday at 7 a.m. — Shared Silence

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