



The EPIPHANY STAR

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

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The Magi Foundation

January has officially been declared “Endowment Awareness Month”! Well, no. Not really. Not officially. But I hope by the end of January, it will have felt that way.

To get us started, here are some key point to know about the Endowment Fund at Epiphany.

The Endowment Board and the Endowment Fund were created by the Vestry in response to the identified need to plan financially for the Church's long-range future through planned giving.

Translation: By making provisions in your will, or naming Epiphany as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy, you ensure the longevity of Epiphany's work to serve Christ

A percentage of the Endowment Fund is distributed yearly for designated requests by staff and parishioners toward outreach, education, and capital improvements.

Translation: We are taking applications for one month only, January 10-February 9. If you would like to apply for these funds, here is the application, click [HERE](#).

The Magi Foundation is an important aspect of The Endowment Fund whose purpose is to thank, recognize and honor individuals who have made provisions for the Church in their will or by other means of planned gift, such as a life insurance policy or charitable remainder trust.

Translation: Be a member of the Magi Foundation. We need you. And there is a party! This year it will be on January 31 at 5 p.m. and it is FREE for all Magi Foundation Members. Make a provision for Epiphany this month, let us know, then come celebrate!

The Endowment Board is made up of these fellow parishioners: Jackie Tate (chair), Ken Holley, Terri Lawrence, Randy Shearin, Doug Teague

Translation: Good, capable, dedicated folks who are passionate about Epiphany and are working on our long-range financial success

Some of, it not all of this, may be brand new information to you. If you are unfamiliar with the work of the Endowment Board, or the Magi Foundation, and you want to know more, there are a number of ways to find out. There are brochures in the tract rack at the front door. There will be an adult formation session on Sunday, January 31, to learn more about our work, and more specifically how you can make these provisions. And of course, there is the party that evening as well. Finally, you can always talk to a board member or to Benno or me and we will help steer you.

Finally, keep an eye out for an event happening this Fall sponsored by the Endowment Board. We are currently calling it a “Final Affairs Fair” to talk about everything from planned giving to choosing hymns for your funeral.

Grateful for this work, among so much,

The Rev. Dr. Sharon L. Hiers, Senior Associate 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

Endowment Board Grants: Magi Foundation

The 30-day period for requesting disbursements from the Epiphany Endowment Fund opens on the day of the annual parish meeting, January 10, 2016. The guidelines for distributions, pursuant to the Fund's Plan of Operation, are:

- Capital improvements, debt reduction, or the building program of The Church of the Epiphany;
- Scholarships or grants to members of The Church of the Epiphany for the purpose of attending college, seminary, nursing or medical school; for church-related camping or leadership conferences; or such other training which enables members of this congregation to grow in Christian faith and service to God's people;
- Outreach into the community including, but not limited to, grants to Episcopal colleges and seminaries, social service agencies, institutions and agencies to which this parish relates, and to special programs designed for those persons in our area who are in spiritual and/or economic need; projects of the Episcopal Church at home and overseas.

The Endowment Board received eleven applications in 2015 for grants totaling \$20,209.41. The Board, with the Vestry's approval, was able to award \$6,906.00. The following represents the total amounts awarded:

1. Scholarships awarded - \$3,600.00. Two applicants received grants to help with seminary tuition, one for college, and six students from Haiti received money to help defray cost for Bishop Tharp Institute trip to Atlanta.
2. Capital Improvements awarded - \$3,306.00. Two applicants received grants for Building and Grounds projects; Music program received a grant to purchase a set of tone chimes for the children's choir

Request forms will be available in the gallery or on the Endowment Board page of the Epiphany website. Deadline for Applications is Tuesday, February 9, 2016. Please return them to the cubby marked Grant Applications outside the parish office.

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Have you made provisions to include Epiphany in your will or other planned gifts but are not listed here? Please let us know!

Members of the Magi Foundation

Oz Adams
Bert Bender
Phil Bolton
Vicki Bolton
Sam Cartledge*
Alice Cunningham
Lisa Daily
Cecilia Democko
Tom Democko
Mary Betty Ford*
Bill Graves
Pat Graves
John Hamilton
Ruth Healy
Sharon Hiers
Carol Hogue
Lynn Hogue
Elizabeth Holloway
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Anne Kerner
Kay Lee
Robin Levine
Bruce Maclachlan
Gretchen Maclachlan
Shea McNutt
Lisa Newton
Jim Rabb
Neva Redfern
Greg Robisch
Vanessa Robisch
Doug Runnion
Nancie Sill*
Karyn Smith
Karen Swenson
Dale Swenson
Margo Timberlake
Betty Walton*
Bill Weaver*
Sarah Jane Wollison

*deceased

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 10, at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us in the church at 10 a.m. for our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 10. We will hear reports from the vestry members and heads of parish organizations, as well as the Rector; elect new vestry members and thank the retiring; and receive the 2015 Financial Report and 2016 Annual Budget. All are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

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.

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.



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.

Pastoral Needs

Epiphanyite 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.

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.]

Outreach News

A Peachtree Pine Roundtable

After seven years of tireless dedication and excellent leadership, Liz Romo-Rasha is stepping back from coordinating the monthly cooks for Peachtree-Pine. Her health will simply not allow her to continue as she has been doing. If Epiphany is to continue monthly cooks to the scale of feeding the folks at the Peachtree-Pine men's shelter, then we will need new leadership.

A meeting is planned for all that are willing to be a part of the conversation about where we go from here with respect to our monthly feedings. It will be good to have many voices at the table.

We will meet on Sunday, January 10, at 12:30 at church. Light lunch will be provided. If you can attend, please let Cindy Bell know at cindybell30030@gmail.com.

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 December 17-18, January 14-15, February 18-19

MLK Service Project: Decatur Preservation Alliance

Are you looking for a meaningful and fun way to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr., Day? Here's an excellent option. Started in 2003, Decatur's MLK Jr. Service Project provides free house maintenance and repair for Decatur's needy senior homeowners each January. Projects involve both home repairs and yard work. These services help seniors live more safely, comfortably and affordably in their homes. The dates you may volunteer are January 16, 17, and 18. For more info and to volunteer, go to: <http://www.mlkserviceproject.com/>. (Questions: Cindy Bell, 404.549.3363)

Food for DEAM

January is Epiphany's month to help stock the pantry at the Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministry. Our goal this time is to collect 400 boxes of cereal. Watch for our progress on the tally sheet posted near the DEAM basket.

Benefit Concert

A benefit concert for Rainbow Village will be held at the Cathedral of St. Philip on Friday, January 29, at 8 p.m. The concert will feature the voices of several choirs from Atlanta, the wind, brass and string sections of the Atlanta Symphony, Trey Clegg, conductor, and David Brensinger, organist. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the 18 homeless families with 40 children that are living at Rainbow Village. There will be a light dessert reception following the concert. Rainbow Village is a transitional program for homeless families and children in the North Metro Atlanta area. It is a one-year educational program with a required residency component. Tickets can be purchased at Eventbrite.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 starts at 11 a.m. with potluck lunch to follow.

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.

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 Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m., in Room 001. Contact: Ron Hall 404.299.1502.

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.

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. Upcoming Selections: February: *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin; March: *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough; April: *All over but the Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg; May: *A God in Ruins* by Kate Atkinson

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. 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

- Neil Banfield
- Richard Bassett
- Joy Boyden
- Laura Faller
- Chippy Holladay
- Bill Hudson
- Mort Josephson
- Chris Miller
- Eric Olson
- Steve Sabom
- Clare Schexnyder
- Sofi Schexnyder
- Tommy Weigle
- 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
- Laurie, friend of Laura Faller
- John Aull, brother of Kathy Walmsley
- Kyle, friend of Sandy Land
- Donnie Huestess, relative of Randy Shearin
- 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 Pasquale, friend of Linda Ryder-Wolf
- Gloria Davis, mother of Jeremy Davis
- Connie Bolander, sister of Marjorie Timmer
- Derek Rudd, father-in-law of Sara Dangel
- 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
- Margie Hunter, sister of Liefy Smith
- James Wilcox, father of Larry Wilcox
- Terry Meier, friend of Linda Wolf
- Tara Schuster, friend of Shirley Banks
- Andrew Haley, son of Sue Haley
- Judy Reardon, daughter of Michele & Rod MacLeod
- Kat Rader, friend of Chippy Holladay
- Mike LeFever, friend of Chippy & Mac Holladay
- Alyssa Randhawa, sister of Nicholas Fleming
- Joy Heinsohn Smith, friend of Amy Shipp
- Diane Pope
- Lucy Erhard, mother of Linda Erhard
- Myra Dennis, friend of Ann Rowles
- Greg Robert, friend of Jewel Allen
- Newton Family, friend of Linda Wolf
- Elanor Munch, grandmother of Jim Munch
- Barbara Bonner, daughter of George Council
- Sam Hall, son-in-law of the Maclachlans
- Brian Platt, cousin of Cliff Edge
- Amy McAlister, daughter of Mary Lou & Richard Bassett
- James Reed, friend of Br. Frank Holt
- Sylvia Montesinos, sister of Cristina Montesinos
- Vete Smith, mother of Cecilia, grandmother of Erin, Ann & Ross
- Lois Barberi, friend of Laura Faller
- Veronica Nicholas, mother of Clare Schexnyder
- Warren Westerberg, friend of Lisa Carlson and Johanna Hinman

Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

- Marlene 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
- Martha Sanders Vincent, mother of Heather Holly



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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