



# The EPIPHANY STAR

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## We Begin Again

There are so many ways in which we begin again. In the smallest and most existential way, we begin again with each breath we draw. What is the quote? “While I breathe, I hope” (The motto of South Carolina). Life is lived then, in the moment and each moment is a beginning.

Then of course we can move to a day, and this is where we’ve done a bit of specific liturgical work to help remind us of the newness, the changing, the plasticity of our lives. The Sun rises and we sing *Surge, illuminare*, or as my Grandmother would have it ‘Rise and Shine’. Then at the end of the day my favorite, *Phos hilaron*—The Gladsome Light. We pray to be absolved for things left undone, we remind that God is keeping vigil as we sleep, we rest and wait for a new day to begin again.

Now, this weekend we embrace the larger notion of a year in the life, our life, the life of the community, the liturgical life of the church. It is Advent I. We begin again a cycle of stories, a pattern of prayers, forms of movement and change beginning again with anticipation specific to advent with the arrival of God in the flesh. A new beginning to be sure.

All of this simply to say that what I learn as a result is to count on continuity and structure and consistency, and on the other hand to never count on anything being the same, change is the constant, the world is new with each and every breath, every cycle of the earth’s rotation, every orbit around the sun.

Right now I will tell you I am very focused on this day. What can I do this day that is new, that is life giving that will elevate the world around me to a place where safeguarding human dignity is our highest calling? What can I do with every breath to take in God’s presence—now? Where is my mind in the moment, with each breath—am I in the concert of this life, or have I checked out and withdrawn?

Today, we begin again to build a world predicated on a covenant with God that we will be faithful as we tell our story; that we will acknowledge our culpability in thwarting God’s want for the creatures of this world; that we will proclaim *the good news*, that we will live each day looking for and serving God, each person, each interaction, and finally our ethical work will be focused on two things, just two things—JUSTICE and PEACE.

Today, breathing and heart beating and blood pumping and eyes open and hearing and feeling, and smelling the heartbreaking beauty and pain and wisdom and joy of this world, today I want to begin again to live this way.

Today, we begin again.

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.

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# Parish News

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## Thanksgiving Offering Is For Appleton Ministries

An offering for the Sunday following Thanksgiving (November 27) is designated by canon for Appleton Episcopal Ministries, a diocesan ministry in Macon.

Once a home for orphans, Appleton now operates an after-school program at St. Francis' Church for at-risk children, as well as a mentoring program for their parents. It is supported by the four Episcopal congregations of Macon, a small endowment, and this Thanksgiving offering.

You may make a check out to Epiphany marked for "Appleton Ministries" and leave it in the alms basin.

## 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 in the gallery. Today's focus is Matthew's Apocalyptic Jesus: The "Son of Man" with presenter The Rev. Benno Pattison. Room JH B & 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: Hark! Hearing an unexpected voice. Led by Esther Harbert. Room JH-A.
- **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 study Collects & Psalms. 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!

## Advent Lessons & Carols Nativity Event

*Sunday, December 4*

### Reception & Viewing with live music!

Come at 4 p.m. for a Wine & Cheese reception and to view the Epiphany Nativity Exhibit and hear the Nativity Story from the Rector. There will be live music during the reception.

### Stay for Advent Lessons & Carols in the Church

At 5 p.m., The Epiphany Choirs will present Advent Lessons and Carols in the Nave.

## Feast of St. Nicholas Celebration & Shoe Drive

*Sunday, December 11*

Join us at 10 a.m. with your gifts of shoes for the homeless and to hear a brief story from Saint Nick before continuing on to Sunday School 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.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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!*

- ★ On November 6, we gathered as a community to celebrate the kickoff of our Capital Campaign. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by almost 200 of us! My heart is filled with love and gratitude for the small army of helpers who helped make it such a special occasion: Shea McNutt, Julie Ryder, David Draper, Stephanie Everett, Jason Wiles, Abigail Wiles, Eric Schulz, Terri Lawrence, Kathleen Rinehart, Diane Mundy, Bonnie Kissler, Chris Kissler, Phil Bolton, Shelle Bryant, Esther Bryant, Riley Davis, Gabbie Deocampo, Jessie Montgomery, Henry Gary, Stewart Pattison, Callie Finnegan, Bruce MacLachlan, Erin Braden, Brian Gross, Rekha Gross, and Bill Gary. Whether you helped for five minutes or five hours, made a poster or moved a wall -- THANK YOU! You are all stars. -Amy Shipp, Junior Warden



## 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).



# 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*

# The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

DECEMBER 2016

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>LEGEND</b> BH = Byrd House CH = Church CL = Choir Loft KT = Kitchen MG = Memorial Garden MS = Music Suite JH = Jones Hall * = Outside Group or Private Function				1 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 a.m. Shared Silence (CH) 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Group (Breed)	2 10 a – 4 p Nativities Exhibit 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild I	3 10 a – 4 p Nativities Exhibit 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild I
4 2 Advent 8:00 a.m. Epiphany Choir (MS) 8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Epiphany Choir (MS) 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist 1:30 p.m. *Daisy Troop #16191 (001) 1:30 p.m. *Daisy Troop #4068 (JH) 2 - 4 p.m. Nativities Exhibit 4:00 p.m. Youth Group 4:00 p.m. Nativities Wine & Cheese 5:00 p.m. Advent Lessons & Carols	5 10 a – 2 p Nativities Exhibit 4:00 p.m. *Writers' Group (202) 5:30 p.m. *Veterans' Acupuncture 7:30 p.m. Epiphany Book Group (JH)	6 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (KT) 10 a – 2 p Nativities Exhibit 10:00 a.m. Staff (101) 5:00 p.m. NO BEGINNING CHORISTERS (MS) 5:30 p.m. NO INTERMEDIATE CHORISTERS (MS) 6:00 p.m. Epiphany Ringers (MS) 6:30 p.m. Peer-to-Peer Grp. (001) 7:00 p.m. AA for Women (202)	7 10 a – 2 p Nativities Exhibit 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer (CH) 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist w/Healing (CH) 1:00 p.m. Bible Study (JH-C) 5:00 p.m. Junior Choir (MS) 5:30 p.m. Supper [ends 6:45] (JH-B) 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (JH-C) 6:45 p.m. Epiphany Choir (MS) 7:50 p.m. Compline (CH)	8 Newsletter Published 7:00 a.m. Shared Silence (CH) 10 a – 2 p Nativities Exhibit	9 10 a – 2 p Nativities Exhibit	10 10 a – 4 p Nativities Exhibit 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild II
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18 4 Advent Emmaus House Children Christmas ECW Bake Sale University of Florida (BH) 8:00 a.m. Epiphany Choir (MS) 8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Epiphany Choir (MS) 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist 4:00 p.m. Youth Group	19 University of Florida (BH) 4:00 p.m. *Writers' Group (202) 5:30 p.m. *Veterans' Acupuncture 7:00 p.m. Vestry (KT/JH)	20 University of Florida (BH) 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (KT) 10:00 a.m. Staff (101) 5:00 p.m. Beginning Choristers (MS) 5:30 p.m. Intermediate Choristers (MS) 6:00 p.m. Epiphany Ringers (MS) 6:30 p.m. Peer-to-Peer Grp. (001) 7:00 p.m. AA for Women (202)	21 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer (CH) 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist w/Healing (CH) 1:00 p.m. Bible Study (JH-C) 5:00 p.m. Junior Choir (MS) 6:45 p.m. Epiphany Choir (MS)	22 Office Closed 7:00 a.m. Shared Silence (CH) Newsletter Published	23 3:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist 5:00 p.m. Prelude 5:30 p.m. Festival Eucharist 10:30 p.m. Prelude 11:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist	24 3:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist 5:00 p.m. Prelude 5:30 p.m. Festival Eucharist 10:30 p.m. Prelude 11:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist
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## Ongoing Meetings

**The Epiphany Book Group** meets the 1st Monday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Hall. In December we will meet to pick books for the next three months, and to share fellowship and Christmas treats. Yes, a little early, but we like to eat! Preference in book selection is usually given to books that members have read, and we are equal opportunity with regards to fiction and non-fiction. Newcomers are always welcome, and everyone is encouraged to bring a book to suggest to the group, although that's not mandatory.

**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.

**Women's Book Group** meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Catherine Breed's house. We are discussing *Carry On* by Glennon Doyle Melton. Email Catherine at [cbreed@epiphany.org](mailto:cbreed@epiphany.org) for directions and to RSVP.

**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. For directions, email [banfieldnbellsouth.net](mailto:banfieldnbellsouth.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).

## Haiti Hurricane Matthew Relief

Thanks to your generosity, Epiphany has sent almost \$12,000 to BTI. Since 2009, we have enjoyed a personal parish relationship and mission work with the Bishop Tharp Institute (BTI), a college of the Diocese of Haiti. BTI lost roofs, incurred damage to classrooms and equipment. Also, the roof was lost on the Episcopal Church of the Ascension at which Rev. Kesner Ajax is the Rector.

Work is now underway to help those impacted by the hurricane. BTI students and Ascension parishioners are being fed. Classes have resumed at BTI. Equipment is being replaced. BTI's Epiphany Guest House is housing aid workers. The need is still great and recovery will take many months. We ask that if you wish to donate relief funds, please make your check out to Epiphany noting BTI in the memo field.

## 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.

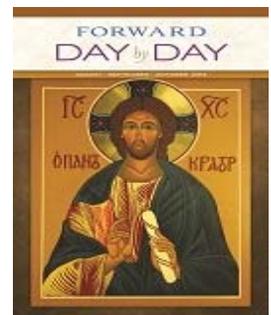
**The Wednesday Evening Bible Study** with the Rector is offered at 6:30 p.m. for a study of the upcoming Sunday's readings.

**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.

## 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 pocket-size booklet of daily Bible readings and devotions.

You'll find them in the Gallery tract rack for \$1 a copy.



## 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).

## 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.

## December Birthdays

1 Allen Layson	10 Emily Thompson	17 Isabelle Braden	27 Waylon Carr
2 Chris Wall	10 Paul Thompson	17 Sam Burnett	27 Cole Smith
2 Noah Pefferly	11 Randall Moody	17 Cheatham Sytha	27 Dan Deocampo
3 Anne Schneider	11 Myrna Pattison	17 Jan Winburn	27 Ron Hall
4 Jenny Fidler	11 Tom Remington	18 Kitty Snyder	27 Brent Henderson
4 Stanley Harper	11 Winnie Stockton	19 Richard Proctor	27 Wendy Keith-Ott
5 Diane Burns	11 Charles Sterne	19 Layne Scapano	27 William Peden
5 Bonnie Carver	12 Bob Burnett	20 Ron Hutcheson	27 William Stern
5 James Cobb	12 Charles Overstreet	22 Jessica Burns	27 Sean Wiseman
5 Doug Curlin	13 Sharon Hiers	22 Bill Graves	28 Les Howell
5 Arlen Gray	13 Michael Kenyon	22 Chris Kissler	28 Matthew May
5 Lisa Gray	13 Phillip Lee	22 Caston Noorullah	28 Rachelle Udell
6 Eric Bush	13 Amanda Sprinkle	23 Bob Ballou	29 Hunter Peatman
6 Miranda Gore	14 Jack Council	23 Cyndia Carpentieri	29 Ed Thomas
6 Rob Holland	14 Ralph Lorenzo	23 John Keilholtz	29 Laura King
7 Barbara Belcore	15 Claire Eustace	24 Magda Kertscher	30 Henry Laird
7 Benjamin Burris	15 Gabrielle Guyton-Edmiston	24 Olivia Sedlack	30 Sally McClintock
7 Mackenzie Haraway	15 Kathie Ryan	24 Martin Shelton	30 Gordy Rivers
7 Andrew McBath	15 Mary Katharine Williamson	25 Ann Williamson	31 Kelly Wright
8 Edouard Johnson	16 Jessica Montgomery	26 Cindy Bell	
8 Horace Robinson	16 Reese Weatherford	26 Katharine Hilliard-Yntema	
10 McCalla Hill-McKaharay		26 Jo Sedlack	
10 Lucas Shelton		26 Miles Thompson	

## 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.

## December Anniversaries

- 6 Wister Cook & David Criner
- 12 Roberta Long & Bob Ballou
- 16 Rachela Davidson-Leghorn & Chris Leghorn
- 17 Rita & John Warwick
- 8 Laura & John Keys
- 18 Lisa & Randall Stewart
- 23 Bill & Jaye Rudolph
- 29 Ray & Kelly Krawczyk

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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](mailto:bevlorenzo@att.net) if you plan to pitch in. Sign up for childcare at [epiphany.org](http://epiphany.org).

**Upcoming Dates: December 15 & 16, January 19 & 20, February 16 & 17**

## Goodie Bags

Thursday, December 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 bags of candy miniatures, 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!

## 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



## Hagar's House Early Start on 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 November 24 and 25 (Thursday and Friday), 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.

## 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.

**oddlers, 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).

## Secret Santa Store ...

After the 10:30 a.m. Emmaus House Chapel service, children visit the Secret Santa Shop to buy gifts for their parents and grandparents. All items are priced for them at 10 cents.



### Donate small items for the gift shop.

Scarves, slippers, socks, soap, shampoo, cologne, shaving cream, razors, gloves, billfolds, home items, small appliances, costume jewelry, and watches make great gifts. (Durable items may be gently used.) These need to be taken to Emmaus House on December 11.

## Grandparents Party

Community grandparents raising grandchildren are invited to take the night off and join us for dinner, singing and a raffle. Donate \$10 gift cards or raffle items (towels sets, dishes, small appliances, gloves, XXL jackets, etc.)

Contact: Charlotte Cameron, 404-525-5948, ext. 22, [charlottcameron@emmaushouse.org](mailto:charlottcameron@emmaushouse.org).

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# Diocesan and Community News

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## AARP Safe Driver Course at the Cathedral of St. Philip

**Thursday, December 1**

The course is a six-hour refresher aimed at motorists 50 year old and older. Completion may qualify you to receive a discount on your automobile insurance policy. Class is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feel free to bring a lunch. Cost \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Pay by cash or check at the door, AARP card required. Call the Information Desk at 404.365.1000 to register.

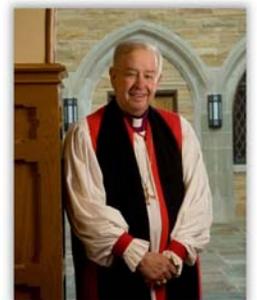
## Bishop Whitmore Returning to Wisconsin

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 Whitmore's 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](#).



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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
- Reese Rivera
- Liz Romo-Rasha
- Jaye Rudolph
- Steve Sabom



- 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

## *Rest eternal grant them*

- Nancy Baer
- Kymilah Hyatt, friend of Julie Ryder & Terri Lawrence

## *Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers*

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

## *For members who are expecting*

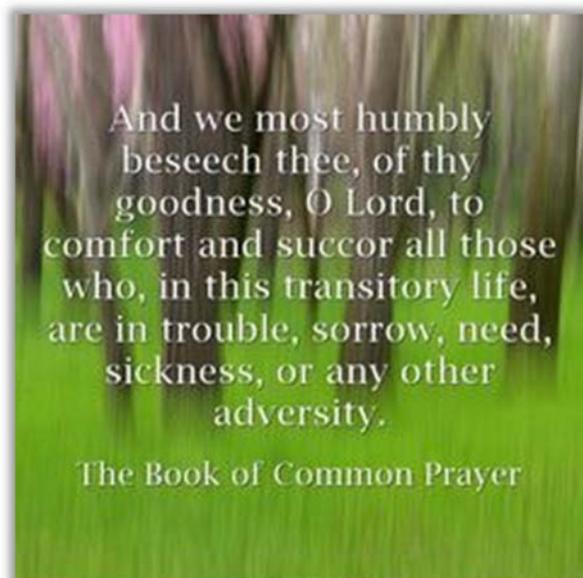
- Rebecca Woodruff & Adam Gaeddert
- Kenan & Ben Morrisey

## *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





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**Worship Schedule—Sunday**

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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Charlotte Hill, Childcare Worker

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Sara Cushing, *Capital Campaign &  
Senior Warden, ex-officio*

Martha Rummel, *Clerk, ex-officio*

Class of 2017

Phil Bolton, *Stewardship*

Stephanie Everett, *Senior Warden*

Kim Finnegan, *Membership*

Brian Gross, *Adult Formation & Pastoral Care*

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Katie Pedersen, *Capital Campaign*

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Bonnie Kissler, *Finance*

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