



The EPIPHANY STAR

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

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So here's how it all unfolded....

It was Wednesday, May 3. You will recall it was the end of the year choir appreciation dinner and celebration. It was also my last day at Epiphany before embarking on a three month sabbatical.

Benno, in his generous fashion, came with gifts for my sabbatical. It will come as no surprise that his treasures came in a bag from REI. One by one he retrieved items for my sabbatical. The first was a battery-powered lantern. Next was a tin coffee cup. And finally a French press thermos.

Now, these are completely reasonable gifts. Beautiful symbols of sabbatical time. I mean, if I were spending time in the wilderness or out camping. Which I am certain Benno would do on HIS sabbatical. I mean, he did it on his vacation so it is completely reasonable that these are his offerings for me. Beautiful and kind.

However. These gifts sat on my kitchen table for a week. Then a second. Then a third. And by week three, as I was sitting next to a favorite lamp in my air conditioned home sipping fresh brewed coffee out of my favorite ceramic mug, it dawned on me: I would not be finding myself camping during this sabbatical and thus not needing these items.

Then dilemma then set in: what do I do with his offerings? Well, to be honest, I packed them all back up in the bag and went to REI. I returned every single item. At first I was adamant Benno not find out...but it got the best of me and I confessed it anyway.

I took the store credit and started wondering around REI and found many things I wanted and was interested in. But I wanted to be sure it had meaning. Because the original gifts were given from his heart.

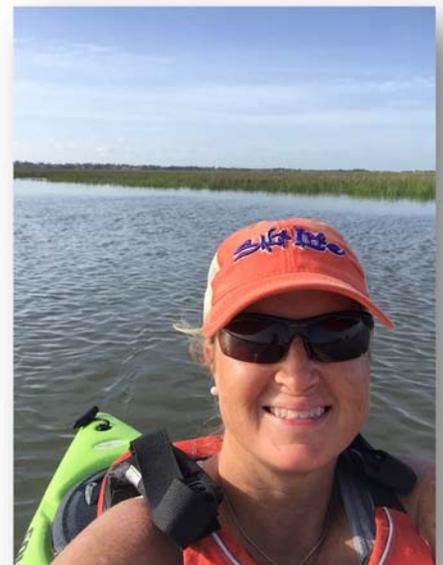
I bought a paddle. A kayak paddle. And I named it Benno. And then I bought a kayak and a life jacket and I realized this was a dream I had for so many years. To own a kayak and be on the water and that's what I did. I spent a large portion of my time away, my sabbatical, on various bodies of water from the Chattahoochee to Jekyll Island to Charleston Harbor and back to Stone Mountain Lake.

And it was glorious. And it was a complete shift from my day to day. And I felt close and connected. To God. To nature. To my own heart.

And I took deep breaths. And I fell out. And it was so hot. And it completely sunburned. And I laughed until I cried and cried until I laughed. And I slept hard after time in the sun.

And I was grateful for my bed at night and I was grateful for this time away and I was grateful that I didn't have to wake up to a French press thermos in the wilderness and I was grateful for my colleague Benno for starting me on that crazy path of rest and reconnecting to myself and following my dream of owning a kayak and for the space to reconnect to this abundant life.

The Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers, Senior Associate Rector



Parish Life

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Eclipse Viewing

Camp Mikell will be open and allowing folks to come set up in the fields to watch the eclipse on August 21. No meals will be served that day, but folks can use the public restrooms and park in the parking lots for free. Donations are welcome at <http://campmikell.com/about/donate/>

Parish Weekend SAVE THE DATE!



Mark your calendars for October 27-29, 2017 for our annual Parish Weekend at Kanuga! Details to follow, but we know you won't want to miss it!

Win a trip to Kanuga Parish Weekend! What if you could experience three days and two nights in the beautiful mountains of NC with 80+ of your fellow Epiphanyites for just \$5? Purchase a raffle ticket (or 7) between services for \$5 each. We will sell them each Sunday until we draw a winner on Sunday, Sept. 24. The winner gets one full registration (\$200 value!) for Parish Weekend, Oct. 27-29!

Altar Arrangements & Sanctuary Light

Music & Liturgy

Staff: Julie Ryder | 404.373.8338 | music@epiphany.org, Vestry: Brenda Lloyd | 678.938.5158 | lloydvb@bellsouth.net

Sing in the Summer Choir

Summer Choir continues until September 3 at 10:30 a.m. and is open to adults and youth. We rehearse one anthem and then sing it during the 11:15 a.m. liturgy. No vestments, no weekday commitment, lots of fun and fellowship. Join us!

Choir "Treat"

The Epiphany Choir is having a Treat — our annual get started rehearsal here at Epiphany on Saturday, August 26. This is a half-day event from 9:30-12:30 on August 26 and is a great time for new members to join us! For

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.

more information, contact Julie Ryder (music@epiphany.org).

The Incarnation Fall Journal

Visit epiphany.org to read from the staff about 'incarnation', that is, what it might mean for God to inhabit flesh, and most specifically the person of Jesus. We want to invite you to think on God in the Flesh this fall, in our worship, our stewardship, our formation, and in our parish life. We want to make the overt connections between how and why we gather to that radical notion that God is in the midst of us-in the flesh.

Adult Education

Chair: Shirley Banks | 404.644.4861 | shirleymaybanks@gmail.com, Vestry: Paul Welty | 404.396.9944 | ponch@paulwelty.com

Our hope is that our adult education and program offerings will stir you to ask more question, seek more connection, and wonder how this life in Christ inspires us to love God and neighbor. We invite you, whoever you are and however you find our way to us, to join in our adult education opportunities and programs. Below you will find offerings for Sunday mornings, as well as other program times. Feel free to contact us for more information:

Sunday Adult Offerings:

Sunday Morning Formation Resumes THIS

SUNDAY: Join us at 10 a.m. in Jones Hall to kick-off the formation year. We will all gather together to hear about the classes that will be offered for all ages...from 3.5 years old and up! Teachers will be introduced, as well as topics for our adult offerings.

Beginning August 27:

“Bible and Theology”: The Bible and Theology class chooses one topic each semester to study from a number of different angles. We dive deep into biblical texts, the history of Christianity, and contemporary scholarship. This fall, we will focus on the Incarnation, and in the spring, we will study the topic of the Resurrection. Contact: Dr. Brennan Breed

“Reclaiming the Bible”: The Reclaiming the Bible class visits pivotal stories and themes in the Bible, noting God's passionate interest in humanity and all creation. Each session includes facilitated group engagement with a scriptural passage, lively discussion, and even a coloring book page! Contact Shirley Banks or the Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers.

Wednesdays

6:30-8 p.m. Bible Study in Jones Hall C, taught by the clergy. This Bible study is based on the lectionary. We read and have a free-ranging discussion about the scripture selections for the upcoming Sunday worship.

Other Spiritual Formation Opportunities

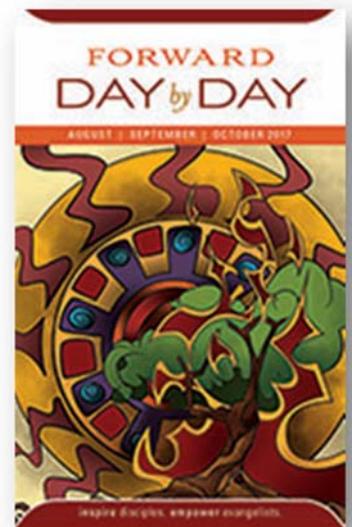
Confirmation Classes: Confirmation is an “adult public affirmation of faith” and the rite of expressing our commitment to Christ. Classes are for adults and youth who have been baptized, and are ready to affirm their commitment to Christ. Confirmation classes for 2017 will be held on Sunday afternoons, 1-3 p.m. between September 24 and October 22 (five Sundays). Contact: The Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers

Pub Theology: New for 2017! A monthly, third Thursday event will be facilitated by Dr. Brennan Breed. Thought-provoking, accessible articles, essays and texts will be chosen to stimulate lively discussion. Location TBD. First meeting will be Thursday, 9/21 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Quiet Days: Short spiritual retreat opportunities (2-4 hours) are offered during periodically throughout the year. These are opportunities to be still with God and include brief instruction in meditation and other contemplative practices. The first quiet day will be held Sunday, 9/17 with specific details TBD. The intention is to have this as an event regularly occurring on the third Sunday of each month. Contact Shirley Banks

Spiritual Direction: Spiritual Direction or Companionship is available both in individual and group setting. Spiritual Direction helps discern God's movement in our lives with the help of a “third ear.” Contact the Rev. Benno Pattison or the Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers

Tract Rack: Our Tract Rack is located just inside the red doors of our church. These little booklets are for you to take home. A donation is requested, but if you don't have the means at the time, please feel free to help yourself. There is a wide variety of well written and thoughtful short booklets. We hope you will use this resource in your daily devotions, spiritual journey, or just to consider questions you've always wanted to explore.



Children's & Youth Ministries

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Sundays

- **Nursery** for newborns and children ages 3 and under is offered Sunday mornings.
- **Children's Chapel** is held during the 8:45 a.m. service. Children gather during the last verse of the Sequence Hymn and follow the cross to chapel after the Gospel. They return at the Peace. Parents are welcome to join.
- **Sunday School for all ages** will resume on August 20.

Children's News

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

Youth Schedule

August 20: Sunday School & Youth Group Restart!
August 27: Pilgrimage Recap, **10 a.m.**



Outreach

Chair: Kim Finnegan | 404.377.8036 | kfinnegan@propertyworks.com

Holy Comforter Dinner August 23

It's Epiphany's turn to provide the Wednesday Night Dinner for this mission church of the Diocese, about 60% of whose congregation lives with mental illness. We need people to cook starting at 2:30 p.m. and also to provide cupcakes. Click the RSVP button on the home page to sign up.

Haiti Meeting

Haiti Meeting takes place at noon on the 2nd Monday of every month in Jones Hall. Anyone interested in our in partnership with the Bishop Tharp Institute, a college of the Diocese of Haiti is welcome to attend.

Refugee Update

Our Refugee family from 2016 has exciting news! Yaser has opened his own tailor shop at 112 Church Street in Decatur, open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. He was an excellent tailor in Syria and is glad to be back working in his profession.

DEAM Food Drive

January and June are our "turns" for stocking the DEAM pantry, but the bins are 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.

Ongoing Meetings

- **The Epiphany Book Group**, which meets 1st Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Hall, is on hiatus for the summer. Here's the lineup for fall: September (Meeting on August 28) - *A Fine Balance*, by Rohinton Mistry; October - *Destiny of the Republic*, by Candice Millard; November - *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto*, by Mitch Albom. December will be our Christmas Gathering and choosing of books for 2018.
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- **Meeting Night:** Committees meet 2nd Mondays 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.
- **ECW Meeting:** The Episcopal Church Women meet 2nd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. Program resumes in September.
- **Women's Book Group** meets 1st Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Catherine Breed's home. We are discussing *Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith* by Anne Lamott. Email Catherine at cbreed@epiphany.org for directions and to RSVP.
- **The Daughters of the King (DOK)** meet 4th Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Banfield residence. For directions, email banfieldn@bellsouth.net. We invite all ladies of the congregation to join us.
- **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.

Diocesan News & Community Events

50th Anniversary Celebration in Peoplestown

Emmaus House has come a long way over the years, from exciting beginnings with Father Austin Ford in the 1960's to a thriving hub of activity today. We're grateful for our partnership with the residents of Peoplestown and look forward to celebrating all that we have accomplished together over the past 50 years during a three-day celebration September 15 – 17, 2017.

September 15, 6 – 8 p.m.

Please join us for a celebratory cocktail reception in Ezzard Hall at Emmaus House. This is an opportunity for friends who have been touched by Emmaus House over the years to reconnect, meet new friends, and share stories of their experiences. Tickets are \$20. Buy them at <https://emmaushouseatlanta.org/news/50th-anniversary-celebration-in-peoplestown>

September 16, 12 – 4 p.m.

In partnership with the annual Peoplestown Reunion, we will join our neighbors for an open house, a history walk including 50 years of highlights, and a barbecue sponsored by Episcopal Church of the Annunciation. We'll be collecting stories from those of you who have been around Emmaus House over the years, so come prepared with your best experiences. Or, come and make some new memories. All are welcome to join us for this celebration of our years of transformational service in the neighborhood. This event is free and open to the public.

September 17, 10:30 a.m.

The Episcopal Chapel at Emmaus House will celebrate a Festive Eucharist to recommit ourselves to God's work in Peoplestown and beyond. All are invited to worship with us on this very special day. This event is free and open to the public.



The Right Reverend Robert C. Wright
Bishop of Atlanta
with the Wardens and Vestry of
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Episcopal Church
request your presence and prayers at
the Celebration of a New Ministry
to be shared by
the People of St. Elizabeth's Church
and
The Reverend John M. Hamilton
The Eve of Holy Cross Day
Wednesday, September 13th, 2017
six o'clock in the evening

Clergy: red stoles

Reception following with music provided by
Crash Hamilton, Blues guitarist and vocalist

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Mark Your Calendar

Fall 2017

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Wednesday Dinner & Programs Begin
17 Feast of St. Hildegard • 5:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 8 St. Francis Animal Blessing • 5:00 p.m.
27-29 Parish Weekend @ Kanuga

NOVEMBER

- 5 All Saints' Holy Baptism • 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.
All Soul's Evensong with Eucharist • 5:00 p.m.
Stewardship Ingathering Celebration Dinner • 6:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 10 Advent Lessons & Carols • 5:00 p.m.
Wine & Cheese/Cookies & Cider Reception • 6:00 p.m.
Feast of St. Nicholas/Shoe Drive • 10:00 a.m.
24 Advent IV Holy Eucharist • 10:30 a.m. (one morning service only)
24 Christmas Eve
Festival Eucharist • 3:00 p.m. (Children's Sermon)
Festival Eucharist • 5:30 p.m.
Festival Eucharist • 10:30 p.m. (Prelude @ 10:00 p.m.)
25 Christmas Day Holy Eucharist • 10:30 a.m. (one service only)
31 Christmas Lessons & Carols • 10:30 a.m. (one service only)

JANUARY

- 6 Feast of the Epiphany: Baptism, Confirmation & Pageant • 4:00 p.m.
Dinner • 5:30 p.m.
7 Baptism of our Lord, Holy Baptism • 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

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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

- Richard Bassett
- Jaye Davidson
- Ron Hutcheson
- Chris Miller
- Charlie Overstreet
- Stephanie Thompson
- Larry Wilcox

Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

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

Rest eternal grant them

- Betty Farguson Blasingame, grandmother of Sy Burnett

For members who are expecting

- Leslie & Martin Hodges

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

- Terry Fisher-Ari, friend of Cristin Davis
- David, Susannah and Sidney Burley, family of Caroline Bridges
- Denby Auble, friend of Caroline Bridges

- Marylin Glenn, grandmother of Shereetha Jackson
- Bob Kruger, brother-in-law of Pat Hudson
- Paul Brockington, father of Sally Brockington
- Bo & Betty Blasingame, grandparents of Sy Burnett
- Lynne D'Huyvetter, mother of Gretchen D'Huyvetter Cobb
- Bill Meadows, son-in-law of Ruth & Eric Olson
- Lucy & Bob Parents of John Yntema
- Susan Parker, friend of Chippy Holladay
- David brother in law of Caroline Driebe
- Mollie, Nakia and Laura, friends of Caroline Driebe
- Joanna Alyse Borja, friend of Austin Bersinger and Amanda Seals Bersinger
- Lynn Gable, sister of Susan Scott, sister in law of Rob Godsall
- Doris Irwin, friend of Susan Scott
- Bill Ham, friend of Sandy Land
- Joslyn Maguire, friend of Sandy Land
- Kathrine Bateman, sister of Tom Mundy
- Virginia Watson, mother of Laura Keys
- Ann Day, cousin of John Keys
- The Rev. Brother Aelred Dean
- Joy Borra, friend of Jewel Allen
- Larry Hitchcock, brother of Ruth Olson; Adriane Ivey, friend of Susan Ashmore
- Sheri Sharp, cousin of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder
- Dwight Kelley, Susan Northcutt, friends of Shirley Sugden
- Norma Mullis, cousin of Shirley Sugden
- Maureen Cooper, sister-in-law of George Council
- Gwen Hurst, aunt of Chris Kissler
- Bo Blasingame, grandfather of Sy Burnett
- Lucy Tomicich, sister of Pat Hudson
- Bob Kruger, brother-in-law of Pat Hudson
- Tim English, friend of Susan & Richard Messner

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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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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Vestry

Sy Burnett, *Treasurer, ex-officio*

Stephanie Everett, *Capital Campaign &
Senior Warden, ex-officio*

Martha Rummel, *Clerk, ex-officio*

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Katie Pedersen, *Capital Campaign &
Endowment*

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Paul Welty, *Adult Formation*

Class of 2019

Bill Gary, *Outreach & Jr. Warden*

Bonnie Kissler, *Finance & Membership*

Ray Krawczyk, *Stewardship*

Brenda Lloyd, *Liturgy & Music*

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Annie Strahan, *Parish Life*

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