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## How we do politics

Last week at Vestry retreat we talked about how The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany does politics—large and small. For ourselves we have grown into a place that works collaboratively, that is to say, we wrestle ideas from whatever realm and hold those ideas up against the yardstick of our mission, our baptismal covenant, our notion of who God is and what God is doing in the world.

Writ larger, this has taken on a whole new dimension for so many folks. We are now all glued to the news—worried one way or another about what and how we are to do, and what is the measure we should take personally and as a church. It is no small task, these are urgent times; nothing is as it was. Republican or Democrat we must all be vigilant, and twice so as Christians of either persuasion that we still hold up our political actions to our mission, our baptismal covenant and our notion of who God is and what God is doing in the world.

To that end I want to share with you a re-formulation of the Baptismal Covenant that the Vestry played around with on retreat. I offer this as a way into seeing the covenant we've made with God from a different vantage point in the hope that it may shed some light on our political experience and give you a gauge, a platform, a piety with which to continue to engage in the world around us. It is a simple list of five words that correspond to a part of the covenant. The words are:

Story—the Apostles' teaching...breaking of bread and the prayers...

Catharsis—whenever you fall into sin repent and return to the Lord...

Story—will you by word and example proclaim the good news of God...

Imagination—will you seek and serve Christ in all people...

Action—will you work for justice and peace and respect the dignity of all people...

A meta-narrative, a life-changing experience, your story of a life redeemed, how you find the divine presence, and what you do about it once you've found it. This is our covenant with God. This is our political action plan. This is how as Christians we might evaluate what matters and what we do about what matters, and to and with whom. Politics is part of life, it is as benign as how we govern our days and as sublime as the beauty of our Constitution.

The story of these United States is that we tell a story of life and liberty and happiness for all people. We must recognize that we've fallen way short of that righteous endeavor and must repent. This births in us a new story, a new possibility—and then we can begin to imagine how it would look, this new story which finally might lead us to pass a law, or start a program, or support a policy that meets the demand of justice and peace and dignity.

Where are you on our journey? Ready to tell your story? I want to hear it. Ready to confess? Me too. Ready to begin again and wonder at what we can do together? Let's start. Ready to imagine something we haven't done before? There are people at Epiphany doing that. Ready to welcome, march, speak out, love, respect, dignify, and work for justice and peace? Come on.

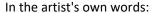
Peace,

The Rev. Benno D. Pattison, Rector

## Parish News

## **Epiphany's Art Ministry**

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes collage and painting work by architect/artist Lance Carlson for February 2017.



"My work is a record of the connections and



relationships that I have discovered within my own perceived world, through music, art, and literature. This process may start on a somewhat literal level but it soon evolves into new discoveries and interpretations unbounded by conventional time. My marks and imagery form the rhythm of this dialogue."

25% of all sales benefit Epiphany.

Please make checks payable to Lance Carlson.

# Adult Formation Offerings at 10:00 a.m.

- 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: Walk Humbly. 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. *Today's topic: Pastoral Offices. Led by The Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers. Room 202.*
- Bible & 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, a syllabus can be found in the tract rack by the front door. Today's focus:

  Mainline Christologies of the 20th Century. Room JH C.

### **Shrove Tuesday**

Join us Tuesday, February 28, to burn palms, dance and listen to live music while you eat our now famous amalgamation of pancakes, bacon, and



sausage (cooked for you/donations accepted), and Potluck Cajun (you bring it). Children will decorate the Alleluia banner. The Burning of the Palms Liturgy will follow. A King Cake Scavenger Hunt for the Baby Jesus. And the Celebration of our Capital Campaign conclusion. Festivities begin at 5:45 p.m. in Jones Hall. The Burning of the Palms Liturgy will be at 6:30 p.m. in the courtyard. Also, please RSVP (click the RSVP button on the homepage) so we know how many to plan for.

## Ash Wednesday

The Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist will be at 12 & 7 p.m. on March 1. The Stations of the Cross will be at 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. We are serving dinner on



Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., so be sure to contact the parish office parishadmin@epiphany.org to make a reservation! **CHILDCARE PROVIDED FOR THE EVENING SERVICE.** 

# Dust off your prayer books and bring them to worship!

For the season of Lent, we will be doing something new. Beginning on Sunday, March 5, you will need to open the Book of Common Prayer (blue book in the pew with the gold cross) or bring your own to worship. The bulletin will be reduced to its simplest format and only include page numbers for the service. We are doing this in an effort to remember that our liturgy connects to a common prayer book used throughout the Episcopal Church.

### **Endowment Board Grants: Magi Foundation**

The 30-day period for requesting disbursements from the Epiphany Endowment Fund opened on the day of the annual parish meeting, January 22, 2017. 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 2016 for grants totaling \$14,425. The Board, with the Vestry's approval, was able to award \$7,224. The following represents the total amounts awarded:

- 1. Scholarships awarded \$2,640. One applicant received a grant to help with college education, one for clinical pastoral education, one to assist with vacation bible school in Haiti, and one for Godly Play Training.
- 2. Capital Improvements awarded \$2,084. Music program received grants to purchase a set of tone chimes for the children's choir and junior choir surpluses. A grant was also award for acolyte robes and cinctures.
- 3. Parish Outreach awarded \$2,500. A grant was awarded to the Emmaus House Freedom School.

Request forms are available in the gallery or on the Endowment Board page of the Epiphany website. Deadline for Applications is Wednesday, February 22, 2017. Please return them to the cubby marked Grant Applications outside the parish office.

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

#### **Members of the Magi Foundation**

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

\*deceased

## Health Screenings: Life Line Screening

3/23—Life Line Screening will be here once again to offer preventative health screenings that scan for potential health problems. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. To register, please call 1.888.653.6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

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#### Children's Ministries

**Children's News:** Sign up to receive the e-newsletter for Epiphany Children's Ministries by e-mailing <a href="mailto:cbreed@epiphany.org">cbreed@epiphany.org</a>.

**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.

## Join Imagine That! & Future Tech

Join Imagine That! & Future Tech this summer at Epiphany for fun and educational Minecraft, 3D Printing, Science, Coding, Technology and Robotics Summer Camps for ages 5-14. Check out the Imagine That 2017 Summer Camp Flyer for a schedule of all dates, locations and programs. For more information about Imagine That! please call 770.455.1980 or visit http://www.ImagineThatFun.com.

## **Wednesday Night Dinner**

Dinner is 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 at 404.373.8338 or parishadmin@epiphany.org.

## 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.

## In Memory & In Thanksgiving

The Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Light online sign up for 2017 is live. Go to

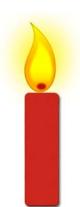
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/altar19 if you wish to

make a dedicatory offering of altar flowers or sanctuary light, or contact the parish office.

The Altar Flowers or the Sanctuary Light can be given as a memorial, thanksgiving or on a special occasion. List your name in the signup field and list your intention in the comments field.

To be listed in the Sunday bulletin, sign up by noon on Thursdays.

Make your check payable to the Church of the Epiphany, noting "Flowers" or "Light" and the date given in the memo field, and mail it to the church, leave it in the treasurer's cubby or in the alms basin on Sundays. Suggested offering: \$70 for flowers and \$6 for the light.



### **Transitions**

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 at 404.373.8338 or parishadmin@epiphany.org.

#### **Transfers In**

Kristin Phillips from Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster PA John, Lauren, Leah & Sara Kelly, from St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA Rik Hill, from Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta, GA

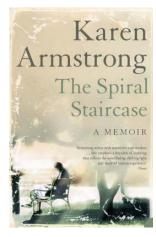
#### **Announcements**

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, contact the parish office at 404.373.8338 or parishadmin@epiphany.org.

# Ongoing 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).

### **Ongoing Meetings**



**The Epiphany Book Group** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Hall. Contact: Dennis Edmiston at dce1946@gmail.com or 678.613.7401.

March Selection: The Spiral Staircase by Karen Armstrong

April Selection: Everybody's Fool by Richard Russo

May Selection: The Class of '65 by Jim Auchmuty

June Selection: Jacksonland by Steve Inskeep

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 1st 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 for directions and to RSVP.

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) meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 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.

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 in Room A on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. \*RSVP at www.veteransheartgeorgia.org.

#### March Anniversaries

5	Polly & Larry Nodine	8	Liefy & George Smith	19	Jo & Tom Sedlack
7	Pandora Sheraden & Ron Cox	18	Sara & Paul Dangel	30	Holly & Charles Slater

## March Birthdays

1	Wren Ballou	9	Paul Schneider	18	Jeremy Nodine	22	Bill Hudson
1	Ben Morrissey	10	Charles Grubbs	19	lan Boswell	23	Bert Bender
1	John Keys	10	Sydney Powers	19	Laura May	23	Evelyn Stewart
1	James Weigle	12	Jay Schexnyder	19	Lisa Newton	24	Laura Gary
2	Lydia Welty	13	Peter Crooks	19	Brian Smith	25	Pat Hudson
3	Nicholas Hokanson	13	Robin Weidmann-	19	Annie Strahan	26	Amy Autry-Bush
3	Nelson Oyesiku	Smith		20	John Frazier	26	Bill Braswell
4	Frederick Breed	14	Brett Boatright	20	Jordan Moody	26	Alexander Bender
4	Noble Hill-McKaharay	14	Pandora Sheraden	20	Douglas Runnion	26	Dominic Eby
5	Linda Ryder-Wolf	15	Robert Cunningham	20	Bob Thompson	26	Robert Woodrum
7	Dirk Zwemer	15	David Draper	21	Lee Fidler	27	Eric Jacobs
8	Cary Holley	15	Pat Graves	21	Jessica Hood	28	Haley Cognata
8	Robbie Holley	16	Augustus Braswell	21	Madeline Keck	28	Cindy Lamons
8	Bonnie Kissler	16	Dorsey Howarth	21	John Pierson	28	Terry-Lee Ross
8	Peter Schneider	16	Bobbi Patterson	21	David Sample	28	Claire Wright
9	Charles Lennon	17	Charles Sandiford	22	Cadence Carruth	29	Penny Carr
9	Evan Schneider	18	Stephanie Everett	22	Michael Eurey	29	Charles Hooker

## The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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# Holy Week & Easter

## Holy Week & Easter Sign ups will be posted March 1

### Rite of Reconciliation

During Holy Week, our priests are available by appointment for those wishing to make formal confession according to the Rite of Reconciliation in *The Book of Common Prayer*. Formal confession is an ancient Christian practice that makes explicit the pardon and grace of God for the penitent. Many have found this practice helpful in their Lenten journey. Please contact either The Rev. Benno Pattison or The Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers by phone or email if you wish to schedule an appointment.

## **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 9

The narrative account of Jesus's last days is read at 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Volunteers are needed to read the various parts, which range from single lines to extended dialogue. The signup link is on epiphany.org.

#### **Tenebrae**

Wednesday, April 12, at 7 p.m.

Take part in Wednesday's Tenebrae service at 7 p.m. Tenebrae is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." This is a contemplative service recalling the Passion of Christ in music, verse and light. You can sign up to read a lesson at epiphany.org. CHILDCARE PROVIDED.

## **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 13, at 6:15 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified. Epiphany has a long-held tradition of celebrating this special day beginning with a simple and communal Agápe supper, followed by a procession into the Church to strip the altar and reserve the blessed bread and wine, body and blood of Jesus.

No recipes have come down to us from the time of Christ; however, knowing what raw materials were available to the Jews of Palestine in that period and what dishes were mentioned in the Bible, we have an idea of what Christians may have eaten at an Agápe (love) feast. Dried and fresh fruits (no citrus, as oranges and lemons were rare and very expensive), olives, almonds, different kinds of cheeses, lentils, cucumbers with yogurt, couscous, tabbouleh, hummus and bread could have been a part of these meals. For the bread, flatbread, pita, or matzoth (or all three) might have been eaten. Wine for the adults (and grape juice for the children at our supper) would be the custom.

As part of our liturgical expression of this event, we invite participants to bring to their 'assigned' table one of the components listed above while Joel Fowler prepares a delicate fish fillet for those who are interested. As we eat, we will do the liturgy of the Word, make Eucharist around our tables, and humble ourselves to our neighbors by the washing of each other's feet for those who wish to participate.

Sign-up sheets for tables are located outside the kitchen in Jones Hall. Your food offering is designated on the sign-up sheet. No charge for fish this year, but please indicate if you want a serving so we have a count. The nursery will be available for infants and toddlers, if parents wish to use it. Older children are seated with their families and are encouraged to attend.

### Watch One Hour

Our traditional vigil on Maundy Thursday night and Good Friday morning is an opportunity for people to come to the church in response to Jesus's question in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Could you not keep awake one hour?" A time for prayer, meditation and scripture reading, the vigil hours mark the time between the Last Supper and Jesus's crucifixion. Vigil keepers are invited to pray near the altar of repose, in the baptistry, where the reserved sacrament is kept during this time. Please sign up at http://www.epiphany.org/ministries/people.html to watch with Christ one hour.

## **Good Friday**

Good Friday Services are at noon & 7 p.m. on Friday, April 14. The Stations of the Cross—a symbolic meditative journey beginning with Christ's condemnation and ending with his burial—will take place at 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Since 1922, the Episcopal Church has contributed the Good Friday Offering to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. If you would like to contribute, make a check payable to Epiphany noting "Good Friday" in the memo field. CHILDCARE PROVIDED FOR THE EVENING SERVICE.

## Holy Saturday Workday

Holy Saturday Workday, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saturday, April 15, includes helping Guilds prepare the Nave for Easter and making crafts for Easter. Sign up your child in the Crossing Hall for ways to help.

## **Easter Vigil**

Join us for the Great Vigil of Easter at 6 a.m. on Sunday morning to begin our Easter celebration. There will be incense at this service. Remember to bring bells to ring during the service and plan to stay afterwards for champagne and strawberries.

#### Easter Breakfast

Easter Day, April 16, from 9:30 – 11 a.m.

Breakfast begins Easter morning at 9:30 a.m. Parishioners are invited to bring breakfast dishes to share. Parish Life will provide ham and biscuits. No charge/donations welcome. Sign up in the Crossing Hall.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

Children in Grades 3 and under are invited to join in the annual Epiphany Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning! Please bring your own baskets. We will gather in Jones Hall following the 8:45 a.m. service for directions and to begin the hunt.

Plastic eggs and candy donations will be accepted throughout Lent until Palm Sunday, April 9. Donations may be placed in the bins in the gallery or given to Catherine Breed in the Church office. Volunteers are needed to fill

eggs and to hide them. Please email Catherine at cbreed@epiphany.org if you would like to volunteer.

## Outreach News

#### **Lunches Needed**

NEEDED - volunteer to make 6 (only six!) lunches, once (only once!) a month\*. In the comfort and privacy of your own home, with reimbursement for your expenses.

Church of the Common Ground operates a foot clinic every week, and the rector uses homeless volunteers to tend to the feet of homeless men and women who visit the clinic. In return for their service, the rector likes to give the six volunteer foot washers each a good lunch. We will provide you with the paper bags, plastic bags, chips and cookies; all you need to do is provide 6 sandwiches and 6 fruits.

If you can give us a hand, please call Mary Ann Schneider at 404.377.9134, or email <a href="maryann.schneider13@gmail.com">maryann.schneider13@gmail.com</a>

\*or less if I get more volunteers

## **Peachtree Pine Ministry**

2/17—Peachtree Pine: Instead of our normal food preparation and service at the Peachtree Pine men's shelter each month, for the month of February we will be touring the facilities with the retiring long-standing executive director of the Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless, Anita Beatty. We'll meet at Manuel's Tavern at 12:15 p.m. for lunch, then carpool for a 1:30 p.m. tour. Questions? Call Brandon Laird at 404.373.7466.

## Refugee update

Every year Epiphany partners with New American Pathway to sponsor a refugee family. In anticipation of the ban being lifted, the Outreach Committee has decided to start collecting items for our next family's apartment. Requested donations can be found on the Sign-up Genius accessible from the Epiphany home page. Bring your items as soon as possible to the refugee table in the Crossing Hall. If you would like to be more involved please contact Bev Lorenzo 404.825.3402 or <a href="mailto:bevlorenzo@att.net">bevlorenzo@att.net</a>.

## Join us for Hunger Walk/Run 2017!

On March 5 Epiphany will once again be supporting efforts to fight against local hunger. The Hunger Walk/Run - an annual 5K walk and "fun run" begun in 1984 - is a project of the



Atlanta Community Food Bank that unites our community to raise awareness and critical funds for local hunger relief. Proceeds from the event benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank and other local nonprofit organizations.

The event is held at Turner Field's Green Lot and includes food trucks, games, educational activities, and live entertainment. The event opens at noon, so that teams may go from church and buy lunch/enjoy the entertainment there. The walk/run begins at 2 p.m., and everything is over by 4 p.m. For those at Epiphany who wish to ride down together, we will leave from Epiphany at 12:30 p.m. and meet at the ACFB and Meet Your Team Area. This event is great fun for all ages!

Epiphany will have one team (Epiphany Magi) jointly sponsored by our Youth and the Outreach Committee. We will walk/run to raise money for the Food Bank and Epiphany's feeding ministries (Peachtree Pine, Holy Comforter, Emmaus House, and Hagar's House). Our Epiphany Food Pantry receives a credit at the Food Bank for 80% of the funds raised (which last year was \$2610!). These funds are a major help in allowing us to serve the underserved!

There is a \$25 registration fee (donation) to walk at the event or \$35 to run. Members of the Youth and/or Outreach Committee will be collecting registrations between services, or you can register on-line: (engage.acfb.org) or receive a registration form in the gallery between services. If you cannot personally participate, you may sponsor a church member who is registered or donate to the team. Use the same registration link above or make out a check to "ACFB Hunger Walk." Deadline is noon, March 3.

Through the Hunger Walk, we can again help make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need. Please consider supporting us through prayer, participation, or sponsorship. Contact Martha Rummel 404.953.8230 or mrummel10@gmail.com for questions.

#### **DEAM Food Drive**

January and June are our "turns" for stocking the pantry, but the bins are out year-round to accept your donations. For February, the most needed items are: 1 lb packages of white or yellow rice, 1 qt packages of powdered milk, canned fruit other than applesauce, canned black eyed peas, canned lima beans, sm. boxes of corn muffin mix, lg (24-28oz) size pasta sauce, and pasta side packets or hamburger helper. And we are very low on toiletries especially toothpaste, deodorant, sanitary supplies and shampoo. Toilet paper and bar soap are also needed.

# Diocesan & Community News

## **Absalom Jones Service**

The Union of Black Episcopalians will celebrate the Feast of Absalom Jones at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, on Sunday, February 19, at 4 p.m.



The Honorable Clinton

Deveaux, Retired Judge, Municipal Court of Atlanta, will deliver the message. Mr. Deveaux is a longtime member of the Chapel at Emmaus House. Trey Clegg will direct the choir, with featured performances by the Trey Clegg Singers. We are inviting individuals from around the diocese to join our diocesan-wide choir.

This annual service celebrates the life and legacy of Absalom Jones, the first priest of African descent in the Episcopal church. For additional information, please contact Tiffany King at 770.380.4615, or email atlanta.ube@gmail.com.

# Episcopal Public Policy Network Policy Alert

The Episcopal Public Policy Network is launching a nationwide advocacy campaign in support of refugees. Over the next **two months**, we're challenging Episcopalians to call their national, state, and local elected officials at least **four times**. Now, more than ever, people of faith must make their voices heard. We have created a **2x4 Fight for Refugees Campaign** page with numbers to dial and a sample script on our website.

## JOIN THE 2x4 FIGHT FOR REFUGEES CAMPAIGN: http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/RefugeeAdvocacy

On January 27, President Trump signed an executive order that halted the refugee resettlement program for 120 days, significantly lowered the number of refugees admitted to the U.S., and barred Syrian refugees from being resettled to the U.S. We recognize the need for our nation to be secure, but we believe that the thorough



<u>and often multi-year vetting process</u> eliminates those with violent extremist ideologies and those who seek to harm our country. We believe our current policies balance humanitarian needs with <u>security priorities</u>. This pause in the program and the orders to bar entry to certain individuals will have devastating effects on the lives of refugees waiting for protection through resettlement.

The Episcopal Church, through <u>Episcopal Migration Ministries</u>, is one of the nine refugee resettlement agencies in the U.S. Refugee resettlement is a life-saving ministry. Episcopalians around the country engage in the work of welcome every day. We have seen that refugees, once welcomed to our communities, become integral parts of our neighborhoods as friends, business owners, students, doctors, and more.

We urge you to join the 2x4 Fight for Refugees Campaign to let your elected officials know that you welcome refugees.

## **Commission on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking**

You can demand social justice and help people who are victims of human slavery in the State of Georgia. Join with Georgia's anti-sex trafficking advocates on Tuesday, February 28, for Lobby Day.

Where: The Historic Freight Depot

65 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive S.E.

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

What can your parish do to advocate? Attend all or part of Lobby Day. Then call or write your legislators. Tell them that we need:

- -minimum time in jail for offenders
- -no early parole for offenders
- -make human sex trafficking and 2nd instance of pandering a felony
- -remove sunset on law that mandates the posting of the national human trafficking hotline in places victims are likely to be (bus stations, strip clubs, hotels, etc.)

To register visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/georgia/as-anti-sex-trafficking-lobby-day-2017-tickets-2884193004

Lobby Day will be followed by a luncheon hosted by the Lobby Day partner organizations

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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
- Maggie Ewing
- Pam Hall
- Ron Hutcheson
- Chris Miller
- Liz Romo-Rasha
- Jaye Rudolph
- Steve Sabom

#### Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

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

#### Rest eternal grant them

Luise Kirkhuff

#### For members who are expecting

- Rebecca Woodruff & Adam Gaeddert
- Ellen & Michael Bryan
- Ali & Brad Stoner; Emily & Michael Walden

#### 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

- 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
- Ann Giblin, friend of Sara Cushing
- Lydia Kramer Lee, cousin of Gretchen Maclachlan
- Bette Phillips Hershey, mother of Kristin Phillips
- Fisher-Ari, friend of Cristin Davis
- Maria Mezzacappa, friend of Linda Ryder Wolf
- Lizzie Barbagallo, niece of Linda Ryder Wolf
- Zoe, granddaughter of Chippy & Mac Holladay
- Al and Bernadette, friends of Audrey & Neil Banfield
- Carolyn Allen, mother of Jewel Allen
- Joan Hambalek, friend of Barbara Belcore
- David, Susannah & SidneyBurley, relatives of Caroline **Bridges Driebe**
- Judy Gutowski, friend of Lisa Carlson and Johanna Hinman
- Mike Rose, father/grandfather of Elle, William, Elizabeth, Matthew & Calvin Rose
- Zaheer Mirza, friend of Jave Davidson
- Jane Broker Reetz, relative of Noelle Reetz
- Rosalind Udell, mother of Rachelle Udell
- Lucy & Bob Yntema, parents of John Yntema
- Sharon Pierce, daughter of Pat Spivey



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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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