



The EPIPHANY STAR

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

a bi-weekly newsletter | May 11, 2017

Haiti, again

We are building an Incubator. The short story, and many of you have heard it but it bears repeating, is that over the last seven years we've been teaching classes at the Business and Technology Institute in Les Cayes, Haiti. A couple of years ago we had an entrepreneurship *week*, which culminated in a monetary reward for the team with the best business plan. That week inspired us to do more. So, we are doing more.

We are building an incubator. We want to teach entrepreneurship and then award loans and grants to these prospective business owners, entrepreneurs in Les Cayes, Haiti. It is an ambitious project. It will require a significant monetary investment, human resource investment, time investment, spiritual investment. The yield...

Well, that is the question for a church, isn't it? What will happen? What do we want to have happen? What do we get for our labors and our money?

I hope we get one person who gets inspired to take their idea to the marketplace in Les Cayes. I hope we award one grant, one loan to a young Haitian that will help them realize their dream of self-reliance and ownership and responsibility, and livelihood. I hope that Epiphanyites will understand the value of teaching entrepreneurship and then putting money on the line to help make real economic change in the most desperate economy in the Hemisphere. Even if it's just one person. We start there, with some young woman whose idea might just work, and change her life. We start with her.

For us, I hope we have a bucket load of volunteer mentors that will assist these young entrepreneurs on line and via email to solve their problems and think through a business plan. I hope we have more people than we can handle wanting to go teach a module in entrepreneurship over the course of the next school year. I want to make a small infinitesimal correction to the centuries long institutionalized racism of the United States and other western slave-trading countries that has kept Haiti impoverished from generation to generation. I hope we assemble a board of directors for our 501(c)3 that will be the best stewards of this work we endeavor to do. I hope we have a donor list that includes people high and mighty and of low estate.

Seven of us travel to Haiti this next week, to interview prospective employees (Dirk Zwimer has funded the position for the year): we are going to hire someone in Les Cayes to manage the progress of the applicants in the incubator. A mother hen. We will also talk with our partner Kesner and glean from him his incalculable wisdom on getting this project to the next stage.

We welcome all. If you want to plan it, carry it out, fund it, consult on it, pray over it--we want you. Just let me know. Our next meeting will be June 19th, our next trip to Les Cayes in September. Our list of donors starts now and I hope you are already interceding with God that we will be our best and truest selves as we continue this work with our friends and partners in Haiti.

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.

Music & Liturgy

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Thank you, Epiphany Choirs and Ensembles!

Ben Burris, Allie Maiberger, Paige Maiberger, Company McCullar, Zoe Parks, George Stockton, Asher Sandiford, Abigail Wiles, Henry Williams, Andrew Cobb, Ian Cobb, Bea Cornett, Alexander Deocampo, Gibson Letsinger, Max Meyer, Charleigh Anne Parks, Reid Prikkel, Tristan Shelton, Haylee Wilson, Linda Wilson, Kellan Yeager, Emma Zeller, Knox Burnett, Brady Davis, Riley Davis, Gabbie Deocampo, Callaghan Finnegan, Ivy May, Jessie Montgomery, Sofia Schexnyder, Ethan Shelton, Lucas Shelton, Ellie Sterne, Patrick Bryant, Lane Burnett, Cecilia Democko, Sharon Hiers, Kelli Shadwell, Amy Shipp, Linda Ryder Wolf, Shelle Bryant, Lane Burnett, Sara Cushing, Alix Janke, Sandy Land, Brenda Lloyd, Michele MacLeod, Jewel Allen, Bob Burnett, Paul Desandre, Cliff Edge, Silvia Ethridge, Bill Graves, Pat Graves, Paige Howell, Susan Landskroener, Rod MacLeod, Michelle Moody, Dan Mundy, Keith Poole, Phillip Ranglin, Jennifer Reid, Emily Schmidt, Mary Ann Schneider, Marjorie Timmer, Rachele Udell, John Yntema

Nearly 70 Epiphanyites participated in one of our choirs this year (11 served in more than one!), and we thank all of them for their work, service, commitment, love, and fellowship. We honored our members and their families last week at the Choir Recognition Supper, but I failed to publically thank a true Epiphany Star, Michele MacLeod. Parents know that Michele works with the children's and youth choirs each week in rehearsals and on Sundays when they sing (directing, vesting, nurturing, herding); Epiphany Choir members know that she tends to the music library and to all of the choir folders, both monumental tasks that she conquers with ease and grace. In short, our music program would not be what it is without her. Thank you, Michele!

Parish Picnic Instrumentalists

If you are interested in accompanying our hymns and service music during the 10:30 a.m. picnic liturgy on May 21, please contact Julie Ryder (music@epiphany.org).

Baptism Dates for 2017

The sacrament of Holy Baptism is offered for adults, infants and children and will be administered during the morning services on the dates listed below. If you or a member of your family desires to be baptized, please contact the parish office at parishadmin@epiphany.org or 404.373.8338.

June 4, 2017

The Sunday of Pentecost

August 6, 2017

The Sunday following the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord

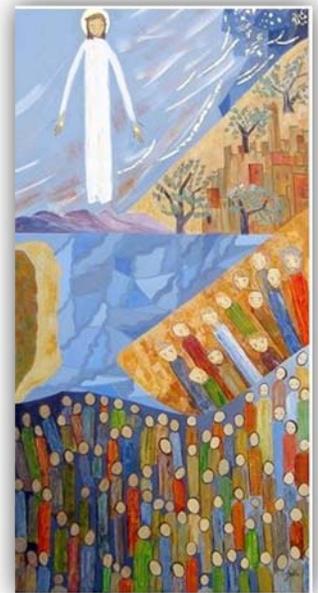
November 5, 2017

All Saints' Sunday

Ascension Eve Service

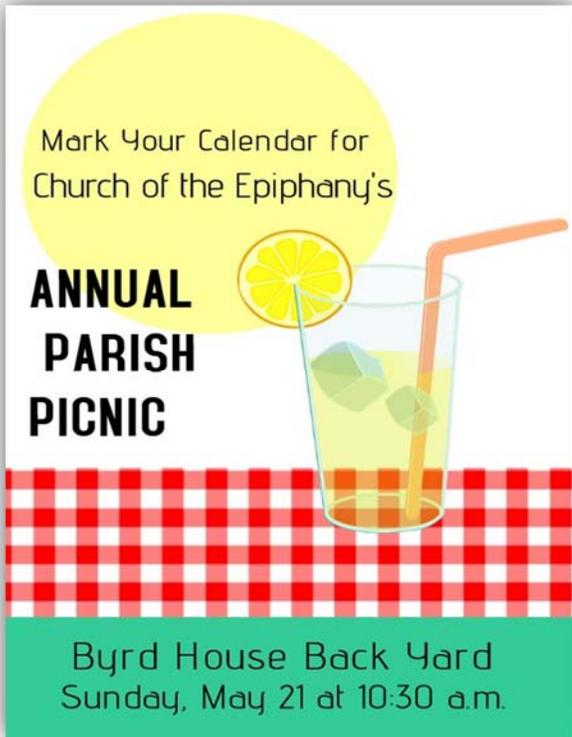
In our Book of Common Prayer, seven days are listed as principal feast days. You can likely guess six of them. (If you want to check, see page 15 of the BCP). The one you may miss is Ascension Day, the day we recall Jesus's ascension into heaven 40 days after Easter. We will mark this feast day on Wednesday, May 24, at 7 p.m. in the nave. Please make plans to join us. Here is the collect for Ascension Day:

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.



Parish Life

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Parish Picnic

Mark your calendars for May 21 at 10:30 a.m. for the Annual Parish Picnic. Just one service that day in the Byrd House backyard. Bring lawn chair or blanket and bring a side dish to share. Entrée tickets will go on sale soon.

Shea's 20th Anniversary

This year at the picnic, we will recognize Shea McNutt's 20th Anniversary as our Parish Administrator. If you'd like to contribute towards a gift, make your check out to Epiphany and note "Shea" in the memo field.

Decatur Recycling Event

Recycle your old electronics and styrofoam, and safely shred and recycle your documents on Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Decatur Public Works, 2635 Talley St.



Graduation Approaches



If you or a member of your family are graduating from high school, vocational school or college (undergraduate or graduate), we would love to know. Epiphany traditionally recognizes these great life accomplishments and transitions with a blessing at the parish picnic. To be included in our celebration, please contact the parish office (404.373.8338).

Summer Breakfast

Summer Breakfast is offered between services from 9:30-10:30 a.m. if we have a host. Groups or individuals can sign up for a Sunday on the doors leading to Jones Hall

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!

Pledge Status

- Quarterly Statements for households with recorded emails were sent on April 25. Hard copies for households without email are in the Gallery. You can access your financial information anytime via the online directory link found on the homepage of epiphany.org.
- Parish Directory & Pledge Status: Log in to the Online Directory to access your personal and financial information, including pledge status. First-time users have to register. Once you register, you can also download the Church Life app for access on your smart phone. The link is on the home page. A paper directory is published in January and June. Financial Questions? Contact our bookkeeper, Robert Pitman, at bookkeeper@epiphany.org.

Flex & Stretch

You may have heard those jazzy or upbeat tunes coming from Jones Hall on Thursday mornings. The Stretch and Flex class is meeting there at 10:30 a.m. while there is construction at Glenn Memorial, probably till Fall. Our thanks for letting us bring our class to Epiphany. This class is led by Epiphany Ellen Mintzmyer who is a certified Silversneakers instructor and registered with Flex so other types of classes can also be covered. For those with Silversneakers cards, there is no cost to attend. For others the cost is \$5 when you attend the class. Please join us. Come one morning and see if this class is right for you.



Altar Arrangements & Sanctuary Light

Do you have a special person or event you would like to honor? You can sponsor the altar flowers and/or the Sanctuary Light used during the Sunday Worship Services. Dedications can be made to celebrate a special birthday or occasion, to honor someone special, or to remember family or friends who are no longer with us. Those contributing and those remembered will be recognized in the bulletin insert on the day.

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

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

Hugh Keenan, from St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA

Formation

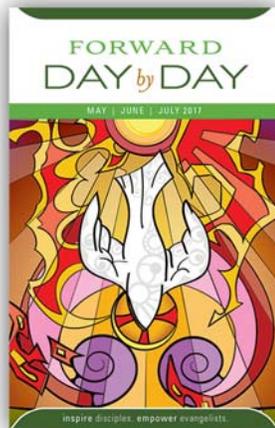
Chair: Shirley Banks | 404.644.4861 | shirleymaybanks@gmail.com, Vestry: Paul Welty | 404.396.9944 | ponch@paulwelty.com

Adult Formation for Sunday, May 14

Adult Formation: The Rev Benno Pattison, Dr Brennan Breed, and Shirley Banks will look back at the year in Adult Formation and preview the offerings for fall (hint: next fall and spring involve incarnation, resurrection, soteriology, narrative hermeneutics, and a coloring book). Join us at 10:00 a.m. in Jones Hall for an apocalyptic eschatological hermeneutical free-for-all.

Tract Rack

The Forward Day by Day quarterly booklet for May/June/July is in the Gallery tract rack. The publication, owned by the Episcopal Church, is a pocket-size booklet



of daily Bible readings and devotions. \$1 a copy.

To listen to the daily Forward Day by Day

Podcast <https://daybydaypodcast.wordpress.com/> or search for us on iTunes.

Follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for daily devotionals on the go, and news from [Forward Movement](#).

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.

Outreach

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Refugee Family Update

Our family is settling in well. The Osmanis are very thankful for the lovely apartment we provided them. They are in the process of getting all their shots, taking driver's test and becoming familiar with their new life. Our first outing is planned for Stone Mountain in the next few weeks. The oldest boy, Edris, has started school and we are supplying him with uniforms and school supplies. I am looking for a used car for the family so they can transport themselves to work, doctors and grocery shopping. Thank you to the many people who have helped this ministry to be successful. Bev Lorenzo 404.825.3402.

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 May, the most needed items are: boxed sweet (kid) cereal, canned lima beans, canned black-eyed peas, canned mixed vegetables, canned mandarin oranges, soup of any kind - especially chunky chicken and chunky beef.

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.

Upcoming Dates: May 18-19, June 15-16, July 20-21

AmazonSmile program

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Church of Epiphany. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-0838713> and support us every time you shop.

Attention Kroger Shoppers!

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

Children's & Youth Ministries

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Vacation Bible School Update

Parents, we have decided to combine with our neighbor church St. Bartholomew's for VBS this summer! This will enable us to share resources and talents in order to provide the best quality program we can. The Children's Formation Director at St. Bart's, Christen Erskine, is a Godly Play trainer and a former Epiphanyite. We will be able to incorporate Godly Play into the daily schedule (hooray!), as well as music, art, games, etc. I am thrilled about this and hope that you will be, too!

We will still meet the week of June 5-9 and at the same approximate time (the only difference is that it will end each day at 12:30 p.m. and include a lunch made by youth helpers). I hope that this change does not inconvenience you at all. Please contact me with any questions. Contact: Catherine Breed / cbreed@epiphany.org.

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 Summer Camp Flyer for a schedule of dates and programs. For more information call 770.455.1980 or visit <http://www.ImagineThatFun.com>.



Children's News

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

Sunday School – Last Day, Sunday May 14

- **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.
- **Godly Play** for children 3.5 to 3rd grade takes place from 10 - 11 a.m. One class meets this Sunday in Room 203
- **Club 45** for 4th & 5th grades meets from 10—11 a.m. in the basement classroom.
- **Classes for Youth** take place next door in the Byrd House at 10 a.m.
- **Youth Group** meets Sundays from 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Ongoing Meetings

- **The Epiphany Book Group** meets 1st Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Hall. Contact: [Dennis Edmiston](mailto:dennis.edmiston@gmail.com) at dce1946@gmail.com or 678.613.7401. June Selection: *The Class of '65* by Jim Auchmuty
- **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. The program starts at 11 a.m., with potluck lunch to follow.
- **Women's Book Group** meets 1st Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Catherine Breed's house. We are discussing *Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith* by Anne Lamott.

[Email Catherine](mailto:cbreed@epiphany.org) 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 to our location.

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).

Diocesan & Community News

Film Screening May 16, 2017

The Commission for Dismantling Racism and Emmaus House invite you to a screening and discussion of the film 13TH. This film is an in-depth look at the prison system in the United States and how it reveals the nation's history of racial inequality. Join us Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Emmaus House, 1017 Hank Aaron Dr SE, Atlanta.



Holy Comforter Seedtime and Harvest Garden and Greenhouse

The gardening program provides opportunities to work, learn specialized skills, and engage with the natural world. All are invited to join in gardening activities, which include planting and seeding vegetables, annuals, and perennials in the greenhouse, maintaining a meditation path and woodland garden surrounding a 175-year-old red oak tree, and caring for a butterfly garden and the organic raised-bed gardens. The gardens provide fruits, vegetables, and herbs for our tables and flowers for the altar.

Plant & Bake Sale on the following Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Dates: May 13, June 10—[3rd Annual Pork & Plants, buy your tickets today!](#), September 16, October 14

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
- Liz Romo-Rasha
- Barbara Ryder
- Steve Sabom

Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

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

Rest eternal grant them

- Louise Wheelless, member and mother of Pam Gore and grandmother of Miranda Gore
- Ray Reid, father of Michelle Moody & Jennifer Reid
- Wanda Katherine Ross, sister of George Ross
- Ed Aiken, father of Emily Kotzan
- Rebecca Lennon Crowder, aunt of Patrick Lennon

For members who are expecting

- 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

- Jeni, sister-in-law of Jewel Allen
- Sheila & Lindsay, friends of Linda Ryder-Wolf
- Robert Hancock, uncle of Jeremy Davis
- Zaheer, friend of Jaye Davidson
- Carolyn Allen, mother of Jewel Allen
- Fred Kramer, friend of Linda Ryder-Wolf
- Lizzie, niece of Linda Ryder-Wolf
- Henry Penna, godson of Sharon Hiers & Lisa Newton
- Terry Fisher-Ari, friend of Cristin Davis
- David, Susannah and Sidney Burley, family of Caroline Bridges
- Denby Auble, friend of Caroline Bridges
- Marilyn 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
- Parris LaCaria, uncle of Catherine Breed
- Bill & Carolyn Allen, parents of Jewel Allen
- Joy Borra, friend of Jewel Allen



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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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Paul Welty, *Adult Formation*

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Bonnie Kissler, *Finance & Membership*

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Brenda Lloyd, *Liturgy & Music*

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Annie Strahan, *Parish Life*

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