



The EPIPHANY STAR

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

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Where we are...

Up high, thunderstorms looming, rolling in over peaks, spitting rain and a gaggle of mostly young adults strung out over a scree slope at about 11,000 feet. That's where we are. No map, the trail has faded into goat paths and deer haunts, and there is no consensus: the brave-hearted, or maybe foolish, want to soldier on, a care-giver goes to look for a path, several wait for direction and there is plenty of indecision, which inspires individual folly. That was where we were.

And this is where we are with our Capital Campaign: NOT 11,000 feet, we have a map, we know where we are going and we are prepared for the eventualities of the uncertain environment when you build anything!

We've been meeting diligently with our architects, Breedlove and Associates. We have the road map: The house on Byrdland is coming down soon—we have a multi-staged strategy to renovate our outdoor space which includes drawings and cost estimates in hand for the point and for the space just outside our parish hall doors. We have a maintenance plan for the brush, shrubs and trees on our campus, and a comprehensive plan for signage and plantings and the orientation of our parking. And of course you continue to make good on your pledges to fund our renovations and maintenance of our sacred space.

We have one more meeting with our architect before we engage a contractor and once that is done in December, in the New Year that contractor will get to work.

In the meantime, we will start with the maintenance plan for our green spaces by eliminating the 'brush piles,' trimming up the canopy, and taking out some of the invasive vines, plants and shrubs we want gone.

We survived our youth pilgrimage mountain adventure this summer mostly because we all hung in there with each other, pitched in, paid attention, and ultimately and with some care, moved in the same direction.

I believe that is what we are doing now, at this point in our pilgrimage—moving in the same direction to that place where we are Epiphany.

Ask your questions, give me a call, coffee, lunch. I would love to talk with you about any and all of it.

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.

A How-to Guide to Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany

A lot is about to happen. In the world around us, Christmas wreaths were hung the day after Halloween, and they will come down before the end of the year. That's how the material world around us deals with the upcoming season. (Note: one season.) But we are so lucky in the church! We have THREE seasons coming upon us.

So, here is your guide to moving through the three seasons of Advent, Christmas, and the Feast of the Epiphany. We hope it is completely user friendly. And if you want to know more, ask! Your priests LOVE this stuff, and would buy you a cup of coffee to have the chance to talk about it.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

THIS IS THE FIRST SEASON OF THE CHURCH YEAR. A season of preparation. Not only do we spend time anticipating the birth of Jesus Christ in the first century, we look forward to Jesus's second coming. This is a legitimate season. It isn't Christmas yet, so our hymns are Advent hymns, and we read bible stories of anticipation and waiting and expectation and we sit in the wonder of it all. And there are the beautiful blue vestments! Our days get shorter, nights get longer, and hopes get bigger.

Here are the opportunities for the season of Advent, in order as they will appear on our calendar.



Wednesday, November 29

Advent Wreath Workshop

6:15-7:30 p.m. Jones Hall

The Epiphany Flower Guild will be sponsoring a special workshop to make Advent Wreaths for the upcoming Advent Season. The Rev. Ruth Pattison will give an introductory lesson on the Advent Season and then families that sign up will be able to make their own Advent Wreath with the guidance of the Flower Guild members. The cost to participate in the wreath making will be \$20 per family and payable (cash or check) the night of the event.

How to participate:

- Please click the RSVP button at epiphany.org or email Leah Felcher at leah_felcher@bellsouth.net
- RSVP for dinner by November 27 if you are planning to eat with us. www.epiphany.org

Sunday, December 3

Advent 1—The First Sunday of Advent

Happy Liturgical New Year! And so it begins. Join us for worship. You will feel the difference in the air, hear it in the words, and experience it in the music.

How to participate:

- Show up and be ready to move into this holy season of waiting. Services are at 8:45 and 11:15 a.m.

Saturday, December 9

1 Savior, 2 Stories, 300 Nativities

Narthex, Gallery, Jones Hall

Advent at Epiphany means that once again we welcome the community to our exhibit of 200+ Nativities. Most of the collection was bequeathed by Dr. William Lemonds in loving memory of James Lattimer Anderson Belcher in 1995. Other nativities have been given by parishioners and friends of the parish over the years.

Our former Rector the Rev. Claiborne Jones along with Epiphanyite Laura Keys designed the exhibit telling the stories of Jesus's birth from the gospels of Matthew and Luke. In our narthex are 23 nativities arranged to illustrate the birth story in Luke and in our gallery, 35 nativities are arranged to illustrate the birth story in Matthew. Each scene is accompanied by scripture and hymn texts. In Jones Hall are all the other nativities.



The visitors who come to view our collection each Advent season enjoy a special experience. The nativities are from all around the world, in every size from that of a chicken's egg to 3-feet-tall, some are elegant, some are, well, a bit kitschy, but all of them are wonderful.

How to participate:

- If you would like to volunteer to help, on December 4, 5 and 6, we need volunteers to unpack and set up all the nativities. Additionally, we need hosts to greet our guests. Please click the RSVP button on the home page to sign up
- The exhibit will be open to the public from Saturday, December 9, through Sunday, December 17 - come and experience the story in a new way. You will find your favorite, too.

Sunday, December 10

Advent 2—The Second Sunday of Advent

The Second Sunday of Advent brings many ways to experience the season. Who knew not-yet-Christmas would be so much fun?

How to participate:

- Show up and wait! Services are at 8:45 and 11:15 a.m.

Feast of St. Nicholas Celebration & Shoe Drive 10 a.m. in the Nave

On Sunday, December 10, we will celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas. This year all children and families are invited to *remain in the nave immediately after the 8:45 a.m. service.*

Children will place their shoes in the back of the church and bring forward donations of new shoes before our annual visit from "St. Nicholas." After a brief story, children and adults will proceed to their regular Sunday



School classes. Children's Chapel will take place during the 8:45 a.m. service, as usual.

How to participate:

- PRIOR to Sunday, December 10, please purchase shoes in 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.
- Join us in the Nave after the 8:45 a.m. liturgy. Sunday School to follow.

Advent Lessons & Carols Nativity Event

5 p.m. in the Nave

Advent Lessons & Carols in the Church

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

Reception & Viewing in Jones Hall

Following the liturgy, join us in Jones Hall for a reception and to view the Epiphany Nativity Exhibit. Wine & Cheese for the adults, and kids will have cider along with Christmas cookies that they can decorate.

Childcare will be provided in the nursery for children ages 3 and under.

How to participate:

- You won't want to miss this. It will be a beautiful offering from the many choirs of Epiphany. Just show up and join us in the Nave.
- Join us in Jones Hall afterwards for festivities

Sunday, December 17

Advent 3—The Third Sunday of Advent

The Third Sunday of Advent is when we really get into the groove of waiting, and yet the anticipation is unsettling. Who knew not-yet-Christmas waiting would be so complicated?

How to participate:

- Show up and keep waiting! Services are at 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

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

10 a.m. in Jones Hall

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.

How to participate:

- Bring cash and buy things



Sunday, December 24

Advent 4—The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Fourth Sunday of Advent in the morning turns to Christmas Eve in the afternoon! But don't let that keep you from experiencing the full season of Advent. We will have one service in the morning.

How to participate:

- Show up at 10:30 a.m. for ONE service this morning

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS IS THE SEASON WE CELEBRATE THE COMING OF THE CHRIST! This is the season we remember the birth of Jesus, the Nativity of our Lord, and we gather around the manger to get a peek at what God looks like when God becomes human. The season of Christmas is 12 days long, beginning on December 25 and continuing until January 5.

STILL Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve—three services

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.

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.

10:00 p.m. An extended prelude begins at 10:00 p.m. and will feature the Epiphany Choir and Organ as well as congregational carols.

10:30 p.m. we will sing it all, swing the incense and have the Epiphany Choir as we celebrate God with us.

How to participate:

- Come and worship with us at any or all three services

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

Christmas Day service will take place at 10:30 a.m.

How to participate:

- Come and worship with us

Sunday, December 31

Christmas 1—The First Sunday of Christmas

Christmas Lessons & Carols

Please note that this service will take place at 10:30 a.m. and is the only service on Sunday.

Year End Gifts

A reminder that 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 2017.

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

AFTER THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS, WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, our feast of title, also known as the Feast of Lights. This is the day scripture tells us magi arrived at the manger following the star. This season will last until Ash Wednesday, and will include manifestations of Jesus, epiphanies including Baptism of our Lord, the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus.

Saturday, January 6

The Feast of the Epiphany

Our Feast Day is celebrated on Saturday, January 6, at 4 p.m. Save the date for the Pageant, Baptism & Confirmations with Bishop Rob Wright with a potluck 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 3, at 5:30 p.m. with dinner. Click the RSVP link on the homepage to reserve a dinner.

Epiphany Dinner

Join us after the pageant for Chili Potluck Supper in Jones Hall. Bring chili and/or dessert to share. Cornbread and chips is on us!

Wednesday, January 3

Rehearsal for Epiphany Pageant

6 p.m. in Parish Hall and Nave

Anyone who wants to participate in the pageant is encouraged to join in. The church has some costumes which will be available if you can come to the rehearsal on Wednesday, January 3. Otherwise, get creative with scarves, bathrobes, wings and anything else you can think of! Volunteers are needed for this fun event. Please contact Laraine Fraijo-Paul, Director of Children's Ministries, at laraine@epiphany.org if you are able to help! Remember to sign up for supper if you would like to eat at church before we rehearse.

Pageant

Saturday, January 6, at 4 p.m. Feast of the Epiphany service (please arrive by 3:30 p.m.)



How to participate:

- All children and youth (age 3 – grade 12) are invited to participate in our Epiphany Pageant! Please see rehearsal on Wednesday, January 3, for more details.
- Bring your potluck chili for dinner after the service!

The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LEGEND 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 Advent 8:10 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 #4068 (JH) 3:00 p.m. Festival Singers Concert (CH) 5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. Youth Group Dinner 6:45 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group	5:30 p.m. *Veterans' Acupuncture 7:30 p.m. Epiphany Book Group (JH)	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 (CL) 7:00 p.m. AA For Women (001)	Announcement & Newsletter Deadline 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer (CH) 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist w/Healing (CH) 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)	Newsletter Published 10:30 a.m. Flex & Stretch (JH) 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Group (Breed Home)		9:30 a.m. Epiphany Choir 10 a - 4 p Nativities Exhibit 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild II
2 Advent 8:10 a.m. Epiphany Choir (MS) 8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Feast of St. Nicholas 10:30 a.m. No Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Epiphany Choir (MS) 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist 1:30 p.m. *Veterans Heart of Ga. (JH-A) 2 - 4 p.m. Nativities Exhibit 5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. Youth Group Dinner 6:45 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group 5:00 p.m. Advent Lessons & Carols 6:00 p.m. Nativities Reception	10 a - 2 p Nativities Exhibit 12:00 p.m. Haiti Meeting (JH) 5:30 p.m. *Veterans' Acupuncture 5:30 p.m. Liturgy Group (JH) 6:00 p.m. Committee Mtg. Night 6:30 p.m. Vestry (JH/KT)	7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (KT) 8:30 a.m. Staff Day (away) 9:30 a.m. ECW/Sandwiches for EH (KT) 10 a - 2 p Nativities Exhibit 11:00 a.m. Episc. Church Women (JH/KT) 5:00 p.m. Beginning Choristers (MS) 5:30 p.m. Intermediate Choristers (MS) 6:00 p.m. Epiphany Ringers (CL) 7:00 p.m. AA For Women (001)	Announcement Deadline 10 a - 2 p Nativities Exhibit 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer (CH) 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist w/Healing (CH) 5:00 p.m. Junior Choir (MS) 5:30 p.m. Supper [ends 6:45] (JH-B) 6:00 p.m. Hildegard Ensemble (MS) 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (JH-C) 6:45 p.m. Epiphany Choir (MS) 7:50 p.m. Compline (CH)	10 a - 2 p Nativities Exhibit 3:00 p.m. *Oakhurst Elem. Admin (JH)		10:00 a.m. Altar Guild III 10 a - 4 p Nativities Exhibit
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4 Advent 10:30 a.m. Advent Lessons & Carols 3:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist 5:00 p.m. Prelude 5:30 p.m. Festival Eucharist 10:00 p.m. Prelude 10:30 p.m. Festival Eucharist	Christmas Day 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Service	Office Closed 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (KT) 7:00 p.m. AA For Women (001)	Office Closed Announcement Deadline	Office Closed	Office Closed	10:00 a.m. Altar Guild III
1 Christmas 10:30 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols						

Parish Life

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Now Showing

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes paintings by Wesley Usher for the month of November. Wesley brings her exhibition "Mary & Co: visions of the divine feminine" as part of The Art Ministry's monthly series. The exhibition will focus on a few interpretations of the divine feminine along with the stories and traditions that illuminate their roles in the world. Mary will be with us this Sunday, December 3. Please be sure to greet her in between services!

25% of all sales benefit Epiphany. Please make checks to Wesley Usher.



Wednesday Night Supper

The meal from Bridge Catering is served from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 10 and under. Sign up on the RSVP link at epiphany.org by 11 a.m. Tuesdays.

Flex & Stretch

The Stretch and Flex class is meeting Thursdays in Jones Hall at 10:30 a.m. while there is construction at Glenn Memorial. This class is led by Epiphanyite Ellen Mintzmyer who is a certified SilverSneakers instructor. Cost is \$5 per class, no charge for SilverSneakers card holders. Join us!

Announcements

Announcements: Notices – 40 words or less – are due 9 a.m. Wednesdays. Contact the parish office at 404.373.8338 | parishadmin@epiphany.org.

December Anniversaries

- 12 Roberta Long & Bob Ballou
- 16 Rachela Davidson-Leghorn & Chris Leghorn
- 19 Laura & John Keys
- 23 Bill & Jaye Rudolph
- 29 Ray & Kelly Krawczyk

December Birthdays

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

Adult Education

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

Sunday Adult Offerings:

- **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! Taught by the Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers and Shirley Banks. Jones Hall Room A.
- **Introduction to the Incarnation** 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. Pick up a syllabus in the Gallery tract rack. Taught by Brennan Breed. Jones Hall Room B & C.

In case you missed last week's program, you can view it in its entirety on our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtF82biBzNdWpHV5EXZOlrw>

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Led by the rector, we read and have a free-ranging discussion about the upcoming Sunday scripture selections. We meet from 6:30-8 p.m. in Jones Hall.

Outreach

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

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 17.

All Ages: Stuffed animals, balls, warm hats, gloves and socks.

Pub Theology Thursdays

A monthly, 3rd Thursday event facilitated by Dr. Brennan Breed will convene at The Marlay in Decatur at 7 p.m. Thought-provoking, accessible articles, essays and texts will be chosen to stimulate lively discussion.

Tract Rack

Our Tract Rack is located just inside the red doors. 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.

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 pocketsize booklet of daily Bible readings and devotions. You'll find them in the Gallery tract rack for \$1 a copy.

Infants: Blankets, sleepers, diapers, wipes, baby lotion, powder, shampoo, drinking cups, educational toys and books. Clothing for 8 months and older.



Toddlers, 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, back packs, 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 2017 Holiday Events Guide” and click.

Questions? Contact Jeanette Hanson, 404.982.9134, isjch@emory.edu or Roberta Long, 404.378.2069, rlong25@bellsouth.net.

Food Drive

January and June are our “turns” for stocking the DEAM pantry, but the bins are out year-round to accept donations of: grape or strawberry jelly, pasta sauce, canned greens (not spinach), soup, small boxes of corn muffin mix.

AmazonSmile program

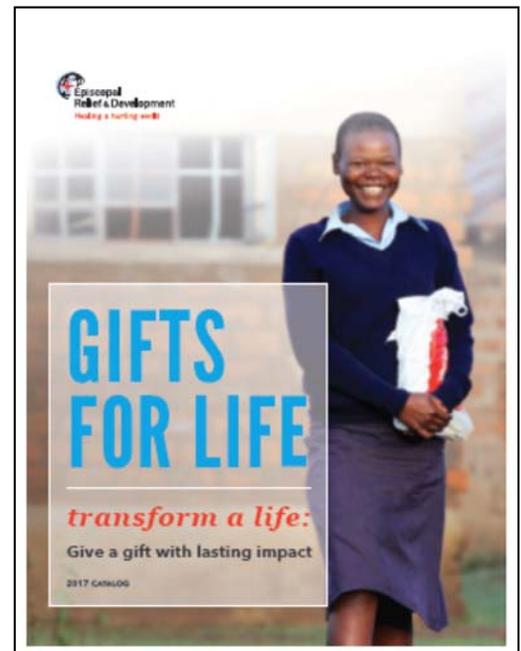
When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Church Of Epiphany. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-0838713> and support us every time you shop.

Gifts for Life

Gifts for Life is a powerful way to make an impact, your gift will help fight poverty, hunger and disease worldwide. By putting your faith into action, *Gifts for Life* empowers both individuals and communities all over the world to transform their lives.

It is truly the gift that keeps on giving. With each gift you purchase, you'll receive a FREE gift card or E-card announcing you have made a

generous gift in honor of a loved one and now you can share the news via Facebook and Twitter. Visit episcopalrelief.org/gifts



Children's & Youth Ministries

Staff: Laraine Fraijo-Paul | 706.399.6591 | laraine@epiphany.org; Shereetha Jackson | 404.326.0062 | sjackson@epiphany.org

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, follow the cross to chapel after the Gospel and return at the Peace. Parents are welcome to join.
- **Sunday School classes** at 10 a.m. for children 3 years old through 5th grade meet upstairs.

Parent's Newsletter

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

Youth Sunday School

Jr. High (6th - 8th) meet in Room 201 and High School (9th - 12th) meet in the basement classroom at 10 a.m.

Epiphany Youth Group

Sunday nights during the school year, youth and dedicated adults gather for activities from putt-putt to planting trees, laughing and eating, sharing stories and their lives in a relaxed setting.

5 p.m.	Jr. High Youth Group
6 p.m.	Jr./Sr. Youth Group Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Group

December

12/10 Lessons & Carols 5 p.m.

12/17 Christmas Party 5 p.m.

Ongoing Meetings

- **The Epiphany Book Group** meets 1st Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Hall. December will be our Christmas Gathering and choosing of books for 2018.
- **Atlanta Veterans' Acupuncture Clinic** offers free acupuncture for veterans and family members to relieve stress, insomnia, PTSD and pain Mondays at Epiphany from 6-7 p.m. No appointments or ID needed. Visit acupunctureforveterans.org.
- **Haiti Meeting** takes place at noon on the 2nd Monday of every month in Jones Hall. Anyone interested in our partnership with the Bishop Sharp Institute, a college of the Diocese of Haiti, is welcome to attend.
- **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.
- **Women's Book Group** meets at 7 p.m. at Catherine Breed's home and is currently discussing *The Gifts of Imperfection* by Brené Brown. Email Catherine at breed.catherine@gmail.com for directions and to RSVP.
- **The Daughters of the King (DOK)** usually meet 4th Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Banfield residence, but this month they will meet on Thursday, December 21. For directions, email banfieldn@bellsouth.net. We invite all ladies of the congregation to join us.
- **ECW Meeting:** The Episcopal Church Women meets 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.



Diocesan News & Community Events

Holiday Pops Concert

We cordially invite you to join us for the second concert in the forty-sixth season of the Callanwolde Concert Band Sunday, December 3, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. at Decatur First United Methodist Church, 300 East Ponce de Leon Avenue, Decatur, GA. Music Director Glenn Moore will be joined by Assistant Conductors Robert Meehan, Stan Fraser and Kurt Waackerly in this program of symphonic and holiday favorites.

The Band, a community organization for over forty years, is DeKalb County's premiere symphonic wind ensemble. Admission to this concert is free. Donations to support the Band will be gratefully accepted.

Further information about the Band is available at its web site, www.calcb.org

A Cherry Log Christmas Carol

On Sunday, December 17, at 5:00 p.m., Oakhurst Presbyterian Church invites the community to "A Cherry Log Christmas Carol." This full-length theatrical performance sets Charles Dickens's classic tale of redemption in the Georgia mountains for a distinctively Appalachian flair. This captivating one-man play features artist, musician, teacher, and actor Clark Taylor who performs all the characters—dozens of them—in this familiar but original interpretation of A Christmas Carol. Admission is free so please bring along your neighbors and friends. A love offering will be accepted to benefit the church's Youth Program, and refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome! The church is located at 118 Second Ave., Decatur, GA 30030. If you have questions, email info@oakhurstpresbyterian.org.

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. First names are read aloud Sunday and Wednesday for a month and remain in the newsletter for two months. Please let the Parish Office know if there are any errors on the listings below.

Heal your sick servants

- Richard Bassett
- Bill Braswell
- Lea Crawford
- Ron Hutcheson
- Hugh Keenan
- Chris Miller
- Charlie Overstreet
- Lou Squyres
- Evelyn Stewart
- Kara Vona
- Larry Wilcox
- Wes Wright

Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

- Neil Banfield
- Arlen Gray
- Sarah Jane Wollison

Rest eternal grant them

- Mary Benenson Dunn and Phyllis, friends of Nora Divine

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

- Ellen, friend of Lisa Daily
- The Newsom-Smith Family, friends of the Ryder family

- Jeni, Carolyn & Bill, family of Jewel Allen
- Margaret Robbins, grandmother of Jeremy Davis.
- David, Susannah, Sidney and Dr. Rice, friends of Caroline Driebe
- Evelyn Daily, mother of Lisa Daily
- Sherri Sharp, cousin of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder
- James Harrell, friend of Brittany Baum
- Comfort Afolabi, mother of Lola Oyesiku
- Tim English, friend of Richard & Susan Messner
- Mary Pugh Alligood, friend of the Graves family
- Luke Hanson, friend of Terri Lawrence
- Robert Hancock, uncle of Jeremy Davis
- Carol Griffin, friend of Anne Warner
- Gayle Swanson, friend of Shirley Banks
- Molly Lalor, daughter of Susan Lalor
- Laura Grossman, daughter of Harriett Spencer



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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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