



The EPIPHANY STAR

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

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Our Offering and Sacrifice to God

I was about five or six years old when I filled out my first pledge card. Being relatively unemployed, Trinity Lutheran Church was not building her budget on my financial commitment. But I still remember my sloppy little handwriting (I consistently received a C on my report card when getting grades for cursive was a thing) noting my weekly pledge of \$0.25 to the church budget. There was a deep satisfaction hearing my quarter clink against the side of the brass offering plate, my gift for the work of the church. And then watching that gift be processed up to the altar, blessed by the celebrant, and symbolically placed on the altar for the entirety of the eucharistic prayer.

I completely understand in the hustle and bustle of the world we live in, that it is far easier to set up an automatic payment from our financial institution to pay our pledges. Honestly, I have been making my pledge that way for years now. And if this works for you, heaven knows I encourage you to carry on!

But I wonder if we have lost something fundamental in the era of automatic pledge payments.

Once a month I receive a notification from my credit union that my pledge has been paid to Epiphany. I file the information, and click on the next email. It sure feels a far cry from the kid that use to lean over into the aisle to watch an “offering and sacrifice to God” be placed on the holy table.

We are deep in the midst of pledge season. Stewardship is the churchy way we gently talk about it. But the bottom line is this: Epiphany needs each of her members/families to fill out a pledge card of what your financial commitment will be in 2018. And if we are being completely honest, we need your pledge card sooner than later. It is the sole way that your fellow Epiphanyites can create a budget in hopes of remaining financially afloat for the next year of our common life together.

So, I have two suggestions for you to ponder as you pray and hopefully make your commitment to our parish. First, make it a liturgical new year’s resolution. What I mean by that is to pray over it, maybe particularly during Thanksgiving this year while you are giving gratitude. And return your pledge to the church by Advent I, December 3, the beginning of our church year.

And second, consider the (prehistoric!) notion of writing a check. Placing it in the offering plate on Sunday. Noticing your gift as it lands on the altar. And see how that affects the rest of your days, your walk in the world.

We hear it every week: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

In peace,

The Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers, Senior Associate 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.

Parish Life

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Newcomers' Dessert

Sunday, November 12, at 4 p.m.

All are invited to a Newcomers' Dessert at the home of the Rector (265 Elmira Place, 30307) at 4 p.m. Sign up on the RSVP link at epiphany.org.

Old-timers: Don't forget to bring the desserts!



Life Line Screening

Saturday, November 18, at Epiphany

Once again, Epiphany is hosting a Life Line Screening which is open to the public. However, Epiphanites have the opportunity to register early and receive a discount.

Life Line Screenings scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heartbeat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and

a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

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. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.**

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.

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.

1 Saviour, 2 Stories, 200+ Nativities

Our annual Nativities Exhibit opens Saturday, December 9, and will run through Sunday, December 17. We need help with set up and take down, as well as hosts to greet our visitors. Please sign up on the People & Posts page of the website to help. If you have never been a part of this event, come find out what a delightful way it is to begin the Advent/Christmas Season!



Reception & Viewing in the Parish 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.

Feast of St. Nicholas Celebration & Shoe Drive

Sunday, December 10

Join us at 10 a.m. with your gifts of shoes for the homeless and to hear a brief story from Saint Nick before continuing on to Sunday School. Please purchase the following sizes: Men: sizes 11-15, Women: all sizes. When you bring your shoes, please take them out of the box/bag and tie the shoe strings together.

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!

Advent Lessons & Carols Nativity Event

Sunday, December 10

Advent Lessons & Carols in the Church

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

Adult Education

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Sunday Adult Offerings:

- **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>*

- **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.

Epiphany 101 – last class Nov. 12

Wonder why Epiphany is like it is? Why we do what we do? What this space is all about? Join us for Epiphany 101! We will talk about what it means to be an Episcopalian, what makes Epiphany particular, how and why we worship like we do, and our service inside these walls and out. You can attend any and/or all, each class is independent. Join us in the Choir Loft.

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.

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.

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.

Outreach

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Thanksgiving at Home

Each November, Emmaus House, a mission of the Diocese, sponsors a "Thanksgiving at Home" program for its neighbors in Peoplestown. Turkeys are provided as well as a bag of groceries for side dishes. If you are interested in helping this important ministry, please sign up and pick up a grocery bag at Epiphany. Please look for the sign up table on Sundays between the services. Bags should be returned to Epiphany by Sunday, November 12, with the following ingredients: 2 Cans of String Beans (English cut), 2 Cans of Corn, 2 Cans of Peas, 1 Can of Cranberry Sauce, 2 Boxes of Cornbread Muffin Mix, 1 Large Bag of Stuffing, 1 Box of Brownie Mix, 1 Bag of Rice (1 lb). Questions? Contact Jeanette Hanson at isjch@emory.edu.



It is supported by the four Episcopal congregations of Macon, a small endowment, and this Thanksgiving offering.

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

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.

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.

Thanksgiving Offering Is For Appleton Ministries

An offering for the Sunday following Thanksgiving (November 26) is designated by canon for Appleton Episcopal Ministries, a diocesan ministry in Macon.

Once a home for orphans, Appleton now operates an after-school program at St. Francis' Church for at-risk children, as well as a mentoring program for their parents.

Music & Liturgy

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Altar Arrangements & Sanctuary Light

Altar Arrangements: 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.



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.

Weekday Worship

- Tuesday Morning Eucharist is celebrated at 7 a.m. A group of men gathers 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.

Sanctuary Light: The Sanctuary Light is a visible sign of the presence of the Blessed Sacrament held in reserve in the

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, 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.

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 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

November

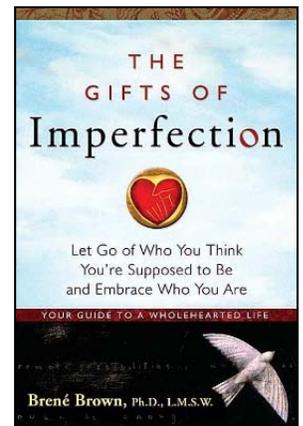
11/18 Parents’ Night Out 5 - 7:30 p.m.
11/18 High School Lock-in

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 Tharp 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.
- **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.
- **Women's Book Group** meet at 7 p.m. at Catherine Breed's home and is currently discussing *The Gift 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, November 16. For directions, email banfieldn@bellsouth.net. We invite all ladies of the congregation to join us.



Diocesan News & Community Events

Household Rituals and Finding God in Everyday Life

Sunday, November 12, 2017, 2:00 PM 3:30 PM

Highpoint Episcopal Community Church

We do it all the time. We open the door. We close the door. An everyday ritual that changes everything by the doing of it. Deuteronomy says to write the first commandment—the one about loving God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength—on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. It suggests that there is something innately holy about our coming and going from the house. That opening or closing a door is in and of itself a way of loving God.

In this three-week art studio series, we will explore doorways as holy spaces. Join us on Sunday afternoons, November 5, 12, 19 from 2:00 - 3:30 in the Pop-up Studio for Practicing the Pastoral Arts. Please email Ruth Pattison (ruthpattison1@gmail.com) by October 30 to reserve your space. \$45.00 for the series.



Pathways

The 2017-18 issue of Pathways magazine is now available. This award-winning publication shares inspiring stories of people that are challenging themselves to love like Jesus. Copies are in the gallery, or you can order a free copy delivered to your home at <https://pathways.episcopatlanta.org/order>.



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
- Mac Holladay
- Ron Hutcheson
- Hugh Keenan
- Chris Miller
- Charlie Overstreet
- Lou Squyres
- Evelyn Stewart
- Larry Wilcox
- Kara Vona

Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

- Neil Banfield
- Arlen Gray
- Sarah Jane Wollison

Rest eternal grant them

- Jared Finnegan, uncle of Kim Finnegan
- Jillian Howell, friend of the Sterne family
- Dennis Ballou, father of Bob Ballou
- Everett Newman, uncle of Susan Messner

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

- Bob Akers, brother-in-law of Pat Graves
- Laura Sinyard, niece of John & Laura Keys
- Ranger Buehler, friend of Linda Ryder-Wolf
- Mollie, Nakia and Laura, friends of Caroline Driebe
- Mary Paul & Jessie Teague, mother and sister of Megan Fraijo-Paul
- Carolyn and Bill Allen, parents of Jewel Allen
- Margaret Bridgeman, grandmother of Kristin Lennon
- The Hoots Family, friends of Michelle Moody
- Ellen, friend of Lisa Daily
- The Newsom-Smith Family, friends of the Ryder family
- Jeni, Carolyn & Bill Allen, 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



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

Martha Rummel, *Clerk, ex-officio*

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Paul Welty, *Adult Formation*

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