



The EPIPHANY STAR

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

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BCW (Big Church Work)

On Wednesday, October 11, the Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing officially opened. We had a ribbon cutting ceremony, installed the founding executive director - Dr. Catherine Meeks - and celebrated Holy Eucharist. The preacher was the presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church, The Most Rev. Michael Curry.

Along with the presiding bishop was the bishop of Cape Coast, Ghana, in West Africa. I met The Rt. Rev. Victor Atta-Baffoe this past spring when I went on a pilgrimage of racial reconciliation to Ghana with the Diocese of Atlanta. I was absolutely thrilled when he agreed to be with us for this occasion.

Additionally, our bishop in Atlanta, The Rt. Rev. Rob Wright, was the celebrant and presider of the liturgy.

I humbly serve as the chair of the Advisory Board to the Bishop for this center. I was asked by Catherine and Bishop Rob, and am delighted to have been invited into this role. It is a beacon of hope in the hard work of dismantling and healing racism in our church. There are two other Epiphanyites that serve on this board as well - Shereetha Jackson, youth coordinator at Epiphany, and Ken Holley, parishioner. Epiphany has a strong presence in this work on many levels, so this is another place where we are engaging further.

I want to tell you why the photograph is so powerful. It is about, as we say in the South, "who our people are." In that photo are descendants:

Bishop Victor's ancestors captured Africans and sold them into slavery.

My ancestors bought Africans as slaves.

Presiding Bishop's ancestors were slaves in Alabama.

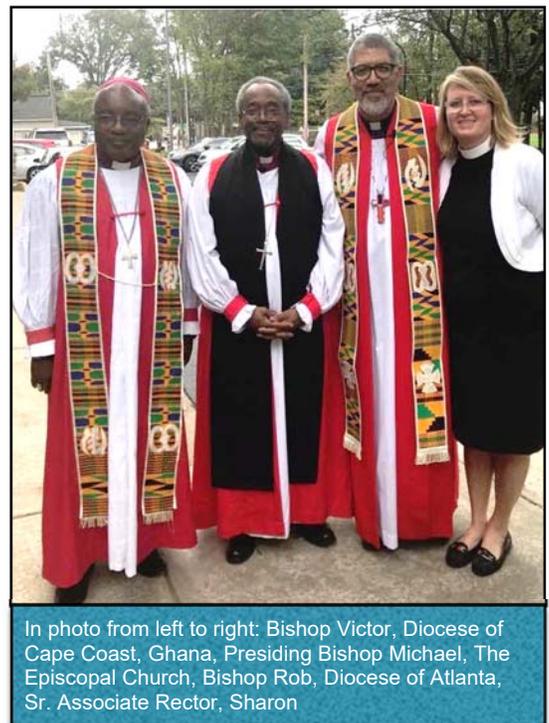
Bishop Wright is the son of a biracial couple.

It's powerful, you know. To know our stories. To know where the reconciling work is and needs to be done. To not get caught in the shame, but know our past so we can learn from our mistakes and not repeat them. And that work is so hard. So very hard.

This was a good day for big church. Of course, I wish we didn't need to do this work at all, but it is clear in our country that this is the sin we need to be working on diligently. That's what the center is for - to help us do this work. Join me?

Peace,

The Rev. Sharon Hiers, Senior Associate Rector



In photo from left to right: Bishop Victor, Diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana, Presiding Bishop Michael, The Episcopal Church, Bishop Rob, Diocese of Atlanta, Sr. Associate Rector, Sharon

Parish Life

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Now Showing

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes oil paintings by Anne Emerson Hall for the month of October. *Anne is visiting us this Sunday, October 15. Please greet her in the gallery!*

Remember, Epiphany receives 25% of sales. To make a purchase, sign up on the list in the Gallery, fill out an envelope and put it with your check in the box on the round table. No cash please. Be sure to note the title and number of the art piece. All paid for items will be left in the office area at the end of the month.

Artist Statement

"I consider myself a representational figurative painter: my work concerns the people, places and things I care about. In my practice, I undertake projects in drawing and painting with differing goals, of varying ambitions. Some large multi-figure canvases consume years. In my still life and landscape pictures, I exercise the power of observation and the play of light on color. From the complexity of nature, I abstract color, light, shadow, and form to interpret in paint what I see before me. On some occasions the challenge resembles a wild ride, on others, the process is pure delight, and in some moments, a sense of peace pervades every brushstroke. I hope that you enjoy the colors, the feelings, and the meaning that I find in painting and interpreting the everyday objects and places included in this exhibition of my work. I think of them as "small good things," to borrow the words of the late great writer Raymond Carver."

Return to Standard Time

This year, the clocks fall back an hour on Sunday, November 5, meaning everyone gets a much-needed extra 60 minutes of sleep when 2 a.m. becomes 1 a.m. As always, the change in time is also a good time to remember to swap the batteries in your family's smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

25% of all sales benefit Epiphany. Please make checks to Anne Emerson Hall.

Newcomers' Dessert

Sunday, November 12, at 4:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!

All are invited to a Newcomers' Dessert at the home of the Rector (265 Elmira Place, 30307) at 4:00 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, Epiphanyites 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 heart beat, 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**

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!

Music & Liturgy

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

All Saints & All Souls Sunday, November 5

- **The sacrament of Holy Baptism** will be offered at the morning services for adults, infants and children. If you or a member of your family desires to be baptized, please contact the parish office.
- **Vigil of All Souls with Choral Evensong and Holy Eucharist** at 5 p.m. Bring mementos and pictures of loved ones for the Altar of Repose. The ingathering of pledge cards will take place during this liturgy.
- **Stewardship Dinner:** Join us at 6 p.m. in Jones Hall for our community gathering and celebration dinner. Please RSVP for dinner at epiphany.org.

Altar Arrangements & Sanctuary Light

Altar Flowers: Each Sunday, with the exception of Lent, flowers are placed on the high altar area. There are occasions when the church takes on a more festive look such as Christmas and Easter. Flowers are offered “for the Glory of God and in thanksgiving or in memory of a person or event.” Parishioners offer altar flowers as a visible sign of



acknowledgement of God’s presence in their lives. The color and selection of flowers is based on the appropriateness of the liturgical season. More than one person or family may sign up for the altar flowers during the same week.

Sanctuary Light: The Sanctuary Light is a visible sign of the presence of the Blessed Sacrament held in reserve in the Tabernacle. It is the tradition of our faith that parishioners make an offering to acknowledge the memory of a loved one in his or her life—especially appropriate during the week or day of an anniversary date of someone’s death.

Click the RSVP button on the homepage to find the sign-up link. Cost: \$70/flowers, \$6/light. Make check payable to Church of the Epiphany, noting “Flowers” or “Light” in the memo field, or pay by Paypal to treasurer@epiphany.org.

Weekday Worship

- Tuesday Morning Eucharist is celebrated at 7 a.m. The Men’s Breakfast Group 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.

All Souls Remembrance

Names of people who have died will be printed in the All Souls’ Evensong bulletin on Sunday Night, November 5. Please complete the form below and place it in the alms basin. Names must be received in the parish office no later than Wednesday, November 1. Please print legibly so that errors will be diminished.

Your Name: _____

Names to be remembered: _____

Adult Education

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

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 – Note New Dates

NEW DATES: Wonder why Epiphany is like it is? Why we do what we do? What this space is all about? Join us October 15 & 22 and November 5 & 12 [CHECK THESE DATES] 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.

Children's Ministries

Staff: Laraine Fraijo-Paul | 706.399.6591 | laraine@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.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Led by the clergy, 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 Room A.

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.

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

Youth Ministries

Shereetha Jackson | 404.326.0062 |
sjackson@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.

5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. Youth Group Dinner
6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group

October

10/27-29 Kanuga Weekend (No Sunday School or YG)

November

11/5 Evensong 5 p.m.
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.

Outreach

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

Bishop Designates Oct. 15 Relief and Rebuild Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The recent devastations of the recent Hurricanes have affected many people. As Christians, scriptures commend us to respond to the needs of others, not only through our prayers, but also through our generous financial support.

I am therefore designating Sunday, October 15th, "Relief and Rebuild Sunday" in the Diocese of Atlanta. This designation coincides with the Feast of St. Teresa of Avila, who said "Christ has no hands on earth but yours."

I am appealing to all congregations to have a special collection at each service on October 15 to benefit

hurricane victims. Checks may be made out to your parish with a note: "Relief and Rebuild Sunday", and the total sum collected will be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development as our diocesan contribution to their relief efforts. I ask you in all sincerity, given the immense needs of so many, please be as generous as you can.

In the name of Christ,



The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop of Atlanta

Hagar's House

Our next dates for Hagar's House are November 5-9, 2017,

and we need your help! This important ministry for homeless mothers and children offers a chance for hands-on assistance and connection with residents. Volunteers prepare a meal at home, serve it at the shelter, visit with guests, and clean up. This usually takes two hours, from 6 – 8 p.m. Meals are typically for 25-30 people, but do not need to be elaborate. We will make sure that there are two households to cover each dinner, so you can enjoy getting to know Epiphanites better or serving with your friends.



Important: You may sign up as Volunteer #1, who brings the entrée and a side (and/or another item such as bread, drinks, etc.), or Volunteer # 2, who brings the fill-in items such as a side/salad, bread, drinks, dessert.

When you sign up, please put your specific menu items under "comments." This is information the shelter requests, and it helps us avoid duplications. Also, please put "new" under comments if this is your first time to help with Hagar's House.

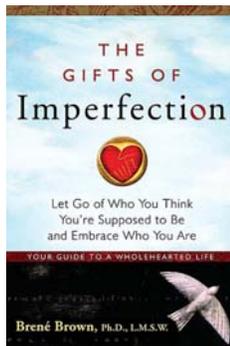
Questions or Other Help: If you would like to prepare food but not serve at the shelter or if you wish to sponsor a meal with a monetary donation, please contact the Hagar's House Coordinator, Anne Warner, 404.876.3245 or anne_warner@att.net.

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.

Ongoing Meetings

- **The Epiphany Book Group**, meets 1st Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Hall. November - *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto*, by Mitch Albom. 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)** meet 4th Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Banfield residence. For directions,



email banfieldn@bellsouth.net. We invite all ladies of the congregation to join us.

- **Young Adults Sunday Lunch:** Please join the Epiphany Young(ish) Adult group for brunch on the last Sunday of each month. Gather in the courtyard following the second service, about 12:30 p.m., to carpool.

Diocesan News & Community Events

Camp Mikell Fall Folk School

Registration for the Fall Folk School (10/20-22) at Camp Mikell has begun, visit <http://campaikell.com/wp-content/uploads/2017fall-folk-school-registration.pdf> to register. Contact: Amanda Price 706.886.7515.

Community Pop-up Studio

The Community Pop-Up Studio for Practicing the Pastoral Arts is open and ready for the season of balance and equilibrium and consistent cycles of sun and moon. For the best of autumn the studio offers Celtic spirituality in art and retreat opportunities. See the flier in the Crossing Hall, then register with The Rev. Ruth Pattison. The studio is located at 4945 High Point Rd. NE, Sandy Springs.

Plant Sale

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church and the Friendship Center is a diverse worshipping community in the heart of Atlanta that seeks to restore all people to unity with God and with each other. The Seedtime & Harvest Gardens & Greenhouse is a supported employment program of The Friendship Center, an inclusive community that promotes the mental, physical, and spiritual wellbeing of adults marginalized by mental health challenges and by poverty. The sale is from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., or you can also stop by during the week when we're here, or come by at your convenience.

2017-2018 Plant Sales

October 14, 2017
March 17, 2018
April 14, 2018
May 12, 2018
June 9, 2018

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.

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
- Brandon Laird
- Chris Miller
- Charlie Overstreet
- Lou Squyres
- Larry Wilcox
- Kara Vona

Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

- Neil Banfield
- Arlen Gray
- Sarah Jane Wollison

Rest eternal grant them

- Ron Hall
- Bob Yntema, father of John Yntema

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

- The Rev. Brother Aelred Dean
- Joy Borra, friend of Jewel Allen
- Larry Hitchcock, brother of Ruth Olson; Adriane Ivey, friend of Susan Ashmore
- Sheri Sharp, cousin of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder
- Dwight Kelley, Susan Northcutt, friends of Shirley Sugden
- Norma Mullis, cousin of Shirley Sugden
- Maureen Cooper, sister-in-law of George Council
- Gwen Hurst, aunt of Chris Kissler
- Bo Blasingame, grandfather of Sy Burnett
- Lucy Tomicich, sister of Pat Hudson
- Bob Kruger, bother-on-law of Pat Hudson
- Tim English, friend of Susan & Richard Messner
- 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



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Worship Schedule—Sunday

8:45 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

11:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

Worship Schedule—Weekdays

Tuesday at 7 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist w/Healing

Thursday at 7 a.m. — Shared Silence

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Vestry

Sy Burnett, *Treasurer, ex-officio*

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

Martha Rummel, *Clerk, ex-officio*

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Bruce Maclachlan, *Building & Grounds*

Katie Pedersen, *Capital Campaign &
Endowment*

Amy Shipp, *Senior Warden*

Paul Welty, *Adult Formation*

Class of 2019

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Bonnie Kissler, *Finance & Membership*

Ray Krawczyk, *Stewardship*

Brenda Lloyd, *Liturgy & Music*

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