



The EPIPHANY STAR

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

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Shitholes

It's not a winsome image. You don't hang around a shit-hole (didn't know you had to hyphenate it, ha-ha) except for one purpose. They are utterly utilitarian and everyone needs one. To add metaphorical nonsense they are a dumping ground.

Two things or, maybe properly three things: one is yes you are reading this here because two the President said it. Neither of which mean much, my use of the word as a title for this little essay, nor the President's cold hard-heartedness towards anyone different from himself: white, large, male, rich, and arrogant. I am a bit of a swashbuckler so what the heck, right? The president, well, he is rather self-absorbed and pretty ignorant of the world around him, the continent of Africa in general and the nation of Haiti in particular.

The image is just so far from holding any connectivity to Africa and Haiti if you are anything other than a rich, white, privileged, heterosexual male. Africa as the cradle of civilization and all the attendant arguments that would buttress such a claim put the notion to rest out of the gate. That's easy. And then...

Go to Haiti. Go to Haiti and try to come up with anything other than: miraculous, resilient, self-reliant, beautiful, tragic, industrious, proud, vindicated, free—free—free.

Haiti was a nation of slaves who were owned, whipped, sacrificed, exploited, raped, abused, shunned, and stripped of human dignity. And from that shit-hole of colonial oppression the people of Haiti rose up and took their freedom. The one and only country to be born from the blood sweat and tears of a slave revolt that led to revolution, no less noble, no less full of integrity, no less divinely inspired than our own. How to compare 'taxation without representation' to freedom from slavery? One really shouldn't. We, inheritors of our legacy, would be embarrassed at the result.

Go to Haiti and witness the 13 young people we are working with in their entrepreneurial endeavors. Thirteen young Haitians, all of whom would love to have a Million bucks as startup capital. Thirteen Haitians who have a dream of financial independence and small business ownership. Thirteen bright, smart, devout, committed Haitians who want a fair playing field, know they won't ever get one but are committed to their dreams anyway and are willing to work hard to make their dream happen.

Come to Haiti with us. See the beauty, touch the goodness, taste the hope, smell the freedom, hear the good news from 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.

Finance

Endowment Board Grants

The 30-day period for requesting disbursements from the Epiphany Endowment Fund opens on the day of the annual parish meeting, January 21, 2018. The guidelines for distributions, pursuant to the Fund's Plan of Operation, are:

- Capital improvements, debt reduction, or the building program of The Church of the Epiphany;
- Scholarships or grants to members of The Church of the Epiphany for the purpose of attending college, seminary, nursing or medical school; for church-related camping or leadership conferences; or such other training which enables members of this congregation to grow in Christian faith and service to God's people;
- Outreach into the community including, but not limited to, grants to Episcopal colleges and seminaries, social service agencies, institutions and agencies to which this parish relates, and to special programs designed for those persons in our area who are in spiritual and/or economic need; projects of the Episcopal Church at home and overseas.

Request forms will be available in the gallery or on the Endowment Board page of the Epiphany website. Deadline for Applications is Wednesday, February 21, 2018. Please return them to the cubby marked Grant Applications outside the parish office.

Magi Foundation

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

Members of the Magi Foundation

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

Outreach

New Feeding Ministry

Join us in Jones Hall on Sunday, January 21 at noon for lunch and to hear about a new feeding ministry. No job is too small; so come to nosh, learn, contribute, and sign up.

DEAM Food Drive

January is Epiphany's month to stock the pantry at the Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministry. Our goal this time is to collect 100 each of grape or strawberry jelly, evaporated milk and toothpaste. Tally so far: Jelly - 34; Milk - 39; Toothpaste - 32. Watch for our progress on the tally sheet posted by the DEAM bins.



Holy Comforter Quarterly Dinner

Wednesday, January 31

It's Epiphany's turn to provide the Wednesday Night Dinner for this mission church of the Diocese, about 60% of whose congregation live with mental illness. We need people to cook starting at 2:30 p.m. and also to provide cupcakes. Click the RSVP button on the home page to sign up. Questions? Contact Jeanette Hanson at 404.982.9134 or isjch@emory.edu.

The Haiti Business Incubator

Interested in learning more about our work in Haiti? Then RSVP to an informal cocktail party at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2018, at the home of Lisa Daily by contacting Ty Horn at 404.402.8891/horn.ty@gmail.com.

Hunger Walk

Sunday, February 25

Save the Date for the Hunger Walk. Epiphany will once again be supporting efforts to fight against hunger. A link to register will be sent out soon.



Need a Little Help

Church of the Common Ground is a diocesan-sponsored Church which ministers to Atlanta's homeless population. Homelessness is very hard on your feet. Not only are you walking or standing most of the day in all kinds of wet, cold

weather, but you usually don't have a change of socks, let alone a decent pair of shoes. In addition to that, many homeless people suffer from diabetes - which takes a huge toll on the feet. Therefore The Church of the Common Ground operates the Foot Clinic once a week. It is staffed by clergy and health care professionals as well as volunteers who wash and dry people's feet. (The volunteers are all homeless people themselves, and their only compensation is the lunch that Epiphany volunteers prepare.) But what we actually need right now is a backup for our Epiphany person who launders the towels used at the Foot Clinic. This job just involves picking up the soiled towels at Epiphany on or after Wednesday and returning them clean, dried and folded on or before 4:00 p.m. Monday afternoon the following week. Or rather, backing up the lady that does this job—the wonderful Joy Bowden—in case Joy needs to go out of town or something. Please contact Mary Ann Schneider at 404.377.9134 or maryann.schneider13@gmail.com if you might be interested in this volunteer opportunity.

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.

Parish Life

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 21, at 10 a.m.

Please join us in the church at 10 a.m. for our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 21. We will hear reports from the vestry members and heads of parish organizations, as well as the Rector; elect new vestry members and thank the retiring; and receive the 2017 Financial Report and 2018 Annual Budget. All are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

Quilters Dozen Starting

This is a group of a dozen quilters of all abilities who will create a 'Books of the Bible' quilt during the Lenten Season. You will be committing to making one block per week for 6 weeks, a weekly time requirement of 1 - 3 hours. You can pick up your supplies and begin work on Wednesday evenings starting February 7, 2018, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. (No meeting on Ash Wednesday). Last meeting will be on March 28 to complete the quilt.

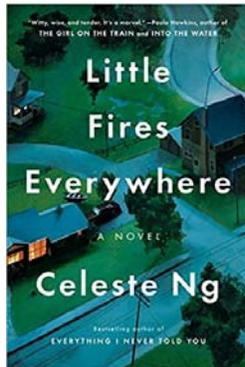
Click on the RSVP link on the homepage if you want to participate. When you sign up, let us know in the notes section if you are a NOVICE with no sewing experience, an APPRENTICE with some sewing experience, or a MASTER with mad sewing skills. Contact Kelli Shadwell at kellishadwell@gmail.com for more information.



Ongoing Meetings

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.

The Epiphany Book Group meets 1st Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Hall.
February's selection: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng



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 on 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.

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.

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 and Stretch Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. \$5 per class, Silversneakers cardholders free (bring card). Wear comfortable clothes and bring water. Contact: Ellen Mintzmyer 404.421.8476.

The Daughters of the King (DOK) meet 4th Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Banfield residence. For directions, email banfielddn@bellsouth.net. We invite all ladies of the congregation to join us.

Women's Book Group meet 1st Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Catherine Breed's home and is currently discussing *Vintage Saints and Sinners: 25 Christians Who Transformed My Faith* by Karen Wright Marsh. Email Catherine at breed.catherine@gmail.com for directions and to RSVP.

IEA Meeting: Join us 2nd Thursdays at 7 p.m. for an exploration of Enneagram type-specific inner critic messages and how the inner critic interrupts and interferes with the manifestation of your capacity to love yourself and others. \$10 for non-members, free for IEA Georgia members (\$30 annual)

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Transitions

Please make the following changes and/or additions to your parish directory and welcome our new members. Directories are available from the office by request (parishadmin@epiphany.org) or you can download a pdf from the news page of our website.

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.

Transfers In

Brad Stoner
from Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Warren OH

Transfers Out

Amy Roth, Esteban Simian and Olivia Simian
to St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA

Laura Gleason
to St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Spartanburg, SC

Announcements

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

Rides for Arlen

Arlen Grey, a long time Epiphany parishioner, is in need of an occasional ride from Sunrise Assisted Living on Clairmont and Scott to the 11:15 a.m. service where she sings in the choir. Do you come this way to church? Would you be willing to give Arlen a ride? We hope so! Please contact Nancy Chandler at 404.788.1070 or nachandler@gmail.com

February Anniversaries

2 Lamar Fowler & Jim Loupe
17 Cliff Edge & Les Howell
18 Haley & Ted Cognata
18 Sybil & Robert McCullar
24 Brent Henderson & Calvin Houts

February Birthdays

2	Audrey Banfield	12	Alix Janke	24	Catherine Breed
2	Henry Morrison	12	Caitlyn Trautwein	24	Shannon Lambeth
2	Farrah Neff	13	Kelli Gantt	25	Neil Banfield
2	Laura Thompson	13	Amy Shipp	25	Bill Gary
3	Ray Krawczyk	13	Eleanor Gaffney Stone	25	Harlan Hubbs
3	Nancy McCord	15	Mamie Lee-Walker	25	Barbara Nama
3	Max Meyer	15	Bruce Maclachlan	25	Claire Strahan
3	Susan Moody	16	Cookie Gold	25	Claudia Tillman
4	Ripley Prikkel	16	Mason McAuliffe	26	Emily Cook
5	Trey Lucas	17	Matt Cook	26	Pamela Councill
5	Carol Moser	17	Shanna Jackson	26	Maggie Reetz
6	Mary Braswell	18	Jewel Allen	26	Julia Weidmann
6	Travis Carr	18	Johanna Hinman	27	Sawyer Holmes
6	Chelsea Stephens	18	Will Thomas	27	Owen Kavanagh
6	Jim Rabb	20	Susan Biddle	27	Amanda Seals Bersinger
7	Holden Krause	20	Liam Hill-McKaharay	27	Michael Towers
8	Susan Bridges	21	Wende Crow	28	Ted Baltrusaitis
8	Sharon Miller	21	Lauren DeMotte-Kelly	28	Jim Hoesterey
9	Jerry Holladay	21	Cristina Montesinos	28	Kate Krause
11	Dan Mundy	21	Emma Pattison	28	Scott Sadler
12	Jeanette Hanson	22	Jennifer Rivera	28	Claire Simms
12	Terry Howell	23	Nicholas Christian		

Music & Liturgy

Children's Choirs Resume

Beginning and Intermediate Choristers will resume rehearsals this Tuesday, January 23, in the Music Suite (upstairs). If your child is new to choir this semester, please contact Julie Ryder (music@epiphany.org) for more information.

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.

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.



Adult Education

No Adult Formation Classes this Sunday due to the Annual Meeting.

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

A monthly, 3rd Tuesday 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 Feb/Mar/Apr is out. The publication, owned by the Episcopal Church, is a pocket-size booklet of daily Bible readings and devotions. You'll find them in the Gallery tract rack for \$1 a copy.

Now Showing

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes collage work by Kay Hunt through February.

In Kay's own words

Working in collage is a process of putting together a puzzle without knowing ahead of time what the final image will be. Each component makes its own contribution and changes what comes next. The elements of fun and discovery are what motivate me to produce the next collage...and the next.

25% of all sales benefit Epiphany

Please make checks to Kay Hunt

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.



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
- Mary McCall Cash
- Chris Miller
- Charlie Overstreet
- Wes Wright

Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

- Neil Banfield
- Arlen Gray
- Sarah Jane Wollison

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

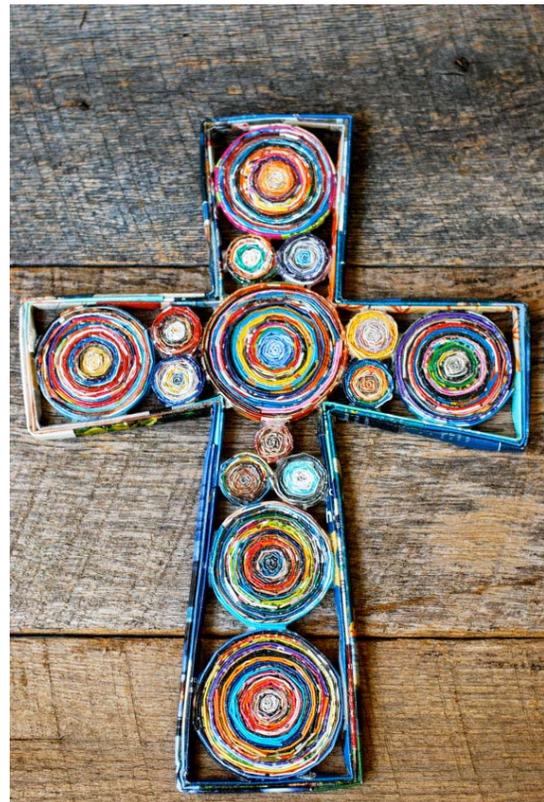
Family and friends who request our prayers

- 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
- Bill & Carolyn Allen, parents of Jewel Allen
- Candi & Judy McElhannon, friends of Sally Smit
- Kira Sloop, friend of Nancy Thompson
- Margaret Bridgeman, grandmother of Kristin Lennon
- April Wells Jenkins, friend of Linda Wolf
- Sherri Sharpe, cousin of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder

- Bérénice Reynaud, friend of Sally Brockington
- Lenn Taylor, friend of Paul Hinson
- Wylie Davis, friend of Paul Hinson
- Dorothea Davidson, friend of Laraine Fraijo-Paul
- Janis Leonard, friend of Pat Spivey
- Bill Ham, friend of Sandy Land
- Nicole Deinert, friend of Laraine Fraijo-Paul
- Comfort Afolabi, mother of Lola Oyesiku

Rest eternal grant them

- JoAnn Cantwell, grandmother of Cristin Davis
- Betty M. Cromeans, mother of Beth Towers





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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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