



The EPIPHANY STAR

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

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Font and Table

Moving sacramental symbols is a huge ordeal.

Over the past months, a conversation has been ongoing on many levels about our baptismal font. At first, there were only a few of us in the musing. I mentioned that I had a vision of moving the baptismal font to the back of the church, near the steps to the choir loft or maybe to the center. Julie's initial response was to walk to the spot and start figuring out if we needed to relocate some pews and negotiating the choir procession. She also got excited about actually *seeing* a baptism from where she sits!

Benno's initial response was to grab ahold of the font and see if it would move (which it did, but not real far...oof.)

Now the reason for wanting to move the font is both theological and liturgical. As you know, the two primary sacraments of our faith are baptism and eucharist, and they are deeply connected and intertwined. Our church teaches "One begins one's Christian life in baptism, and one renews that initiation each time one participates in the eucharist, so the spatial progression from font to altar is significant." Additionally, there is no more often quoted theology from our *Book of Common Prayer* in sermons and teaching than the baptismal covenant, specifically:

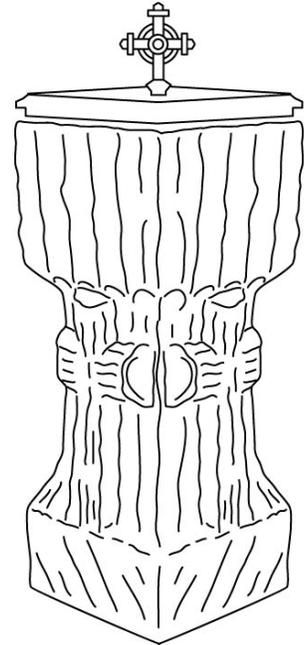
Celebrant *Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?*
People *I will, with God's help.*

So it makes sense, then that we bring the font to the center of our common worship together. That we fill it with water and dip our fingers in it every single time we are in this space as a reminder of our baptism. That we walk by the font and touch the water as we approach the weekly renewal of that baptism and receive the body and blood of Jesus and then go out in the world to be God's hands and heart.

In conversation and full support from the vestry, we will be moving the baptismal font to the center of the nave. Our own handy Bill Graves is on board to shorten a few pews so we can place it and walk around it. We will move the font the week of Ash Wednesday. Additionally, the current baptistry will be transformed into an intimate chapel space for our Wednesday healing eucharists, and a place for small gatherings and reflection.

This will be a big deal for some of us. I am elated, and open. We acknowledge that when we move otherwise permanent symbols, that it may stir emotions. Know your clergy are here to hear you and see you and understand if this shift resonates with you in any particular way. Positive or otherwise. And we encourage you to really sink into this new symbolic way of worshiping. Of touching the water of your baptism as you come into worship, or come to the table. A tangible reminder of your Christian life in baptism and your call to strive for justice and peace and dignity. It is who we are. And whose we are.

The Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers, Senior Associate Rector



Worship & Liturgy

The Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday, January 6

The Feast of the Epiphany—our feast day—is Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and we will celebrate it with a Pageant, Baptism & Confirmations with Bishop Rob Wright with a potluck dinner to follow.

- **Epiphany Dinner:** Join us after the pageant for Chili Potluck Supper in Jones Hall. Bring chili and/or dessert to share. Cornbread and chips are on us!
- **Epiphany Pageant:** All children (and adults) ages 3.5 and up are invited to participate in the pageant. Kids (and adults) are encouraged to wear a costume from home. Costume categories by age group will be posted on the Children's web page and sent out via eblast. Kids (and adults) 4th grade and up interested in speaking parts or anyone who wishes to volunteer to help can contact Laraine Fraijo-Paul, Director of Children's Ministries at laraine@epiphany.org.
- **Pageant Rehearsal:** A rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, January 3, at 6:00 p.m. with dinner. Click the RSVP link on the homepage to reserve a dinner.



Weekday Worship Resume

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.

Welcome Debra

Debra Aring, a Postulant for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Atlanta, started her parish placement at Church of the Epiphany on Advent I. Debra is in the formation program for the Vocational Diaconate and is sponsored by her home parish, St. Bartholomew's. During her time at Epiphany, Debra will be an active participant in the parish, working to get a sense of how the parish approaches outreach and learning best practices that can be used in future ministry assignments after ordination. She is co-chair of the 2018 Hunger Walk for the Epiphany and looks forward to discovering other ways to plug into parish programs that meet the needs of God's children. Debra is active in anti-death penalty work and street outreach to LGBTQIA youth through Lost-n-Found. She's a passionate Arkansas Razorback and St. Louis Cardinals fan who loves about any sport. Debra lives in East Point on a budding urban homestead with her spouse, Julie, and their two Greyhounds, Gabe and Tess.

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.

Stewardship & Giving

Finance Update

2018 Pledge: If you have not yet made a pledge for 2018, please do so today. Vestry is budget planning now!

Pledge Status: Log in to the Online Directory to access your personal and financial information, including pledge status. First-time users have to register. Once you register, you can also download the Church Life app for access on your smart phone. The link is on the home page, upper left side. Financial Questions? Contact our bookkeeper, Susie Boyko, at bookkeeper@epiphany.org.

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.

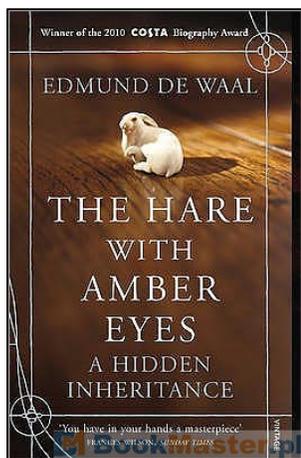
Ongoing Meetings Resume

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 usually meets 1st Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Hall, but in January they are meeting on the 8th. January's selection: *The Hare with Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal

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 banfieldn@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 *The Gift of Imperfection* by Brené Brown. 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)

Announcements

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

Pastoral Care

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

Adult Education

Sunday Adult Formation

Resumes January 7

- **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. This Sunday, we will meet in the Nave.

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

Resumes Wednesday, January 10

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

Resumes Tuesday, January 16

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 Nov/Dec/Jan 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.

Outreach



Food for DEAM

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. Watch for our progress on the tally sheet posted by the DEAM bins.

Hagar's House Meals

January 7 – 11, 2018

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 6:00 to 8:00 pm. 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 Epiphanyes better or serving with your friends. (Note: We are asked not have more than five volunteers an evening.)

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.

Other Help/Questions? 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.

Click the RSVP link on the homepage to volunteer.

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.

Thank You

By Bev Lorenzo

This year Epiphany did an incredible job of helping the refugee Community.

We set up a beautiful apartment for the Osmani family and

Mary Ann Schneider, Maggi Ewing, Margo Timberlake and I tutored them for about three months.

Mr. Osmani then introduced us to other families living in his apartment complex. In the end we helped 16 families this year.

We were able to supply hats, coats, gloves, blankets to all the families. In addition we collected plates, silverware, bedding, sofas, tables, lamps and many more household goods.

All but two men now have their driver's license and one woman is getting close. We supplied booklets, rides and introduced them to a driving instructor.

One of our families had a baby girl in October and one is expecting a baby girl in February. Donations included cribs, diapers clothes and blankets for both these families

Mohamed Kalakani was given a car by one of our parishioner's neighbor. His wife has been tutored by Ann Warner for several months now. He considers himself a very lucky man to have her and our church as his friends.

Two of our refugees have had serious operations and parishioners stepped up to provide them with rides and moral support through these difficult times.

Zelalem Desta came with his family two years ago from Ethiopia. With the mentoring of Erin Braden he was able to begin at Jacksonville University. He worked hard and made straight a's the first semester.



We started a Refugee Scholarship Fund this year. We have over a \$1000 in our fund so far.

Washers and Dryers. Thanks to all the people who donated them and thanks to Peter Schneider and Jim Rabb for installing them. Thanks to Holly Slater who took our ministry outside our parish through Next Door Neighbor.

I feel very blessed to be a part of a community that gives so much support to the refugee families who are settling here. Thank you all so much for your many contributions. I wish I could name you all but I would be afraid to miss someone.

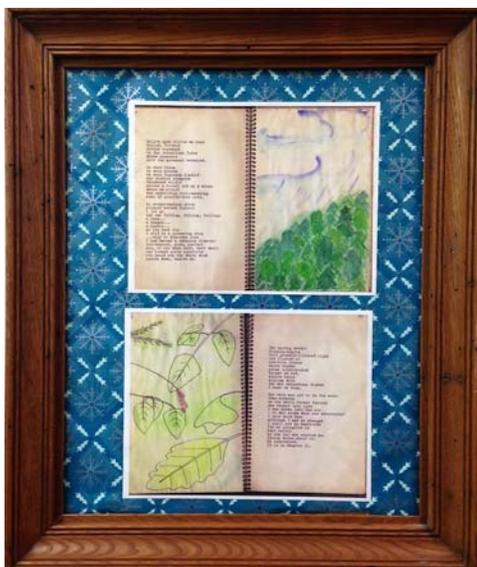
Attention Kroger Shoppers!

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.

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.

Now Showing



Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes photos of drawings and poetry by Epiphanyite Arlen Gray, through January 15.

Arlen's friend Deborah Monroy writes: I think of those words from Emily Dickinson's poem "in vision and in veto" as Arlen resides now at Sunrise Assisted Living. She remains committed to helping others in any way she can, since as always this is her vision, yet she is also challenged these past years with declining memory.

Arlen Gray's Art/Work—"in vision and in veto"

In 1934 Arlen was born in the Bay Area, in the state of California. She went on to complete graduate studies and then worked for the Department of Labor. She left her successful career with the Federal Government to serve for more than 20 years within the order of Saint Margaret.

After leaving the convent she came to Egleston Children's Hospital where she first served as chaplain, and then moved up to become the Coordinator of Egleston's Family Library. In this work she flourished. Arlen created a welcoming environment where families could learn more about their child's health care. Grown-ups and visiting siblings alike found a generous, playful space at the Family Library which Arlen kept stocked with informative books—along with the best children's books, and toys.

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Arlen's sister, Daryl Gray, who is also an artist, helped with these notes. **The pictures in this exhibition are mostly from an illustrated book of poems that Arlen created for her mother.**

25% of all sales benefit Epiphany

Please make checks to Deborah Monroy

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.

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
- Ron Hutcheson
- Hugh Keenan
- Mary McCall Cash
- Chris Miller
- Peter Morich
- Charlie Overstreet
- Wes Wright



- 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
- Bill & Carolyn Allen, parents of Jewel Allen
- Candi & Judy McElhannon, friends of Sally Smit
- Kirk Tcherneshoff, brother of Amy Shipp
- 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
- JoAnn Cantwell, grandmother of Cristin Davis

Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

- Neil Banfield
- Arlen Gray
- Sarah Jane Wollison

Rest eternal grant them

- Iris Cook, step-grandmother of Amy Shipp
- Mike Leary, friend of Amy Shipp

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

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



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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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