



# The EPIPHANY STAR

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## Contemplative

Alex (our seminarian) asked a great question for a nascent liturgist. “Is it just Epiphany, or do all churches start Lenten liturgies with a litany?” He is a good observer of things and asks great questions about what we do around this place, which is what a seminarian ought to do.

As I told him my rationale, I consider where I land on the spectrum of spiritual practices. Don’t worry, it’s not an official spectrum, there is no test. That being said I confessed that I am not into the piety of penitence, sin, confession and general breast beating. So I am not drawn to the penitential order as a beginning place for liturgy in lent. I am not a moralist, so the Decalogue is kind of out for me too. I did however, claim a smidge of contemplative. I know you are thinking *contemplative?? Huh? Benno?*

I like to walk, hike, run, sit around in the sun and stare out at the sea. I like to move around a place and get a sense of my environment, take it all in, breathe deep and touch and taste. I love the great Litany. So I am drawn to litanies. I interpret the other options for the beginning of a liturgy as a rubric to be liturgically adaptive. So Litanies. A litany allows you to walk around a place, an idea. A litany propels you somewhere. A litany allows you to observe, slow down, and take notice of your surroundings in the journey of this life. A litany repeats so that maybe one day maybe you will get it.

So some practical litanies that our ritual litanies might help us be mindful of:

Your drive to work, or church, or school, or carpool.

Consider along the way what your prayers are: “O God make speed to save us”...because the traffic is maddening? “O Lord open our lips”... so I can curse out the person who cut me off? “Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord”...because everyone is the chosen vessel for the habitation of God?

The figure eights you walk around your house as you clean, cook, end a day or begin one.

Consider what your prayer is: “Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness”... because there is food on your table? “Even the sparrow has found a home...” because your space and home is welcoming to your heart and mind and strength?... “...all things that were cast down are being raised up?” because the laundry never ends, the leftovers stay in the fridge for a month, the work of work and a home and anything else seems overwhelming?

The way you greet the people whose path you cross over the course of a day.

“Blessed are the pure in heart...”? “Blessed are the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers, the poor in spirit, those that hunger and thirst...” Because you just never know until you sit for a moment to hear a story, tell your own, repeat it over and over again until you start to believe it.

Start or find or borrow or just recognize the litany that is forming your day as all inside and around and under and above and beneath it and see where it takes you. Begin with a litany.

Peace,

The Rev. Benno D. Pattison, Rector

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# Vestry

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## Give and You Shall Receive

By Bonnie Kissler

During my first vestry retreat, I was asked why I said yes. I said yes because I felt so honored someone wanted me to be on the vestry! I only had a vague idea what I would be doing. Now that I am in my third and final year, I have gained a better understanding of the business side of church. I have had so much fun, laughed and learned so much, and met so many parishioners! Most importantly, being part of vestry has enhanced my spiritual journey immensely; I have never felt closer to God.

I have been in and out of Episcopal churches; I had never pledged until coming to Epiphany. I was contributing to the plate the first few years; however, I finally pledged because I did not realize the importance of pledge dollars to planning the budget for a church year! Not that I thought dollars fell from the sky, but it never occurred to me to think about how we pay the salaries for staff and clergy. What about all the wonderful outreach and parish life activities we do? How do we cover utilities? The list of expenses goes on.



I will not belabor the meaning of stewardship because stewardship means many things! Financial contribution is one of them but time and talent you devote to church life

and activities are vital! Prior to vestry, I was engaged with outreach and had a wonderful experience, such as with the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build. There are many ways to give back to Epiphany and to serve, monetary or otherwise!

If you have been thinking about pledging for the first time or serving in any capacity but have yet to do so, take the plunge because God will catch you! If you want to be more engaged but don't know how, talk to one of the vestry members, Benno, or Sharon; we will be delighted to fill you in!

I did not say yes right away because I did not want to overextend myself but I am so glad I did! I feel so blessed that God gave me this wonderful gift to be part of vestry. My spiritual life has been so richly rewarded because I said yes!

### Class of 2019

Bill Gary, Senior Warden

Bonnie Kissler, Building & Grounds/Membership

Brenda Lloyd, Parish Life

Katie Pedersen, Capital Campaign

### Class of 2020

Nancy Chandler, Endowment/Junior Warden

Alix Janke, Membership

Holly Slater, Parish Life

Annie Strahan, Stewardship

### Class of 2021

Kimberly Bonde, Outreach

Dennis Edmiston, Pastoral Care

Ann Fowler

Clare Schexnyder, Communications

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# Adult Formation

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## Sunday Adult Offering for Lent

For the five Sundays we have formation classes in Lent, we will have one offering for adults. The topic is sin. Brennan Breed, Shirley Banks, and The Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers will walk us through our relationship to sin, both in antiquity and pastorally. We will start with the Old Testament and a look at scripture. We will move to some of the great theologians of our faith. We will discuss the church and the pastoral implications of sin and reconciliation. And we will explore the various questions we have about this delicate, popular, and universal topic.

**Sunday, March 1:** Liberation theologies read the Exodus and the Cross & Resurrection as stories of freedom from sin on personal, collective, and cosmic levels. We'll listen to thinkers from South America, Africa, Asia, and the African diaspora, as well as woman-centered theologies. (10 a.m. Jones Hall)

## Pub Theology Tuesdays

A monthly, 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

Led by the rector from 6:30 – 8 p.m., we read and have a free-ranging discussion about the upcoming Sunday scripture selections. (Jones Hall Room A.)

## The Resurrection - Winter Journal

This term as we journey through Lent towards Easter, visit [epiphany.org](http://epiphany.org) to read from the staff some notions of

resurrection. Among the helpful calendars and descriptions of our program life you will find the staff thoughts on resurrection. We hope that you will find these essays helpful pathways, or starting points, or instigators of your own stories and thoughts on resurrection.

## 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.

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# Music & Liturgy

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## Acolyte Information Sessions

There will be an Acolyte information session at 10 a.m. in the church March 4 and again on March 11. Children serving as acolytes must be in 3rd grade or above and born on or before 5/1/09. Adults are also welcome. Questions or can't attend? Contact Linda Ryder-Wolf at 908.403.9847 or [Linda.wolf.1962@gmail.com](mailto:Linda.wolf.1962@gmail.com).



## Holy Baptism

The sacrament of Holy Baptism is offered for adults, infants and children and will be administered during services on the dates listed below. If you or a member of your family desires to be baptized, please contact the parish office.

[April 1, 2018](#)

The Easter Vigil 6:00 a.m. sunrise service

[April 8, 2018](#)

The Sunday following Easter

[May 20, 2018](#)

The Sunday of Pentecost

[August 12, 2018](#)

The Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord

[November 4, 2018](#)

All Saints' Sunday

## 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.

# Outreach

## Feeding Ministry Update

The Feeding Ministry has a new “gig” with Gateway Shelter to serve on 2nd Saturdays starting March 10. You can opt to help cook from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., help serve from 4 -6 p.m. or help clean up after the volunteer dinner at 6 p.m. Click on the RSVP link at [epiphany.org](http://epiphany.org) to sign up. Questions? Contact Brandon Laird at [blaird373@aol.com](mailto:blaird373@aol.com).

## The United Thank Offering

The United Thank Offering contributions support mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church. Pick up your UTO



box or envelopes in the gallery. Ingathering is 4/8.

## DEAM Food Drive

January and June are Epiphany's turns to stock the pantry; however, the bins in the gallery remain out year-round to accept donations of grape or strawberry jelly, pasta sauce, canned greens (not spinach), soup, and small boxes of corn muffin mix.

## Attention Kroger Shoppers!

Donate to DEAM by using your Kroger Plus card. Sign up at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://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



## Newcomers' Gathering

Sunday, March 4, at 4:00 p.m.

All are invited to a Newcomers' Gathering at the home of the Rector (265 Elmira Place, 30307) at 4:00 p.m. Sign up on the RSVP link at [epiphany.org](http://epiphany.org). *Old-timers: Please bring cheese & crackers, fruits and nuts or lite hors d'oeuvres.* (No desserts, it's Lent. 😊)

## Epiphany's Women's Retreat

April 13-15, 2018

All the women of the parish are invited to a Women's Retreat at Montara Farm in Clermont, GA. We will worship together, play in the mountain air, take in the beauty of spring, share our stories and deepen our relationship with God through the women in our parish. Planned activities include group discussion led by The Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers, time for meditation and fellowship, and Eucharist on Sunday morning. Accommodations are double occupancy – two twin beds and shared bath per room. ADA accessible. All Inclusive Price: \$275/\$75 deposit due 4/4/18. We are looking forward to seeing you there! Space limited to 40 participants. Visit [epiphany.org](http://epiphany.org) to register.



# The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

## MARCH 2018

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p><b>LEGEND</b>                      CH = Church                      CL = Choir Left                      KT = Kitchen                      MG = Memorial Garden                      MS = Music Suite                      JH = Jones Hall                      * = Outside Group or Private Function</p>						
<p><b>3 Lent</b>                      8:10 a.m. Epiphany Choir (MS)                      8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist                      10:00 a.m. Acolyte Info Session (CH)                      10:30 a.m. Sunday School                      10:30 a.m. Epiphany Choir (MS)                      11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist                      1:00 p.m. *Brownie Troop #16191 (001)                      4:00 p.m. Newcomers' Gathering (Rector's Home)                      5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group                      6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. Youth Group Dinner                      6:30 p.m. *Bernstein's (Parking Lot)                      6:45 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group                      7:45 p.m. *Community Strings (CH/001)</p>	<p><b>5</b>                      5:30 p.m. *Veterans' Acupuncture (CH/001)                      6:30 p.m. *Community Strings                      7:30 p.m. Epiphany Book Group (JH)</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist                      7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (KT)                      8:15 a.m. B&amp;G Comm. Mtg. (JH)                      10:30 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)                      6:30 p.m. *Community Strings (CH/206/001)                      7:00 p.m. AA for Women (001)                      7:30 p.m. *Festival Singers of Atl. (MS)</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      Announcement 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)</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      11:30 a.m. Flex &amp; Stretch (JH)                      7:00 p.m. *IEA GA Chapter Enneagram (JH B&amp;C)</p>		<p><b>10</b>                      10:00 a.m. Altar Guild II                      11:00 a.m. Feeding Ministry Cook (JH/KT)                      4:00 p.m. Feeding Ministry Serve (away)                      6:00 p.m. Feeding Ministry Volunteer                      Meal and Cleanup (JH/KT)</p>
<p><b>4 Lent</b>                      Daylight Savings                      8:10 a.m. Epiphany Choir (MS)                      8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist                      10:00 a.m. Acolyte Info Session (CH)                      10:00 a.m. Sunday School                      10:30 a.m. Epiphany Choir (MS)                      11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist                      1:00 p.m. *Brownie Troop #16191 (001)                      4:00 p.m. Newcomers' Gathering (Rector's Home)                      5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group                      6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. Youth Group Dinner                      6:30 p.m. *Bernstein's (Parking Lot)                      6:45 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group                      7:45 p.m. *Community Strings (CH/001)</p>	<p><b>12</b>                      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. *Community Strings (CH/001)</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist                      7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (KT)                      9:30 a.m. ECW/Sandwiches for EH (KT)                      10:00 a.m. Staff (101)                      11:00 a.m. Epiphany Book Group (JH)                      5:00 p.m. Beginning Choristers (MS)                      5:30 p.m. Intermediate Choristers (MS)                      6:00 p.m. Epiphany Ringers (CL)                      6:30 p.m. *Community Strings (CH/206/001)                      7:00 p.m. AA for Women (001)                      7:30 p.m. *Festival Singers of Atl. (MS)</p>	<p><b>14</b>                      Announcement &amp; 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)</p>	<p><b>15</b>                      Newsletter Published                      11:30 a.m. Flex &amp; Stretch (JH)</p>		<p><b>17</b>                      Choir Retreat                      10:00 a.m. Altar Guild III</p>
<p><b>5 Lent</b>                      Publix Marathon                      8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist                      10:00 a.m. Sunday School                      11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist                      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</p>	<p><b>19</b>                      5:30 p.m. *Veterans' Acupuncture                      6:30 p.m. Vestry (JH/KT) (KT/JH)                      6:30 p.m. *Community Strings (CH/001)</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist                      7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (KT)                      10:30 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)                      6:30 p.m. *ICM (JH-B&amp;C)                      7:00 p.m. AA for Women (001)                      7:50 p.m. *Festival Singers of Atl. (MS)</p>	<p><b>21</b>                      Announcement 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)</p>	<p><b>22</b>                      11:30 a.m. Flex &amp; Stretch (JH)                      10:30 a.m. Daughters of the King (Banfield Home)</p>		<p><b>24</b>                      10:00 a.m. Altar Guild IV</p>
<p><b>Palm Sunday</b>                      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                      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</p>	<p><b>26</b>                      5:30 p.m. *Veterans' Acupuncture                      6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist</p>	<p><b>27</b>                      7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist                      7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (KT)                      10:30 a.m. Staff (101)                      7:00 p.m. AA for Women (001)                      7:00 p.m. Pub Theology (The Marlay)                      7:30 p.m. *Festival Singers of Atl. (MS)</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      Announcement &amp; Newsletter Deadline                      12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer (CH)                      12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist w/Healing (CH)                      5:30 p.m. Supper (ends 6:45) (JH-B)                      7:00 p.m. Tenebrae (CH)</p>	<p><b>Maundy Thursday</b>                      Newsletter Published                      11:30 a.m. Flex &amp; Stretch (JH)                      6:15 p.m. Appelé Supper &amp; Holy Eucharist (JH)</p>		<p><b>31</b>                      10:00 a.m. Holy Saturday Workday                      10:00 a.m. Altar Guild                      10:00 a.m. Baptism Seminar</p>

## 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

Tom & Robin Hairston  
*from St. Bede's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA*

## March Birthdays

1 Wren Ballou	9 Evan Schneider	19 Ian Boswell	24 Laura Gary
1 Ben Morrissey	9 Paul Schneider	19 Laura May	25 Pat Hudson
1 John Keys	10 Charles Grubbs	19 Lisa Newton	26 Amy Autry-Bush
1 Rachael Walsh	10 Sydney Powers	19 Brian Smith	26 Bill Braswell
1 James Weigle	12 Jay Schexnyder	19 Annie Strahan	26 Alex Bender
2 Lydia Welty	13 Robin Weidmann-Smith	20 John Frazier	26 Dominic Eby
3 Nicholas Hokanson	14 Brett Boatright	20 Jordan Moody	26 Robert Woodrum
3 Nelson Oyesiku	15 Robert Cunningham	20 Douglas Runnion	27 Eric Jacobs
4 Freddie Breed	15 David Draper	20 Bob Thompson	28 Haley Cognata
4 Noble Hill-McKaharay	15 Pat Graves	21 Lee Fidler	28 Cindy Lamons
5 Linda Ryder-Wolf	16 Augustus Braswell	21 Jessica Hood	28 Malsen Rawls
6 Clara Gaeddert	16 Brett Felando	21 John Pierson	28 Terry-Lee Ross
7 Dirk Zwemer	16 Dorsey Howarth	21 David Sample	28 Claire Wright
8 Cary Holley	16 Bobbi Patterson	22 Cadence Carruth	29 Penny Carr
8 Robbie Holley	17 Charlie Sandiford	22 Michael Eurey	29 Charles Hooker
8 Bonnie Kissler	18 Rob Ashmore	22 Bill Hudson	31 Emilia Ramirez
8 Peter Schneider	18 Stephanie Everett	23 Bert Bender	
9 Charles Lennon	18 Jeremy Nodine	23 Evelyn Stewart	

## The Publix Marathon

Some streets in Decatur will be closed on Sunday, March 18, for the Publix GA Marathon, so double check your route. This only affects the early service. Check their website for List of Road Closures and the Course Map.

### 2018 Publix Georgia Marathon official Web site

<https://www.atlantatrackclub.org/2018-publix-georgia-marathon-half-marathon>

## March Anniversaries

- 5 Polly & Larry Nodine
- 8 Liefy & George Smith
- 9 Jessica & Duane Burns
- 18 Sara & Paul Dangel
- 30 Holly & Charles Slater

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# Now Showing

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## Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes the work of James E. Wright for March

### In James's own words

My love for art began with comics at a very young age. My attention was not grabbed for what would be the 'norm' of reading the comic books, it was the vivid colors on the covers that captivated me. I would spend hours drawing various comic characters and remember having a feeling of happiness and completeness from the vivid colors of my pictures. The more crayons I used in the box, the more satisfied I felt.

I strive to create works that speak to the beauty that exists in colors. I enjoy using acrylics to accentuate color blending and bold lines in my abstract paintings. I want to take the viewer's



eyes on a journey throughout my work. I have a passion for creating designs that appear to have no beginning and no end. My most recent venture with art-infused home décor is satisfying my love for what I like to refer to as functional art. Using various vintage finds in addition to custom build decor, I create products with a goal of providing physical and visual artistic stimulation to viewers. I am having great enjoyment creating these specialized and unique works that are exempt from the infamous reminder... 'Don't touch the art.'

### Artist Bio

*James E. Wright, Owner – Kreativ Fusion*

James Wright is a Fine Art Painter specializing in drawings, canvas designs, mural designs and art-infused home décor. His pieces are untraditional and cannot be mass-produced. James' works are distinctive and unique, complimented by his use of various vintage décor products. He favors acrylics and has a signature for using vivid colors and bold lines to create one-of-a-kind designs in all of his works. James's artistic influences are everything he sees, feels, experiences and dreams. His passion is creating works with a goal of each viewer interpreting something a little different.



James was born in Columbus, Ohio, and now resides in Stone Mountain, Georgia. He earned his BFA from the Columbus College of Art and Design with minors in Retail Advertising and Fashion Illustration. He is currently the owner and artist of Kreativ Fusion in Stone Mountain Village. James's educational achievements and artistic experience over two decades have provided exposure in the realm of numerous feature exhibitions and art showings. This experience ranges from an installation at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center in Columbus Ohio to community involved painting demonstrations for the city of Thomaston, Georgia.

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.

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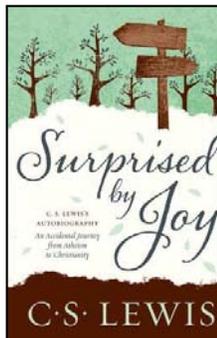
## Ongoing Meetings

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**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](http://acupunctureforveterans.org).

**The Epiphany Book Group** meets 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Hall. Contact: John Yntema at [johnyntema@yahoo.com](mailto:johnyntema@yahoo.com).

- March's selection: *Surprised By Joy*, C.S. Lewis
- April: *Life on the Mississippi*, Mark Twain
- May: *Died in the Wool*, Ngaio Marsh
- June and July: Hiatus
- August: *A Gentleman in Moscow*, Amor Towles



partnership with the Bishop Tharp Institute, a college of the Diocese of Haiti, is welcome to attend.

**Meeting Night:** Committees meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** meet 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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.

**Haiti Meeting** takes place at noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month in Jones Hall. Anyone interested in our

**The Daughters of the King (DOK)** meet 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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## Holy Week & Easter

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### Rite of Reconciliation

Our priests are available by appointment for those wishing to make formal confession according to the Rite of Reconciliation in *The Book of Common Prayer*. Formal confession is an ancient Christian practice that makes explicit the pardon and grace of God for the penitent. Many have found this practice helpful in their Lenten journey, and Holy Week is a particularly appropriate time. Please contact either The Rev. Benno Pattison or The Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers by phone or email if you wish to schedule an appointment.



Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified. Epiphany has a long-held tradition of celebrating this special day beginning with a simple and communal Agápe supper, followed by a procession into the Church to strip the altar and reserve the blessed bread and wine, body and blood of Jesus.

### Palm Sunday

*Sunday, March 25, 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.*

We begin this liturgy on the point, near the Epiphany sign. There we will bless the palms and be led by the choir as we wave and process to the Memorial Garden and into the nave. A dramatic narrative account of Jesus's last days is read during the liturgy with congregational participation. This is a powerful way to begin the most holy week of our liturgical life.

### Tenebrae

*Wednesday, March 28, at 7 p.m.*

Take part in Wednesday's Tenebrae service at 7 p.m. *Tenebrae* is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." This is a contemplative service recalling the Passion of Christ in music, verse and light. You can sign up to read a lesson at [epiphany.org](http://epiphany.org). **CHILDCARE PROVIDED.**

### Maundy Thursday

*Thursday, March 29, at 6:15 p.m.*

No recipes have come down to us from the time of Christ; however, knowing what raw materials were available to the Jews of Palestine in that period and what dishes were mentioned in the Bible, we have an idea of what Christians may have eaten at an Agápe (love) feast. Dried and fresh fruits (no citrus, as oranges and lemons were rare and very expensive), olives, almonds, different kinds of cheeses, lentils, cucumbers with yogurt, couscous, tabbouleh, hummus and bread could have been a part of these meals. For the bread, flatbread, pita, or matzoth (or all three) might have been eaten. Wine for the adults (and grape juice for the children at our supper) would be the custom.

As part of our liturgical expression of this event, we invite participants to bring to their 'assigned' table one of the components listed above while Joel Fowler prepares a delicate fish fillet for those who are interested. As we eat, we will do the liturgy of the Word, make Eucharist around our tables, and humble ourselves to our neighbors by the washing of each other's feet for those who wish to participate.

Sign-up sheets for tables are on the bulletin board in the gallery. Your food offering is designated on the sign-up

sheet. No charge for fish, but please indicate if you want a serving so we have a count. The nursery will be available for infants and toddlers, if parents wish to use it. Older children are seated with their families and are encouraged to attend.

## Quiet Night: Stay Awake With Me

This year our traditional vigil on Maundy Thursday night and Good Friday morning will be our first Quiet Night gathering. During the hours from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m., we will have hosts every three hours who will welcome those who want to come to the church in response to Jesus's request to his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, "remain here, and stay awake with me." A time for prayer, meditation and scripture reading, the vigil hours mark the time between the Last Supper and Jesus's crucifixion. Vigil keepers are invited to pray near the altar of repose, in the baptistry, where the reserved sacrament is kept during this time. You are welcome to come for as long or short a time as you wish. Many find the early morning darkness to be particularly sacred times. For more information, [sharon@epiphany.org](mailto:sharon@epiphany.org)

## Good Friday

Good Friday Services are at noon & 7 p.m. on Friday, March 30. A Service for Families & Children will take place at 5:30 p.m. **CHILDCARE PROVIDED FOR THE 7 P.M. SERVICE.**

The Stations of the Cross—a symbolic meditative journey beginning with Christ's condemnation and ending with his burial—will take place at 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Since 1922, the Episcopal Church has contributed the Good Friday Offering to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

If you would like to contribute, make a check payable to Epiphany noting "Good Friday" in the memo field.

## Holy Saturday Workday

Holy Saturday Workday, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saturday, March 31, includes helping Guilds prepare the Nave for Easter and making crafts for Easter. Sign up your child in the Crossing Hall for ways to help.

## Easter Vigil

Join us for the Great Vigil of Easter at 6 a.m. on Sunday morning to begin our Easter celebration. There will be incense at this service. Remember to bring bells to ring during the service and plan to stay afterwards for champagne and strawberries.

## Easter Breakfast

*Easter Day, April 1, from 9:45 – 11 a.m.*

Breakfast begins Easter morning at 9:45 a.m. Parishioners are invited to bring table-ready breakfast dishes to share, such as fruit, breakfast sweets, breakfast casseroles and other breakfast savories. Parish Life will provide biscuits with jams and jellies. No charge/donations welcome. Sign up in the Crossing Hall.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Children in Grades 3 and under are invited to join in the annual Epiphany Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning! Please bring your own baskets. We will gather in Jones Hall following the 8:45 a.m. service for directions and to begin the hunt.

Plastic eggs and candy donations will be accepted throughout Lent until Palm Sunday, March 25. Donations may be placed in the bins in the gallery or given to Laraine Fraijo-Paul in the Church office. Volunteers are needed to fill eggs and to hide them. Please email Laraine at [laraine@epiphany.org](mailto:laraine@epiphany.org) if you would like to volunteer.

## Easter Flowers & Music



I would like to make a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for flowers and/or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for music.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
and/or

In thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

This form with check attached must be returned to the parish office no later than Monday, March 26, for the donation to be listed in the Easter bulletins. Make check payable to Church of the Epiphany and note Easter Flowers or Music in the memo field. You can also choose to pay online and send the dedication information to [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org).

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# Diocesan & Community News

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## Grounded & Grateful: A Spiritual Path for Difficult Times

Saturday, March 10, 2018

**St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church 4393 Garmon Road NW Atlanta, GA, 30327**

Diana Butler Bass is an author, speaker, and independent scholar specializing in American religion and culture. She



holds a Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University and is the author of nine books, including *Grounded: Finding God in the World – A Spiritual Revolution*.

Diana writes frequently for The Huffington Post and The Washington Post and comments regularly on religion, politics, and culture in other media, including CNN, PBS, and NPR. From 1995 to 2000 she wrote a weekly column on American religion for the New York Times Syndicate.

Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Lectures: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Book Signing & Reception to follow

Admission is free, but reservations are required. Please email [DBBassEvent@gmail.com](mailto:DBBassEvent@gmail.com) to reserve your space by March 7, 2018.

## Atlanta Schola Cantorum Presents

Saturday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 1790 LaVista Road, Atlanta.

### Life, the Universe, and Everything: Music of Life and Death, Love and Nature

Please join us for our Spring 2018 concert, "Life, the Universe, and Everything: Music of Life and Death, Love and Nature: Choral Music from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to today."

Our program this spring consists of the choral music of a wide spectrum of composers, ranging from Thomas Tallis to Bobby McFerrin, with Tudor and Restoration English composers Maurice Greene, William Boyce, and Richard Nicolson along the way. The concert repertoire is also of varied styles, including a set of madrigals by John Bennett, John Ward, Thomas Weelkes, and Michael East. Also

featured are Ola Gjeilo's Northern Lights and two anthems, Africa and Rutland, of early American composer William Billings.

Tickets are \$20, available at the door. Tickets for students, seniors, AEMA members, and St. Bartholomew's parishioners are \$15. There will be a reception following the concert. Parking is free.

## The Heart of Centering Prayer: A Day with The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault

Saturday, March 17, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at The Cathedral of St. Philip ([map](#))



This day-long conference will include lectures, discussion and question & answer, and of course, time for centering prayer itself.

The cost will be \$50/person and will include lunch.

Cynthia Bourgeault will explore the themes of her book, *The Heart of Centering Prayer*: "Centering prayer is the path to a wonderful and radical new way of seeing the world. It is not, as is sometimes thought, simply an act of devotional piety, nor is it simply a Christianized form of other meditation methods. Cynthia Bourgeault here cuts through the misconceptions to show that centering prayer is in fact a pioneering development within the Christian contemplative tradition. She provides a practical, complete course in the practice and then goes deeper to analyze what actually happens in centering prayer: the mind effectively switches to a new operating system that makes possible the perception of nonduality. With this understanding in place, she then takes us on a journey through one of the sources of the practice, the Christian contemplative classic *The Cloud of Unknowing*, revealing it to be among the earliest Christian explorations of the phenomenology of consciousness."

Please register for this event by March 14<sup>th</sup> at

<https://www.stphilipscathedral.org/learn/spirituality/cynthia-bourgeault-2018/>

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**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.

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## For Our Prayers...

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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
- Tom Mundy
- Charlie Overstreet
- Evelyn Stewart
- Wes Wright

### *Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers*

- Neil Banfield
- Arlen Gray
- Sarah Jane Wollison

### *Rest eternal grant them*

- Charles Shipp, father of Amy Shipp
- Susu Wimberley, aunt of Gretchen D'Huyvetter Cobb

### *We give thanks for the blessing bestowed upon this family*

- The Rev. David & Beano Wagner, whose daughter Hayes Amelia, was born February 10.

### *Those in the armed forces*

- 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
- 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
- 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
- Bill Ham, friend of Sandy Land
- Nicole Deinert, friend of Laraine Fraijo-Paul
- Comfort Afolabi, mother of Lola Oyesiku
- Cory Gilmer, friend of Amy Shipp & Eric Schulz
- Hank, Tres, Laura and Mollie, friends of Caroline Driebe
- Norma Mengel, friend of Barbara Ryder
- Keren Clay, friend of Richard & Susan Messner
- Andy Bell, son of Cindy & Tom Bell
- Teri & Kevin McMahan, friends of Kay Lee & Bert Bender
- Sherri Sharpe, cousin of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder
- Mike Tipton, brother of Pam Tipton
- Tom & Jennie Smith, friends of Pam Tipton & David Thierry
- Mike Maloof, friend of Chippy & Mac Holladay





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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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