



# The EPIPHANY STAR

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## Joiners and near Methodists and Stargazers

This newsletter just landed in the box of some 461 families of all different makeups and configurations. Because of the program Shea uses to send out the newsletter, we know how many people open this email and look at the content. It is a small percent. And the combination of that small percent mixed with our daily lives renders an even smaller percent of those who look past this cover letter into the content provided. Part of the reason we know this, is the number of times someone says "I didn't know about...(fill in the blank)" and the response is "It was in the newsletter."

Let me clarify something first. There is no guilt or shame seeking here. I truly believe in the deepest part of my heart that each of us is doing the best we can each day. We have a myriad of demands on us and a history of experiences that have brought us to this place and this day, and motivate us to act and react the way we do. I have a lot of compassion for the limits of our human selves, particularly in this day and time and world.

So, perhaps I am writing this cover letter specifically to those who read the cover and never go any deeper. Perhaps I am writing this, in all transparency, to those who feel out of the loop, but never glance at the announcements in the Sunday bulletin of the opportunities to be in the loop. Perhaps I am writing to Shea to say thank you for compiling all of this information and making it super easy to find out what is happening in our church family. And perhaps I am writing to all those who think newsletters and print announcements are antiquated ways to communicate.

If you happen to be one of those who has made it this far...I want to tell you about something that has been running in each edition of the newsletter for the last couple of months.

### **You are invited.**

That's the topic of a series of offerings that have been submitted by members of Epiphany. In conjunction with our stewardship season, members of our parish have offered some of the most intimate stories of their lives, and reasons why they worship at Epiphany and support us financially. We have heard stories from Alix Janke and a piece of her journey at Epiphany and how she and Wende Crow were voluntold ears ago they would be ushers and that continues today. And since she is a joiner by nature she is now in two choirs and on the vestry! Then Nancy Chandler told us how she and wife Peggy reluctantly visited Epiphany as the last Episcopal church to visit before resorting to Methodism...and found a welcome and an invitation and a home. Brenda Lloyd shared a piece of her story of love and devotion to caring for creation sparked by the Canadian stars one night from her canoe in the middle of a lake and how she remains dedicated to this work at Epiphany. Susan Ashmore has beautifully described how worship at Epiphany connects us to each other and how collective offerings feel more efficacious than individual dollars. Please go and read Amy Shipp's list of 33 extraordinary moments at Epiphany (and why she picked 33).

Here's the important link to know and where to find these stories: <https://youareinvited.info/>

Please take the time to look at these offerings. Our life is rich at Epiphany. You are invited to be a part of this family and share in our hopes and joys and sorrows and struggles. These stories inspire me to dig in even further. Join me?

The Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers, Senior Associate Rector

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# You Are Invited

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## Something Larger

By Ann Fowler

My family never went to church and I grew up without religion. But as an adult, I felt something was missing in my life. I wanted more; I longed for spiritual inspiration and growth, and a closer relationship with God, so I began to seek a church home. I visited churches of all denominations, and eventually found the Episcopal Church. That was when, in the late 1990s, I went to a service at Epiphany and met the rector Claiborne Jones. It was a nice visit, but I was still “shopping.” The Rev. John Westerhoff was offering a course on Episcopal church history at St. Luke’s and I wanted to attend it. I became quite comfortable at St. Luke’s, but when the course ended, and a building campaign moved services into the parish hall, I didn’t feel very connected any more. I returned to Epiphany. Neil Banfield greeted me in the parking lot and Betty Walton invited me into the church. Claiborne surprised me with “Welcome back, Ann!” Even though I hadn’t been to Epiphany in a couple of months, she remembered my name! I knew I was home.

Claiborne had a knack for discovering the talents of parishioners and putting them to good use. At the time I was an artist working for Carter’s, the baby clothing company, and Claiborne asked me to create a coloring book of the stained-glass windows as a fundraiser. She also asked me to draw spot illustrations of various parts of the church to be used in bulletins and the *Star*. She learned that my husband, Joel, liked to cook and asked him to help at the Epiphany picnic at Sweetwater State Park. By engaging us in these simple activities for the church, we became more committed members.

Soon I was teaching the first grade Sunday school class (Jimmy Rabb and Anna Democko were students!), joining various committees and guilds, participating in mission trips, and being called to serve on the vestry. It was through these ministries that I formed close relationships with other parishioners. If you aren’t already involved in an activity or program at Epiphany, I encourage you to do so. It’s a great way to meet people, grow in faith, and serve others and the church.

I’ve experienced deep emotions at Epiphany, laughed and had fun at parish events, and wept both in joy and in sorrow during beautiful services in the nave and on the Epiphany grounds. During hard times our bonds to a church can be broken or made stronger. I’ll never forget the love and support I received from parishioners when my father died in 2012. I had taken a break from church and wasn’t attending Epiphany regularly. But members comforted me as if I had never left. Benno also responded quickly after I was hit by a car while riding my bike in 2015, and I’ll always be grateful for his caring words during that painful recovery.

Time. Talent. Treasure. I give to Epiphany because I love the church and its people. I’ve been enriched by this community and I believe it’s my responsibility to give back. I’m a joyful giver. I give to support the outreach programs that I feel are essential to our church life. I give to make sure we have the resources to continue Christian formation for children and adults. I give to help our inspirational choir. I give to pay our clergy and staff. I give to maintain our buildings and grounds. I give so that we can do good in the world.

### Some of Ann’s renderings



Icon shelf carving



Celtic Goose Window



Brass Ombre Door



The Epiphany Banner

*You Are Invited Blog: The Stewardship Committee gathered the “You Are Invited” newsletter articles, added additional articles and – starting in May – interviews with all the “stewards” of Epiphany. Please visit [youareinvited.info](http://youareinvited.info), take a moment to read the articles and add your comments.*

# Notes on Epiphany's (2018) Budget

By Eric Schulz

This is a primer for those in our church who may never have seen the Epiphany budget and/or aren't familiar with its creation.

Our expenses can be broadly categorized as falling into one of the following groups:

- **People** - All expenses related to people. This includes salaries, taxes, and health and life insurance and amounts to \$427,998 for 2018. We never want to see this amount go down because that would mean fewer staff, fewer benefits or lower salaries. In fact, just to maintain salaries, this number generally goes up every year due to inflation. Additionally, many of us would like to see merit or COL (cost of living) raises annually for staff.
- **Buildings and Grounds** - All expenses related to the building and grounds. This includes mortgages, repairs, property insurance, utilities and diocesan pledge and amounts to \$191,000 for 2018.
- **Education, Liturgy and Music** - This includes Christian Education for adults and children, youth activities, nursery expenses, Vacation Bible School, musicians, organ and piano maintenance, altar supplies, worship, outreach, parish life and stewardship and amounts to \$56,075 for 2018.



Those three large categories make up \$675,073 of the 2018 budget. That leaves \$26,536, which can be used for everything else, including office supplies, computer and office equipment, postage, telephone and internet, bank fees, payroll fees, audit expenses and other expenses.

That's half the story. Now, let's take a look at income. Some of us may feel that church budgeting is just moving money from one bucket to another; however, that's not the case. If we don't receive enough income, decisions will have to be made that could have a real and lasting negative impact on the people and programs of this church.

Each year, many of us pledge that we will give some amount of money to Epiphany. For 2018, that amount is \$512,254. Epiphany has total revenues of \$701,609 and pledged income makes up the majority of that. There are other sources of revenue, including offering plate income, fees charged for building use, etc. Those other items make budgeting more difficult, because we have to guess some of those amounts. If I've pledged \$5000, I am expected to give at least \$5000. However, if I were just to put that money in the plate each week (without the pledge), the vestry and finance committee wouldn't be able to count on that money, since I could also give \$500 or \$50,000. Because of that, **your pledge** is the best way to support all of the amazing things that are going on at Epiphany.

Pledging is what allows our church to operate at the level it does. Due to inflation, your goal should be for your pledge to grow annually just to keep up with inflation. The people and programs of Epiphany are already great. If you'd like to see what Epiphany can be, please challenge yourself to grow your pledge.

## The Epiphany Story

The story of Epiphany is an all year - all hands on deck- all ministries - all experiences - all ages and all day every day kind of story. And when you put all those individual stories together into Epiphany's story, the result is the definition of Stewardship.

So that's why we created the Parish Life Photo Board (with more to come), the You Are Invited blog, the speaking, the interviewing and the asking. If we are successful in collecting all of the stories of all of the stewards, we can create an Epiphany story that can knit them all together.

Another part of our story telling process the Cottage Meeting. We can speak in the services, talk at the summer breakfast and describe ministries with photo boards. But the most important part of the storytelling process is the opportunity to have conversations with the storytellers.

In our Cottage meeting we will talk about the Epiphany story, but we will most importantly answer your questions. Ask us whatever is on your mind. We will do our best to answer - or we will get the answers for you. Ask us why we are here and why we make a financial commitment to Epiphany? Go ahead. We will do our best to tell you honestly what it means to us.

All are invited to join us at 6:30 on Wednesday, October 10 in Jones Hall after the Wednesday night supper for a cottage meeting. We hope to hear your story! Childcare will be provided.



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## Parish Life

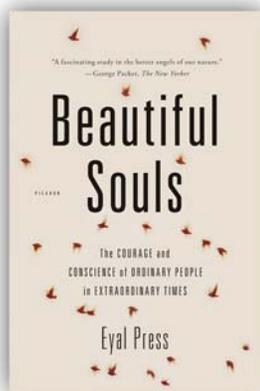
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### Ongoing Meetings

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

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

- October: *Beautiful Souls* by Eyal Press
- November: *Franklin and Winston* by Jon Meachman
- December: *The Man Who Invented Christmas* by Les Standiford



**Haiti Meeting** takes place at noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. Meeting begins at 11 a.m., with a covered dish luncheon to follow.

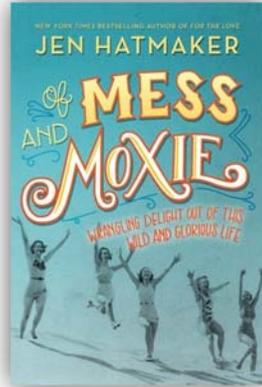
**Quilters Dozen:** Join us Wednesdays from 5 - 6:15 p.m., as we begin quilting the Books of the Bible (BOTB) Quilt. All levels welcome. Drop in or keep coming back. Please bring in any finished or unfinished blocks. Kelli Shadwell/[kellishadwell@gmail.com](mailto:kellishadwell@gmail.com).

**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 11:30 a.m. \$5 per class, Silversneakers cardholders free (bring card). Wear comfortable clothes and bring water. Contact: Ellen Mintzmyer 404.421.8476.

**Daughters of the King (DOK)** will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Banfield residence. For directions, email Audrey Banfield at banfieldn@comcast.net. We invite all ladies of the congregation to join us.

**Epiphany Church Ladies Book Club:** This fall we are reading *Of Mess and Moxie* by Jennifer Hatmaker. The group meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. for snacks and conversation at the home of Stephanie Everett (1939 Grist Stone Ct., Atlanta 30307/404.695.5480). Bring a snack or drink to share.



**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)

## Transitions

Please welcome our new members. 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

Elizabeth Walker  
*from St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Minneapolis, MN*

Judy Jarady  
*from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Snellville, GA*

William Lutz  
*from The Parish of St. Helena, Beaufort, SC*

## October Anniversaries

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 6 Amy Shipp & Eric Schulz       | 11 Molly & Mike McAuliffe     | 20 Catherine & David Stern             |
| 8 Kaylie & Evan Gibbs           | 11 Keith Fox & Joey Saavedra  | 24 Tom & Cecilia Democko               |
| 8 Ashley & Luke Pattison        | 13 Stacey & Fred Lucas        | 25 Mindy & Kenny Pillow                |
| 9 Suzanne & Chris Armor         | 13 Christine & Charles Sterne | 25 Lauren Marcewicz & Caroline Peacock |
| 9 Lisa Carlson & Johanna Hinman | 14 Jeremy & Cristin Davis     | 30 Kimberly Bonde & Elizabeth Roberts  |
| 10 Susan Scott & Rob Godsall    | 16 Alix & Todd Janke          | 31 Chris & Erin Braden                 |

## October Birthdays

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Jack Brogan               | 10 Pam Gore            | 16 Noelle Reetz     | 23 Kimberly Bonde   |
| 2 Colleen Flood             | 10 Alex Williamson     | 17 Jessa Corcoran   | 23 Katharine Carr   |
| 3 Jerry Kinnane             | 11 Brittany Baum       | 17 Arianna Council  | 23 Ty Horn          |
| 3 Irma Navarro              | 11 Bryce Holden        | 17 William Holland  | 24 Laura Brogan     |
| 4 Sally Walker              | 11 Myles Moody         | 17 Amy Zeller       | 24 Katherine Dickey |
| 5 Gretchen D'Huyvetter Cobb | 11 Nelson Oyesiku      | 18 Pam Hall         | 24 Cathy McKinney   |
| 5 Jackie Breitenstein       | 11 Henry Sadler        | 18 Mike Kotzan      | 25 Zoey Laird       |
| 5 Sally Brockington         | 12 Tipton May          | 19 Laura Keys       | 26 Janet Wilson     |
| 5 Louise Leghorn            | 13 Walter Hare         | 19 Shelly Moorfield | 26 John Tillman     |
| 5 William Walker            | 13 Brenda Lloyd        | 19 Ben Sadler       | 27 Willa Loftin     |
| 5 Kellan Yeager             | 13 Tom Mundy, Jr.      | 19 Jane Stutz       | 27 Kara Vona        |
| 6 Burke Hoesterey           | 13 Carter Pickens      | 20 Lila Becker      | 28 Robin Hairston   |
| 7 Jaye Rudolph              | 13 Aidan Potts         | 20 John Howarth     | 28 Ted Jackson      |
| 8 Anna Sherrill             | 14 Stephen Holland     | 20 Lola Oyesiku     | 29 Katie Schneider  |
| 9 Scarlett Anderson         | 14 Barbara Holmes      | 21 Max Finnegan     | 30 Paula Edwards    |
| 9 Jed Douglas               | 14 Henry Milhaven-Eddy | 22 Bill Biddle      | 31 Anna Hare        |
| 9 Ann Fowler                | 14 Ellie Roof          | 22 Tom Democko      | 31 Randall Shearin  |
| 9 Susan Landskroener        | 15 Emily Schmidt       | 22 Silvia Ethridge  |                     |
| 9 Pippi Moore               | 16 Chris Hale          | 22 Jim McKinney     |                     |

# The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

## OCTOBER 2018

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	6:00 p.m. *Veterans' Acupuncture 7:30 p.m. Epiphany Book Group (JH)	7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (CH) 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (KT) 10:30 a.m. Staff (L01) 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/001) 7:00 p.m. AA for Women (JH-A) 7:30 p.m. *Festival Singers of Act. (MS)	Announcement Deadline 8:15 a.m. Cap. Cam. Comm. Mtg. (JH) 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-A) 6:45 p.m. SMA (JH-C) 7:30 p.m. Epiphany Choir (MS) Compline (CH)	10:00 a.m. Staff Check-in 11:30 a.m. Flex & Stretch (JH) 6:00 p.m. Chez Epiphany (JH/KT)		10:00 a.m. Altar Guild I
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# Adult Formation & Worship

## St. Francis Animal Blessing

Sunday, October 7, at 5 p.m.

All pets (and people!) are welcome (properly restrained pets, please) at the 5 p.m. Eucharist on Sunday as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, who was born in the 12<sup>th</sup> century and is the patron saint of animals and the environment. It is a popular day for pets to be "blessed." Reception to follow.



## Theological Journal

This fall the clergy and staff are writing about prayer as personal piety. Every two weeks, a new entry will be posted at [epiphany.org](http://epiphany.org). We hope these reflections will stir your journey with God, and give you pause in your daily life and work to pray. Copies are also in the tract rack.

## Holy Baptism

The sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered on All Saints' Sunday, November 4, for adults, infants and children. If you or a member of your family desires to be baptized, please contact the parish office at 404.373.8338 or [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org).

## Adult Formation Sundays at 10 A.M.

- **Walk in Love:** Take a journey through The Book of Common Prayer, the Christian life, and basic beliefs of our faith. Walk through the liturgical year, the sacraments of the church, habits of daily prayer, and

the teachings of Anglican Christianity. Jones Hall Room A

- **Studying the Psalms:** We will look more closely at how God's people lived their relationship with God during the time of David. We will learn how to read, mark, pray and inwardly digest the Psalms. Led by Evan Bassett. Jones Hall Room B
- **Modern Families:** Modern Families will be discussing Healthy Systems (social systems), Healthy Families. No pre-reading required. Come join us for a robust discussion! Jones Hall Room C

## Weekday Worship

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

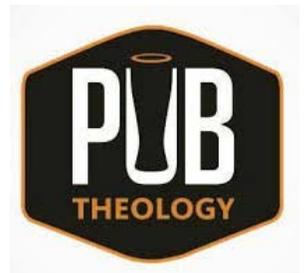
## Pub Theology Tuesdays

Libations Liberal Engagement of Culture and God Lots of Fun

When	4th Tuesday of the Month
Where	The Marlay (Downtown Decatur on Ponce)
Why	For Fun
Who	Anyone who might enjoy a wide ranging discussion on God and Culture
What	Food and Drink and Good Questions and Good Thoughts

The format is simple, we will ask a question like "What does art say about God"? Or, "How does the City lift or trounce the spirit"? "Can you meet God in a Bar, or on the bus, or..." Then we will discuss; there may, at times, be a single sheet handout, a picture, new clipping, or paragraph or three about the question.

We will save time near the end of every session to Q and A the presenter. No reservation necessary. Hope to find you all at the Pub sometime this fall.



## 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.

**The Forward Day by Day quarterly booklet** for Aug/Sep/Oct is in the Gallery tract rack. The publication, owned by the Episcopal Church, is a pocket-size booklet of daily Bible readings and devotions. \$1 a copy. To listen to the daily Forward Day by Day Podcast <https://daybydaypodcast.wordpress.com/> or search for it on iTunes. Follow them on Facebook and Twitter for daily devotionals on the go, and news from Forward Movement.

## 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.

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# Outreach

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## Volunteers needed to work with Emmaus House youth

Volunteers are needed to help middle and high school students with their homework in the Emmaus House *Youth on the Move* program. Assistance in all subjects is appreciated, but math tutors are especially needed.



*Youth on the Move* is located at Emmaus House (1017 Hank Aaron Drive, SW, Atlanta, GA 30315) in Ezzard Hall. Homework sessions are one hour long, scheduled between 5 and 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, now through December 14. Volunteers are asked to commit to one or two sessions a week.

If you are interested in working with Emmaus House youth, please contact the Director of Education Services, Ann Fowler, at 404.808.1864 or [annfowler@emmaushouse.org](mailto:annfowler@emmaushouse.org).

## Hurricane Relief

Contributions to the Hurricane Relief Fund at [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org) will help Episcopal Relief & Development support Church and other local partners as they provide critical emergency assistance to those most in need.

## Prize Collection

The ECW is collecting items for the Holy Comforter Friendship Center bingo games. Suggested Items: puzzle books, playing cards, personal care items (shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes), stationery (pens, greeting cards, stamps). A donation basket is in the gallery

## 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.

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# Children Ministries

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## Children's News

Sign up to receive the e-newsletter for Epiphany Children's Ministries by e-mailing [laraine@epiphany.org](mailto:laraine@epiphany.org).

## Nursery

Childcare is available for children 3 years old and younger starting from 8:30 a.m. in our church nursery. Jean and Charlotte have been with us for years caring for the littlest.

As our church continues to grow with little ones it is imperative that as a community we adhere to the age limit for the nursery. No child over 3 years old is to be left in the nursery.

Children are always welcome to worship and encouraged to join their families at all our services. A bulletin designed for children is available in the Narthex along with crayons.

## Sunday School - Godly Play

At Epiphany we utilize the Godly Play curriculum for children ages 3.5 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Each classroom incorporates our faith stories in a developmentally appropriate manner. This allows kids to explore and wonder freely.



The Godly Play/Sunday School teachers are excited to welcome your children into this new year. We ask that parents visit the link on the homepage to register their children for this Sunday School year!

Sunday school started August 19 and runs Sundays 10 – 11 a.m. through May 19, 2019. For more information or questions please email Laraine Fraijo-Paul, Director of Children's Ministries, at [laraine@epiphany.org](mailto:laraine@epiphany.org).

## Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel is held during the 8:45 a.m. service on Sundays during the school year. It is a joyful child-focused service with liturgy, music, a story and prayers. We learn to set the table, reverence, cross ourselves and learn the stories and songs of the liturgical year. We then process back to "big church" to join our families during the Peace, and remain for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Parents are welcome to come to Children's Chapel anytime. Children up to age 8 (or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) are welcome to participate in Children's Chapel.

## SMA Group- Grades 3-6

SMA stands for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! These three friends faced a fiery furnace to stand up for their beliefs! This group focuses on building healthy social skills and learning about Jesus' example on earth. Join us at 6:30 p.m. in Jones Hall. Dinner on your own or RSVP for WNS.

Parent volunteers are needed to help this program get started; please email Laraine to find out how you can help! For more information or questions please email Laraine Fraijo-Paul, Director of Children's Ministries, at [laraine@epiphany.org](mailto:laraine@epiphany.org).

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# Youth Ministries

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## 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

## Parent Volunteers

Our parents and parishioners are our greatest resource! If you would like to volunteer to help out with the Youth—we want to hear from you! If you can help provide snacks on Sunday mornings, or lunch/dinner on Sunday nights, please click on the RSVP button at [epiphany.org](http://epiphany.org) so you can sign up.

## Sunday School for Teens

The youth of the parish are divided up into two groups on Sunday: Jr. High (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) meet in Room 201 and High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) meet in the basement classroom.

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# Diocesan & Community Events

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## Mikell Folk School's Fall Weekend

The Fall Folk School at Camp Mikell in Toccoa is October 19-21, 2018, and will offer classes in copper enameling, woodturning, weaving, independent study, knitting beginner & intermediate, stained glass and spinning. For more information and registration, visit <http://campmikell.com/mikell-folk-school/class-offerings/>

## Jazz Concert Series

- Sunday, September 30, 2018
- 4:00 PM 7:00 PM
- 2407 Cascade Road, SW Atlanta, GA 30311

The Neighborhood Arts Ensemble (NAE) is a 20-piece instrumental ensemble founded and directed by Joe Jennings that features the music of Duke Ellington, Duke Pearson, Cecil Bridgewater, Frank Foster, Charles Mingus and many others. The NAE is composed of a cross-section of fantastic musicians living in the Atlanta area and continues to be a means of preserving and sharing the legacy of the great composers and arrangers for Jazz orchestra.

Admission is \$20.

## Pride Weekend

This year Pride Weekend is October 13 and 14, 2018. This observance provides us, as part of the Jesus Movement, the opportunity to reach out to those who have suffered at the hands of organized religion. We have a chance to try and literally redeem the church to so many who need a place to reconnect with a faith community and do so just as they are. The Diocese of Atlanta is known as a welcoming community to LGBTQ+ folks and is an official sponsor of Pride. Please join us in this ministry. You are welcome regardless of your race, age, gender, gender identity/expression, marital status, sexual orientation, economic status, or any of the factors that often divide us.

As a prelude to the weekend's activities, Integrity Atlanta will host its 30th Annual Pride Eucharist on Thursday, October 11, 2018. The Eucharist will take place at All Saints' Episcopal Church, [634 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30308](https://www.all-saints-atlanta.org/) and begins at 7:30 p.m. The preacher is the Reverend Horace Griffin, Associate Rector, St. Luke's. The celebrant is the Reverend Kimberly Jackson, Associate Rector, All Saints'. We will also welcome the musical talents of Trey Clegg and the Trey Clegg Singers to lead music for the service. All truly are welcome!

Sign up to help staff the Diocese of Atlanta booth at the Pride Festival in Piedmont Park on Saturday, October 13, and Sunday, October 14, by going to this link: <https://preview.tinyurl.com/2018-Pride-Booth-Sign-Up>. Meet people and tell them about The Episcopal Church's welcome of them whoever they are and wherever they are on their journey.

The Diocese of Atlanta will have a float and a walking contingent in the Pride Parade on Sunday, October 14. Sign up to carry a parish sign in the parade by going to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2018-Parade-Sign-Up>. The Pride Parade is one of the largest parades in the city. The parade begins at noon and steps off from the Civic Center MARTA Station about two blocks south of All Saints' Episcopal Church. Carry a parish sign or just come walk with us!



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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 for a month and remain in the newsletter for two months.

### *Rest eternal grant them*

- Stephanie Fraijo, cousin of Laraine Fraijo-Paul
- Jason King, friend of Amy Shipp
- Magdi Credi, friend of Laraine Fraijo-Paul

### *Heal your sick servants*

- Richard Bassett
- Joy Boyden
- The Cobb Family
- Arlen Gray
- Pam Hall
- Ron Hutcheson
- Hugh Keenan
- John Keys
- Laura Keys
- Michele MacLeod
- Rod MacLeod
- Mary McCall Cash
- Chris Miller
- Tom Mundy
- Charlie Overstreet
- Bill & Jaye Rudolph
- Wes Wright

### *Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers*

- Arlen Gray
- Sarah Jane Wollison

### *For those awaiting the adoption of a child*

- Katy & Evan Bassett
- Doug & Magda Kertscher
- Caroline Peacock & Lauren Marcewicz

### *Those in the armed forces*

- Lt. Col. Anthony Baggs, son of Sally E. McClintock
- MSG Stewart Mundy, son of Dan & Diane Mundy
- Brandon Pattison, nephew of Benno Pattison
- Nick Watts, brother of Chris Booth

### *Family and friends who request our prayers*

- Robert friend of Susan and Caroline Bridges
- Stephanie Fraijo, cousin of Laraine Fraijo-Paul
- Frank Goulding, friend of Nancy Thompson
- Russ Holmes, friend of George Council
- Elizabeth M. Brasher, friend of Caroline Driebe
- Sherri Sharpe, cousin of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder
- Jerri Newman, friend of Susan & Richard Messner
- Linda Oakleaf, friend of Amanda Styles and Megan Swett
- Jess Hobler, friend of Shereetha Jackson
- Laine Crowe, friend of Shannon Lambeth
- Frank & Elizabeth Allan
- Billy Lloyd, brother of Brenda Lloyd
- Cholu , friend of Shirley Banks
- Kim Vandyke, friend of Debra Aring
- Jane McCaddin, friend of Linda Ryder-Wolf
- Abigail Hiers, cousin of Sharon Hiers
- Keren Clay, friend of Susan & Richard Messner
- Bill Allen, father of Jewel Allen
- Mike McGuire, uncle of Wende Crowe
- Brad Akers, nephew of Pat Graves
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- Kim Van Dyke, friend of Debra Aring
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- Casey Blankenship, friend of Linda Ryder-Wolf
- Tom McGrath, cousin of Megan Swett
- Patti Austin, friend of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder
- Billy Lloyd, brother of Brenda Lloyd
- Mike McGuire, uncle of Wende Crowe
- William Edwards, father of Paul Edwards



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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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