TODAY AT EPIPHANY - SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

NOTICE | Not Meeting today

Due to the celebration of our Feast Day with the Epiphany Pageant and Feast Day Feast after services, the following regular Sunday Activities WILL NOT TAKE PLACE:

- Children's Chapel
- Formation for Adults
- Formation for Children & Youth
- Youth Group

PARISH LIFE | It's the Last Day of the Nativities Display

The display will be packed away until next year tomorrow. If you'd like to help with taking them down on Monday, January 5, please sign up at epiphany.org/rsvp.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Art Ministry—now showing through January 30, 2025

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes a Quilt Exhibit from award-winning quilter Michelle Hiskey. The quilts are not for sale. Learn more about the artist and the art ministry at epiphany.org/epiphany-gallery.

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in thanksgiving for Rod MacLeod's birthday by Michele MacLeod.

The Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God.

Altar Arrangements & the Sanctuary Light can be given in honor of an anniversary, birthday, or in memory of a loved one. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to reserve dates that have meaning for you. Dates through the end of 2025 have been posted.

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | January DEAM Pantry Drive

Epiphany stocks the pantry at the Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM) twice a year in January and June. For the month of January, we are collecting grape and strawberry jelly, canned fruit, protein bars, and peanut butter cracker packs. Wooden bins for your donations are in the gallery inside the front door. If you would like to make a financial donation online instead, go to https://onrealm.org/epiphanyatl/give/DEAM.

WORSHIP | Weekday Services—visit epiphany.org/worship-services for details

- Weekday Morning Prayer–9:00 a.m. online, request the login link from the parish office.
- Tuesday Morning Prayer (Holy Eucharist 1st Tuesdays)–7:00 a.m. in the side chapel
- Wednesday Noonday Prayer—12:00 p.m. in the side chapel; a Healing Service and Eucharist follows at 12:15 p.m.

PARISH GROUP | Men's Breakfast Group-Tuesdays following the 7:00 a.m. service

1/7—The Men's Breakfast Group gathers for breakfast and discussion following the 7:00 a.m. Tuesday service and are typically on their way by 8:00 a.m. Log into Realm to contact John Yntema with any questions.

MUSIC | Choirs for Children & Youth-Tuesdays • Music Suite upstairs

• Children's and Youth Choirs return on Tuesday, February 4.

PARISH GROUPS | Trivia Group—Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. • Wild Heaven in Avondale Estates

1/7–All are invited to join the Epiphany Trivia Group on Tuesdays at Wild Heaven in Avondale. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends by 9:00 p.m. Questions? Log into Realm to contact Edie Brush or Jacob.

MUSIC | Choirs for Adults & Youth–Wednesdays • music suite

- 1/8–Our all-volunteer <u>Epiphany Choir</u> rehearses from 6:45 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite.
- Epiphany Ringers' rehearsals resume on February 5.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Gateway Center Meal Ministry—meals served 2nd Fridays of the month

1/8-10–Volunteers cook in the Epiphany kitchen and then serve the meal at Gateway Shelter on 2nd Fridays. To help prepare, cook, or serve the meal, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

PASTORAL CARE | Caregiver Group-2nd Fridays at 11:45 p.m. • Zoom

1/10–Epiphany's Caregiver Group meets on the 2nd Friday of the month, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Zoom. Parish members who are caring for a loved one, or who are anticipating caring for a loved one, gather to talk about their experience and support one another. The group is facilitated by Epiphany parishioner Nancy Thompson, a Georgia-licensed psychologist, and is co-facilitated by parishioner Anne Bucey, who is trained as a spiritual advisor. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Nancy Thompson.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

FORMATION | Children & Youth Ministries—Sundays at 11:30 a.m. • locations vary

Children and Youth formation resumes January 12.

- Godly Play–Ages 3 3rd grade, Room 203
- Youth Formation—4th 8th Grade, Donut Den
- High School Coffee Hour–9th 12th Grade, Room 201

FORMATION | Adult Formation—Sundays at 11:30 a.m. • parish hall

Join The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright and The Rev. Carmie McDonald for a three-part adult formation series, "Returning to our Roots," Sundays January 12, 19, and February 2. We will explore our Anglican/Episcopal identity including our history and governance, theology, sacraments, and spirituality. This series also serves as the formation needed for adult confirmation. Please contact Carmie for more information.

FORMATION | Contemplative Practice—join us in the Choir Loft at 4:00 p.m.

1/12—Come gather with us on 2nd Sundays at 4:00 p.m. for a time of reflection, meditation instruction, and gathering with others seeking a more grounded way of being in the world. Led by Bobbi Patterson, Elizabeth Ura and Amy Dills-Wright. Contact the Rev. Amy Dills-Wright at adillswright@epiphany.org if you have any questions.

PARISH GROUPS | Young Adults Gathering—Sunday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. • parish hall

1/12—The Epiphany Young Adults (20s and 30s) will gather on Sunday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the church for "Jams with Julie" to learn more about the organ. Please bring a snack or drink to share. We'll have a bite to eat, tour the organ, and celebrate compline. Contact Jacob Geiger or Edie Brush if you have any questions.

PARISH GROUPS | Epiphany Book Group-2nd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. • location varies

1/13—The Epiphany Book meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. See listing below for titles and location. All are welcome. Log into Realm to contact Linda Ryder-Wolf if you have any questions.

- January 13: Still Fooling 'Em, by Billy Crystal (Zoom)
- February 10: The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey (Zoom)
- March 10: Soil by Camille Dungy (Epiphany)

PARISH GROUPS | The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)—2nd Tuesdays at 9:30/11:00 a.m. • parish hall 1/14—In January, the meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the Harvey Fund and we will make sandwiches for Emmaus House afterwards. We will adjourn to Melton's App & Tap (2500 N. Decatur Rd., Decatur) for lunch. All women of Epiphany are invited to attend.

WORSHIP | Family Eucharist Service & Service Project-all activities in the parish hall

1/14–Join us for a Family Eucharist at 6:15 p.m. Arrive by 6:00 p.m. if you'd like to eat pizza together, or come at 5:00 p.m. to take part in the Family Service Project. RSVP for the pizza at epiphany.org/rsvp.

PARISH GROUPS | The Munch Bunch-3rd Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. • Thinking Man Tavern

1/15–Give yourself a mid-week-treat and join friends and friends-to-be for lunch at 1:00 p.m. at the Thinking Man Tavern on Howard Avenue in Decatur. No agenda. No reservation needed. Just fun. Log into Realm to contact Laura Keys if you have any questions.

NOTICE | Annual Parish Meeting

1/26—All members of the parish are encouraged to join us in the parish hall at 11:30 a.m. for this important meeting in the life of our church. The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright and members of the Vestry will report on the state of the parish in 2024 and look ahead to what's planned for 2025. We will also elect new vestry members and thank those who are retiring. *No formation programs will meet this day.*

PASTORAL CARE | The Community of Hope's Circle of Care—Last Mondays of the month • parish hall 1/27—Members gather to pray, learn, and provide each other with mutual support as they reflect on their emotional and spiritual responses to pastoral encounters. If you or a loved one would like to receive a pastoral visit or home communion by one of the trained caregivers, please login to Realm to contact Ann Fowler.

PASTORAL CARE | The Grief Pastoral Care Group-1st Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. • Zoom

2/6—The group meets online each month for a healing and faith-based conversation around grief and loss. It is led by parishioner and trained psychotherapist, Nancy Thompson. Please log into Realm to contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

LITURGY | Youth Confirmation-March 16, 2025. • Cathedral

3/16–Confirmation is March 16 at the Cathedral of St. Philip. To be confirmed, youth need to attend at least three formation classes by March 16. If your youth would like to be confirmed this Spring, please contact Taylor at tirwin@epiphany.org.