



The Epiphany Star

April 11, 2007

Our Mission

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.



An Easter Reprise

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

For the next 50 of days of Easter, I hope your mind will be full of the many images that speak of Jesus, resurrection, and our new life God makes for us each day. Here are some of mine from the Holy Week just past that I share with you as an amen, thank you, and a resounding shout of joy that God is in our presence.

A church full for Tenebrea, the quiet, the candles, the verger 's vexation at my constant and last minute liturgical suggestions. He ignored them all.

Washing feet at the table, a trinity of children sitting in the window, present, and comprehending what they will. A table full of food maybe the way that Jesus would have had it. The still small voice reading out the lament from the corner of the room, the crowd hushing as they passed by and realized she was reading, and that it was part of the journey to listen for that still small voice, and then the echo of that voice all the way down the hall and into the church. Where that voice still carried on while we got ready to strip away our finery. A bunch of folks, long timers who have always worked in the kitchen, children, and some new folks all participating for the first time. Leaving to the beat of a drum.

Friday and blackness. A cross in black, hidden somewhere. Dressed in black. Feeling black. Always a day where we talk about death and its okay; we are there to talk about death. And devotion. Always surprise at the devotion. We eat the body and drink the blood without a celebration. Although the bread was very dried out from sitting at the altar of repose loosely covered the night before, so I break it and a piece flies off and caroms off the back altar wall and almost hits Diane and for an instant we smile despite the darkness of the day.

Then baptism instruction and crying babies and expectant parents, and an untiring altar guild, and flower guild, and choirs and vergers, and Sunday morning preparers of the feast, and our sexton and readers and LEM's and that wonderful group of our elders who assembled the liturgies for the week in a booklet and my special booklet prepared by the choirmaster so that I could read it (it was in bold type face) and Vestry and Easter egg stuffers and hiders, and clergy who have already done so many things and they do just a little bit more because it brings them joy, and everyone seemed to be there getting ready, getting ready to celebrate ...

...a baptism, a new birth, a death, a resurrection, a fresh start, a sin forgiven, a light in the eyes, a fire in the belly, a beginning and an end and still others looking for, hoping for, wanting something that can't be named or understood or identified or maybe known all too well, and we all there it seems for Easter, for ourselves and God and each other and the world.

The fire and Dennis sings and Terry sings and I sing and Barbara sings and the congregation sings and sometimes its pretty and some times it is just us singing because God says sing sometimes. And all those little ones and one little guy screaming "I want the water" or

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Parish News

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something like that, so he went first and then got real quiet. Baptism is strange like that, makes us see the world in a different way. And I don't know that there is a more beautiful church, or service or people than the one I am lucky enough to be in on Easter, at the vigil, I feel resurrected.

And Easter day is like a circus. The head of the altar guild walks in early that morning and she looks like she has been at church for 96 hours (and she has) and she says to me "I feel like we're going steady" and she heads into church to do yet one more thing to make it all run smooth.

And the day is almost hilarious to me in the best possible way, like we've just run a race and were done, or delivered a baby, or just said I love you too to your beloved, or just saw your kid walk, talk, run, ride a bike, get an A, dance, or graduate for the first time. It's Easter. It's remarkable. And nothing matters and everything matters because it's God's last laugh and the church is full to overflowing and I am glad we all made it because it's Easter and come when you may because you are always welcome here in God's house and at God's table and in God's family. It's Easter. And Jesus is up and at em and risen from the grave.

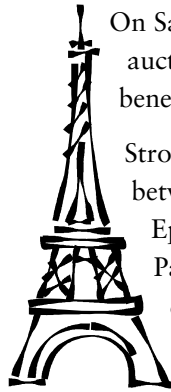
Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Peace,



The Rev. Benno D. Pattison, Rector

"Paris in the Spring" FLING—Save the Date!



On Saturday, May 12, 2007, Epiphany will host our annual auction, dinner with entertainment fundraiser (this year benefiting our General Budget & Music Department).

Stroll through "The Louvre" (Silent Auction in the hallway between 5-7 p.m.—appetizers & open bar) on your way to Epiphany's "Paris in the Spring – FLING" (7-8:30 pm in the Parish Hall—dinner delicacies prepared by Chef Joel Fowler & entertainment by talented parishioners).

At 8:45 p.m. the auction results will be announced—lucky bidders may claim their coveted treasures. Proceeds from the Fling will benefit the general budget and the Music program.

The admission price is \$20 per person and the kick-off – "Get your Passport to Paris" - ticket sales begins Sunday, April 15, at the "Parisian Travel Table" in the Crossing Hall (look for the Eiffel Tower!). A "Passport Reservation Log" will be available during the week on the crossing hall info board if you miss getting your "Passport" on Sundays!

Take that much wished for trip to "Paris in the Spring" on May 12—great food & fellowship for many great causes!

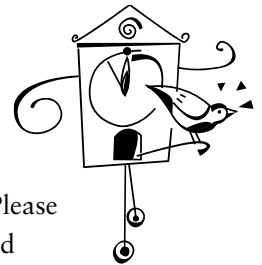
FLING Auction Items Needed

Fabulous bargains—beautiful treasures—wonderful vacation get-aways!

Just part of what makes our auction so successful! Please start thinking about what items or services you could donate or if you own a business (or know of a business) that may be willing to donate, let us know so we may contact them.

We welcome antiques, art or nice household objects, gourmet meals, handy-person chores, professional services, or a week or weekend at a vacation home. Donation forms will be available on the crossing hall info board beginning April 15, 2007 (until then call below). Submit these forms as soon as possible so we can plan, with the donation itself not being delivered to the church until the first week of May. Businesses and parishioners will be provided a Contribution Tax Form for any donations so graciously offered.

Call Doug Runnion at 404.325.8825 or Terry-Lee Ross at 404.378.9918 if you have any questions, wish to donate or if you would like to volunteer for the event.



Vacation Bible School June 25 - 29

Mark your calendars. This year Epiphany's Vacation Bible School, Under Construction, will be June 25 – June 29. Our children are part of the Christian community and our purpose this year is to teach the value of Christian service and introduce them to the ministry of Habitat for Humanity. Our children depend on you as part of the Epiphany community to help create a fun filled, safe, and educational VBS – this year is no exception. There will be opportunities for people to donate materials and expertise in woodworking, art & crafts, story telling, music, and leading games in addition to actually being with all of us kids.



Our first planning session will be Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 7 p.m. in room 201. Everyone is invited to learn more about what we will build in addition to great memories!

For the first time we will offer an opportunity for children under three to participate with a parent, grandparent, relative or care giver. Look for more details about “You & Me at Epiphany VBS” and all of the fun available to kids 3-12 years of age. Registration forms coming soon! Watch the bulletin board for opportunities to donate materials and/or time. Contact Christen Erskine k.c.erskine@juno.com, Colleen Flood colleenmflood@yahoo.com, or Jeanette Hanson isjch@emory.edu to volunteer or get more information.

Safeguarding God's Children Training

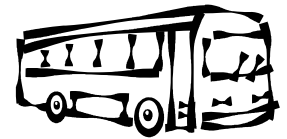
Continuing the Church of the Epiphany's policy to maintain a safe environment for our children and youth, we are offering Safe Guarding God's Children training Saturday 21 April 2007, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The course content addresses issues of sexual harassment and inappropriate behavior directed toward children and youth. The training includes sections on spotting and reporting sexual harassment and the responsibility of parish leaders and members in creating and maintaining a safe, wholesome environment. New and continuing vestry members, Sunday school teachers, and other parish leaders who have not taken the training are encouraged to participate. Breakfast snacks will be provided and a sign-up sheet is in the crossing hall.

The training will be conducted by Catherine Harvey and Jerry Boyd with an introduction by the rector. Questions may be directed to the trainers.

OPUS Outing

OPUS (Older People Up to Something) has been invited to join St. Luke's “Prime-Timers” on their trip to Augusta on Wednesday, April 18. The trip includes a visit to the historic Saint Paul's church for a recital on the Casavant organ by Keith Schafer, River Walk, and the Morris Museum of Art. An itinerary is posted in the Crossing Hall.

The cost is \$40, which includes transportation & lunch. Please pay by a check made payable to St. Luke's and turn it into the parish office by April 8. If you'd like to carpool to St. Luke's, please be at Epiphany no later than 8:45 a.m. The bus leaves St. Luke's promptly at 9:30 a.m.



Adult Education

Sunday Morning

We will conclude our exploration of our Outreach Vision on Sunday, April 15. We will digest the material and stories we have heard and see where we've been led. Please join us Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Epiphany GreenSpace

Spring is here and, despite the pollen, Atlanta is again beautiful with flowers and trees in bloom and songbirds serenading us every morning. It's an incredible time of the year.

Earth Day is right around the corner, too, and Epiphany is getting ready to celebrate Green Sunday again on April 22. Dr. Bill Witherspoon, who has a doctorate in geology and is on the Georgia Interfaith Power & Light board, will speak to the adult education class about creation with limits, how we ignore those limits, and what we can do to stay within the limits, cut back down on our energy waste and keep our world beautiful.

Children in Sunday School classes will have the opportunity to make their own discoveries through literature they can take home on how to establish good energy habits.

You may have noticed that the prayers of the people include a prayer for our care for the creation.

Form I says: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it; Form VI: for the just and proper use of your creation. We can live up to these prayers and have a good time while we do it with such simple acts as turning off lights, recycling and driving fuel efficient cars.

So, please, put on your green for Green Sunday and help us celebrate. It's spring in Atlanta!

Composting at Epiphany

As part of our efforts toward environmental conservation, we have begun a composting program. The compost containers are located on the Ponce de Leon side of our property just outside of the entrance/exit through the stairs going to the basement and upstairs classrooms. For the next month or so there will be orange survey tape around the oak tree nearest the containers. This spot also conceals our compost area somewhat.

Our containers have a base of leaves and yard trimmings from our recent parish workday. The EPA's composting "In list" includes fruits, vegetables, coffee grounds and filters, used tea bags, card board rolls, eggshells and yard trimmings; all in plentiful supply at Epiphany. The "Out List" includes Meat products, diary products, grease, oils, etc.

The EPA estimates that yard trimmings and food residuals constitute 23% of our waste stream. In 2000, 56.9% of yard trimmings were composted or grasscycled, however only 2.6% of food waste was composted.

At our next parish workday, we will amend our gardens with Epiphany compost while having reduced our solid waste disposal!



Step it Up Atlanta

Atlanta is kicking off Earth Day, which is April 22, on Saturday, April 14, with Step it Up Atlanta, 2007! There will be workshops, a rally and festival at the King Chapel of Morehouse College from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's a great way to meet with community leaders and others to talk about stepping up the action to reduce global warming emissions.

Hagar's House

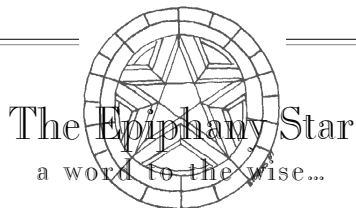
Sign up to help feed the women and children of Hagar's House.

Hagar's House, sponsored by Decatur Cooperative Ministries (DCM)—of which Epiphany is a part—is in downtown Decatur and provides emergency shelter for homeless mothers in the Atlanta area and their children. It is the only shelter of its kind that accommodates larger families, filling a desperate need in our community.

Epiphany sponsors one week per quarter. **Our next week for Hagar's House is May 6 – 12.** Join up with another Epiphany member or family to share the work, expense and fellowship. Meals do not need to be elaborate. Call or e-mail Roberta Long (404.378.2069, rlong25@bellsouth.net) with questions.

Also, please check if this will be your first time volunteering at Hagar House so that we can make sure that you are paired up with an experienced volunteer





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Worship Schedule—Sunday

8:45 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
11:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
6 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Worship Schedule—Tuesdays

7 a.m. - Rite II
(on alternate weeks)

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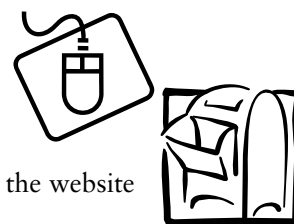
Late Newsletters

Several folks let me know that for about the past two months their *Epiphany Star* has been arriving as much as two weeks late. I spoke with the Consumer Affairs department of the Post Office and learned that we weren't the only ones. Periodicals in general were not being handled in a timely manner. The post office has set up a new process for periodicals that was put in place at the end of March. We should see an improvement shortly. However, please let me know if they continue to arrive late and I'll follow up.

Newsletter Alternatives

Another option is to consider receiving your newsletter electronically. About 100 folks get their newsletter via email as a pdf attachment. Also, each issue is posted on the web at <http://www.epiphany.org/news.html> on the same day that the print version is mailed. If you'd like to go electronic, just email me with one of these options and I'll make the change in your newsletter delivery options in the church database.

- Send me the email version only.
- Send me the paper version and via email.
- Don't send me the newsletter at all. I will visit the website for the latest Epiphany news.



Thanks,

L. Shea McNutt, Parish Administrator
parishadmin@epiphany.org

Transitions

Please make the following changes and/or additions to your parish directory and welcome our new members. Up-to-date Parish Directories are available from the office by request (parishadmin@epiphany.org).

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

Nancy Pinner
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From Holy Trinity, Decatur, GA

Charlotte Sanders
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404.289.6546
From Grace Episcopal, Kilmarnock, VA

Now Showing - April

Formerly a picture editor for *Outdoor Explorer*, *BACKPACKER* and *Sports Illustrated Presents* magazines, Honor Woodard found her way back home to northeast Georgia in 2001, and began devoting more time to pursuing her own photography and artwork. Honor spends as much time as possible in the woods of southern Appalachia—on the banks of the wild and scenic Chattooga River, at the local lakes, and along the nearby Bartram Trail—collecting her thoughts along with weathered objects, images and ideas for her artwork. She has recently been particularly drawn to edges and places where different bodies and spaces come together converge—what light does when it moves over or across or through and what happens in the shadows where light falls past a space. Honor is inspired by the recognition in nature of those elements she connects to on a

soul level, and translates that inspiration into jewelry and art.



A native of Georgia who grew up in Druid Hills, Honor has

also enjoyed living in St. Louis, Brooklyn, Glasgow, London, and Allentown, but most of all, she loves the mountains of northeast Georgia, where she spent her childhood summers. A former member of Epiphany, Honor earned her BFA in Fine Art Photography at Washington University in St. Louis, and she also studied photography at the Glasgow School of Art in Scotland. She currently lives and works in her 200-year-old log cabin and studio, which sits in a quiet hollow in Lakemont, Georgia.

Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool Art Show and Gallery Opening Reception & Auction

Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool, which proudly and gratefully calls Epiphany its home, will be showing the work of its students in the Epiphany Gallery during the month of May.

To kick off the month-long show featuring our little artists, OCP invites members of Epiphany to attend our Gallery Opening Reception and Art Auction on Saturday, May 5 from 4-7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served, and our silent auction will feature works by local adult artists. All art auction proceeds will benefit Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool. Both the children's art and the works by the adult artists will be displayed for the entire month.

The show will feature a variety of works by the children—from textiles to watercolors to drawings to pottery. We sure hope you will join us for some fun as we celebrate a year of art at OCP!

About OCP

Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool is a parent-teacher cooperative established in 2005 as the result of a grassroots effort to ensure that the children and families of Decatur and the surrounding neighborhoods have access to a quality preschool program.

A cooperative preschool is a private entity operated by its members—the parents of the students—and staffed by professional teachers. Co-ops recognize that parents are the primary educators of their children. OCP parents are actively involved in virtually every aspect of the school, sharing their talents and interests in the classroom, on the Board of Directors and on committees.

OCP's child-centered program creates a special community that gives parents and children the opportunity to learn, communicate, play and grow together. The school has been located at Episcopal Church of the Epiphany since its launching in August of 2005. For more information about OCP and its programs, please visit us on the web at www.oakhurstcooppreschool.org.

The Epiphany Book Club

The Epiphany Book Club has selected books through June, after which there will be a two-month hiatus. The books are as follows: April 9: *Inheritance of Loss* by Kiran Desai, May: *The Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner, June: *The Summer We Got Saved* by Pat Cunningham DeVoto. September's book is *Time Will Darken It* by William Maxwell. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Regency House, 341 Winn Way. All are welcome. Information: contact Chris Kaylor at 404.525.7595 or christina_kaylor@yahoo.com.

Epiphany Stars

- Thanks to the following for helping put together the Holy Week & Easter Sunday bulletins: Audrey Banfield, Neil Banfield, Mary Betty Ford, Nancy Pinner, Ruth Olson, Carl Strauss, and our regular bulletin volunteers, Wister Cook & Don Stripling.
- Karen Swenson, for restocking the visitor cards and pencils in the pews for the Easter services.

For Our Prayers...

Heal your sick servants

- Carla Crawford
- Roberta Williams
- Carmen Gutierrez
- Tim Gore
- Helen Walsh
- Helene Hand
- Dr. Mamie Lee-Walker
- Mary Lee, mother of Doris Lee
- Anita Harris, mother of Meg Harris
- Anthony & Sharon Villalobos, friends of Sandy Land

We welcome them into the household of God

- Jessa McKay Corcoran, daughter of John & Kathy Corcoran
- Henry Foster Peterson, son of Foster & Bliss Peterson
- Ian Patrick Green, son of Patrick & Jeri Green
- Ashleigh Ames Staggs & Grace Elizabeth Staggs, children of James & Millie Staggs

All who were baptized at the Easter Vigil on April 7

Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

- Betty Dangerfield
- Keith Fox
- Dorothy Gautier
- Mary Lee
- Kristen Mann
- Joey Saavedra
- Karen Swenson
- Peter Yang
- Ted Yardley
- Katharine Yntema

Those in prison

- David, Gene, Chris, John, and Mark

Those in the armed forces

- John Thornburg, Stewart Mundy, MacLeod Patton, Anthony Baggs, Kevin Cunningham, Lt. Brett Jackson, Nicky Dykes, Shade Lawson, Layton Lane Britt, Marc Steele, and Scott Owens

Family and friends who request our prayers

- Gerald Fico, son of Grace Fico
- Daryl, sister of Arlen Gray
- Jane Morrison, friend of Betty Walton
- Joyce, mother of Tony Wilkey
- Martil LaCaze, aunt of Karen Swenson
- Evejean Clarke, friend of Roberta Williams
- Leah Aronowitz, friend of Kathy Walmsley
- Bruce Daily, brother of Lisa Daily
- Fred Motney, brother of Diane Wilkey
- Bill Kennedy, cousin of Rob Godsall
- Rob & Denise Swan, friends of Marjorie & Rick Timmer
- Rebecca Miller, wife of James Miller
- Pat Smith, brother of Karyn Smith
- Sean Ray, relative of Karyn Smith
- Peggy Richmond, sister of Bill Graves
- Richard Mann, father of Kristin Mann
- Ed Thompson, father of Nancy Thompson
- Alice Stephens, mother of Polly Nodine
- Kate McCary, aunt of Karen Swenson
- Ruth Golley friend of Kathy Walmsley
- Jean Martin, aunt of Erin Braden
- Patti Lloyd, sister-in-law of Brenda Lloyd
- Bryan Redd, grandfather of Liese & Sara Redd

- Ginger Lias, mother of Margaret Lias
- Mike Daily, father of Lisa Daily
- Andrew Klassen, young friend of the Wilkey family
- Katy Core & Fredia Chambers, friends of Margo Timberlake
- Clyde Fox, father of Keith Fox
- Joseph Saavedra, father of Joey Saavedra
- Patsy Smith, sister-in-law of Karyn Smith
- Howard Dean, father of Brother Aelred Dean
- Joe Vaughn, uncle of Sydney Cleland
- Penny Smith, friend of the Clelands
- Lillian Crooks, daughter of Susan & Peter
- Andrew Lowe, nephew of Maggie Ewing
- Bill McNutt, father of Shea McNutt
- Beth, sister of Chris Miller
- Donald Williams, friend of Jorge Lawton
- Peggy Trosper, mother of Lani Walsh
- Marie Claire Houge, Aunt of Liefy
- Alexandra Rose, niece of Christy & Davis Petterson
- Marget, friend of Dorothy Gautier
- Bill Bitzel, friend of Marjorie Timmer
- Lynn Jones, friend of David Draper
- Edi Guyton, friend of Laura Keys
- Ruth Battersday, friend of Carmen Gutierrez
- Hilma Nepote, mother of Vicki Bolton

Prayer intentions for The Epiphany Star and for Sunday Services should be directed to The Rev. Benno D. Pattison. Please let the Parish Office know if there are any errors. Contact 404.373.8338 (ext. 14). In case of a pastoral emergency, call Benno's cell phone: 404.538.9089.

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People & Posts

April 15

Acolytes: 8:45 - TBD; 11:15 - TBD

Altar Guild: Keith Poole, Annie Strahan, Kathleen Rinehart

Eucharist Visitor(s): Carmen Gutierrez, Wister Cook

Flower Guild: Polly Nodine, Leah Felcher

Greeters: 8:45 - Martha Richoz; 11:15 - Betty Walton,
Polly Nodine

Layreaders & LEMs: 8:45 - Brandon Laird, Rick Timmer,
Shelly Moorfield, Rob Godsall; 11:15 - Matt Bolch,
Marilynn Richtarik, Judy Urban, Bob Kirkhuff, Diane Wilkey;
6 - Pat Graves

Nursery: 8:45 - Patrick & Shelle Bryant; 11:15 - Terri &
Sandy Mallory

Ushers: 8:45 - Philip Anderson, Sabra Hanson, Beverly
Burks; 11:15 - Tom Mundy, Audrey Banfield, Neil Banfield,
Charles Coats

Verger of the Day: Susan Messner

Vestry Person of the Day: Colleen Flood

Second Teller: Richard Messner

April 22

Acolytes: 8:45 - TBD; 11:15 - TBD

Altar Guild: Jerry Boyd, Ann Fowler, Anne Warner

Eucharist Visitor(s): None Scheduled

Flower Guild: Wallace Bryan McGrath, Mary Beth
Jordan

Greeters: 8:45 - Grace Fico; 11:15 - Betty Walton,
Tom Democko

Layreaders & LEMs: 8:45 - Cecilia Democko, Tom
Democko, John Yntema, Ray Piper; 11:15 - Dave
Carroll, Teena Carroll, Robin Levine, Dan Mundy; 6 -
Mary McKenzie

Nursery: 8:45 - Cory & Jason Seebode; 11:15 - Matt
Bolch & Marilyn Richtarik

Ushers: 8:45 - Margo Timberlake, Barbara
Belcore; 11:15 - John K eys, Lola Oyesiku, Kathie Ryan,
Kathy Walmsley

Verger of the Day: Sherry Wallace

Vestry Person of the Day: Martha Rummel

Second Teller: Larry Wilcox