



The Epiphany Star

January 17, 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.



A Gathering

If you didn't know what we were up to, you might think a drug buy was going down. Early in the morning, before the parking lot is full at Toys R Us in Buckhead, a bunch of cars pull into the vacant slots all at about the same time, and circle around in a strange formation around one particular vehicle.

Then there's a mad scramble and drivers get out with bags, and kids get out with coats and toys, and everyone runs around getting into different vehicles. Not a drug buy; a car pool drop off and delivery.

In remarkable synchronicity, everyone then pulls away as if nothing had happened. We all know why we are there and we carry out our mission with great dispatch, even dispensing benediction on the hapless person appointed for the day to drive the further distance to Alpharetta where all our disparate children go to school together.

It is a mundane moment of beauty. No wasted effort, no wasted time, terribly simple and direct and with a stunning lack of ambiguity. In that particular moment we know exactly what we are about and it's almost fun to watch.

In this next year we are going to be talking a good bit about mission. A significant piece of the work we have to do together is clarifying and understanding why we gather and what that gathering compels us to do. This is not the work of a single person, nor is it the work of a particular group. It's a work of the people. And that is us.

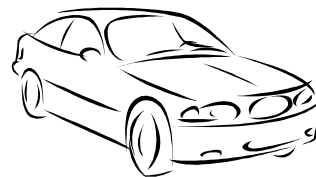
I am looking forward to this work partly because it will be fun in its own right. But more importantly, it is wonderfully calming and energizing to know our purpose and to then pursue it. We'll get there by talking about our passions, understanding our history, having a feel for our community inside the church and without, inventorying our gifts and resources and utilizing our holy imagination to its fullest so that we might see Jesus in what ever direction we continue to move.

A final caveat about clarity of mission, being clear about our mission doesn't mean that we will be unambiguous about what we do. Sometimes clarity of mission leads right into the heart of ambiguity.

Driving to Alpharetta in the morning rush is sometimes a very ambiguous proposition, you never know what you are going to get. Wrecks, weather, cell phone drivers, and just plain craziness often confound those on the journey. But they go nonetheless. It's why we gather in the morning in the parking lot with such diligence and regularity. It's our mission.

Peace,

The Rev. Benno D. Pattison, Rector



Parish News

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us in the church at 10 a.m. for our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 21. We will hear reports from the vestry members and heads of parish organizations, as well as the Rector, elect new vestry members and thank the old, receive the 2006 Financial Report and 2007 Annual Budget. All are welcome.

Adult Education

On January 28 we will have an extended coffee hour to greet our own Chris Miller who will be preacher of the day. Take time to greet Chris and listen to his seminary tales. (Like Canterbury Tales just shorter).

February 4 and 11 join the Rector in the parish hall for Bible 101. We will answer the following questions: What is it? Should I believe it? How did it get here? Who wrote it? Why? Does it really contain all things necessary to salvation? And where did that come from anyway?

Food for DEAM

Our semi-annual food drive for DEAM is during January. This month there are particularly requestins the following: pork-n-beans, tuna, jelly, rice, peanut butter, toothpaste & tooth brushes, pasta & pasta sauce, soap and toilet paper. Please bring your items to the basket in the gallery at Epiphany each Sunday this month.

Epiphany Stars

Many Thanks to Bob Ballou for his hard work and tenacity in installing the lighting for the East Lake Point marble sign. It had been destroyed during construction a few years ago and was a huge challenge to re-install.

Wallace McGrath and her daughter Mary procured and installed window blinds for the upstairs classrooms. Our tenant, Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool and our Christian Ed students and teachers will no longer have to put paper on the windows! We appreciate your time and professional effort in doing this important finishing touch for Epiphany's interiors.

Old Reliables Need You!

We have been so fortunate to have several helpers in the Old Reliable Category for many years to help with Building and Grounds tasks. You may have witnessed guys in their late 60's on tall ladders changing light bulbs, their late 50's straddling roof peaks as well as others digging trenches! Their hearts are willing but not always their backs, legs, or balance. So we are recruiting a few more willing folks who can help only 3-4 times a year to assist with various tasks. If you would like to join this generous of heart and spirit task brigade, please sign up in the Crossing Hall. The Old Reliables will still be there and we appreciate your assistance!



Garden Hose Use

The official place for the garden hoses is in the wood fenced area on site between the two parking lots. Please return them to that spot after use. Our plantings and our gardeners would appreciate it!

Art Show Success

Thanks Epiphanyites, for supporting the Emmaus House Art Show in December here at Epiphany! The sales provided nearly \$900 to this important ministry. The Art Committee would like to recognize Ann Fowler and Patty Young for all of their work as well as the Atlanta Artists Center for providing framing for the art and refreshments.

Now Showing

Nancy Hunter is this month's artist showing in the Epiphany gallery. Nancy is a landscape painter who loves to work on site in the "plein air" tradition. She has exhibited her work in local and regional shows for many years. Nancy is the mother of two active boys and wife of Dave Jones of our local Ace Hardware on Scott Boulevard.

Meet Dennis Smart or Dennis on Dennis

Should you notice a rather large, grey-bearded figure at the altar or pulpit in the near future, allow me to explain.

That would be the Rev'd Dennis Smart, who previously might have been seen sitting in a pew at the early Eucharist, enjoying the good preaching and the equally enjoyable music, and then enjoying getting to leave and not stay for Christian Ed, more church services etc. etc. He has done all that for some 35 years and upon retirement in November of 2005, decided he needed to do something different, for a while, at least.

He "did that" most lately at Holy Cross, Decatur, where he was a priest associate and then assistant rector for 13 years. Before that he was for six years rector of All Saints', Warner Robins, for much of that time Dean of Macon. Before that he was assistant rector of Trinity Church, Longview, Texas, and for a time also headmaster of Trinity Day School. His first posting after ordination was as Rector of Christ Church, Jefferson and Vicar of St. Paul's, Leigh, small and smaller parishes in the Diocese of Texas. (count the letters in that title, and you get the approximate combined membership.) Along the way there was also work with Companion Dioceses of Central Ecuador and Kimberley & Kuruman South Africa, interim ministries at Good Shepherd, Austell, Holy Comforter, and during sabbatical leaves at Good Shepherd and Camp Mikell, and direction of Buckhead Christian Community Ministry for two years.

Whew! No wonder the guy needed a change.

What "something different" has he found to do in the past year? He is helping overworked priests in small parishes establish their web pages. He's given more time to photography. You can see his work on the July page of the 2007 Bond Credit Union calendar, a small but deeply gratifying honor. He enjoys baking and cooking, particularly his own native cuisine, Tex-Mex, and eating, his own cooking and obviously that of others. He enjoys travel; has been much to Latin America and Africa, needs to go more to Europe—so far only England, the Netherlands and Germany. He and his saintly wife, Susa—41 years with this guy merits sainthood—make their home in Candler Park. Clergy colleagues have accused him being vicar of Little Five Points and chaplain to the Yacht Club. He and Susan have two grown children who live with their families in Maryland and Missouri, so there is now more opportunity to travel to those places. There are four grandchildren between the ages of 12 and 20 months. Ask about them at your own peril and only when you have time to listen about the latest cute thing one did or said.

As you might have discerned, Dennis is a Texan, West Texan at that. He particularly laments the departure of Jim Kee-Rees because he was "the only one without an accent." But be of good cheer! You will not be left twangless. Dennis will preach at you soon. He is known to try to preach briefly and simply, and he comes with a promise not to try to say everything he didn't have opportunity to say in the past year, not all at once, at least. Dennis already has moved a small bit out of the pew at Epiphany, playing St. Nicholas at the Peachtree & Pine shelter party—particularly good reviews for "jolly" and "old". And he didn't have to wear a wig... As good a time as ever to say something about The Hair. Part of the celebration the first year of retirement was a plan to let the hair grow of a year, "just to see what's still there". The year is now over, so the next excuse was needing it "to be Santa". Now it's "to keep warm", tho the winter is not much cooperating. After that? Who knows? Probably hot weather and high maintenance will take care of the situation. It was just something "new and different" to try for awhile.

Now he looks forward to moving out of his sojourn in the pew to "move up higher" for occasional participation in the liturgical life of Epiphany. Epiphany is a lovely, exciting place to be, and this will be something else "new and different" in this time of renewal and exploration of different ways of ministry.

Epiphanites for Peace

Epiphanites for Peace, vigil to follow the 11:15 service on January 21 at the corner of Ponce and East Lake. Signs welcomed. Contact person: Gretchen Maclachlan 404.524.2705.

O.P.U.S.*

*Older People Up to Something

Join us for a trip to the Folk Pottery Museum of Northeast Georgia on Wednesday, February 7! The museum showcases the handcraft skills of one of the South's premier grassroots art forms, and explores the historical importance and changing role of folk pottery in southern life.

If you'd like to join us, please be at Epiphany at 9:00 a.m. for the car pool. Admission is \$2.00 for seniors. Lunch will be Dutch treat.

Mark Your Calendar

- The vestry and staff will go on their annual retreat to Camp Mikell Jan. 26 – 28.
- Burning of the Palms & Pancake Supper February 20. The Burning of the Palms Liturgy will be at 6:30 p.m. in the courtyard. Eat all you want beginning at 5:30 p.m. for \$3 per person with a maximum of \$12 per family.
- Ash Wednesday is February 21. All are encouraged to attend services. The Stations of the Cross will be at 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. The Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist will be at 12 & 7 p.m.



Fifth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Concert

The Anti-Racism Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta will sponsor a concert at 7 p.m. January 21 at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Philip, 2744 Peachtree Rd. NW, featuring music by black composers from Guadeloupe, South Africa, Nigeria, Jamaica, and the USA from the 18th century to the present. Participating musicians include the Episcopal parish choirs of the Cathedral of St. Philip (directed by Bruce Neswick), Church of the Nativity, Fayetteville (directed by Joanne Brown), and Church of the Epiphany (directed by David Houston), organist Trey Clegg of St. Paul's Episcopal, keyboardist Dr. Calvert Johnson of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal, ASO principal flutist Christina Smith of St. Luke's Episcopal, violinist Qiao Chen Solomon of Agnes Scott College, and the Still Waters Youth Sinfo-Nia orchestra directed by David E. Richards, III.

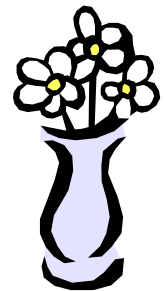
The concert is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact concert organizer Calvert Johnson at 404.373.0748 or by email at bigcanoecal@bellsouth.net.

Learning about "A Ministry of Care" at Epiphany.... Pastoral Care

As we all know, Epiphany's parish ministries reach far beyond the walls of the Church itself. They express our concern for each other and our awareness that our role as Christians is to serve. Pastoral Care is one of the ministries that allows us to care for parishioners and to serve each other in times of special need.

When parish families face illness, the birth of a new baby, the death of a loved one or other difficult circumstance, the members of the Pastoral Care group reach out in a number of ways:

- Prepare and deliver food to those in need.
- Share friendship and companionship.
- Provide transportation to medical appointments.
- Deliver communion as Eucharistic Visitors to those who cannot come to Church.
- Send greeting cards and sympathy cards.
- Deliver flowers after the Sunday service to special friends.
- Coordinate and serve at funeral receptions at our Church.



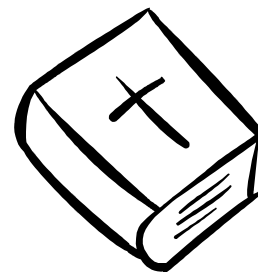
The beginning of the year is a good time to look at stewardship in a variety of ways, whether it is evaluating our financial commitment to Epiphany or remembering that stewardship takes other forms, including giving our time and effort. These contributions of giving of ourselves help make Epiphany the place it is—a Church where we welcome and care for each other as well as serve our community.

If you would like to take part in this ministry in any of the above ways, or if you know of someone who needs special comfort and care, get in touch with Wister Cook at 404.876.0540; Ruth Olsen at 404.299.1934; Colleen Flood at 404.299.5358; Pat Spivey at 770.643.9772 or Karen Swenson at 770.476.9619.

Weekday Bible Study

Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) are pleased to once again invite ALL ADULTS, Young and Old, Male and Female to join them on February 13 at 11 a.m. in the Parrish Hall as Br. Aelred continues to lead an experiential Bible Study based on Lexio Divina using the Epistle of James, Chapter 2. The study is an ancient method of developing friendship with Christ by using scripture texts as topics of conversation with Him. No experience or preparation is required.



Bring your Bible and bring a covered dish and stay for lunch. Come for the fellowship in service, friendship, study and prayer—and leave refreshed and renewed.

Gregorian Spirituality Experience

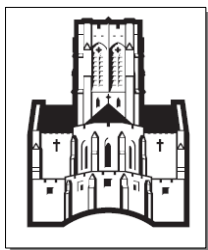
“Their strength is to sit still.” ~ Isaiah 30:7

What is contemplation? The word contemplation has two meanings: the first meaning is concentration or focused attention; the second meaning is “resting in God” as the mystics understood the word.

Beginning Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m., Gregorian Spirituality Experience will meet in prayer, silence, around the table and in listening to hear what the Spirit of God is saying in that still and small voice.

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcomed to attend this weekly gathering. Come when you can as hearts and arms are open to welcome you.

Absalom Jones Festival Eucharist February 11



Everyone is warmly invited to participate in this festival Eucharist commemorating the first African American priest of the Episcopal Church, Absalom Jones (1746-1818). This annual diocesan celebration will be held at the Cathedral of St. Philip, 2744 Peachtree Road, Atlanta 4:00 pm on Sunday, February 11, 2007.

This year's service will feature as guest preacher, The Right Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, Bishop of North Carolina. The Right Reverend Neil Alexander will serve as celebrant. The music will be provided by the choirs of St Paul's Episcopal Church, Atlanta. All are welcome to conclude the

festivities at a reception in the Great Hall with music preformed by the Fort Valley State University Jazz Ensemble.

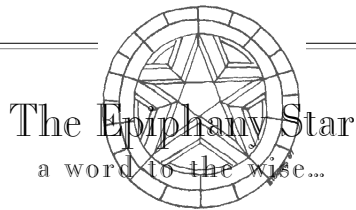
For information contact the Cannon Reverend Carolynne Williams at 404.365.1035, cwilliams@stphilipscathedral.org or the cathedral receptionist at 404.365.1000.

A Weekend with International Writer, The Rev Jim Cotter

February 2-3, 2007, St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

A wonderful opportunity to be with this Welsh priest and “wordsmith” as he teaches the place of words and silence in prayer. The total cost for both events is \$45. Invite your friends. Register through the church office, 404.634.3336.

- Friday February 2, 7:00-9:00 p.m. This evening will include a presentation around Jim's new prayer book, *Out of the Silence...Into the Silence*. Prayers Daily Round. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Cost for the evening, \$10.
- Saturday February 3, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. This workshop entitled 'Daily Prayer in Theory and Practice', will address the where, what and how of daily prayer in contemporary times. Cost \$45. Beverley Elliott at Beverley@stbartsatlanta.org for further details and registration form.



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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
6 p.m. - Rite III & Healing

Tuesday Evening Eucharist Suspended

The 6 p.m. Tuesday Evening Service has been suspended until further notice.

Book Group

February 12: Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl by Harriet Jacobs, and
March 12: Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer.
As always, we'll be meeting at 341 Winn Way. Questions: contact Chris Kaylor at 404.525.7595 or christina_kaylor@yahoo.com.

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

Chris Introna
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From St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA

Transfers Out

Trey Cupp
To Oak Grove United Methodist Church, Decatur GA

Lee Love
To The Episcopal Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Louisville, GA

Shawn, Ryan & Lucy Foley
To St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Grand Junction, CO

Margie, Katie & Taylor Barulsen
To St. Matthew's Episcopal, Snellville, GA

David McCarthy
To Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta, GA

Benjamin, Erika, & Ben King
To Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta, GA

Margaret & John Lewis
To St. Luke's Episcopal, Atlanta, GA

GIPL Book Group

The brand-new GIPL (or Georgia Interfaith Power & Light) Book Club will have its first meeting on January 20 at 10 am at Oakhurst Baptist Church (222 East Lake Drive, Decatur 30030 – across from the East Lake Marta Station). We will discuss Janisse Ray's *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood*—a memoir of a childhood spent in South Georgia that led to a drive to save the longleaf pine ecosystem. Join us for stimulating conversation, tasty refreshments, and entertaining fellowship. If you are not able to make it, we will also be posting questions for discussion on the website and hopefully have an online discussion board for talking about the book.

For Our Prayers...

Heal your sick servants

- Tim Gore
- Stan McCracken
- Cecilia Jordan
- Frank Jordan
- Donald Williams, friend of Jorge Lawton
- Peggy Trosper, mother of Lani Walsh

Rest eternal grant her

- J. T. Driscoll, sister of Bill Graves

Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

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

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

Those in prison

- David, Gene, Chris, John, and Mark

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
- Harriette Beckham, childhood friend of Sarah Jane Wollison
- 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

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

January 21

Acolytes: 8:45 - TBA; 11:15 - TBA
Altar Guild: Keith Poole, Annie Strahan, Kathleen Rinehart
Eucharist Visitor(s): Carmen Gutierrez & Wister Cook
Flower Guild: Ann Ladenberger
Greeters: 8:45 - Martha Richoz; 11:15 - Betty Walton, Alice Cunningham
Layreaders & LEMs: 8:45 - John Yntema, Patty Young, Diane Mundy, Ray Piper; 11:15 - Dave Carroll, Teena Carroll, Judy Urban, Robin Levine, Bob Thompson; 6 - Mary McKenzie
Nursery: 8:45 - Tracy & Brandon Laird; 11:15 - Steve & Dianne Du
Ushers: 8:45 - Phil Bolton, Jim Biddle, Robin Levine; 11:15 - Scott Yaegle, Yaegle, Matt Bolch, Marilynn Richtarik
Verger of the Day: Martha Rummel
Vestry Person of the Day: Jerry Boyd
Second Teller: Gary Hauk

January 28

Acolytes: 8:45 - TBD; 11:15 - TBD
Altar Guild: Jerry Boyd, Ann Fowler, Anne Warner
Eucharist Visitor(s): None Scheduled
Flower Guild: Wallace McGrath, Mary Beth Jordan
Greeters: 8:45 - Grace Fico; 11:15 - Betty Walton, Kathy Walmsley
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