



# The Epiphany Star

January 3, 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.



## What's In A Name?

Laura asked, "What are you resolving this year", a hint of cynicism in her voice. I said, innocently enough, "I am going to try to create more time in my weekly schedule for writing". She rolled her eyes. I got the point.

I've been resolving to put more time into my schedule to write every year since I've known my wife. That's several years. I think I probably made that same resolution years before that too.

Why you may ask, do I resolve the same thing year in and year out? To make a point? To prove the Apostle Paul's maxim that I do what I don't want to do and don't do what I want to do? Am I so deluded that I think I can actually achieve it this year? Has it ever made a difference? I don't know. I don't know the answer.

What I do know, and what Laura held up to me (in a rather self congratulatory tone I might add), was a mirror. I could see rather plainly that my resolutions are rather pathetic, dreamlike schemes that hold little promise of fulfillment. It's who I am. You could say to my wife, "Benno David Pattison" and she would be able to tell you that I am a relentless, dreamy, dewy eyed romantic that never fails to resolve to live a better life and by the way, make more time to write.

January 1st we not only celebrate the New Year, but we celebrate the feast of the Holy Name as well. For me, the Feast of the Holy Name is a more apt description of what I endeavor to do each New Year. In my dreaming, scheming, resolving optimism I think I am attempting to know myself, name myself, and name my reason for being, articulate some purpose to my life.

Implicit, however in this naming day, this first day of each New Year is the notion that it, the naming, can't really hold all that the person is, or will become. Surely we don't pretend to think that at the name of Jesus, even after 2,000 years, we've come to the final conclusion of who that man actually was. I still posses the capacity to surprise my wife!

The feast of the Holy Name is a wonderful irony, placed where it is, celebrating what it does. To me it holds up the inscrutable nature of God, the namelessness of God. It also holds up one of our fundamental human needs, tasks, and vocations: to name. And so we name God on January first. We name ourselves in the traditions and habits of our resolving each New Year. We also acquiesce to the futility of our task to name God and perhaps we can celebrate those small moments for ourselves when we defy even our own expectations, our own understanding of who we are.

So this year, I am going to resolve to enjoy my work every day, write more, take a yearly adventure, pray for my enemies and believe that forgiveness is greater, mercy mightier and love stronger than anything else, and that at the name of Jesus, well all kind of great things can happen that I just have no idea about but can't wait to see.

Peace,

The Rev. Benno D. Pattison, Rector

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# Parish News

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## 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.

## Vestry Nominations

We are looking for a few good parishioners who are interested in joining the vestry. Four new members will be elected for three-year terms at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 21. It's an opportunity to work with a wonderful group of people to serve God and be faithful stewards of our church. To be eligible, one must be a confirmed Episcopalian, attend services regularly, and be a member of Epiphany who has made and kept a pledge in the past year. If you think this is an area in which you'd like to serve, please contact Catherine Harvey with nominations, either for yourself or someone you think might be interested. Catherine can be reached at 404.373.2496 pr NBAER45@aol.com

## 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 graduated from the University of Georgia with a BFA in 1976 and has exhibited her work in local and regional shows for many years. She approaches the landscape as a Portrait of Place- and expresses her great reverence for the earth through her beautiful landscape paintings. Nancy is the mother of two active boys and wife of Dave Jones of our local Ace Hardware on Scott Boulevard.

### Tuesday Evening Eucharist Suspended

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

## New Photo Directory Planned

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## 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.

## Food for DEAM

Our semi-annual food drive for Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministry is during January. Please bring non-perishable foods—no paper products please—and place them in the basket in the Narthex at Epiphany each Sunday of the month.



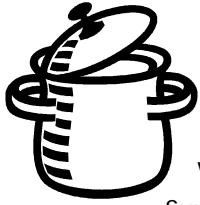
## Usher Training / Refresher

Sunday, January 7

Ted Jackson and Maggie Lee will usher in the New Year with a refresher training seminar on Sunday, January 7, between the two services. We'll go over the basics for our newer ushers and pick up some pointers from one another. It's also a great way to meet the ushers you don't get to see every Sunday over coffee, tea, and pastries.

The seminar is open to anyone interested in becoming an usher. Just call Maggie (404.378.6148) or Ted (404.292.3466), see us in church, or drop in on the Sunday after Epiphany. We are a welcoming group and we would enjoy having more people join us in our service of hospitality.

LifeTouch Photography will be taking photos for the new parish directory Wednesday, January 17, through Saturday January 20. Sessions will be scheduled from 2 to 8 p.m. January 17-19, and from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. January 20. Bruce Fort and Gary Hauk will be staffing a table to sign folks up after the services on January 7. For those with Internet capability, scheduling can also be done on-line by going to [www.epiphany.org](http://www.epiphany.org) and clicking on the Portrait Sign Up link. Please contact Gary Hauk or Bruce Fort with questions.



## Hagar's House Help

Is increasing your outreach efforts one of your New Year's resolutions? If so, volunteering at Hagar House is a great way to start.

We are still seeking volunteers to help provide dinner to the residents at Hagar House this coming week, Sunday January 7 – Saturday January 13.

Hagar House is Decatur Cooperative Ministry's emergency night shelter for homeless women with children. Epiphany is responsible for providing dinner for the shelter residents (5 women and their children) during the week of Jan 7th-Jan. 13th. Ideally two individuals or families work together to share in the work and expense of an evening meal. Meals can be very simple and can provide you with a list of menu ideas and guidelines. Most volunteers do the meal prep work at home, arriving at the shelter at 6:00 for a 6:30 p.m. meal time. You are welcome and encouraged, to eat the meal with the shelter residents and their children.

Please e-mail me ([rlong25@bellsouth.net](mailto:rlong25@bellsouth.net)) or call me (404.378.2069) if you can help. Let me know which dates work best for you. I will be sure to place new volunteers with experienced volunteers.

## New Bible Study Offered

The Episcopal Church Women of Epiphany are pleased to invite ALL ADULTS, Young and Old, Male and Female to join them on January 9, 2007 at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall as they begin a new year and a new study. No experience or preparation is required. Bring a covered dish and stay for lunch.

Br. Aelred will be facilitating an experiential Bible study based on Lexio Divina using the Epistle of James. Lexio Divina is reading, or more exactly, listening to the book we believe to be divinely inspired. In this way, we hear the word of God in the scriptures. It is the most ancient method of developing friendship with Christ by using scripture texts as topics of conversation with Him.

The stages, moments or movements in Lexio Divina are:

Lexio – Reading

Meditatio – Reflecting

Oratio – Responding

Contemplatio – Resting/Contemplation – Centering Prayer

Br. Aelred Bernard, BSG is a lay brother with the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory. The Brotherhood of St. Gregory (BSG) is a non-residential religious community of the Episcopal Church and is the largest order within the Church. The brothers support themselves and the Brotherhood as they live out their witness in the world to God's redeeming love in Christ Jesus.

Come for the fellowship in service, friendship, study and prayer—and leave refreshed and renewed.



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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

## **The Epiphany Book Club**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **Change of Address**

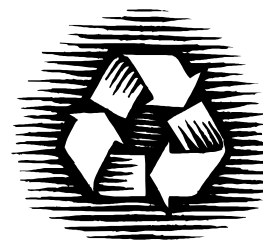
Joel and Ann Fowler  
1066 Eden Ave., S.E.  
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404.627.0626

## **Transfers In**

Kate Miller  
855 W. Peachtree St., NW #1324  
Atlanta, GA 30308  
757.784.2966  
From St. Aidan's Episcopal, Virginia Beach, VA

## **Recycling Volunteer Needed**

Quite a bit of paper and junk mail accumulates in the Parish Office. For several years, Eric Olson has taken it home to be picked up at his curbside for recycling. But the pickup date has changed and doesn't work out for Eric's schedule



anymore. In addition he has done it for many years, so we're looking for some new volunteers to take this on. Would you be willing to come by—at your convenience—every other week or so to pick up the recycling? If you have curbside pick up, that's great—or you could take it to the DeKalb Farmer's Market. If you're interested in helping out, contact Shea at the Parish Office (404.373.8338).

# Racial Reconciliation Workshop

Submitted by Gretchen Maclachlan

On Saturday, January 13, as part of activities commemorating Martin Luther King Jr.'s Life and Work, the First Presbyterian Church will hold a half-day workshop open to all. The workshop will review Atlanta's 1906 Race Riot in talks, drama, and music. In small group discussions they want to hear from those whose churches have already been in ongoing study and dialogue about racial issues.

Epiphanyites are invited to attend the session to be held 9 a.m. to noon, January 13 at First Presbyterian Church, 1328 Peachtree Street (adjacent to the High Museum). If you are interested in carpooling or want more information, call me at 404.524.2705.

## For Our Prayers...

### Heal your sick servants

- Laura Thompson
- Tim Gore

### 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 & Ruth Bookout, sisters of Bill Graves
- Richard Mann, father of Kristin Mann
- 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
- Sahalo Dishman, friend of Diane and Tony Wilkey
- 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

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### January 7

**Acolytes:** 8:45 - TBA; 11:15 - TBA

**Altar Guild:** Martha Rummel, Shirley Porter, Diane Mundy

**Eucharist Visitor(s):** Jerry Boyd

**Flower Guild:** Ann Ladenberger

**Greeters:** 8:45 - TBA; 11:15 - TBA

**Layreaders & LEMs:** 8:45 - Phil Bolton, Diane Mundy, Rob Godsall, Cecilia Democko, Tom Democko; 11:15 - Karyn Smith, Irene Craig, Robin Levine, Bob Kirkhuff, Bob Thompson; 6 - Gary Hawk

**Nursery:** 8:45 - Jason & Cary Seebode; 11:15 - Lydia Ogden & Jim Buehler

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

**Vergers of the Day:** Susan Messner

**Vestry Person of the Day:** Catherine Harvbey

**Second Teller:** John Yntema

### January 14

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

**Altar Guild:** Bobbie Campbell, Katrina Shoemaker, Larry Wilcox

**Eucharist Visitor(s):** Kristen Jones

**Flower Guild:** Michele MacLeod

**Greeters:** 8:45 - TBA; 11:15 - TBA

**Layreaders & LEMs:** 8:45 - Rick Timmer, Marjorie Timmer, Brandon Laird, Shelly Moorfield; 11:15 - Matt Bolch, Marilynn Richtarik, Katrina Shoemaker, Dan Mundy, Diane Wilkey; 6 - Paul Holbrook

**Nursery:** 8:45 - Jimmy & Julie Lockhart; 11:15 - Sandy & Terri Mallory

**Ushers:** 8:45 - Jeff McGrath, Wallace McGrath, Maggie Lee; 11:15 - Ted Jackson, Lissa Jackson, Eric Olson

**Vergers of the Day:** Martha Rummel

**Vestry Person of the Day:** Liefy Smith

**Second Teller:** Vicki Bolton