



The Epiphany Star

a word to the wise

May 9, 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.



Dear Friends in Christ

I never thought that as an adult I would try to pick up a new language. A year ago I did some coaching with a friend and parishioner in French. I really wanted to stay in practice and improve my vocabulary. We had about 6 sessions but it was very difficult to find time to practice. I realize now that it was also difficult because I did not know where my motivation came from: I did not know when I would ever live again in France, who I would speak with on a regular basis, and I had no need to speak it.

Well things are different now: I am learning Danish. And there is plenty of motivation: I want to be able to communicate with Morten, my partner, and his friends in their language, and to understand Danish culture. And because of the motivation, I am beginning to get it. I am watching movies, trying out new phrases almost every time I talk to Morten, and even now coaching some with another parishioner who lived in Denmark several years.

This experience of learning a completely new language helps me put into perspective the other languages I have known for several years, and has opened the door to exploring other ways of viewing the world. Take music for example. It is, in my world, a language. I have most of my life used music as a way to communicate with people about God and love without having to say anything in English. And what about body language, and facial expressions, and poetry, and computer language, and even love. Jeg elsker dig = I love you. Tak = thanks.

Peace,

David

David Houston, Organist & Choirmaster

P.S. If you are looking for another way to express yourself at Epiphany, think about singing with us this summer in the Summer Choir at the 10:30 service. I cannot promise you that I won't teach you a song in Danish, but I will promise you an enjoyable experience with people who want to push our boundaries of language and self-expression.

Pentecost, Sunday May 27

On Sunday May 27, Pentecost we celebrate the birth of the Church. As Luke tells the story in Acts the Holy Spirit descends in a mighty rush of wind and appears in tongues of fire above their heads and gives them the gift to speak in many languages. Liturgically we will celebrate this high feast day with baptisms and readings in different languages. The color of the day is red. So dress in all the red you can stand to wear to church.



Parish News

Help with Prescription Medication

Not only this Mother's Day, but everyday, should be a time to show someone you love how much you care. An easy way to do that is to determine if you or your loved ones could be eligible for Extra Help benefits offered by Social Security. Social Security and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. If you currently receive Medicare and you have limited income and resources, you may be able to get help paying for your monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments under the new Medicare prescription drug program.

If you are interested in learning more about the Extra Help program, we will have pamphlets available in the Gallery on Mother's Day or you can also call Social Security's toll free number at 800.772.1213 or log on to Social Security's website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

United Thank Offering



The United Thank Offering (UTO) is the annual fundraiser for the Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) worldwide missions. This year, the ingathering will take place on Sunday, May 13. Please place your contribution in one of the envelopes in the pews. Checks should be made to ECW showing "For UTO" in the memo field. Your annual response is greatly appreciated. To learn more about this ministry, visit <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/uto/>

Parish Picnic June 10

Join us at Glenlake Park in Decatur for a fun afternoon of picnicking and games Sunday, June 11 from 4 - 6 p.m. Please call Doug Runnion (404.325.8825) or Pat Graves (404.373.7197) if you would like to help coordinate children's activities.



Summer Breakfasts Start Soon

Join the fun in the kitchen by signing up to host one of our popular and much appreciated summer breakfasts between morning services from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Breakfasts will start Sunday, June 3 and last through summer. Church groups are encouraged to sign up to host together, or often two families join forces, since many hands make light work. Come enjoy breakfast and the company of fellow parishioners during the more relaxed pace of summer. Sign-up sheets are posted in the crossing hall. Please contact Doug Runnion (404.325.8825) or Pat Graves (404.373.7197) with any questions.

Epiphany Stars

- Omission: Jeff McGrath was omitted from the Holy Week/Easter thank you's. He's definitely an Epiphany Star for helping with the cooking for the Agápe dinner!

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: 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 Graduates

It's that time of year and we'd like to recognize any graduating seniors at Epiphany. Please forward names, high school, and college plans if any, to info@epiphany.org. Each senior will be given a gift at the 11:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 20.



Children's Ministries

Children's Education Open House

The last day of Sunday School for children and youth will be on Sunday, May 20. The children's Sunday School classes will be having an open house for all parents to attend at 10:00 a.m. Each class will have its own party, during which teachers will recognize the children's accomplishments, share some of their artwork, and have a reception. After the first half hour, parents can move on to other classrooms if they have more than one child.

Christian Education Volunteer's Recognition

It takes a lot of volunteers to support the Epiphany Christian Ed. Program. Every May we take time during the services to tell our volunteers thank you for all their devotion and hard work. These thanks do not come without a reward. Everyone who has helped will receive one genuine Dove Bar! The Teacher Recognition will take place on Sunday, May 20, during the 8:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. services. We look forward to seeing all Christian Education Volunteers during the services, and hope they enjoy their chocolate treats.



Sunday School Dates to Remember

The year is almost over, and summer is just around the corner. Parents and Teachers, please take careful note of the following calendar.

- May 13 Sunday School 10 a.m.
- May 19 Teacher Party at Jeanette Hanson's Home, 6:00 p.m./Childcare for Party at Epiphany 5:30 p.m.
- May 20 Youth Sunday, Senior Recognition, Teacher Appreciation 11:15 a.m. Worship Service/Children's Ed. Open House 10 a.m. in Classrooms
- June 24 VBS set-up at Epiphany 12:00 noon
- June 25-29 Vacation Bible School Week

Playgroup Potluck

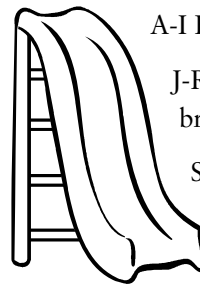
Wednesday, May 23

Hi everyone! Thanks to all who participated in the Epiphany Young Families Survey. The committee appreciates the feedback and are moving forward in a few key areas. We will use this email distribution list to keep you informed of future events and items that might be of interest to young families at Epiphany. If you wish to be removed from the list, please email Shea McNutt at parishadmin@epiphany.org.



You were overwhelmingly in favor of having a late afternoon playgroup/potluck at the church, therefore you and your families (children ages 5 and under) are invited to attend the 1st Playgroup Potluck on May 23. We will meet on the playground at 4:30, then start our potluck dinner at 5:30 so our working parents can join us, too. Don't let this opportunity for good food and fun pass you by!

Please bring the following dish according to your last name:



A-I Entree (casserole, meat, etc.)

J-R Side Dish (veggies, green salad, bread, pasta salad, deviled eggs, etc.)

S-Z Dessert (no example needed!)

* RSVP to scruggs30@aol.com

** Drinks, plates, cups, and utensils will be provided by the church.

Thank you again for taking the time to fill out the survey. Everyone's thoughtful and honest feedback is the first step in creating great new programs to serve us all.



New Acolyte Master Announced

Hi, my name is Dave Thompson and I am the new Acolyte Master. Participating in the Acolyte program is a great way for youth to further their spiritual development by actively assisting in the Sunday services. So if you've ever wanted to be one of those kids who wears the robe and carries the cross and torch on Sundays come to our first training session on June 3 at 11:30 in the church, after the second service. Pizza will be provided. We want it to be a meaningful and enjoyable experience for all who participate.

Epiphany Greenspace

But...Won't I Look Weird????

You get to the grocery store for your weekly shopping trip and you've forgotten your list. If that's not bad enough, the bagging attendant asks, "Paper or plastic?", and the fretting begins: which is the more environmentally correct option?

Actually, neither. More than 380 million plastic bags are thrown away in the United States every year, and those plastic bags use 12 million barrels of oil in the manufacturing process and can take up to 1,000 years to biodegrade in landfills. (Another fact: plastic bags are one of the 12 most commonly found items in coastal cleanups. Yipes!) And while paper bags do eventually biodegrade, an estimated 14 million trees a year have to be cut down to make 10 billion paper bags.



The solution? Bring your own bag to the store and fill it with recycled and organic items. Bags of all types, sizes, and shapes are available online (i.e. www.reusablebags.com) and are

made of 100 percent organic cotton canvas as well as recycled PET (95% recycled plastic bottles and containers). These bags can be used over and over and over, and thrown in the wash (cotton) or wiped out (recycled PET) when dirty.

Yes, you will stand out. Other shoppers will notice. But that's what happens when you're a trend setter!

Vacation Bible School

We are excited about Vacation Bible School this year. Bible School is scheduled for the week of Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29, with a reception on Sunday, July 2, at our 10:30 a.m. service. The year's VBS theme is Under Construction; A Habitat for Humanity Vacation Bible School



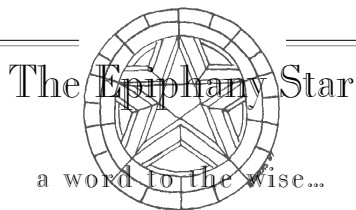
For the first time we will offer an opportunity for children under three to participate with a parent, grandparent, relative or care giver. This year there will be 3 ways children can participate in Epiphany VBS.

You & Me is an opportunity for children under the age of three to participate in chapel and a music class with a parent, relative or care giver from 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. The registration fee is \$20 and includes a child's t-shirt.

Preschool VBS is open to children ages 3 – 6 and is an opportunity for those younger students to have activities geared toward their particular stage of development from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$35.00 and includes a t-shirt for the child.

VBS is open to children 5 – 12 years of age from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Children ages 5-6 can choose either option. The registration fee is \$55 and includes a t-shirt.

The week will include something for everyone including, crafts, cooking, outdoor games, music, and storytelling. Don't forget that this week will include a water day to cool us down from the hot summer. The children will share what they learned during the week as they participate in the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, July 2. Before and after care is also available for an extra charge for those who need it. Registration forms are available in the gallery and at www.epiphany.org—sign-up early. There will be a great deal of material preparation necessary to make this a successful week; therefore a \$75 late registration fee will be charged if you do not register by June 10. Call Colleen Flood or Christen Erskine 404.373.8338 if you have questions at this time.



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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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Offering Envelopes

Epiphany doesn't use a numbered offering envelope system. However, they are generic ones available if you prefer using envelopes for your ongoing pledge payments. You can also use them for Sanctuary Light and Altar Flower offerings or other gifts. You'll find them in the Gallery.

2007 Georgia Walk for Autism

Atlantic Station - Saturday, May 19, 2007



The 2007 Georgia Walk for Autism, set for May 19, 2007 in Atlantic Station, will benefit two organizations, Autism Speaks and The Marcus Institute; together dedicated to increasing awareness of the growing autism epidemic. Autism is a developmental disability that is rising in prevalence with alarming speed. It is estimated that 10,000 children in the state of Georgia are affected by autism, a disorder of unknown origin that has no cure as of yet.

Epiphanite Pat Spivey and her daughter Sharon Pierce will be participating in the walk for their grandson/son Garrison, who has a form of Autism called Asperger's Syndrome. Pat would like to invite her fellow Epiphanites to join in the walk and help support the cause. You can visit http://www.autismwalk.org/site/TR?px=1947107&pg=personal&fr_id=1360 to learn more about Garrison or to join or support Garrison's Gang.

Camp Mikell Summer Camp



Camp Mikell summer camp registration is going strong. Online registration is up 27 percent from this time last year, with 426 campers currently registered. "This puts us on our way to meeting our goal of sharing the camp experience with 100 more young people in 2007," says Kat Ballard of Mikell Conference Center. "If your children plan to attend a Mikell session, now is the time to sign up!" Returning campers can earn some money by "Sharing the Mikell Magic," Ballard added. "Recruit a new camper, and both of you earn \$25 off your registration fee." For details, please visit <http://www.campmikell.com/>.

3rd Annual Interfaith Service to Recognize Hunger Awareness Day

Join the Faith Alliance of Metro Atlanta (FAMA) and the Atlanta Community Food Bank for the 3rd annual Hunger Awareness Day interfaith service. The special convocation, titled Faces of Hunger and Hope, will be held Tuesday, June 5th, 7:00 p.m. at the Atlanta Community Food Bank located at 732 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd, N.W. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information about attending this service, visit ACFB.org or call 404-892-3333, ext. 1440.

DEAM

Submitted by Kathie Ryan, Epiphany's representative on the DEAM council

Since the late 1970s, the non-profit Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM) has been helping Decatur-DeKalb families who are in crisis or emergency. Run by a Coordinating Council, DEAM receives its financial support from 23 Decatur area churches (including Epiphany), from contributions from organizations and individuals, and from grants.

In 2006, DEAM was able to help:

- 2,078 families with food,
- 649 families with utility bills,
- 72 families with rent or mortgage payments,
- 4 families with gasoline/auto expenses,
- 71 persons with MARTA tokens for medical appointments or job interviews, and
- 53 persons with prescription medication.



VOLUNTEERISM is key to the success of DEAM. Located at Holy Trinity Parish, the office and food pantry operate Monday-Friday from 9 am to 12 noon. A second food pantry and clothing room operate from 1 to 2:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the First Baptist Church of Avondale Estates on Covington Highway. If you are interested in volunteering, please see or contact Eric Olson at 404.299.1934 or Kathie Ryan at 404.377.2467.

To make a personal gift place checks made payable to DEAM in Eric Olson's cubby.

Although the Atlanta Food Bank is the source for tons of the goods in the pantries, food also comes from supporting organizations and churches. January and June are Epiphany's "official" months to help stock the food pantries, but our offering basket remains close by the front doors year round. All nonperishable food items are welcomed, and items which are always needed include: peanut butter, jelly, jello, toilet paper, pasta, bar soap, granular laundry soap, meaty & hearty soups, and boxes of 1 qt. dry milk envelopes. Please watch for the "use before" dates.

For donations of other items (after our own Jumble Sale), a good non-profit you may want to consider is the Initiative for Affordable Housing, which helps qualifying families with low cost housing. They will arrange pickup of serviceable items you no longer need such as beds, shelves, tables & chairs, sofas, linens, cutlery, crockery, pots & pans, and new or used toys. Call Lisa Wise at 404.299.9979 or Ralph McCumber at 404.284.6622. Clothing may be donated to the Avondale First Baptist Church or Decatur First Baptist. Call Ralph McCumber at 404.284.6622 for information or pickup.

Now Showing in the Gallery

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

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. 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.

For Our Prayers...

Heal your sick servants

- Jimmy Lockhart, recovering from outpatient surgery
- Father of Nisa Sommers
- Cecilia Jordan, mother of Ben Jordan
- Joanne Houston, mother of David Houston
- Helen Walsh
- Kermit McKenzie
- Dr. Mamie Lee-Walker
- Carla Crawford
- Roberta Williams
- Carmen Gutierrez
- Tim Gore
- Helene Hand
- Margaret Gautier

Rest eternal grant them

- Forest Fuller
- Schott Hietch and John Mango, friend of Nancy Thompson
- Reese Graves, friend of Terry Howell
- Theodora Ruttner, cousin of Steve Du

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 Smith
- 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
- Mary, mother of Colleen Flood
- Mary Lee, mother of Doris Lee
- Anita Harris, mother of Meg Harris
- Anthony & Sharon Villalobos, friends of Sandy Land

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

May 13

Acolytes: 8:45 - Erin Democko; 11:15 - Martha Rummel, Zina Alobaydi, Karen Swenson
Altar Guild: Bobbie Campbell, Katrina Shoemaker, Larry Wilcox
Eucharist Visitor(s): Kristen Jones
Flower Guild: Karyn Smith, Ann Ladenberger
Greeters: 8:45 - Martha Richoz; 11:15 - Betty Walton, Kathy Walmsley
Layreaders & LEMs: 8:45 - Cecilia Democko, Tom Democko, Brandon Laird, Diane Mundy; 11:15 - Matt Bolch, Marilynn Richtarik, Bob Thompson, Ray Piper, Diane Wilkey, Brent Henderson; 6 - Paul Holbrook
Nursery: 8:45 - Brandon & Tracy Laird; 11:15 - Stephanie & Dave Thompson
Ushers: 8:45 - Anne Warner, John Pierson, Ray Quinnelly; 11:15 - Randy Strahan, Annie Strahan, Mike Binford, Nancy Binford
Verger of the Day: Diane Mundy
Vestry Person of the Day: Doug Runnion
Second Teller: Kathy Walmsley

May 20

Acolytes: 8:45 - Jimmy Rabb; 11:15 - Elliot Craig, Chelsea Stephens
Altar Guild: Keith Poole, Annie Strahan, Kathleen Rinehart
Eucharist Visitor(s): Carmen Gutierrez, Wister Cook
Flower Guild: Sherry Wallace, Jackie Tate
Greeters: 8:45 - Grace Fico; 11:15 - Betty Walton, Polly Nodine
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