

## 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.



## Twelve Days of Christmas

I've mostly been away during the 12 days of Christmas. So it is a fun and unusual way for me to be celebrating the 12 days. Mostly, they have been days full of relatives; get togethers, travel, luggage, hellos and goodbyes.

This past week, it has been full of the quiet I imagine, have experienced after a child's birth. Certainly there is the noise of the squawking baby, crying out for sustenance, and safety; crying out for a face, comfort, and safety. And there has been some of that for me this week. The quiet—crying of incarnation.

The quiet: a service on the Sunday after Christmas where those gathered sang and told the story through lessons and carols of our incarnate life. We do that in the church on very important occasions. We sing and tell stories of creation, of life, of death, of God's permanence in mystery in our lives redeeming and sanctifying. (Easter Vigil, Lessons and Carols most notably).

The crying: a man in need of assistance, a man living his life on the margins, no fault, good effort, injuries to body and pride, a creeping sense of desperation to keep it together, gratitude right next to grief. Friendship and camaraderie even, when I coughed (as we rode down the street together in my car) he reached over and patted my back.

The incarnation: a faithful body of people, together making up the body, the real live, flesh and blood of the body of Christ on earth, enjoying, complaining, exulting, weeping, praying, dying, birthing, celebrating, agonizing, realizing, comforting, exhorting, loving our way through the difficulty of life, the joy of life.

I imagine Mary and Joseph doing all this over the twelve days of Christmas. I imagine that this short season is short, because at some point you get on with it, with life, and you forget sometimes, or get used to, or fall into a pattern, or resign yourself, or remember. I imagine that after several months, like all parents do, you wake up one morning and try to remember what life was like before you gave birth to a squawking, needy incarnate little part of humanity. And you can't remember. And it is the blessed forgetfulness of an incarnate life, of the 12 days of Christmas.

Merry Christmas,



The Rev. Benno D. Pattison, Rector



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# Parish News

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## Crown Making

Everyone is invited to help with the traditional crown-making craft project on Sunday, January 4. The crowns are used on January 6 for the Epiphany pageant. The crown-making begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

## Epiphany Pageant

Tuesday, January 6, at 6 p.m.

Our feast day, The Epiphany, is quickly approaching and we have a new program this year! "There's Enough" is the title. Sign up in the Crossing Hall to participate. Children will be learning a song to share the message and all are invited to participate. Questions? Contact Barbara Hotz at [barbara.hotz@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.hotz@gmail.com) or 404.441.1574. Rehearsal starts at 4 p.m. *Bring a non-perishable food item for the Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM) basket as your Epiphany offering.*



## Sunday School Notes:

- There will be no Sunday School on January 4. We will have supplies for young and old alike to make crowns in the Parish Hall for the upcoming Epiphany pageant. You may make a crown to wear yourself, and if you like, make an additional one for someone else to wear.
- On January 11, 1 Epiphany, The Baptism of Our Lord, the Godly Play classrooms will invite parents and others interested in the program to share in our Sunday School story and wondering questions. We will tell the story of our baptism. Please join us!

## My Best Christmas Gift

My very favorite gift this year happened on Christmas afternoon. About two o'clock, approximately 30 of my Epiphany choir members came into my apartment. and under the talented direction of Clark Weigle, gave a beautiful Concert of Christmas music. My sister and I were absolutely enthralled. Also, everyone in my building enjoyed it, too. My thanks to all of you, and additionally, to everyone who has been so solicitous of my condition. Your help, thoughts and prayers have come through to me. — Mary Betty Ford.

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## The Epiphany Star

a word to the wise...



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### Office Hours

Mon. - Thur. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
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Mark Rowles, Parish Life

Dave Thompson, Christian Education

Rick Timmer, Stewardship

Sherry Wallace, Outreach

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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)

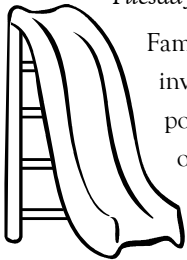
## Episcopal Church Women Meet

The monthly meeting of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) is January 13 at 11:00 a.m. We are honored to have Kathryn Bryan as our guest speaker. Kathryn is the new Director of Program Support at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church. Come learn of the history and the on-going ministries at HC. Please bring a dish to share at lunch.

If you are able, join us at 10 a.m. to fix sandwiches for the Poverty Rights Office. The sandwiches are a great help with this ministry. All women of the parish are invited to join us.

## Young Families Playgroup Potluck

Tuesday, January 20 at 4:30 p.m.



Families with children age 5 and under are invited to attend a late afternoon playgroup and potluck on Tuesday, January 20. We will meet on the playground at 4:30 p.m., then start our potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. so our working parents can join us, too.

Please RSVP to Mary Beth Jordan 404.941.991 or marybeth.jordan@comcast.net with your entrée, side or dessert item.

## Coffee Hour

We are proud to offer Bishop's Blend shade-grown coffee from Episcopal Relief and Development Fund between the morning services. There is no money in the budget to fund coffee hour, and so we rely on everyone's contributions to make this happen. If you would like to help prepare coffee and provide light refreshments please see the sign-up sheets in the Crossing Hall.

## Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 18, at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us in the church at 10 a.m. for our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 18. 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 2008 Financial Report and 2009 Annual Budget. All are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

## Epiphany Book Club

Epiphany's Book Club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at Regency House. Join us at 7:30 p.m. at 341 Winn Way, Decatur, 30030.

**January 19:** *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* by Annie Dillard

**February 16:** *The Nine* by Jeffrey Toobin.

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# Music News

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## Concerts in January

Church of the Epiphany has two fabulous, and free, concerts coming up in early January.

- Brad Hughley, the talented organist and choirmaster at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, will perform a half-hour program of music on January 4, beginning at 5:30 p.m. His program includes Bach, a French noel by Louis-Claude Daquin, and Partita on 'How brightly shines the morning star' by James Woodman. The concert is followed at 6 p.m. by an evensong service with the Epiphany Schola choir. Hughley oversees an extensive music program of four choirs at St. Bart's, and manages a growing concert series there. He has performed throughout the U.S. and Canada, and often collaborates as continuo player with the early music ensemble New Trinity Baroque.
- On January 11, mezzo soprano Joanna Kessler and Epiphany's own Susan Landskroener, soprano, will perform "An Afternoon of Divas and Delights" at 4 p.m. with pianist Daniel Solberg at Epiphany. Susan, a graduate of the Yale School of Music with a Master of Music in Voice, will sing selections by Schubert, Puccini and others. Joanna, a recent graduate of Westminster Choir College with a Bachelor of Music in Sacred Music, will sing selections from Schumann's *Frauenliebe und Leben*, as well as pieces by Ives and others.

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# Outreach

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## DEAM Update

January is Epiphany's month to help stock the pantry at the Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM). Last June we set a goal of 100 each of four food items, and thanks to your generosity, we far surpassed it! So let's go for 150 of each this time! We can do it! Watch for the running tally as the month progresses. Please bring: 1 quart packages dry milk, cereal, tuna, and jelly. Thank you.

## Blanket Drive

The YAC (Young Adults in Church) group is collecting Blankets & Socks for the homeless. Please bring new or gently used socks and blankets and place them in the box in the Crossing Hall.



## Book Drive for Peachtree-Pine Shelter

Clear off your shelves of paperback books for the men at Peachtree-Pine. They welcome novels, mysteries, biographies, spirituality, self-help, history, politics, and particularly African-American themed books. The library can also take hardback volumes. Place items in the designated receptacle in the narthex.

## Hagar's House

*Sign up to share dinner with 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 at Hagar's House by providing dinner to the women and their children housed in the shelter. Our next week for Hagar's House is January 4 - 10, 2009. Join up with another Epiphany member or family to share the work, expense and fellowship. Meals do not need to be elaborate. Call Roberta Long at 404.378.2069 or email her at rlong25@bellsouth.net with questions.

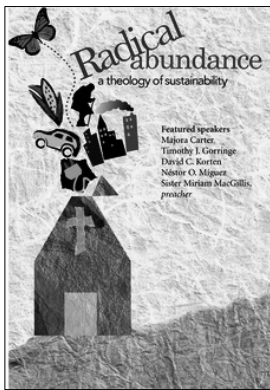
Also, please check off if this will be your first time volunteering at Hagar's House so that we can make sure that you are paired up with an experienced volunteer.



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# Diocese & National News

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## Trinity Institute

*If your thing is social justice, environmental care and/or thinking theology... then this is for you*

Radical Abundance, a

theology of sustainability, is the name of the next annual Trinity Institute conference, which will be web cast at St Bartholomew's, January 21-23, 2009. Leading theologians and grassroots activists will consider radical ideas about abundance, sustainability and well-being. Take some days off from work or retirement and come be stimulated in your faith development and Christian action. This year you may attend the entire conference for only \$65, or by the day. Register for \$30 per day or \$45 for Wednesday plus Thursday or Friday. Go to [institute.episcopalatlanta.org](http://institute.episcopalatlanta.org) for details and to register. Contact Beverley Elliott 404.634.3336 or Ken Bell 404.502.6906 if you would like information on scholarships or can help with hospitality.

## The Presiding Bishop's Christmas Message

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it (John 1:5).*

The world settles into winter, at least in the northern hemisphere, and life to many seems increasingly bleak. Foreclosures, layoffs, government bailouts and financial failures, continuing war on two fronts, terrorist attacks, murders of some identified only by



their faith ~ this world is in abundant need of light. We know light that is not overcome by darkness, for God has come among us in human flesh. Born in poverty to a homeless couple, to a people long under occupation, Jesus is human and divine evidence that God is with us in the midst of the world's darkness. Emmanuel, Prince of Peace, Divine Counselor is come among us to re-remember, and re-create. A new mind and heart is birthed in us as we turn to follow Jesus on the way. The body of God's creation is re-remembered and put back together in ways intended from the beginning. And a new creation becomes reality through Jesus' healing work. Christians tell the story again each Christmastide, and the telling and remembering invites us once again into being made whole. Our task in every year is to hear the story with new ears, and seeing light in the darkness of this season's woes, then to tell it abroad with glad hearts to those who wait in darkness. Where will you share the joyous tale of light in the darkness?

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori  
Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church

*Icon is titled Virgin of the Sign by Zachary Roesemann. It is on display at the Episcopal Church and the Visual Arts online exhibition, Light of the World at [http://ecva.org/exhibition/Light\\_Of\\_The\\_World\\_2008/LOTW-Roesemann.htm](http://ecva.org/exhibition/Light_Of_The_World_2008/LOTW-Roesemann.htm)*

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# For Our Prayers...

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Prayer intentions for The Epiphany Star and for Sunday Services should be directed to either of the clergy at 404.373.8338. In case of emergency you may contact them via cell phone: The Rev. Benno D. Pattison (404.538.9089), or The Rev. Cynthia Hizer (770.891.8216). Please let the Parish Office know if there are any errors on the listings below.

## Heal your sick servants

- David Crawford
- Mary Betty Ford
- Vera Holt
- Chris Miller
- Sara Nally
- Susan Smart
- Laura Thomas
- Hannah Thompson
- Ruben Tuck
- Megan & Jason and Olivia Cheek, friends of Gretchen D'Huygetter Cobb
- Christy & Keith, relatives of Kristina Watkins-Mormino
- Cindy Afforder, friend of Lissa Jackson
- Bess Hinson, niece of Patricia Edelkind

## Rest eternal grant them

- Kim Potts, friend of Tracy Wells
- Emma, niece of Kristina Watkins-Mormino
- Marjorie Hornsby, sister-in-law of Sylvia Ethridge
- Eric Nascimento Silva

## Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

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

## Those in prison

- David, Gene, Christopher, Chris, John, Mark and Trey

## Those in the armed forces

- Anthony Baggs, Layton Lane Britt, Eddie Chowning, Kevin Cunningham, Kevin Doonan, Nicky Dykes, Brett Jackson, Eli Jordan, Shade Lawson, Stewart Mundy, James Neff, Scott Owens, MacLeod Patton, Philip So, Marc Steele, John Thornburg, Chris Will

## Family and friends who request our prayers

- Gerald Fico, son of Grace Fico
- Joyce, mother of Tony Wilkey
- Evejean Clarke, friend of Roberta Williams
- Leah Aronowitz, friend of Kathy Walmsley
- Bruce Daily, brother of Lisa Daily
- Fred Motney, brother of Diane Wilkey
- 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
- Kate McCary, aunt of Karen Swenson
- Mike Daily, father of Lisa Daily
- Andrew Klassen, young friend of the Wilkey family
- Clyde Fox, father of Keith Fox
- Joseph Saavedra, father of Joey Saavedra
- Patsy Smith, sister-in-law of Karyn Smith
- Beth, sister of Chris Miller
- Mary Clare Hogg, aunt of Liefy Smith
- Ruth Battersby, friend of Carmen Gutierrez
- Hilma Nepote, mother of Vicki Bolton
- Anita Harris, mother of Meg Harris
- Gerry Sommers, father of Nisa Sommers
- Scott Morris, son of Jean Morris
- Billie Ledbetter, mother of Gail Munoz
- Ernie Gregory, friend of Terry Howell
- John O'Brien, friend of Tracy Wells
- Jane Magruder, friend of Karen Swenson
- Pat Coval, friend of Tracy Wells
- Gina Llewellyn, friend of Noelle Toumey Reetz
- Fay & Mel Davis, mother & step-father to Sara Hauk
- Dan Belcore, brother of Barbara Belcore
- Jean Sengle, aunt of Brenda Lloyd
- Kim Alliston Brake, friend of Karen Swenson
- The Voss family, relatives of Sarah McLean and Christen Erskine
- Betty Porter, relative of Sarah McLean and Christen Erskine
- Marion Barber, friend of Sarah Jane Wollison
- Gail Goldsmith, friend of Jan & Gordy Rivers
- Rick Eich, friend of Marjorie Timmer
- Sr. Mary Elizabeth, SSG, friend of Br. Aelred
- Elizabeth Carroll, friend of Muriel Diguette
- Debby Mugridge, family of Audrey Banfield
- Charlie Post
- Sally Hall, friend of Wister Cook
- Abby Knapp, grandniece of Doug Runnion
- Ed Hambalek, father of Barbara Belcore
- Esther Ojo, friend of Tracey Laird
- Taylor Thorell, friend of the Branch Family
- Lorton Lewis, mother of Liz Schellingerhoudt
- Mary Jowers, relative of Dorothy Gautier
- Kim, co-worker of Michele MacLeod
- Susie Giradeau, friend of Fran Holt-Underwood
- Martha Adhikan, sister of Monica Baroi
- Alice MacLeod, sister of Rod MacLeod
- Madison Isabella, daughter of Fran-Holt Underwood
- Anne Braxton Smith, granddaughter of Pam & Mike Smith
- Bill Bennett, son-in-law of Michele & Rod MacLeod
- Robert Holt, son of Fran Holt-Underwood
- Miriam Hizer, mother of Cynthia Hizer
- Frank & Celeste Rubin, friends of Sandy Land
- Sarah Meadows, cousin of Katrina Shoemaker
- Diep Shoemaker, daughter-in-law of Katrina Shoemaker
- Chuck Underwood, brother of John Underwood
- Bobby Crenshaw and Catharine Crenshaw McCary, uncle and aunt of Karen Swenson
- Murphy Davis and Eduard Loring, friends of Br. Aelred
- Melody Marshall, sister of Sydney Cleland
- Nicholas Hokanson, son of Marjorie & Rick Timmer
- Don Boyd, father of Jerry Boyd
- Priscilla Landskroener, mother of Susan Landskroener
- Allison, sister of Sandy Land
- Walter Buehler, father of Jim Buehler
- Walter Marx, friend of Kathy Walmsley
- Elizabeth Dean, mother of Br. Aelred
- Paul Dean, father of Dylan Dean
- Chris Belcore, brother of Barbara Belcore
- McKenzie & Sydney, nieces of Barbara Belcore
- Gail Peterson, uncle of Lisa Carlson
- Thad Crowe, brother of Lisa Crowe
- Ron Kasting
- Will Ashley, grandson of Dorothy Gautier
- Linda Brigner, sister of Judy Urban
- Gail Peterson, Uncle of Lisa Carlson
- Howard Dean, father of Br. Aelred
- James Tucker, grandfather of Kristina Watkins Mormino
- Barbara Hoshley, friend of Marilyn Cook
- Barbara Stinson, friend of Pamela & Michael Smith
- Roy & Ida Welborn, friends of Sharon O'Flaherty
- Nancy Davis, Nancy Easland, Oliver Thorold & Julie Hillyer, friends of Kristin Mann
- Richard Mann & Richard Mann Sr., nephew and father of Kristin Mann

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**Thank you!**

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# People & Posts

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## January 4

**Acolytes:** 8:45 - Diane Mundy; 11:15 - Jordan Moody, Hannah Thompson, Jessica Moody, Emily Thompson; 6 - Will Bryant

**Altar Guild:** John Bayne, Shirley Porter, Diane Mundy

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

**Flower Guild:** Jackie Tate, Sherry Wallace

**Layreaders & LEMs:** 8:45 - Katie Pederson, Phil Bolton, Rob Godsall, Nancy Thompson, Diane Mundy, John Yntema; 11:15 - Liz Romo-Rasha, Ann Neff, Heather Knapp, Robin Fortuna, Lydia Ogden, Cliff Edge; 6 - Mary McKenzie

**Nursery:** Martin & Dawn Shelton

**Ushers:** 8:45 - Philip Anderson, Sabra Hanson, John Howarth; 11:15 - Tom Mundy, Audrey Banfield, Neil Banfield, Charles Coats, Liz Romo-Rasha

**Verger of the Day:** Richard Messner

**Vestry Person of the Day:** Sherry Wallace

**Second Teller:** TBA

## January 11

**Acolytes:** 8:45 - Anna Democko; 11:15 - Maggie Williamson, Mary Katharine Williamson, Alex Williamson, Daniel Mallory

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

**Eucharist Visitor(s):** None Scheduled

**Flower Guild:** Jo Sedlack

**Layreaders & LEMs:** 8:45 - Paige Howell, Phil Bolton, Susan Lalor, Tom Democko, Cecilia Democko, Rob Godsall; 11:15 - Robert Forgione, Irene Craig, Brent Henderson, Bob Thompson, Bob Kirkhuff, Dan Mundy; 6 - Nancy McCord

**Nursery:** Leslie Jo Tottenham & Stan McGraw

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

**Verger of the Day:** Sherry Wallace

**Vestry Person of the Day:** Rick Timmer

**Second Teller:** TBA