



# The Epiphany Star

January 2, 2008

## 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 New Year's Letter to Epiphany

"Do you love them?"

It has been four years now that I was sitting at a McDonald's in Milledgeville, Georgia, with my priest. I had just completed a wonderful ten-week placement at St. Stephen's as part of my discernment process for the priesthood. Father Chuck and I were celebrating before I moved on.<sup>1</sup> Before I left Milledgeville, we needed to have a final debriefing.

Fr. Chuck asked how I felt about the congregation. "They are very nice," I said.

"Very nice?" he said. "That's all?"

"Well, yes! They are lovely people!"

"But do you *love* them?" he asked. "If you don't love them, don't go into the priesthood."

This comment became a defining moment for me, a measuring rod and a question that has continued to linger. Would I love them?

Last month our bishop, J. Neil Alexander, spoke to a roomful of new priests—new to the priesthood and new to the diocese. He told us that many years ago he started a New Year's tradition in which he wrote a letter to someone who had deeply influenced his life. He didn't always send the letter—sometimes the people were impossible to find or not even alive. Still, he wrote the letter to articulate how they had influenced him, shaped him and formed him for the good.

This seems like such a good idea I am going to start the tradition myself, right now, this year. And I am going to start by writing my first letter to You, the people of Epiphany. I have just passed the six-month mark of my ministry here, and this seems a fitting way to tell you how you deeply have influenced me.

As my first parish, every day you are actively forming me. I have been given a training ground to test my wings as a new priest—the privilege to be part of what is maybe the best ministry team anywhere. I (and my family) have been embraced by your generous spirit and good will. I have been entrusted with your joys, confidential cares and woes. In these first six months I baptized my first child and heard my first confession.

You have been patient and pastoral through my early efforts of sermon making, chanting and presiding at the Eucharist, running the Christian Education program, and figuring out the finer details of Halloween Carnival and Children's Chapel. You have enthusiastically attended my Quiet Days and prayer programs. You have suffered gladly through my enthusiasms: when flower petals show up in the water in the Baptismal font, when I turn the lights too low at the 6 pm service, when I light too many candles and burn too much incense.

I expected to enjoy my job and the day-to-day work of ministry, with its varied and unexpected tasks. I genuinely like people, and so expected I would like you too.

But like a thief in the night, it is the love that has broken loose in my heart that caught me by surprise. How much I love you. It was a defining moment when I realized this recently. And so, as we begin the New Year, I look forward to knowing more of you, knowing your lives and your loves, and walking alongside your faith journey, so that you can see and know that the Divine Image is reflected in you.

Happy New Year!

Mother Cynthia

The Rev. Cynthia Ann Hizer

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<sup>1</sup> Father Chuck Robertson has also moved on – he is now Canon to the Ordinary for Presiding Bishop Katharine Jeffers-Shori.

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# Parish Life

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## Annual Parish Meeting

*Sunday, January 20, at 10:00 a.m.*

Please join us in the church at 10 a.m. for our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 20. 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, and receive the 2007 Financial Report and 2008 Annual Budget. All are welcome.

## Episcopal Church Women

Epiphany's Episcopal Church Women wish to thank everyone who supported our Bake Sale. Your shopping and gifts of baked goods & donations will enable us to continue our outreach efforts.

The next meeting of the ECW is January 8 at 11:00 a.m., followed by a potluck luncheon. Our guest speaker will be The Rev. Claiborne Jones. All women of the church are invited.

Sandwiches will be made at 10 o'clock for the Poverty Rights Organization at Emmaus House. Anyone wishing to help will be most welcome.

## Food for DEAM

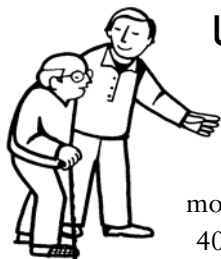
Our semi-annual food drive for Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministry is during January. Please bring non-perishable foods—no paper products please—and place them in the basket in the Narthex at Epiphany each Sunday of the month.

## The Epiphany Book Club

The Epiphany Book Club's upcoming selection is:

- January 14: *Beyond Belief* by Elaine Pagels

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Regency House, 341 Winn Way. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Chris Kaylor at 404.525.7595 or christina\_kaylor@yahoo.com.



## Ushers Needed

We need to fill a few spots on the usher teams, particularly for the 8:45 a.m. service.

If you are willing to help out on Sunday mornings, please contact Ted Jackson at 404.292.3466 or tvjackson@aol.com.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Derward Coats  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Janet Lynn  
and  
Mr. William Ray Wilson  
Saturday, the nineteenth of January  
Two thousand and eight  
at one o'clock in the afternoon  
Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
2089 Ponce de Leon Avenue, North East  
Atlanta, Georgia  
And afterwards at the reception  
in the Church Parish Hall

## Start New Year Off Right in a Foyers Group

New Foyers groups will be forming in January, starting with a kickoff pot-luck dinner on



Saturday, January 19, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Foyers groups are a great way to get to know more people at Epiphany. The groups meet monthly for a year in social settings. Groups are created from a diverse cross-section of parishioners—couples, singles and families. Meetings are hosted by a different member each month and do not need to be elaborate. While potluck dinners are probably most common, there is a wide variety of things to do: meet for a movie and go out for dessert, meet after church for pizza, go for a picnic ... the possibilities are endless.

Sign-up sheets are in the Crossing Hall, and the deadline to sign up is Monday, January 14. For more information, contact Matt Bolch, (404.523.9123); mbolch@mindspring.com.

## Epiphany Stars

Have you or another parishioner you know done a good deed for the parish? Do you know someone who has received recognition for a personal achievement? Let us know!

- Bob Ballou, for overseeing the plumbing repairs during December.
- Matt Bolch, for his semi-annual cleaning out of the cracks in the sanctuary floor, as well as making sure newcomer cards and sharpened pencils are in all the pews!
- For their help in getting the Christmas Eve Service booklets collated and stapled: Silvia Ethridge, Kathie Ryan, Nancy Strauss, Nell Mundy, Matt Bolch, Ruth Olson, Jerry Boyd, Mary Betty Ford, Oz Adams, and as always, our chief bulletin volunteers Don Stripling and Wister Cook.
- Bob Ballou and Bill Graves for the challenging work of changing light bulbs in the sanctuary
- Liefy and George Smith, for their work in the Courtyard.

## Young Families Playgroup Potluck

Families with children age 5 and under are invited to attend a late afternoon playgroup and potluck on Tuesday, January 15. We will meet on the playground at 4:30, and then start our potluck dinner at 5:30 so our working parents can join us, too. Please bring the following dish according to your last name: S-Z Entree, A-I Side Dish, J-R Dessert. Please RSVP to Rachela Davidson-Longhorn at racheladavidson-leghorn@comcast.net by Monday, January 14.

## Epiphany Gallery presents Beth Clinton for January

Beth Stokes Clinton, a native of Georgia, paints mainly in oil. She has also painted in watercolor and acrylic and has created ceramic sculptures. Beth's art show at Epiphany, January 4-31, will feature oil paintings completed during the last two years. Her paintings have been selected for many juried shows on the East Coast and Georgia.

Beth is currently co-vice president of the Atlanta Artists Center, where she is a Juried Member. She is a member of the Buford Artists Group in Buford, GA, and was formerly represented by Art 101 in Atlanta and by Art Station in Stone Mountain, GA. She has studied at the Art Students League in New York City, at The Art League in Alexandria, VA, and at Georgia State University and the Atlanta School of Art. Teachers include Chaim Gross, sculpture, and Jules Cozine and Elsie Dresch, painting.

Beth is a graduate of Oberlin College in Ohio and holds a master's degree in Public Health from Columbia University. She lived in New York City for 30 years, holding positions in the international education and international women's health fields. She returned to Georgia in the 1990s with her husband, Dr. J. Jarrett Clinton.

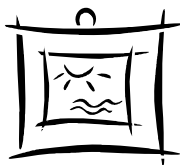
Beth's father, the late Rev. Henry J. Stokes, was a priest in the Atlanta Episcopal Diocese during the 1960s and 1970s at the Church of the Resurrection on Hogan Road. Her mother, Mary Beth Stokes, was an artist in Atlanta and Savannah.

**Beth has invited everyone to the artist's reception, Saturday, January 5, 4-6pm.**

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Worship &

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Spirituality News

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### Lenten Retreat: Pray,

### Study, Work, Rest

Please join us in a meditative Lenten pilgrimage. We are lucky to be able to offer Epiphanyites a weekend at the Episcopal Convent of St. Helena in Augusta, GA. Friday afternoon through lunch on Sunday, February 15, 16, 17. The Sisters of St. Helena chant the Daily Office five times a day and will teach us to use their new breviary and to chant with them.

In the Benedictine rhythm our days will have time for prayer, study, work (in the gardens and kitchens assisted by one of the Sisters), and quiet time for naps and walking in the woods. They are offering us the entire Retreat house and Guest house, with a total of 17 rooms: 11 singles and 3 rooms with two twin beds (perfect for couples). Women and men are welcome and we hope to carpool. Cost is \$125 for the weekend, including room, wonderful meals and instruction. \$60 required as a deposit by January 20. To reserve a room (only 12 left!), look for a sign-up sheet in the Crossing Hall or contact Associate Rector Cynthia Hizer. Check out their website at [www.osh.org](http://www.osh.org).

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# Outreach

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## Hagar's House Help

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 August 6-12. We will be responsible for providing dinner each day that week. Please sign up to help. Questions? Call Roberta Long at 404.378.2069.



## Thank You!

This is to say Thank You and show our appreciation for the everlasting, unbelievable gift and most of all, the security provided for the entire family of Wahabi/Rafat Salwu by providing us with an affordable and suitable house which will be in memories of the entire family. We are also proud of Atlanta Habitat for Humanity for the initiation that brought different religions and faith together to work for the same goal which is to provide for the people who are in need. Our appreciation also goes to the Christians, Muslims, Jews and every individual that participated in different ways to make the house a reality. We also enjoy our participation in building a home of our own and in other people's home. Once again, we are happy to join Atlanta Habitat Family. ~Wahabi Salawu, Mrs. Rafat Salawu



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### Office Hours

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Catherine Harvey, *ex-officio*

Ben Jordan, *Finance & Planning*

Doug Runnion, *Parish Life*

Rick Timmer, *Building & Grounds*

Sherry Wallace, *Outreach*

### 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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# 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* Anita Harris
- Liz Romo-Rasha
- James Harper, uncle of Barbara Ryder
- Jean Sengl, aunt of Brenda Lloyd
- Tommie Low, sister of Maggie Ewing
- Dr. Bob Laning, uncle of Liefy Smith
- Margaret L. Moore
- Father Jay Johnson
- Miriam

### *Rest eternal grant them*

- Helen Elizabeth Walsh
- Ed Thompson, father of Nancy Thompson

### *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 prison*

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

### *Those in the armed forces*

- Anthony Baggs, Layton Lane Britt, Kevin Cunningham, Kevin Doonan, Nicky Dykes, Seth Fortin, Brett Jackson, 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
- Jane Morrison, friend of Betty Walton
- 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
- Bill Kennedy, cousin of Rob Godsall
- 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
- Ruth Golley friend of Kathy Walmsley
- Ginger Lias, mother of Margaret Lias
- 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
- Howard Dean, father of Brother Aelred Dean
- Andrew Lowe, nephew of Maggie Ewing
- Bill McNutt, father of Shea McNutt
- Beth, sister of Chris Miller
- Peggy Trosper, mother of Lani Walsh
- Marie Claire Houge, Aunt of Liefy Smith
- Ruth Battersday, friend of Carmen Gutierrez
- Hilma Nepote, mother of Vicki Bolton
- Anita Harris, mother of Meg Harris
- Anthony & Sharon Villalobos, friends of Sandy Land
- Peg Driskill, aunt of Pat Graves
- Father of Nisa Sommers
- Cecilia Jordan, mother of Ben Jordan
- Dora Sumner Hsu Du, mother of Steve Du
- Alex Cargyle, son of Barbara Emmanuel
- Melody Terrien, sister of David Houston
- Eric Widiger, brother of Tracey Laird
- Scott Morris, son of Jean Morris
- Donna Bravard, friend of Sandy Land
- Robert Holt, son of Fran Holt-Underwood
- Karen Lindgren, sister of Rob Godsall's brother-in-law
- Billie Ledbetter, mother of Gail Munoz
- Kimberly Babcock, niece of Barbara Belcore
- Ernie Gregory, friend of Terry Howell
- John O'Brien, friend of Tracy Wells
- Olympia LaMattina, friend of Terry Lee Ross
- Jane Magruder, friend of Karen Swenson
- Pat Coval, friend of Tracy Wells
- Jean Ann Watson, mother-in-law of Jane Watson
- Sam Schatten, friend of Gail Harris
- Gina Llewellyn, friend of Noelle Toumey Reetz
- Sue Walker, aunt of Tracy Wells
- Tommie Lowe, sister of Maggie Ewing
- Fay & Mel Davis, mother & step-father to Sara Hauk
- Dan Belcore, brother of Barbara Belcore
- Margaret Moore, sister of Fran Holt-Underwood, and Margaret's husband and daughter, Marlon & Jo Ann
- Diane, sister of Stephen Carey, friend of Fran Holt-Underwood
- Leland Graves, brother of Bill Graves
- Angela Patillo, friend of Carmen Gutierrez
- Jean Sengl, aunt of Brenda Lloyd
- Andrew Juberá, son of Cynthia Hizer

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## People & Posts

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### January 6

**Acolytes:** 8:45 - Zoey Laird, Eleanor Thomas; 11:15 - Chelsea Stephens, Maria Braswell, Jake Braswell, Billy Braswell

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

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

**Flower Guild:** Sherry Wallace, John Holt-Underwood

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

**Layreaders & LEMs:** 8:45 - TBD; 11:15 - TBD; 6 - TBD

**Nursery:** 8:45 - Jason & Cory Seebode; 11:15 - Terry & Sandy Mallory

**Ushers:** 8:45 - Phil Bolton, Jim Biddle, Robin Levine, Eric Craig; 11:15 - Scott Yeagle, Ingrid Reinhard, Catherine Harvey

**Verger of the Day:** Richard Messner

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

**Second Teller:** Catherine Harvey

### January 13

**Acolytes:** 8:45 - Erin Democko, Anna Democko, Alex Bender, Brendan Bender; 11:15 - Jessica Moody, Jordan Moody, Hannah Thompson, Emily Thompson

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

**Eucharist Visitor(s):** Maggie Lee, Dee Daly

**Flower Guild:** Polly Nodine

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

**Layreaders & LEMs:** 8:45 - TBD; 11:15 - TBD; 6 - TBD

**Nursery:** 8:45 - Judy Eustace & Colleen Flood; 11:15 - Laura Pattison

**Ushers:** 8:45 - Anne Warner, John Pierson, Ray Quinnelly, Beverly Burks; 11:15 - Randy Strahan, Annie Strahan, Mike Binford, Nancy Binford

**Verger of the Day:** TBD

**Vestry Person of the Day:** Lisa Daily

**Second Teller:** TBD