



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.



Leadership

Friedman, a famous analyst of systems and leadership, has suggested that leadership is the quality of trusting your instincts and having vision. I want to share with you some of mine as we head into this new program year of our life together.

First, I would say that my instincts tell me that our honeymoon is over. That is to say, as I near the three and a half year mark of my tenure as your rector you pretty much know what it is you have in your midst in regard to how I am as a priest. Which isn't to say that I have learned everything I need to know to be your rector. That, the learning that I have yet to do, is still before us. I also have the keen awareness that you at Epiphany are a people of good humor and great breadth of experience, and are incredibly committed to our common life of prayer and our work to reconcile the marginalized in our community and the world. I am thrilled, daily, to be at work in your midst. I feel like we are ready to commit to what lies ahead in our generation in this historic parish.

I have a vision that is quite simple, really. I want to see Epiphany become a healthy system. Not that it hasn't been, and my use of the term healthy has everything to do with becoming what we are now, today. One of the ways I see us achieving this goal is to work on how we understand our corporate mission. I want everyone around Epiphany to be able to articulate, in some fashion, what we all understand to be the work of the church.

I also want us to find our place, each and everyone of us. I want both old-timer and newcomer alike to be able to say that they are known, and feel known, by the community. This may take the form of service in our varied program life. It may take the form of being connected to a group where you are able to share your story and feel the embrace of those around you. It may be as simple as attending worship regularly and participating in our sacramental life.

And I see Epiphany continuing to welcome and include anyone that comes our way. This work of hospitality will mean that our community will be dynamic. That is, we will be changed by every person that walks through our doors, and every person that walks through our doors will be changed by their inclusion in this beloved community.

Your leaders are hard at work on realizing this vision. At our mid-year retreat we have asked our finance committee to take on the work of extracting a more precise financial understanding of our giving and stewardship. Over the years, as we have added new membership and new pledges that have augmented our financial health, we have recognized that our pledge amount has remained constant. We need to work at changing that as part of our collective call to the mission of the church. We want to make our financial life transparent, accessible and participatory to all. We have asked our building and grounds committee to come up with some short-term solutions to our parking issues. The Vestry is aware of the need to do this so that we can all feel like there is space for everyone to come and worship. Finally, we are going to engage

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in a consultative process that will explore our dynamics—staff, program, space and finances. We want to be purposeful about our life together.

I am excited about this next year. I am grateful for the way in which we all share the role of leader in this community, from the least of us to the most revered.

When I came back to church work after a hiatus in the business community several years ago, I was struck by an awesome truth as I walked down the aisle one day dressed in the finery of the celebrant's robes. It occurred to me, as I listened to the swell of the music and was filled with awe at the potency of the celebration, that everyone of us should be dressed in just such an outfit and have the thrill of hearing the music of praise surround us as we approached the high altar of God's call to us. I find Epiphany to be such a place where we share that notion that God is calling, the music is playing and we are all resplendent just as we are.

Peace,



The Rev. Benno D. Pattison

Parish News

Become a Eucharistic Minister



We very much need to replenish our Eucharistic Minister (EM) ranks, as several of our EMs have moved - please consider whether you might be able to serve Epiphany in this important way! EMs help at the altar with communion and sometimes help out with reading and the prayers of the people. You may serve as often or as little as works in your schedule - some serve quarterly, others monthly, others every few weeks. We will be conducting a training session on August 16, from 10-11 a.m. Your help is needed - we look forward to seeing you at a summer training session!

Centering Prayer Workshop



On August 22, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Contemplative Outreach will offer a one-day Introductory course to Centering Prayer, the Christian-based meditation practice that centers on resting in God. If you have any meditation practice or would like to develop one, please contact The Rev. Cynthia Hizer at 404.373.8338 or associate@epiphany.org.

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes Richard Burgess for August

Richard Burgess has been working in Atlanta as a residential architect since 1996, he grew up near Wichita, Kansas where he began painting with oils at the age of fourteen. He studied art at Kansas State University winning a number of awards for his work at that time. He completed his college years earning a B.A. in interior architecture. After years of developing a career as an architect, he has recently returned to his love of painting, working in mixed mediums and styles

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!

- A special thanks goes out to Cynthia Hizer, Brian Gross, Fran Holt, Jonathan Holt-Underwood, Shea McNutt, Walker Bolch; who gave of their time and talent and labor in tearing down, stripping and resealing the floors in the Parish Hall, and re-setting the parish hall.

Congratulations Epiphany Grads

Brian Holbrook

graduated from Oberlin College with a BA in Politics, will attend Yale law school

Matthew Holbrook

graduated from Lakeside High School, will attend the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque

Leslie Piper

graduated from the University of Virginia, receiving a B.S. with Highest Distinction in Environmental Sciences. She also received the Wallace-Poole Prize for the top undergraduate student in her major. This fall, Leslie will be attending Montana State University in Bozeman, where she will be pursuing a Master's degree in Ecology and Environmental Sciences.

Eleanor Thomas

graduated from Ben Franklin Academy. She received the Presidential Academic Award, and has been awarded several scholarships to Agnes Scott, including one for playing her violin, where she will attend in the fall.

Maya Velasco

graduated from Agnes Scott College

Malcolm Velasco

graduated from Emory University



Steven Whitehead

graduated from Decatur High School, will attend Georgia Tech

If you or a member of your family just graduated from high school, vocational school or college (undergraduate or graduate) we would love to know. Please contact the parish office (404.373.8338/parishadmin@epiphany.org)

Book Club Meets September 21

Epiphany's Book Club meets the 3rd Monday of the month at Regency House. Join us at 7:30 p.m. at 341 Winn Way, Decatur, 30030. In September, we'll celebrate Eudora Welty's centennial by discussing her book of short stories *A Curtain of Green*, and then in October we'll do Salman Rushdie's newest novel *The Enchantress of Florence*. For more information, contact Christina Kaylor, christina_kaylor@yahoo.com.

Let's Go Hiking Again!!!

Who: Earth Guild members Carol and Chris Moser

What: have extended an invitation for a hiking weekend in the environs of their family cabin in Rabun Gap.

When: the weekend of September 19/20. There are 10 slots open.

Where: The Moser's cabin is in Rabun Gap, just north of Clayton in the northeast Georgia Mountains.

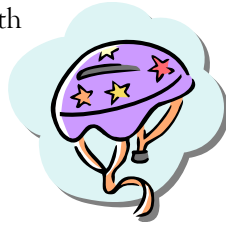
How Much: Nominal cost for meals will be determined - Carol will coordinate. Anyone staying at the B&B will have breakfast there.

To Sign Up: Contact Chris and Carol at chrismoser@bellsouth.net and look for sign-up sheet in Crossing Hall. Please indicate your lodging preference. If it's the B&B, please make your own reservation and let us know.

Details: There are 36 short and long hiking trails at Black Rock Mountain, Warwoman Dell, and other locales in the area. The Mountain Travel Guide Web site gives info on hiking <http://www.mountaintravelguide.com/Hiking%20Trails/georgia/rabun/Rabun%20County%20Hiking%20Trails.htm> The cabin is in the Sylvan Lake development about halfway between Clayton and Dillard. (Dillard, as in the sinfully sumptuous Dillard House home-style restaurant!) The cabin is a log house in a secluded woodland environment. It has all the basic comforts of home and plenty of parking space. It overlooks a small park with picnic facilities and a lake. The cabin can sleep up to nine guests (six comfortably). Sleeping accommodations (besides the hosts' own bedroom) are: a main floor guest room with a double bed, a loft with a double and two singles, a spare double mattress that could be used on the main floor, and a non-foldout couch in the living room on the main floor. Tents could be pitched on the front lawn. If the group is large enough to need more accommodations, there's also a lovely B&B less than a mile downhill from the cabin. It's a house and grist mill beside a beautiful waterfall fed by the lake in our park. The Sylvan Falls B&B can sleep up to ten, depending on how many vacancies it has for that weekend. The Web site is www.sylvanfallsmill.com.

How many All Stars Make a Constellation?

The weekend of September 11-13 is the weekend of the 2009 MS-150 bicycle ride, and it is fast approaching! For over a decade, Epiphany has had a team of bicyclists who do this ride to show support for people living with MS (multiple sclerosis), for their families, and to raise money for ongoing research to find the cause of and cure for MS. Dare we dream of a world free of MS? Your All Stars do.



To become an MS-150 All Star, riders are asked to go to the website www.bikeMSatlanta.org and sign on as a member of the Epiphany All Stars Team. We have three members so far. What are you waiting for? Arlen Gray, John Keys and Dennis Edmiston know they will be joined by other riders. Last year in addition to team "captain" Arlen Gray, Tom Felcher and Bob Peatman rode, as did Diane Wilkey (who has since moved to Asheville, NC). There are other alumni in the congregation, and other possible team members, we are sure.

Registration for the event is \$35 until July 31, \$50 until Sept 6, and \$300 Sept 7. The registration fee does not count toward the requested minimum \$250 in fund raising.

Of course, the MS Society hopes riders will go above and beyond the \$250 minimum. The Society is having a hard time gathering corporate support this year, and at the same time, the number of people diagnosed with MS continues to grow. We need riders, and we need financial support.

This ride will take place at Callaway Garden, with well-marked loops of varying distances each day. If enough riders show interest, Arlen will reserve a cabin so that we may have a central meeting place to socialize before and after the rides. Six to eight riders will make this option practical. Callaway gives us a special rate for the event. One thing for sure, we always have a ball together on these rides.

This team is for riders of all abilities, and, with Arlen slowing down, she would appreciate having a beginner or middling pedaler (or two or three) to keep her company.

Contact Arlen at BikeArlen@aol.com for more information.

Save the Date: October 23-25, 2009

Epiphany Parish Family Weekend is fast approaching! Here are some of the latest developments from the Task Force:

- We have nearly doubled the spaces for Epiphany, so there is room for everyone
- Optional Thursday Night (10/22) arrival is available for those who would like more free time to hike, relax, or help the Kanuga Task Force decorate for our Saturday Night Social
- A special payment plan will allow parishioners to spread the expense over 3 or 4 payments
- As before, partial and full scholarships are available. These are obtained through a brief conversation with the Rector, Benno Pattison.
- The Vestry recently voted to allocate excess funds from the Summer Breakfast program towards Kanuga Scholarships - Thank you!

This is truly an all-parish event and it is not to be missed. If you have any questions, comments, feedback, or would just like to roll up your sleeves and join the Kanuga Task Force as we plan another great event, please contact Ann Gonter at annraines@comcast.net or 678.575.1563 or speak to any member of the Kanuga Task Force.

Kanuga Task Force

Ann Gonter
Brent Henderson
Kay Lee
Kristen Jones
Larry Wilcox
Claudia Tillman
Charlie and Holly Slater
Cher Hendricks
David Draper
Katy/Pat Graves
Sherry Wallace
Paul Holbrook
You????

Mark Rowles - vestry liaison
Polly Nodine - vestry liaison



Safe Driving course being offered at Epiphany



An AARP Safe Driving course will be held at Epiphany on Saturday, September 12, from 9am to 5pm. The cost is \$12 for AARP members or \$14 for nonmembers. State law requires insurance companies to discount policy premiums for drivers over 25 with a valid Georgia drivers license who have participated in a course such as this one. Check with your automobile insurer to see what kind of savings you could achieve. Class size will be limited to 25. Bring snacks for yourself in lieu of a lunch break. Questions? Contact course teacher, Rosemary Cameron at 404.377.8654 or kathieryan@bellsouth.net.

Children's Ministries

Save the Date - Sunday, August 30

Parents of Youth (grades 7 - 12) are invited to attend a Potluck Dinner, Sunday, August 30 at 5 p.m. and learn about Youth activities at Epiphany between Sunday morning and Sunday evening, music and mission opportunities. For more information contact the Rev. Cynthia Hizer at associate@epiphany.org 404.373.8338, ext. 16.

Sunday School at Epiphany 2009 - 2010

Registration forms are available on-line and in the Gallery for Sunday School for children ages 3-18, which starts September 13. Register now so we can determine our needs for teachers and classrooms. For more information on our programs, or if you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please refer to Epiphany's website (www.epiphany.org) or contact Rev. Cynthia Hizer at associate@epiphany.org 404-373-8338, ext. 16.

Sunday School Needs

Thanks to all who contributed to the great success of this year's Vacation Bible Camp with your recycling materials. Now we are hoping you might have some items to contribute to our Sunday School classrooms. Specifically we are EAGERLY looking for: Biblical-themed books, puzzles, and maps (Holy Land, Herod's temple etc.). Please contact The Rev. Cynthia Hizer at 404.373.8338 or associate@epiphany.org

Young Families Potluck

The Young Families group meets monthly at 4:30 p.m. on the playground followed by a casual potluck dinner in the Parish Hall. Below are the dates for the remaining potlucks. We hope you will mark your calendars and join us for a fun gathering.



August 25
September 22
October 20
November 17
December - off

Godly Play Training

Christian Education will be holding training sessions for Sunday School Godly Play teachers (for children age 4 through 4th grade) this August and September. If you are interested in this wonderful curriculum—formation for you the teacher as much as for the children~ please contact The Rev. Cynthia Hizer at 404.373.8338 or associate@epiphany.org. A one-day seminar will be held on August 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is a great way for those who want to get introduced to the program, help with feast and be a presence in the hallway on Sunday mornings. For story tellers and door persons we are offering the full Core training (18 contact teaching hours for certification). It will be two weekends, Friday night and all day Saturday: August 28-29 and September 25-26. Epiphany will carry the cost of this training, as we believe so strongly in the Godly Play program, and well-trained teachers add to the success of the program and contentment and confidence of teachers.

Outreach

Food for the Poor Coming to Epiphany August 30

The Rev. Mike Cassell, Episcopal priest and Food for the Poor representative, will preach at Epiphany's three services on August 30. Food for the Poor's relief programs help people living in extreme poverty by providing food, housing, health care, education, water projects, emergency relief and micro-enterprise assistance in the Caribbean and Latin America. Mike will share what he has witnessed while implementing Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Mike has been an Episcopal priest for 50 years, and was the rector of St. Joseph Church in Boynton Beach, Florida, from 1985 until 2000, when he retired. He serves as spiritual director for Kairos, a prison apostolate, cooks at a food pantry, and serves as a docent at an environmental nature center. He is a Third Order Franciscan and his wife Sharon, is a psychotherapist. They have seven children and ten grandchildren.

The Outreach Committee will host a lunch in the Parish Hall on August 30 after the 11:15 service, for parishioners who would like to talk with Mike. Everyone is invited, but we ask that you add your name to the lunch sign-up sheet in the crossing hall, so that we can prepare enough food.

Please come to hear about the important work that Food for the Poor is doing in the most impoverished areas of the world, and how we can help. For more

information contact Outreach

Committee chairperson, Ann Fowler, at

ann_fowler@bellsouth.net, or 404-627-0626.



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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—Weekdays

Tuesday at 7 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with
Healing Rite
Friday at 8:15 a.m. - Morning Prayer

For Our Prayers...

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

- Martha Richoz
- Adele Reeves
- Nisa Sommers
- Pat, Mike & Paul Coffey
- Mamie-Lee Walker
- Karen Wagner
- Br. Francis Sebastian, Gregorian brother to Br. Aelred
- Alice Folsom, sister of Rod MacLeod
- Allison Land, sister of Sandy Land
- Brett Sirockman, friend of Rob Godsall
- Gene Howard, friend of Pamela & Mike Smith
- Ana Vanderwicken, niece of Katrina Shoemaker
- Margaret & Jo Ann Moore, sister and niece of Fran Holt
- The Thompson Family

Rest eternal grant them

- Helen Ohl, mother of Susan Lalor
- Jim Fort, father of Bruce Fort

Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

- Betty Dangerfield
- Keith Fox
- Dorothy Gautier
- Carmen Gutierrez
- Sharon Hiers
- Mary Lee
- Joey Saavedra

- Karen Swenson
- Ted Yardley
- Katharine Yntema

Those in prison

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

Those in the armed forces

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

Family and friends who request our prayers

- Leah Aronowitz, friend of Kathy Walmsley
- Bruce Daily, brother of Lisa Daily
- Peggy Richmond, sister of Bill Graves
- Richard Mann, father of Kristin Mann
- Clyde Fox, father of Keith Fox
- Ruth Battersby, friend of Carmen Gutierrez
- Billie Ledbetter, mother of Gail Munoz

- Jane Magruder, friend of Karen Swenson
- Jean Sengle, aunt of Brenda Lloyd
- Marion Barber, friend of Sarah Jane Wollison
- Sr. Mary Elizabeth, SSG, friend of Br. Aelred
- Debby Mugridge, family of Audrey Banfield
- Abby Knapp, grandniece of Doug Runion
- Esther Ojo, friend of Tracey Laird
- Diep Shoemaker, daughter-in-law of Katrina Shoemaker
- Murphy Davis and Eduard Loring, friends of Br. Aelred
- Walter Marx, friend of Kathy Walmsley
- Nancy Davis, Nancy Easland, Oliver Thorold & Julie Hillyer, friends of Kristin Mann
- Jerry Fico, son of Grace Fico
- Gloria Wanner, mother of Deanna Wheaton
- Mike Tipton, father of Pam Tipton
- Jim Fort, father of Bruce Fort
- Mike Daily, father of Lisa Daily
- Marnie Hotz, sister-in-law of Barbara Hotz
- Allison Rusche
- Bill McNutt, father of Shea McNutt
- Mike, brother of Pam Tipton

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Change Service Request

People & Posts

August 16

Acolytes: 8:45 - Alex Bender, Brendan Bender;
11:15 - Dave Thompson

Altar Guild: Keith Poole, Annie Strahan, Kathleen Rinehart

Eucharist Visitor(s): None Scheduled

Flower Guild: Polly Nodine

Layreaders & LEMs: 8:45 - Cecilia Democko, Susan Lalor, Cliff Edge, Tom Democko; 11:15 - Nisa Sommers, Bob Thompson, Brent Henderson, Nancy McCord; 6:00 - Mary McKenzie

Nursery: TBA

Ushers: 8:45 - Matt Bloch, Marilynn Richtarik, Tom Felcher, 11:15 - Ted Jackson, Lissa Jackson, Eric Olson, Kristen Jones

Vergers of the Day: David Draper

Vestry Person of the Day: Cecilia Democko

Second Teller: Laura Keys

August 23

Acolytes: 8:45 - Ross Democko; 11:15 Hannah Thompson, Jordan Moody

Altar Guild Jerry Boyd, Ann Fowler, Anne Warner, Fran Holt

Eucharist Visitor(s): None Scheduled

Flower Guild: Stephanie Brown

Layreaders & LEMs: 8:45 - Diane Mundy, Rob Godsall; John Yntema; 11:15 Heather Knapp, Sara Nally, Jim Goodman, Dan Mundy; 6:00 - Paul Holbrook

Nursery: TBA

Ushers: 8:45 - Phil Bolton, Jim Biddle; 11:15 - Scott Yaegle, Ingrid Reinhard, Wendy Keith-Ott, Rick Timmer

Vergers of the Day: Diane Mundy

Vestry Person of the Day: Colleen Flood

Second Teller: Jerry Boyd