



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,

I got an email the other day from a friend. It was, in wonderful Epiphany fashion, candid, honest and right on target. It was also uncomfortable, a lesson to learn, a hard truth. I will give you the background.

I had talked at annual meeting about staff and what a great group of people they are. How they make my work, my fun in this place so effortless for me. I love the people I work with. Then, a week later I wrote an article about collaboration and ministry (do you remember it?). So, in that context, I received my email.

In it, my friend held up for me two very important truths. The first was that I had missed something significant in regard to the staff at Epiphany. I had not mentioned Malika Sabir and Jean Livingston. Malika has been working with us in our nursery for about 9 years. Jean for the last two. They are in every way essential part time staff. This friend pointed out that her children first experienced the welcome of the church by Malika's gentle and consistent care for our babies, our kids. She reminded me that as I had written that changing diapers was ministry that I had overlooked our staff that do that ministry with us. It was for me a very regrettable oversight. I value our nursery staff. I was duly chastened.

The next point, was harder, more difficult, and cut closer to the bone of a significant disease that we still suffer from institutionally every day. And it is that not only did my oversight carry with it the great disservice of overlooking staff, but unwittingly I joined in the systemic racism and sexism that afflicts us, me as a white male, every day. It is an unwelcome affliction. And it is an affliction in that I suffer being diminished in my humanity if I allow my oversight, my ignorance, my take it for grantedness (otherwise known as 'white privilege') go unchallenged.

It is only in the challenge, that I personally might grow. It is only in the challenge that institutionally we might change. It is only in the challenge that we might move closer to a culture, a church, families that might more closely resemble the city of God, the body of Christ, the holy family.

I am grateful for my friend taking the risk to challenge. I was moved. I was resolved to make public my want to undo what was done. Of course I can't. But I can begin a process of repentance and movement forward. So to that end I offer my apology to two very important part time staff members. Not in a show of self-flagellation, but rather as an offering of a sacrament, an outward sign of an inward truth. And that truth is that Jean and Malika work here, do great ministry among us, and are very important to how my work is fun and effortless around here.

Peace and blessings,

The Rev. Benno D. Pattison, Rector



Parish News

Shrove Tuesday—Burning of the Palms & Pancake Supper & Mardi Gras Potluck

Tuesday, February 24

The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday by tradition is known as Shrove Tuesday. Deriving its meaning from “shrove, or to shrive/cast off,” it has been the day when we focus on casting off our sins. Ritually, tradition has seen customs such as emptying the fat from our kitchens, cleaning the cupboards of meats and sweets, and the like. Also, it has been a day in the Anglican tradition where the faithful make their sacramental confessions to a priest through the day at the church.

Join us in the Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday night, for Pancake & Potluck Supper. This year we will have a zydeco band, so bring Beans & Rice and other Cajun fare if you’d like. As for the pancakes, eat all you want for \$3 per person with a maximum of \$12 per family. The Burning of the Palms Liturgy will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Courtyard where we will burn the palms we’ve brought back to church from last year’s Palm Sunday. The burned palms will become the ashes used on Ash Wednesday.

Treasurer’s Report

2008 Operating Budget - December 2008

	YTD		Total 2008 Budget
	Actuals	Budget	
Plate	75,273.29	55,000.00	55,000.00
Pledges	502,702.26	492,298.00	492,298.00
Other Income	82,511.83	62,416.00	62,416.00
TOTAL INCOME	660,487.38	609,714.00	609,714.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	637,770.40	646,144.00	646,144.00
Income vs. Expenses:	22,716.98	Surplus	

2009 Operating Budget

Plate	70,000.00
Pledges	503,086.00
Pledge Shortfall Reserve	-1,502.00
Easter/Christmas	10,000.00
Other Income	14,160.00
Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool	16,430.00
Previous Years Surplus	26,780.00
TOTAL	638,954.00

Adult Education

Sunday Mornings - 10 a.m. in Parish Hall Room B

Over the next few weeks we will continue our work learning about the Milenium Development Goals and our outreach work to redress radical global poverty.

Our lenten offering is entitled "Living Simply in the Day". This class will be an exploration of modern trends towards consumption and apocalyptic thinking. We will challenge these notions through an exploration of the Gospels and see how the christian tradition offers an alternative spirituality: simplicity, daily living and experiencing the kingdom now.

After Easter we will punctuate our spring with a two week look on Sexuality in May. And on April 26 we will celebrate earth day with a workshop on Stewardship of the environment.

Come join us this Lent and Easter in our adult education offerings.

Wednesday Nights - 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall Room B

This Lent we are going to explore the Baptismal Covenant as a model for spiritual growth, social justice, and building community.

In each class we will look at one of the parts of the covenant, seek to understand its significance liturgically, then see how it might become for us a path to growth, justice and community. At the end of our journey we will prepare for the renewal of our covenant at the Great Vigil of Easter, and our Easter Day Celebrations. Dinner will be our regular wednesday night fair with a lenten motif. Please RSVP to the church for dinner reservations. Our program will last from 6:30 p.m. and end with compline by 8 p.m.



Art Ministry Welcomes Deborah Monroy, Photographer, for February

Deborah Monroy's Statement:

While living on the west coast, in Tuscany, I saw that photography, more so than painting, seemed able to embody—or play with—the light flourishing there.

I grew up mostly between California and Utah, San Francisco and Salt Lake City, two very different cities. Yet each has its own beguiling light.

The above places portray from time to time different kinds of paradise. Over time, varieties of paradise, not tied to any geography, have come to make up the subjects I usually work with. The series shown here, “In Red for Luck,” “The Luminous Temple of My Workshirt,” and “Six Key Reverie,” are all about metaphors and portraits.

Compassion is the one paradise we are able to create on this earth in reality.

Small visions of daily wonderment flourish in between.

Making A Purchase?

Epiphany receives 25% of all sales. If you would like to make a purchase, sign up for the piece on the list by the artist's information. Make a check out to the artist and put it in the box under the mirror in the gallery no later than the final Sunday of the month. On your checks, please include the title and number of the art piece as well. All paid-for items are left in the office at the end of the month and tagged with the purchaser's name.



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 hospitality happen. If you would like to help prepare coffee and provide light refreshments, please see the sign-up sheets in the Crossing Hall.

Epiphany's First Annual Student Art Show

For Who: Middle School, Junior High and High School Students who are parishioners at Epiphany

When: April 2009 (entire month)

Where: Epiphany Art Gallery

To Benefit: Epiphany (25 % of all sales)

Mediums: Acrylic, Oil, Pastel, Photography, Sculpture, Clay, Hand-made crafts.

Art Due Date: Sunday, March 29, 2009, at 1:00 in the gallery. Young Artists- there will probably be room for 2-3 pieces from each of you depending on size. We strongly suggest art be for sale but it doesn't have to be. We will try and fit as many pieces as possible.

All 2 D work needs to be framed with wire hangers (no sawtooth hangers). For Wall hung work, we suggest following standard sizes to fit into standard frames:

- 5 x 7, 8x10, 12 x 16 image size for photography or paper pieces
- 8 x 10, 12 x 16, 12 x 12, 24 x 18, 24 x 24, for canvas frames. Check with art stores for others
- Gallery wrapped frames (with no visible staples on side) are ok with just wire on back

Suggested Sources for frames : *Sam Flax* (on Northside Drive) not too far from IKEA, *Binders* (Next to Kroger on Piedmont near Peachtree and Piedmont Ave intersection). They have a nice selection as well and have lots of frames for canvas. *Pearls* is not too far away on Roswell Rd..

Contact/ Questions : Liefy Smith at LiefySmithArt@comcast.net ; Cecilia Democko at demockoc@bellsouth.net.



20/30s Group

The Epiphany 20/30s group welcomes twenty- and thirty-somethings who are single, couples, married, and with or without children. We get together monthly for a social outing or service activity. If you would like more information, contact Kate and Matt Boyer at mattandkate1@mac.com.

Here's the schedule of activities through the Spring:

- Sunday, February 15 – Join us at Fellinis in Candler Park for dinner at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 6 – Get together for some laughs at Village Theater, a new improv comedy club in Grant Park.
- Friday, April 17 – This month we will serve together at Peachtree Pine.
- Sunday, May 17 – Celebrate summer with a cook out at Matt and Kate Boyer's home at 6:00 pm.

Chez Epiphany Cooking Class – additional dates

The February 26 class is full, so Joel is offering two additional classes on March 3 and March 5. If you want to learn how to prepare New Orleans style food like roux, gumbo, bbq shrimp, and bread pudding with instructor Joel Fowler and other Epiphanyites, contact Joel at 494.627.0626. No prior experience needed. The class is hands-on instruction, so bring your apron and be ready to dive in. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes the class and a full dinner (not just samples - come hungry!). We dine together on what we cook together. The class will meet from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Epiphany kitchen.

Announcement Of 2009 Grants Application Deadline

Alice J. Cunningham

The Endowment Board has announced the opening of the 2009 30-day Grant Application period, which is from January 18th until February 17. Grant application forms are available in the Narthex or from any member of the Endowment Board.

The enabling legislation for the Endowment Fund includes a limiting formula for expendable funds which may be used for certain types of grants each year. In 2008 three grants totaling \$2467.50 were recommended to the Vestry for funding. Grants may be used for

- Capital improvements, debt reduction, or the building program of the parish
- Scholarships or grants to members of the Church of the Epiphany
- Community outreach projects
- Special projects of the Episcopal Church.



Epiphany Book Club

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.

February 16: *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini

March 16: *The Nine* by Jeffrey Toobin

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!

- Heather Knapp and Mandy King for administrative help with Christian Ed.
- For Epiphany Creation Keepers: Ted Jackson, Nisa Sommers, Robin Fortuna, Sharon O'Flaherty

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).

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.

Transfer In

Shirley Banks
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404.644.4861

from The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, Decatur, GA

Todd Smith
3994 St. Clair Ct.
Atlanta, GA 30319
770.457.5144

from Christ Church Episcopal, Norcross, GA

Transfer Out

Katherine Skinner
to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Greensboro, NC

Earth Guild Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m., in the Library (Rm 201). Last month we discussed St. Brigid; this month we will continue our conversation about Celtic Spirituality as it relates to care of creation by studying St. Patrick. Bring music, poetry, readings, or anything else that you find interesting about Patrick or the ecological associations with Celtic Spirituality. Here are some suggestions: the hymn St. Patrick's Breastplate, 3-leaf clover, Patrick's history, stories of Patrick's miracles, current eco-spirituality of the Celtic church, Patrick's monasteries. And snacks – bring snacks that might have an Irish origin! For more information call Kathie Ryan 404-377-2467 or KathieRyan@bellsouth.net or Cynthia Hizer at associate@epiphany.org.

EGO – Epiphanyites Go Outdoors

Over the Memorial Day holiday, adventure-minded Epiphanyites will head to the mountains to hike and spend the night at the Hike Inn at Amicalola Falls State Park. Leaving Epiphany after the 8:45 service on Sunday, May 24, we'll drive to north Georgia to begin a five-mile hike up to the renowned Hike Inn. We'll begin the hike up not later than 2 p.m. At the Hike Inn, a family-style dinner is provided. We'll sleep in bunk-style rooms (2 bunks per room). Breakfast and a lunch are provided the next day. You only need a day pack – not a full back pack.

The Hike Inn is holding 15 rooms for us; each room can have two adults and one child under 13 (children over 13 are considered adults). The price per person is \$72.12 (includes the 12% sales or hotel tax). The one child under 13 adds \$23.76. Preliminary interest for the hike has been extremely high, and many rooms have been reserved. If you are interested in participating in this 10-mile round trip hike (with full accommodations in between), please let Cynthia Hizer (associate@epiphany.org) or Ted Jackson (TVJackson@aol.com) know by e-mail and write your check to Epiphany and place in Cynthia's mailbox in the brown envelope labeled "Hike-Inn." Ted Jackson is maintaining a waiting list, in case of cancellations between now and the end of May. If you're interested to learn more about the Len Foote Hike Inn at Amicalola Falls State Park, there is more information found on the Internet at www.hike-inn.com.



The Epiphany Star

a word to the wise...



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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 &
Morning Prayer alternating weeks
Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. - Holy Eucharist
with Healing Rite
Monday through Friday - Noonday Prayer
Friday at 8:15 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Worship & Spirituality

Choral & Liturgical Music

Sunday, 15 February, Epiphany VI

Processional Hymn: 1 Father, we praise thee, now the night is over

Gloria in excelsis: S280 Robert Powell

Psalm 30

Sequence Hymn: WLP 753 When from bondage we are summoned

Offertory Anthem: Fight the Good Fight – John Gardner

Presentation Hymn

Sanctus: Mass in Lydian Mode – Richard Webster

Fraction Anthem: S155 Gerald Near

Communion Hymn: 635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Recessional Hymn: 567 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

Sunday, 22 February, Transfiguration of our Lord

Processional Hymn: 542 Christ is the world's true Light

Gloria in excelsis: S280 Robert Powell

Psalm: 50: 1-6

Sequence Hymn: 7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Offertory Anthem: Christ, Whose Glory fills the Skies – T Frederick Candlyn

Presentation Hymn:

Sanctus: Mass in Lydian Mode – Richard Webster

Fraction Anthem: S155 Gerald Near

Communion Motet: Fairest Lord Jesus – F. Melius Christiansen

Communion Hymn: 134 light of Light, Love given birth

Recessional Hymn: WLP ??? Siyahamba

Centering Prayer Groups

The Centering Prayer groups at Epiphany are meeting at new times: Sundays at 4:30 p.m. in Room 201 and Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Nave.

On Sundays, we will begin at 4:30 p.m., so that we can be finished by 5:45 p.m. for anyone who wants to go to the 6 p.m. Sunday night Contemplative Eucharist. From 4:30 to 5 p.m. we will be sharing, visiting and are beginning to read “The Wisdom Jesus” by the Rev. Cynthia Bourgeault. At 5 p.m. we will begin the first of two 20-minute sits, with a short walking meditation in between the two sits. If you want to come for only one sit, you may leave after the first one.

On Monday nights we will begin at 6 and be done by 7:15 p.m.

We welcome anyone to these prayer groups, and encourage you to purchase “The Wisdom Jesus” and be part of our spiritual formation.

For more information on any of these activities, contact The Rev. Cynthia Hizer at 404.373.8338 or associate@epiphany.org.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 25

The Ash Wednesday

Liturgy with Imposition
of Ashes & Holy

Eucharist will be at 12 &

7 p.m. The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross—a symbolic meditative journey from the time Christ was condemned to his burial—will be at 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.



Quiet Day Coming Up For Contemplatives At Epiphany

The Centering Prayer groups at Epiphany will hold a Saturday retreat at The Rev. Cynthia Hizer's farm on March 28 from 9 – 2. You are welcome if you do any kind of meditation on your own or from other churches or traditions. Look for lots of meditation time, walking meditation through the woods, lectio divina and social and support time with each other. NO CHARGE, but potluck. BRING: some kind of chair – high or low–blankets, rugs, sun hats, wind breakers, bug spray, sun screen – to accommodate whatever the weather may present. We hope to spend much of our time outside, although I have wood stove and heat and my barn doors open on both ends to accommodate us inside if necessary. Please note that the only bathroom (other than woods) is up a flight of stairs – we live in the hayloft. No Charge which makes potluck necessary. Look for sign-up sheet in the Crossing Hall, and sign up for food. Thanks one and all for growing this wonderful community at Epiphany. For information call or email Cynthia at associaterector@epiphany.org.

Children's Ministries

Lenten Activities for Children 2009

We have many activities for children during the Lenten Season. For more information on any of these activities, contact The Rev. Cynthia Hizer at 404.373.8338 or associate@epiphany.org

- **Lenten Calendars** are now available for \$2.50 each (this is at cost). Look for a sign-up sheet in the Crossing Hall. We will be selling them on Wednesday nights and during the Sunday School hour, and we have 50 to sell. These are a great way to have a family Lenten program at home.
- **2/25—Ash Wednesday:** During the times of Children's Choirs (5 pm - 6 pm) ALL CHILDREN WELCOME: Our music intern, Marena Vittorio will be leading the children on an outing in the garden to "bury the Alleluias." First, they will draw and color "Alleluias" on a long sheet of paper; then they will walk out to the garden, singing the last Alleluias until Easter morning. This is a lovely activity for young children.
- **3/1—Hunger Walk:** After the early church service, families and children are invited to participate in the Hunger Walk, starting and ending at Turner Field. Money will benefit the raises funds for Episcopal Charities Foundation and the Atlanta Community Food Bank. For more information contact Heather Knapp at knappily@aol.com or 404-664-6923.
- **4/5—Palm Sunday Procession** with Mary Frances the donkey, with flower making during the Sunday School hour.
- **4/11—Holy Saturday Quiet Day:** This will include hearing an Easter story, digging up the Alleluias and hanging the banner in the courtyard, helping the Guilds with preparing the Nave for Easter Sunday, and coloring Easter eggs to take home. Look for sign-up sheet in the Crossing Hall for job.
- **4/12—Easter Egg Hunt:** Between services on Sunday morning.

Godly Play Training

February 21, Saturday, 9 - 3

Epiphany is sponsoring a one-day training in Godly Play, our Christian Education curriculum for children ages 4 through grade 3. This quarterly training will focus on theology of childhood, teaching a session, and in the afternoon we will concentrate on the Lenten stories. Cost is \$60, lunch included. To register or for questions contact Cynthia Hizer at 404.373.8338 or associate@epiphany.org

Epiphany Church Camp "Go Green with God"

This year our vacation bible school theme will be "Go Green with God: Celebrating and Caring for God's Creation." It will be held June 22-27 from 9 -12 Monday through Thursday, and 9 - 1 on Friday. The cost will be \$45 for the week. However, parents who help at least 3 days of the week will receive a discounted rate of \$20. Look for registration forms on the website by March 1. The sooner you sign your child up, the sooner we can determine our needs for teachers. For information contact Cynthia Hizer at associate@epiphany.org (here too) or Nadine Howarth at nadine.howarth@comcast.com.

Outreach

Outreach Committee Presents Series on MDGs

'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'—Matthew 25:40

Epiphany's Outreach Committee is sponsoring a series of Adult Education classes on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The eight MDGs, agreed to by representatives of more than 190 nations in 2000, form a blueprint to reduce global poverty. In 2006, the Episcopal Church made supporting the MDGs a priority, recognizing that living the Gospel requires an active worldwide partnership to end extreme poverty. On February 1, Benno led a discussion of issues relating to charity and social justice. The class also explored scriptural references dealing with the treatment of the poor. Please join us for the rest of the MDG classes on February 15, February 22, and April 5. All are welcome.



Thank You to All Who Gave to the ERD Alternative Market

Ann Fowler, Epiphany ERD Representative

Epiphany held its first Episcopal Relief and Development Alternative Market at the end of 2008,



and parishioners were very generous in their giving, even during these hard economic times. \$4,000 was raised to help people living in extreme poverty—people living on less than a dollar a day throughout the world. I'd like to thank the artists who donated work to the art market: Travis Carr, Muriel Diguette, Maggi Ewing, Luise Kirkhuff, Bill Graves, Jeanette Hanson, Christy Peterson, Donna Whitehead, Dorothy Gautier, Liefy Smith, Rod MacLeod, Peter Forgione, and Marjorie Timmer. Thanks also to Barbara Hotz, who brought back items from Ecuador for the market; the ECW for its \$150 donation; the Art Ministry for its \$300 donation; to Carol and Chris Moser, Kristen Jones, Sherry Wallace, and Nativity volunteers who collected orders; and to Bruce and Ann Fort who helped take down the displays. Lastly, I'd like to express my gratitude to the members of Epiphany who purchased alternative gifts during the holiday season to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world.

DEAM Update

Epiphany's January food drive for the Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM) was a "bountiful" success! Our goal was to collect at least 150 each of four food items. Our final tally was:

Tuna/chicken	178
1 qt pkgs dry milk	221
Cereal	181
Jelly	163



Thanks to all for your generous participation! The pantry saves a lot of money by receiving products it would otherwise have to purchase. Our basket remains by the door year round and current needs include: canned meat products (tuna, chicken, Beefaroni style products, ham, chili with meat, etc), cereal, 1 lb. pkgs spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, rice, 1 qt pkgs dry milk, and small corn muffin mixes.

In 2008 the DEAM pantry filled 2,750 food orders which fed 5,650 people. DEAM also provided financial help to 3,760 families for utility bills, rent and prescriptions. For more information feel free to contact me at 404.377.2467 or kathieryan@bellsouth.net.

Join us in the HUNGER WALK, March 1st 2009

Submitted by Heather Knapp

After discussing various outreach opportunities last fall, the Christian Education Committee decided to participate in Atlanta's Hunger Walk. Some of the



voices in our group raised concern over whether it was fitting for us to be organizing Hunger Walk at Epiphany. We ultimately decided to do it because we could not sufficiently answer the question, "Why NOT us?"

Participation raises money for the Atlanta Community Food Bank, but it also raises awareness of hunger in our city. The first time my family and I participated, we heard about Hunger Walk only one week before the event took place. I was in graduate school, and we were new to Atlanta. When we arrived, we paid the suggested donation of \$25, though it was not necessary to join the walk. Our daughter was two years old at the time, and she rode out the walk in a jogging stroller. There was so much activity that she was content for the entire 5k walk (3.1 miles). In addition to the walk itself, there is music and dancing taking place along the way, as the route winds through the streets of downtown Atlanta. Our younger daughter will be in the same jogging stroller for this year's Hunger Walk.

Some of us at Epiphany are out of work. We have friends and neighbors who are unemployed. That's why Hunger Walk is so important. Unemployment is rising, causing more people to depend on the food bank. Epiphany is actively committed to alleviating hunger through DEAM, Peachtree Pines, Hagar's House, Decatur Cooperative Ministries, and more. Supporting the ACFB through the Hunger Walk helps these important organizations, as they partner with the ACFB. For a complete list of the partner agencies of the ACFB, visit their website: <http://www.acfb.org/>

You might be wondering, "How do I raise funds for the walk, when resources are so tight?" Here are a few ideas: Ask your friends, coworkers, and relatives to sponsor you with \$5. If you are a teenager, ask twenty-five friends to sponsor you with \$1 each. I personally know someone who raised \$500 with an email at work. For every dollar raised, the food bank is able to get \$8 worth of food to someone who needs it. Ask Heather for an envelope next Sunday. Contact Heather for information at 404.664.6923 or knappily@aol.com.

Diocese of Atlanta Plans Seeding Mission to the Diocese of Ecuador Central

Gini and Reid Peterson will lead a seeding trip to Ecuador from September 14 to September 23 or 25, 2009. The purpose of the trip is to familiarize participants with the Diocese of Ecuador Central by learning about the issues of the church in Ecuador and the indigenous people of Ecuador. Participants will be encouraged to learn of the opportunities for future mission teams to Ecuador Central and to discern the level of participation to which they are called. Specific locations for future mission teams' work will be identified before the group leaves Ecuador.

Orientation and team building workshops will be conducted primarily in April and May. The estimated cost is \$50 per person per night. This includes all the basic costs for the trip, but does not include airfare, trip insurance, cost of shots prior to leaving, occasional eating out, the airport exit fee of \$45, laundry, and extra supplies for the work or ministry. Other groups have raised a donation for the cost of the materials that will be used on the group's work project.

Gini is the past president of the Global Episcopal Mission (GEM) Network and currently is the coordinator of GEM's Formation of Diocesan Global Mission Agents Certificate Program. Both Reid and Gini are graduates of the GEM Formation of Diocesan Global Mission Agents Certificate Program. Both share a vision for continuing fruitful companionship with the people of the Diocese of Ecuador Central and invite you to join them in that companionship. For additional information and an application form (due March 1) contact Ann Fowler, a_fowler@bellsouth.net, 404-627-0626, or ginireid@bellsouth.net, 770-879-0321 or 770-596-5131.

Diocese



Church of the
Holy Comforter

Donate crafts supplies to Holy Comforter

If you have crochet needles, yarn and other arts and crafts supplies sitting unused at the back of your closet, give them new life by donating them to Church of the Holy

Comforter, which serves a community of mentally challenged adults. On Jan. 21 Holy Comforter will begin new Friendship Center program hours, which will feature basic crocheting, watercolor and drawing classes taught by Friendship Center artists. Donations of supplies or volunteer time will help make this program a success, says Kathryn Bryan. For more details, contact Kathryn Bryan at 404-627-6510 or HCfriendshipcenter@bellsouth.net

Folk School Weekend scheduled March 6-8

The Work of Our Hands will present its ninth annual Folk School Weekend March 6-8 at Mikell Camp and Conference Center. Participants will be able to select one of 13 art areas in which to work. Some of the options are weaving, pottery, copper enameling, creative writing, woodturning, knitting and photography. For a complete list describing all 13 classes, as well as a registration form, go to www.workofhands.com and click on "Folk School." Classes fill quickly, so register soon.

Barbara Brown Taylor To Speak At Agnes Scott

Barbara Brown Taylor, Episcopal priest, theologian and author, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, at Agnes Scott College's Gaines Chapel in Presser Hall. Her lecture title is "Downtime: The Sacred Art of Stopping." The event is free, but tickets are required and may be ordered by calling 404-471-6430. A book signing and reception will follow the lecture in Rebekah Scott Hall. The sacred art of stopping is one of 12 spiritual practices Taylor addresses in her new book, *An Altar in the World*, to be published in February by HarperOne.

Bishop Robinson To Speak At Emory

The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire, is among those featured in the 2009 "When Law and Religion Meet" lecture series hosted by Emory University's Center for the Study of Law and Religion (CSLR). Robinson delivers the CSLR's annual Currie Lecture in Law and Religion at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 30, in Emory's Tull Auditorium, 1301 Clifton Road, Atlanta. His topic is "Why Religion Matters in the Quest for Gay Civil Rights." Mark Jordan, Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Religion and CSLR senior fellow, will respond. Lectures in the series are free and open to the public. Call 404-712-8710 or go to www.law.emory.edu/cslr for more information.

From Fear to Hope: Living Faithfully in Uncertain Times

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workshops and register here. For a
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Episcopal Marriage Encounter

Episcopal Marriage Encounter
weekend is 44 hours where married
couples can get away from jobs, kids,
chores, and phones - and focus only
on each other. If you'd like greater
depth, growth, and enrichment in
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Encounter weekend can make! The
next weekend is April 24-26, 2009.
Registration is limited, so a quick
response is encouraged. For more
information or to register, please
contact: Ron & Connie Bergeron,
3350 Turtle Lake Club Dr., Marietta,
GA 30067-5025, 770-951-1411,
atlantaeme@earthlink.net or go to:
www.stcatherines.org/atlantaeme.

Summer Camp Registration 2009

Welcome to Camp Mikell 2009!! After a wonderful
summer in 2008, we are ready to register you for summer
camp 2009.

Camp Mikell has provided summer camp experience since
1941. We are owned and operated by the Episcopal
Diocese of Atlanta, and are an American Camp Association Accredited camp. We are
YOUR summer camp.

Our online registration system is up and running starting February 3rd. Please register
soon to reserve your place for summer fun. Last summer, our registration was up again,
and several of our camps were at capacity. We don't want you to miss this summer, so
please don't delay.

The economy is on all of our minds. Even though we have to cover our costs, Mikell is
still an incredible deal. For under \$400 for most of our camps, this fee covers good
food (and plenty of it), highly qualified and trained summer staff supervision, a
registered nurse on site at all times, canteen every afternoon, the camp picture and t-
shirt, all of our activities, lodging, and lots of fun. Compare Mikell to any other camp,
and we believe that you won't find a better value.

You can benefit financially from bringing a new friend or sibling to camp this summer.
We are continuing our referral program that pays you \$25.00 for each new camper you
bring into the Mikell community, AND the new camper will also receive a \$25.00
reimbursement. The more new campers you bring, the more you can save.

For our returning campers, you know the Mikell Magic firsthand. For those thinking
about coming to Mikell for the first time, we would love to have you join us. A great
place for you to start would be to go to our website, www.campmikell.com.

We greatly look forward to having you with us this summer. As parents, we know you
are concerned about safety and care. As a camper, you want to come to Mikell to have
the time of your life. Talk to someone who has been to Mikell. They can tell you better
than I can that we are all about both of these.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please do not hesitate to
email (mikell@windstream.net, kstruble@windstream.net) or call (706) 886-7515.

We look forward to having you as a part of the Mikell family.

We'll see you soon.

Presiding Bishop Podcast

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, 26th presiding bishop and primate of The
Episcopal Church, was the featured preacher Sunday, Feb. 8, on the "Day 1" radio
program which is accessible by podcast at www.Day1.org. Her sermon is titled
"Join Hands, Reach Out, and Lift Up."

The program includes a sermon by the presiding bishop as well as interviews
conducted by the program's host and executive producer, Peter Wallace. The program
can be heard at 7:05 a.m. Sundays on WSB-Radio, 750 AM.



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

- Mary Betty Ford
- Charles Coats
- Dianne Du
- Judy Eustace
- Luise Kirkhuff
- Sara Nally
- David Shew
- Susan Smart
- John Stevens
- Ruth, friend of Beth Haines

We give thanks for the blessing bestowed upon this family

- Ryan & Michael, sons of Judy Eustace and Colleen Flood

Rest eternal grant her

- Sophia Langford, niece of Robin & John Fortuna

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 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, Richard Mann, 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
- Anita Harris, mother of Meg Harris
- Scott Morris, son of Jean Morris
- Billie Ledbetter, mother of Gail Munoz
- Ernie Gregory, friend of Terry Howell
- Jane Magruder, friend of Karen Swenson
- Gina Llewellyn, friend of Noelle Toumey Reetz
- Fay & Mel Davis, mother & step-father to Sara Hauk
- Jean Sengle, aunt of Brenda Lloyd
- 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
- Sr. Mary Elizabeth, SSG, friend of Br. Aelred
- Debby Mugridge, family of Audrey Banfield
- Sally Hall, friend of Wister Cook
- Abby Knapp, grandniece of Doug Runnion
- Esther Ojo, friend of Tracey Laird
- Taylor Thorell, friend of the Branch Family
- Susie Giradeau, friend of Fran Holt
- Martha Adhikan, sister of Monica Baroi
- Alice MacLeod, sister of Rod MacLeod
- Madison Isabella, daughter of Fran Holt
- Anne Braxton Smith, granddaughter of Pam & Mike Smith
- Bill Bennett, son-in-law of Michele & Rod MacLeod
- Robert Holt, son of Fran Holt
- 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
- Nicholas Hokanson, son of Marjorie & Rick Timmer
- Don Boyd, father of Jerry Boyd
- Allison, sister of Sandy Land
- Walter Buehler, father of Jim Buehler
- Walter Marx, friend of Kathy Walmsley
- 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
- Linda Brigner, sister of Judy Urban
- James Tucker, grandfather of Kristina Watkins Mormino
- Barbara Hoshley, friend of Marilyn Cook
- Barbara Stinson, friend of Pamela & Michael Smith
- Nancy Davis, Nancy Easland, Oliver Thorold & Julie Hillyer, friends of Kristin Mann
- Megan & Jason and Olivia Cheek, friends of James & Gretchen Cobb
- Christy & Keith, relatives of Kristina Watkins-Mormino
- Cindy Afforder, friend of Lissa Jackson
- Bess Hinson, niece of Patricia Edelkind
- Joan Donaldson, aunt of Mary Beth Jordan
- Carolina Green, niece of Mary Beth & Ben Jordan
- Charles King, father of Allen King
- David Mundy, grandson of Cynthia & Gene Montooth
- Gayle Murray, Harriet & Bill Ritchie, friends of Craig & Barbara Ryder
- Tommie, sister of Maggie Ewing

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People & Posts

February 15

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

Altar Guild: Bobbie Campbell, Katrina Shoemaker, Larry Wilcox

Eucharist Visitor(s): None Scheduled

Flower Guild: Alixe Davidson and Sybil McCullar

Layreaders & LEMs: 8:45 - Katie Pederson, Phil Bolton, John Yntema, Rob Godsall, Diane Mundy, Susan Lator; 11:15 - Irene Craig, Dan Murphy, Richard Proctor, Brent Henderson, Jim Goodman, Diane Wilkey; 6 - Pat Graves

Nursery: Connie Bradley, Beth Costello

Ushers: 8:45 - Margo Timberlake, Barbara Belcore, Pat Spivey; 11:15 - Randy Strahan, Annie Strahan, Mike Binford, Nancy Binford

Verger of the Day: Doug Runion

Vestry Person of the Day: Brent Henderson

Second Teller: Sherry Wallace

February 22

Acolytes: 8:45 - Diane Mundy, Eleanor Thomas; 11:15 - Maria Braswell, Billy Braswell, Jake Braswell

Altar Guild: Keith Poole, Annie Strahan, Kathleen Rinehart

Eucharist Visitor(s): None Scheduled

Flower Guild: Leah Felcher & Nadine Howarth

Layreaders & LEMs: 8:45 - Marjorie Timmer, Rick Timmer, Cecilia Democko, Tom Democko; 11:15 - Gretchen Maclachlan, Laura Keys, Nisa Sommers, Heather Knapp, Cliff Edge, Robin Fortuna; 6 - Paul Holbrook

Nursery: Leslie Jo Tottenham, Chris McGraw

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

Verger of the Day: Susan Messner

Vestry Person of the Day: Cecilia Democko

Second Teller: Wister Cook