



The Epiphany Star

November 19, 2009

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.



An Autumn Day with the Butterflies

If there was ever a day when I didn't believe in God, it wasn't today. If there was ever a day when I felt despair and hopelessness, it wasn't today. It was a beautiful and sunny autumn day—that in itself was a miracle we hardly notice—but it was even more that gave me reason for hope. Because today I witnessed the annual migration of the Cloudless Sulphur Butterfly, right through my back yard.

At first it was just a butterfly here and a butterfly there. Nothing unusual about that—we see butterflies around the farm all the time. They flit here and there, moving from this nectar to that nectar, from this side of the pasture to that side and back again. Butterflies taste, you know, by walking on the flowers.

These butterfly's brilliant yellow wings did stand out, though, as they wafted over the pond, over the pasture and they seemed to land in, or at least head toward, the bank of trees edging the river. Nice, I thought. Butterflies nesting in the trees; butterflies flitting here and there.

Then I realized they weren't flitting here and there. They were all going in the same direction, southeast. The barn apparently was in their way, and as they flew over the pond they had to veer to the left or to the right—or above—on their southern flight.

Then there were more of them, and more, and more.

And my spirits got higher and higher, lighter and lighter.

I wanted every war-torn victim to see the butterflies. I wanted every earthquake-tsunami survivor to see the butterflies. I wanted the men at Peachtree Pine and the women and children at Hagar's House to see the butterflies. I wanted every one of us to stop and witness the ethereal beauty of a thousand yellow butterflies floating by, on their march from Canada to Florida. On their way to warmth and a second chance at life.

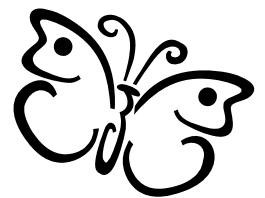
It's not that the Cloudless Sulphur Butterfly can put food in a hungry stomach or bring back a lost loved one. All they offer is beauty. The butterflies are an example of God's mind of creation and Jesus' witness and Mary's diaphanous gown of mercy and hope—hope for ourselves when we witness something that seems impossible—a lumpy earth-bound creature turning into a fragile air-bound one—a 1-ounce butterfly flying 1000 miles, 12 miles a day.

Not rushing, not even feeding along the way on their trip. Simply flying toward warmth, toward a second chance, toward their beloved and authentic selves. A fragile light floating and flitting here and there, and then gone to parts unknown, a new adventure, another place to shine beautifully and enlighten someone's day.

Come be that at Epiphany for someone. Be that mind, that witness, that hope. Taste the flowers right here.

Cynthia

The Rev. Cynthia Hizer, Associate Rector



Parish News

Stewardship Talk – Sunday November 1

Hi, my name is Nancy Thompson and I came to Epiphany almost 30 years ago, when Ben Turnage was the rector.

I grew up in the Congregational church and then, like many adults, spent most of my 20's in the wilderness, not attending church.

In my late 20's, when I began my return to church, I did so with ambivalence. I was working as a statistician and epidemiologist at the CDC at the time, and I first visited church, under great duress, with a colleague and her family.

My mother grew up an Episcopalian and I knew a number of Episcopalians, so I was drawn to the Episcopal church as I thought of returning. But one form my ambivalence took was that, although I was living where I still live, near the corner of Clifton and McLendon, I returned to church at St. Bede's, out by Northlake. This meant that I passed innumerable other churches, at least 3 of them Episcopal, on my way to Saint Bede's. Not only was Saint Bede's a distance from my home, but at that time it was also a family-oriented church with no other singles. In other words, going to St. Bede's was my way of returning to church but keeping a distance.

In spite of my relative detachment, I attended St. Bede's regularly, and in about my third year, I was elected to the vestry.

One day I had vestry duty and was counting money in the undercroft with a wonderful man named Jerry Minear. In the context of the money we were counting he began to talk about a particular form of stewardship, tithing. He wasn't trying to sell me anything; he was just talking happily about his experience of tithing, giving 10% off the top of his income, and how it had enriched his commitment to God and to the St. Bede's community.

Over the next month or so, I found myself reflecting often on what Jerry had said. He seemed so joyful, almost radiant, when he talked about tithing. I felt pulled to make the decision to tithe, but I was TERRIFIED to do it.

In retrospect, I now understand my fear. I had always heard of stewardship in terms of time, talent, and treasure; making the commitment to tithe to the church meant I needed to look at my stewardship of all three. I was already giving my time, and I thought I could probably pull in my belt a little and give 10%

of my treasure. What was clear to me was that I was not giving my talent back to God. Sure, I played in the folk mass one Sunday a month, but when God and I talked heart to heart, I knew God had not put me on earth to sit safely in front of a computer running statistical analyses day in and day out. Not only that, God and I both knew that my weekly trek to Saint Bede's was a way of keeping a distance from my faith community.

Finally, I did it. I took the plunge, signed the pledge card, and made the commitment to tithe. That very same week, I went into therapy to deal with my fear.

Now, I realize that probably doesn't make you want to jump right up and tithe, but that was MY journey, not necessarily yours. It took me from Saint Bede's to Epiphany, from statistician to clinical psychologist, from hider to healer. I left my secure government job, lived on black beans and rice, and got my Ph.D. It was not lost on me that it was my Bible study group at Epiphany who supported me every step of the way through my doctorate, who carried my calling for me and believed in it and in me when I was not able to believe in it myself.

In this stage of my career, I am doing a lot of work with depression and its flip side, resilience. One of the things I have learned about successful aging is that those who believe they have done what they were here to do, having something called "ego integrity," do not experience the depression that affects 30% of older people. So as I age, I am more and more thankful about tithing. It was my commitment to tithe that moved me to do what I believe I was put here to do...the helping and healing that God has called me to do...and every day I am grateful.

I don't know what your stewardship journey will be. Last week, Barbara preached about Bartimaeus, the blind man. Jesus heard him asking for help and called for him. In Barbara's paraphrase of the gospel she said, "He jumped right up, threw off his beggar's garment, and came to Jesus." With that, he was no longer blind and Jesus told him that his own faith had made him whole.

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As Barbara noted, every one of us has our beggar's garment. And God asks us to try throwing it off and coming to him, fully. Not halfheartedly and halfway across town as I tried to do, but fully. I encourage you, as Jerry Minear encouraged me, to try moving toward a goal in giving, maybe even tithing. I also hope that, in doing so, as with me, your faith will make you whole.

Thank you for listening, and God bless each one of you on your stewardship journey.

Stewardship Talk – Sunday, November 8

For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home.

36 I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

~Matthew 25: 35-36



My name is Muriel Diguette.

I have been a member of Epiphany for 16 years.

During my time here I have served in many capacities,

both on staff and as a volunteer, so I've been through many seasons of stewardship. Naturally there were fat years and lean years, and a year in 2005 in which budget cuts cost me my job. Now I work for your Diocese, where we also live through fat and lean budget years. I don't need to tell you that we are living through a lean time now ... all churches are, all non-profit organizations, and cuts have to be made. But I want you to know, because I realize that very little is known about the Diocesan budget by the average Episcopalian in the pew, that the 10% Epiphany tithes to the Diocese (not by choice, but by Canon law) helps our work out in the world. I didn't know anything about the work of the Diocese before going to work there two years ago. I had no idea what the Bishop and his staff actually did to aid parishes, further mission, and yes, even evangelize! Perhaps you don't know that there are public hearings held by the budget committee for two days in mid-May. These hearings go toward the development of the next year's budget. Bishop Alexander stated in his memo to the budget committee after the hearings this year, "It is truly an amazing experience for everyone present to hear in detail the work that is already going on in the Diocese of Atlanta and some 'dreams' of what could be happening if only we had the resources. It would be an enormous gift if every member of the diocese could personally hear the testimonies at the budget hearings." These are public hearings, so if you ever have the opportunity I think you would find it both interesting and inspiring to attend.

But back to Epiphany. I am on the Vestry now, representing Outreach. The Vestry has already been struggling with the budget for 2010. At our meetings we have been hearing from people representing different areas of our common life over the past few months ~ our own sort of "budget hearings." We

learned in detail about several "cross cutting issues," like our parking dilemma, the occupancy of the pre-school, the music program, our communications pipeline, and in July Ann Fowler, chair of the Outreach Committee, talked to the vestry about our missions. We are doing a lot of good work out in the world here ~ both in our own backyard and globally. Ann has put together an Outreach brochure and I would encourage everyone to take a look. Most of the outreach work done by Epiphany has not cost much in dollars, but is funded by volunteer hours and gifts. That is commendable, to be sure. But we, too, have dreams of what could be happening if only we had the resources. On Saturday Ann and I will be traveling to Haiti for five days with a small group of Epiphanyites. We are traveling at our own cost, and when we return we will have seen such poverty that I know for sure we will want to reach out to our brothers and sisters in one of the poorest countries in the world. The mission trips that our churches take to Haiti only last 4-5 days ... because the poverty there is such that Americans cannot tolerate it for longer.

Another dream that our Outreach Committee conceived and presented to the Vestry in July is to turn the "Byrd House" (next door) into The Epiphany Outreach Center. It would house a thrift shop to fund the mortgage on the building, and to run a small free medical clinic, possibly an emergency assistance program, and a retreat center. We have several parishioners who have run thrift stores in their churches before coming to Epiphany and they concur that our proceeds could easily be \$3,000-4,000/month. But this is just another dream. Without dollars we cannot reach out our tentacles of faith and service further than we already have. Yes, we have the volunteer power, but in order to work bigger and wider, we need dollars.

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You might be surprised to learn that the percentage of Epiphany's operating budget that goes to outreach is 3%. The average for our diocese (across the board, big and small churches) is 7.58%. In 1999 Epiphany's percentage was 8.3%, but it has been decreasing steadily since then. Certainly we have been grappling with other concerns here at home ~ we built a new building in 2001, we had a year of transition before calling our new rector in 2005, and of course there is the downfall of the economy, which is affecting each of us in our homes, every business and organization ... and our churches.

In this season of stewardship I would ask that you look carefully at your own giving in light of what our Episcopal church is doing on the diocesan level and here at Epiphany. There is much work to be done in this broken world. People are hungrier and hurting more now than even a year ago. It is the work of our church, which reflects our mission statement, that can provide some cures. Of course we cannot solve all the problems, or even many of them. Sometimes it just means putting a bandage on a wound to help a person get from one meal to their next. Sometimes it means visiting a poor country and coming home to want to build a water-well back there. But what it definitely does mean is that we need to increase our dollars of giving. And therefore you need to do that too. We need to strive to reach our personal 10%, as Epiphany's 10% to the diocese, without considering the excuses that are convenient in our lives ~ oh, this year we are taking a more expensive vacation, or our children are in private school, or we are adding on to our house ... OR we are living on one income instead of two due to job loss. Our giving should not be predicated upon those excuses. Epiphany's giving should not be either. I ask that you think of incrementally increasing your pledge a little more each year, just as I hope that Epiphany will do the same until we increase our outreach percentage to fall more in line with the churches in our diocese. We can do this together by stepping out in faith, by pushing against the seams of our comfort, to the Glory of God's Kingdom.

It's Nativity Time!

*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help display
...then repack a week later!*



Our annual Nativities Exhibit (open to the public Nov 29 - Dec 7) will be set up Monday and Tuesday, November 23 & 24 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in our Welcoming Hallway and the Narthex (new location!) We will be packing the nativities back up Monday, December 7, from 9 a.m. - Noon. If you have never been a part of this event, come find out what a delightful way it is to begin the Advent/Christmas Season! No previous experience is necessary. We will retrieve the boxes from the attic and unpack the nativities—each a unique part of our collection of over 250 Nativities from around the world.

If you would like to help, please sign up in the Crossing Hall. Questions? Contact Maggi Ewing (missmaggi@bellsouth.net/770.908.9633) or Terry-Lee Ross (tross@mindspring.com/404.378.9918)

The Wednesdays of Advent

December 2, 9 and 16

From 7 to 8 p.m. we will enter the prayer practice of "Lectio Divina" or sacred reading, an ancient form of meditation that develops our relationship with God. On December 20, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas with a Healing Service and Eucharist at 7 p.m. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Crossing Hall or contact Cynthia Hizer at 404.373.8338.

Staff Christmas Gifts

Parishioners are invited to express their gratitude to the clergy and lay staff by making offerings designated "staff Christmas." Our clergy and staff serve us with faith, commitment, long hours and hard work. Let the merriment begin!

Rodent Caution

Former county commissioner Gale Walldorff, who lives across the street from Epiphany, has asked all green-conscious local residents not to throw table scraps onto the ground behind the house or other property. The scraps are a huge magnet for rodents. Please don't throw garbage from the kitchen on the grounds of the church, thinking it will compost itself into the soil. It won't even begin to decay before rodents start eating it. And we don't need to feed the rodents around here.

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. However, we won't meet in December. Contact: Christina Kaylor, christina_kaylor@yahoo.com.

Here's the book selection for the first quarter of 2010.

January--*The Hemingses of Monticello* by Annette Gordon-Reed. Winner of the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for history.

February--*A High Wind in Jamaica* by Richard Hughes.

March--*Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism* by John Shelby Spong.

April--*Ursula, Under* by Ingrid Hill.

December Anniversaries

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| 6 Tracey & Daniel Micit | 17 Rita & John Warwick |
| 6 Wister Cook & David Criner | 18 Laura & John Keys |
| 8 Jane & Greg Scott | 18 Lorri & Jay Sands |
| 12 Roberta Long & Bob Ballou | 30 Sally & Ellery McClintock |
| 16 Rachela Davidson-Leghorn & Chris Leghorn | 31 Barbara Belcore & Jesse Wright |
| 17 Margaret Clawson & Margaret Kaniewski | 31 Marlene Matthews & Tstamislao Muniz |
| 17 LeAnn & James Duke | |

December Birthdays

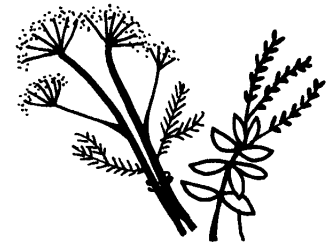
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| 1 Holly Smigelski | 11 Nell Mundy | 19 Lorri Sands | 27 Dan Deocampo |
| 2 Molly Gallow | 11 Tom Remington | 20 Randy Strahan | 27 Brent Henderson |
| 2 Gail O'Day | 12 Renita Anderson | 20 Don Stripling | 27 Wendy Keith-Ott |
| 2 Christina Sands | 12 Finn Brown | 21 James Ellis | 27 Cole Smith |
| 3 Anne Schneider | 12 Charles Overstreet | 21 Terri Mallory | 27 Sean Wiseman |
| 4 Jenny Fidler | 12 Jamie Shiell | 22 Bill Graves | 27 Tom Zoeckler |
| 4 John Thesing | 13 Amanda Sprinkle | 22 Chris Kissler | 28 Grayson Gorman |
| 5 Hugh Curlin | 15 Claire Eustace | 22 Caston Noorullah | 28 Ernest Howell |
| 5 James Cobb | 15 Gabrielle Guyton- | 23 Bob Ballou | 29 Laura King |
| 5 Arlen Gray | Edmiston | 23 John Keilholtz | 29 Hunter Peatman |
| 5 Lisa Gray | 15 Kathie Ryan | 23 Jack Ryan | 30 Henry Laird |
| 6 Miranda Gore | 15 Mary Katharine | 24 Olivia Sedlack | 30 Sally McClintock |
| 6 Abby Mitchell | Williamson | 24 Martin Shelton | 30 Edward McNally |
| 7 Barbara Belcore | 15 Jesse Wright | 25 Ann Gonter | 30 Gordy Rivers |
| 7 Mackenzie Haraway | 16 Dorsey Howarth | 25 Rebecca Hizer | 31 Bert Bee-Lindgren |
| 8 Edouard Johnson | 16 Jessica Montgomery | 26 Cindy Bell | 31 CiCi Nyalimo |
| 10 Lucas Shelton | 17 Isabelle Braden | 26 Aiden Blanchard | 31 Kelly Poisson |
| 10 Emily Thompson | 18 Riley Gorman | 26 Katharine Hilliard-Yntema | |
| 11 Carol Hogue | 19 Richard Proctor | 26 Jo Sedlack | |

Mary, the Greenest Branch:

An Advent Retreat of Silence, Sitting and Hiking

December 11-13: Advent weekend retreat of silence and lovely winter hiking for people with an established meditation practice who can hike without difficulty for several hours in the mountains at a leisurely pace. We will enter meditative silence after dinner on Friday, December 11, continuing until Eucharist at noon on Sunday, December 13. After Eucharist we will have lunch, departing for home by 2 p.m. Camp Mikell, near Toccoa in the north Georgia mountains, will be our gathering place to explore the elements of Advent: preparation, availability, wildness, darkness, fecundity. The Rev. Cynthia Hizer will offer periodic short homilies on these themes, and each retreatant will have the opportunity for spiritual counsel with Mother Cynthia.

Limited to 20 people. Private room \$190 including 6 meals, shared room (2 people) \$140 including 6 meals. To register, go to www.tinyurl.com/adventretreat. After you have registered, you will receive a PayPal payment request via email from Shirley Banks, the retreat manager. PayPal accepts credit cards and e-checks securely; your account information is not given to the recipient of the payment. For more information contact the Rev. Cynthia Hizer at associate@epiphany.org or 404.373.8338, ext 16.



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!

- Erin Democko was chosen editor for *Mountain Laurels*, the literary magazine for North Georgia College & State University.

Five Shepherds Needed

"Our church has provided me with spiritual, physical and emotional strength so many times when I have needed it. It is not the building which has provided me this support but the people within it. Shepherding is a way I can express my gratitude and help others the way I have been helped."

Kay Lee Bender

"To serve my brothers and sisters in Christ gives me great joy. At one point in my life I needed shepherds – family and friends. There are times when we all need someone. Shepherding has been a way for me to give back."

Larry Wilcox



Epiphany initiated a Shepherding program in March. Shepherds are parishioners who have volunteered to assist the clergy in ensuring that the needs of individuals and families in our church community are known and addressed. Shepherds maintain informal, friendly contact with

approximately ten households which are assigned based on geography or, in some instances, on mutual interests, e.g. membership in the choir, Lay Eucharistic Ministers. These groupings are called clusters. Shepherds have organized meals for families with newborns, sent cards to parishioners who are ill or who have lost a family member or friend, maintained phone contact with elderly parishioners, visited parishioners in the hospital and assisted living facilities. They have kept the clergy informed about births/adoptions, illnesses, and other life experiences of the people in their clusters. They have served as a link between the congregation and the clergy and the resources in our church community. They have helped the people in their clusters experience the "...reconciling love of Christ."

Forty Epiphanyites have volunteered for this important ministry. Five of our volunteers have resigned – reluctantly – from Shepherding because of other demands. Shepherds are needed in the 30030, 30307, 30002, and 30021 zip codes; however, you don't have to live in one of those zip codes to serve as the Shepherd. Shepherds receive training in listening skills, responding to grief and loss, and confidentiality. Every Shepherd is shepherded by a member of the Pastoral Care committee. Shepherd support groups, led by the clergy, are held every quarter.

Please consider serving in this critical ministry. For additional information or to discuss your interest, contact Kathleen Rinehart, 404-284-3257, kathos47@aol.com, or talk to Kay or Larry or one of the other Shepherds. They are all posted on the bulletin board in the church entryway.

Epiphany's Art Ministry Welcomes Jane Springfield for November 2009

Jane is a local artist who has hiked and painted in many of our beautiful national parks and monuments including Arches, Bryce, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Grand Canyon, Kodachrome, Yosemite and Zion. Her work in watercolor and oil includes paintings from these parks. The show will be featured in our Epiphany Gallery from November 3-30, 2009.

She writes about her work in her own words:

I want my landscapes and still-life paintings to capture the essence of special places. I am especially drawn to the spontaneous nature of watercolor that allows quick interpretation and unexpected results in my work. My use of clear, subtle color emphasizes the transparent quality of the medium. I paint on location and in my studio. Also working in oils and pencil, I create picture memories inspired by what I see on travels, local scenes, and hiking or backpacking.

I am a native of Atlanta residing in Marietta, Georgia. In other lives I worked as agency art director, catalog producer and high technology marketing director. A merit member of Atlanta Artists Center and board member of Georgia Watercolor Society, I exhibit locally and nationally and am in many private and corporate collections.

Education: BFA with major in graphic design, University of Georgia. Classes and workshops with Clint Carter, Dolores Kennedy, Joan Stone, Charles Reid, Jack Shields and Alex Powers in watercolor; Dolores Kennedy, Debra Nadelhoffer and Bill Davidson in oils; Elsie Dresch in pastels; David Diener, Marie Matthews and Ben Smith in figure drawing and painting.

Please make checks **directly to Jane Springfield** and put in the Art Box. As usual, 25% of all sales benefit Epiphany. The Art Committee will take down the show at the end of the month and all sold pieces will be labeled with the buyer's name and placed in the office at the end of the month.



Kanuga Retreat Reflection

By Maggi Ewing

We were on the third and final segment of our journey into Celtic Christianity—a hike to Eagle Rock, a high point overlooking Kanuga. Only a few hardy souls were willing to go that last three miles—opting out for the ping pong tournament. I wanted to be one of the finishers, to follow the journey to its very end.

The first mile or so was a snap, all on flat roads. We came to the slope leading up to the Rock. I looked with some anxiety at the trail through the heavily wooded area. It had rained all day and night the previous day; wet leaves and pine needles covered the trail through the small trees and shrubs covering the area. My anxiety was compounded by my fear of heights and of falling. I forged ahead with Terry and Benno behind me and probably made it about one-fourth of the way up the slope before I fell behind the others. I stopped to catch my breath. Benno asked if I wanted to go back. I suggested they go ahead and I would catch up. Benno insisted he must be last to see all safely up the trail.

Hey, Guys, I'm not that old. I wanted to be with the finishers who had blithely gone ahead, tripping up the trail like a Sunday morning walk in the park. To me it might as well have a sheer cliff face that went up and up and up. I wanted to see what the others saw, feel what they felt, view God's handiwork and celebrate his creation, marvel in the amazing vista spread below.

I turned to plod ahead. Thinking I had taken a wrong turn, I turned to go the other way. That's when I lost my balance. For an instant in mid-air, I realized I was a goner, a fallen warrior woman. After about a 3-4 foot drop off the side of the trail, I landed on a bed of soft leave and pine straw, uninjured, dazed, not to mention embarrassed. In an instant, two guardian angels swooped down, holding me in their calm and reassuring embrace, urging me to catch my breath before trying to stand. With one behind pushing and one in front pulling, they managed to get me back on the trail. Still too dazed to help in my own rescue, a dead weight of 145 lbs.

I wish I could say I eventually made it up to the Rock. Reality set in and I had to acknowledge my own emotional and physical limitations. After shedding a few tears, I agreed to go back and Terry agreed to accompany me. Ping pong anyone?

That night there was a party, a pirate-themed murder mystery. All of us were there when the murder occurred, but no one actually saw who committed the dastardly deed. After much questioning of the crew and others at the Inn, Sealegs Sam, played by Margaret Putnam, was found guilty of the murder. Rev. Benno, as Dirty Wiggins, was appropriately piratey in his sarong and eye patch. Mother Cynthia as Mad Rose was unrecognizable and Brent as Sharktooth Brandy won the prize for best costume.

Then the wild rumpus started. Emma Pattison stomped her terrible feet; we stomped our terrible feet; we roared our terrible roars and gnashed our terrible teeth. As one amorphous body, we twisted and turned to the music of Sister Sledge and the Steve Miller Band. In our brightly colored costumes, we flitted and furled like butterflies on the breeze. It was a letting go of all we had experienced that day, of being in the moment, joyously celebrating the presence of God in and among us. Everyone was doing their own unique dance. At one point, two-year-old Georgia twirled in the circle we had formed, her full skirt billowing around her, basking in the joy and approval she seemed to feel around her.

It came time for evening prayers. But I wanted to dance until the wee hours of the morning. And so we did a different kind of dance. A dance in prayers to God—a holy and sacred moment. When shall I experience such elation again? Soon I hope.

The Sunday morning worship was at the chapel by the Lake. A flock of geese joined us in our prayers and song chants, loudly honking their approval.

Christmas Flowers & Music

To make a monetary contribution for poinsettias, decorations, or Christmas Music, please complete this form and place it in the alms basin on Sunday. **Forms must be received in the parish office no later than Wednesday, December 16 for acknowledgement in the Christmas bulletins.** *Please print legibly.*



Your Name: _____ Amount: _____ Decorations Music Both

Occasion (in memory, thanksgiving, etc): _____

Children's Ministries

Feast of St. Nicholas & Advent Lessons & Carols

Bring your children to celebrate the Feast of St Nicholas on December 6 at 4:30 p.m. before the Advent Procession and Carols on Sunday. The children will learn about the life of St Nicholas through crafts, activities, and a visit from St Nicholas himself. Please sign up in the Crossing Hall to bring a sweet or savory snack to share. Also, in honor of St Nicholas's generous spirit, we are asking that each child bring a small unwrapped toy that will be collected and later given to someone in need. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Cristin Davis 404.297.8069.

Baby Sitting

Save the date: In need of a little shopping time? The J2A class will offer babysitting December 12 from noon until 10:00 p.m. at Epiphany. More info and Sign up sheets will be posted soon.

Nursery Toys Needed

The Epiphany Nursery is in need of toys. Due to the seriousness of this year's flu season, OCP has decided to keep their toys separate from the nursery toys. If you are doing some cleaning before Santa arrives, please think of donating your old, but still useful, toys to the nursery. Any questions, please contact Barbara Fisher at 404.377.4675 or fishersfour@bellsouth.net.

Music & The Arts

Liturgies & Feast Days

November 22

Liturgical Day: Christ the King

Psalm 132: 1-13 (Crotch)

Offertory Anthem: King of all ages, throned on high – Paul Isom

Communion Motet: Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes – Mark Sirett

November 29

Liturgical Day: Advent I

Psalm 25: 1-9 (Meacham)

Offertory Anthem: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus – Henry Ley (OXEA)

Communion Motet:

December 6

Liturgical Day: Advent II

Canticle 4 (S191)

Offertory Anthem: And the Glory of the Lord (Messiah) – G. F. Handel

Communion Motet: N/A

Lessons and Carols (6 p.m.)

Introit: Matins Responsory – Palestrina

Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord – anon.

Anthem: Jesus Christ the Apple Tree – Elizabeth Poston

Anthem: Adam laybounden – Conrad Susa

Concert Series

December

- 4 “A Rose in Winter” with The Festival Singers of Atlanta, Jamie Shiell, conductor

8:00 p.m., Admission: \$18

Epiphany's “artist in residence,” the 24-voice Festival Singers of Atlanta, has been delighting Atlanta audiences since 1981 with music from the Renaissance, Baroque, and the 20th/21st centuries. This concert will feature Leonardo Leo's “Magnificat,” accompanied by period instruments in addition to other choral music by Carter, MacMillan, Howells, Hassler, Byrd, Whitacre and Lauridsen.

This event is held in conjunction with Epiphany's Nativities exhibit and will be followed by a reception in the Art Gallery.

- 13 Christmas with the Epiphany Schola Cantorum

4:00 p.m.

Bach: Cantata 140, Vivaldi: Gloria in D Major, and carol arrangements by Rutter, Willcocks, and Wilberg

Epiphany Schola Cantorum and Chamber Orchestra

Diocesan News

Play of Herod

December 11, 12 and 13

A Seed and Feed production, this community program is an amalgam of two old mystery plays, which is sung in Latin with period instruments. The music-drama will be performed three times this year. The first two times are at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church at 8:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12. The last performance will be at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 13, at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers.

Most people who have seen and heard this production are very moved and many come to see it year after year. It lasts about 70 minutes. Immediately following each production there is a "reception" with Christmas cookies, hot cider and singing carols with the cast.

The cost is \$20 and reservations are required. Information is available at the website <http://www.herodplay.com>

Camp Mikell

We're replacing the boards on the wetlands boardwalk. We've done about 40 or 50, we need about 700 more... they're \$10, \$15, \$20 depending on size, so we need a lot of help. I know you want your name on a board... who doesn't want their name on a board... So send us a tiny bit o' money and get... your name on one of these lovely boards... and we'll even take a picture of it so you know it happened. Contact us at mikell@windstream.net

Preparing For Advent

A Quiet Day preparing for Advent is planned from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Julian of Norwich Center, St. Bede's Episcopal Church, 2601 Henderson Mill Road. The theme is "Journeying with our Grief and Losses: Receiving Space for the Christ to be Born," and guides are Lea Robinson and the Rev. Lynnsay Buehler. Cost is \$30 (scholarships available), and lunch is provided. Call Lynnsay at 770-938-9797 x27 to register.

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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

- Ann Fort
- Allison Land
- Ann Lynn
- Tom Mundy
- Adele Reeves
- Laura Thomas
- The Thompson Family
- Ana Vanderwicken
- Teresa Kocis-Szucs, friend of Arlen Gray
- Beth McCart, friend of Nancy Binford
- Josh Holt, friend of Paul Binford

Rest eternal grant her

- Vera Maude Jennings Browden
- Tanvisha Bates

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
- 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 Runnion
- Phillip Ojo, Ope, and Ore, friends 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

- Marnie Hotz, sister-in-law of Barbara Hotz
- Bill McNutt, father of Shea McNutt
- Mike, brother of Pam Tipton
- 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
- Ana Vanderwicken, niece of Katrina Shoemaker
- Margaret & Jo Ann Moore, sister and niece of Fran Holt
- Barbara Egan, friend of Nancie Sill
- Barbara Stinson, friend of Pamela & Mike Smith
- Elizabeth Dean, aunt of Amanda Dean
- Safia Jama, friend of Amanda Dean
- John Scongio, uncle of Brother Aelred
- Helen, sister of Ruth Olson
- Marilyn Thrall, friend of Karen Wagner
- Lori, sister of Brandon Laird
- Elizabeth Dean, aunt of Amanda Dean
- Beth, friend of Anne Warner
- Sr. Susannah Bede, SSG sister of Fran Holt
- Adam Stead, friend of Kelly Poisson
- Cathy Hinko & Jim Haswell, friends of Cynthia Hizer
- Joyce Thompson, mother of Bob Thompson
- Dorothy Weaver, mother of Ann Rowles
- Mary Lou Newman, mother of Susan Messner
- Tommie, sister of Maggie Ewing
- Philip, friend of Laura Fuller
- Martil LaCaze, aunt of Karen Swenson

Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

- Betty Dangerfield
- Keith Fox
- Dorothy Gautier
- Carmen Gutierrez
- Ann Ladenberger & Ron Kastings
- Mary Lee
- Mamie-Lee Walker
- Adele Reeves
- Joey Saavedra
- Karen Swenson
- Laura Thomas
- 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

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Change Service Request

People & Posts

November 22

Acolytes: 8:45 - Ross Democko, James Sands, Emily Cook, Vladimir Watkins; 11:15 - Billy Braswell, Maria Braswell, Emily Thompson, Jake Braswell

Altar Guild: Jerry Boyd, Ann Fowler, Ann Warner

Eucharist Visitors - None Scheduled

Flower Guild: Jackie Tate

Layreaders & LEMs: 8:45 - Tom Bell, Todd Smith, Rob Godsall, Cliff Edge, Cecilia Democko, Tom Democko; 11:15 - Bob Thompson, Maggie Williamson, Brent Henderson, Bob Kirkhuff, Ray Piper; 6:00 - Gary Hauk

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

Vergers of the Day - Susan Messner

Vestry Person of the Day: - Brent Henderson

Second Teller: Margo Timberlake

November 29

Acolytes: 8:45 - Will Bryant, Diane Mundy, Br. Aelred, Matilda McNeely; 11:15 - Jessica Jordan, Jordan Moody, Hannah Thompson, Chelsea Stephens

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

Eucharist Visitor(s): None Scheduled

Flower Guild: Nadine Howarth

Layreaders & LEMs: 8:45 - Matt Bolch, Marilynn Richtarik, Diane Mundy, Aelred Dean, Randy Shearin, Nancy Thompson; 11:15 - Kathy Walmsley, Heather Knapp, Jim Goodmann, Dan Murphy, Anna Murphy, Esther Harbert

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

Vergers of the Day: - Fran Holt

Vestry Person of the Day: Eric Shulz

Second Teller: Larry Wilcox