



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.



Vestry

Lisa, Rick, Colleen and Muriel are finished with their three year term on the Vestry. Cecilia (our new Sr. Warden), Kathleen, Mark, David, Brent, Polly, Mike, Eric and Jeremy (our appointed clerk) are joined this year by our nominees Liz, Ann, Lydia and Robert. We've done some remarkable things this year as a parish, and your vestry has worked hard to engage us all in the work of the church, which at times can be a wonderful, messy business.

Back in July we had a one day retreat. On that occasion we decided that we needed to look at our finances with better clarity. We wanted to consider some short term parking solutions, and we wanted to engage a consultant who would help us understand the dynamics of change from a 'pastoral' size parish to a 'program' size parish.

To date, we have gained a remarkable sense, thanks in no small part to Janet Wilson (our treasurer of many years) and Rick Timmer (Jr. Warden and Chair of our Finance Committee) of how we operate financially. We have ended the year with a small surplus, no small feat in a year of economic uncertainty, and we are moving forward with a budget, that given the circumstances of difficult times is both hopeful and prudent-faithful to our work to nurture and reconcile, educate and proclaim the presence of God in our midst.

We have worked at short term parking solutions, mostly out on the street (we have yet to tackle our parking lot in a long term purposeful way), and we have engaged the services of a consultant to lead our vestry retreat to talk with us about our capacity, both staff and parishioner, to work with greater purpose at being who we are.

All this is to say that as another year rolls around (I've been here now for four years) I more hopeful than ever that we have diligent, exuberant people working in our midst to fulfill our mission. I've never had a better experience of working in the church with such faithful hardworking people. We have set a new standard of Vestry work.

As our senior class retires look to Lisa and Muriel in outreach, Rick in finance, and Colleen with those wonderful boys (and big sister) to show up all over the place welcoming and being the face of the beautiful families and people that make us who we are.

As always, it is my honor and delight to be priest in your midst!

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Benno D. Pattison'.

The Rev. Benno D. Pattison, Rector

Parish News

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 17, at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us in the church at 10 a.m. for our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 17. We will hear reports from the vestry members and heads of parish organizations, as well as the Rector, elect new vestry members and thank the old; receive the 2009 Financial Report and 2010 Annual Budget. All are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

Financial Update - the 2010 Budget

Lisa Daily, Senior Warden, and Rick Timmer, Junior Warden



We want to thank everyone for your commitment and support of Epiphany, your diligence in your contributions to pledge and plate, and your responsiveness as we struggled with a difficult financial year. The 2009 fiscal year looks as though it will end with a small surplus of around \$1,500. Although we were significantly down on anticipated income, we worked hard to curb expenses and ended the year about \$5,300 under budget on the expense side. We thank the various committees, staff and clergy for working to control expenses during this difficult time.

That was 2009, and it is behind us now. The challenge Epiphany faces now is the budget for the coming year. In the days ahead, your Vestry will be meeting, discussing, and passing a budget for 2010 that provides for good stewardship of our financial resources in carrying out the mission of this parish.

Currently we have pledges totaling about \$523,495 for 2010. In 2009, we received about \$480,000 in pledge income (although the amount pledged was \$517,000). Pledge income for 2008 was about \$502,000. Pledge income is critical in considering what we can hope to accomplish and sustain in the coming year because pledge income represents approximately 80% of the total income for any given year.

On the expense side, a flat budget for 2010 would be about \$648,000, which includes mandated increases in health insurance and our diocesan contribution (compared to the 2008 budget of about \$638,000). We are facing balancing the 2010 budget with about \$20,000 less than we had in 2009.

We ask that if you pledged in 2009, please contact Epiphany as soon as possible with your intention for 2010. If you pledged in past years, but not recently, we ask you to prayerfully consider pledging again. If you have never pledged, please consider doing so now. Pledging is an important part of the spiritual journey for many of us. Reflecting on Benno's sermon from Sunday, we find the "improbable presence of God" in the commitment we make through pledging.

Coffee Hour

We are proud to offer Bishop's Blend shade-grown coffee from Episcopal Relief and Development Fund between the morning services. This is a non-budgeted program, so we rely on everyone's contributions to make this happen. If you would like to help prepare coffee and provide light refreshments, please sign up in the Crossing Hall.

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. January's selection is *The Hemingses of Monticello* by Annette Gordon. Contact: Christina Kaylor, christina_kaylor@yahoo.com.



D.E.A.M. Update

It's that time again! January is Epiphany's month to help stock the pantry at the Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM). Our goal is to collect at least 100 each of four items DEAM needs most at this time. Please bring: cereal, jelly, 1 qt packages dry milk and small packages of corn muffin mix and place them in the basket in the Gallery. Check out our tally as the month progresses. Thank you.

Shared Spaces

As liaison representative between Epiphany and Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool (OCP) I become aware and informed about how we can improve and strengthen our cooperative relationship. I am asking parishioners to be mindful and respectful of OCP property and not to use their property, because if it is accidentally damaged by parishioners Epiphany is liable. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation. ~ Br. Aelred Dean

Sunday Morning Lenten Series

Your Story, My Story, God's (Our) Story

Benno's sermon of last Sunday (Jan. 10th) made reference to the "highly improbable" character of the Incarnation as God's way of being connected to us...a Jesus who shared the human condition with us, occupying his space in the ordinary and everyday in order to show us that this, too, was our space for going to God.

That *highly improbable* character for God's operations in the world extends to the stories of every one of us. Each of our lives holds significant moments and relationships that shape the ways in which we move through the world. They deserve to be told—not least to ourselves. Our stories are emblems for God speaking God's word through each of us. They are points of meeting, for a mutual recognition of our gifts and for naming what God has planted in our lives. They begin to answer that curious question that can be asked of any of us in church, *Why are you here?*

With that, I invite you to consider a five-week conversation at Epiphany on the telling of our stories as the means of caring for our lives and for God's call in our lives. Too often, we go to someone else's story or teaching in order to learn how God is speaking to us. The space I invite you to is a space of disciplined conversation, of holy listening, of what Parker Palmer refers to as "hearing one another into deeper speech." That space is a space of Vocation Care, a space of mutual encouragement (Rm. 1:11-12), of hearing and seeing our lives the way God hears and sees them.

We will meet over five Sundays in Lent at the Adult Ed. hour; ALSO *there will be an introductory and invitational discussion on Sunday, January 24th at 10:00 am.*

Interested? More information? Contact Jim Goodman, 4/963-7353 or jgoodmann@thefund.org

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

Ann Neff

from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Montevallo, AL

Message from the Art Ministry

Missing: Luise Kirkhuff Item: One 5 x 7 pressed flower picture . If by chance you picked up one of Luise's lovely creations and intended to sign up and pay for it, please contact LiefySmithArt@comcast.net. Bill Graves Items: #BG-11, BG-16, BG-17 and 18 (\$15 each) are missing and unaccounted for. Contact Liefy above or Bill Graves at 404.373.7197. We would appreciate your help in resolving these losses. Checks are always to be made directly to the artist. The Art Ministry needs payment for any unpaid for items. All sold items are available for pick-up. If you have not paid for your item, please do so as soon as possible. Place payment in the Art Box in the gallery. Thank you all for your wonderful support and help! Over \$600 was raised for our parish but we are missing payment for items worth over \$130 .



Robert Dunne was born in Rhode Island and has studied Fine Art in Boston, Miami Beach, and New York. He developed his art under Frank Reilly at the Art Students League, and refined his skills in portrait painting under Demitri Romanovsky. Bob has been active at his work as an artist all of his adult life. An award-winning television Art Director in New York City, he has worked with oils and pastels doing professional portraits, ads, cartooning and caricatures. Currently residing in Atlanta, Bob has devoted much of his focus and talent in recent years to equestrian art. His work is represented in offices, board rooms and many private collections.

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.

New Expense Reimbursement Policy

We have all experienced the growth of Epiphany in the past several years. The growth has been both in the size of the parish community and the budget that meets the needs of our community. Good stewardship of our financial resources requires us to adapt our financial policies and controls as we grow. Your Vestry adopted a new expense policy earlier this year with the intent to implement fully beginning with the New Year. The policy was adopted by the Vestry not to increase the burden on you as you carry out the business of the church and your committees, but to ensure greater accountability and adherence to our budget. A copy of the policy is available on the Web at: www.epiphany.org. If you do not have access to the Web, copies are available in the office.

We hope that the policy is reasonably clear, but the following additional notes should help:

1. With regard to items #1 and #2, please use the New Payee/Vendor form to provide the required information. Payments cannot and will not be made in the absence of this information.
2. With regard to item #4, please see the list of committees/groups and the associated Vestry position that is responsible for that area.
3. Please note the new reimbursement form – this is the form that will be used beginning on Jan. 1.

4. The intent with items #5, 6, and 7 is that these are the limits for either individual expenses or recurring expenses to the same individual or entity.
5. With regard to item #8, no charges will be made to designated or restricted accounts (i.e. what we have traditionally called “cookie jar” accounts) if the individual or recurring expense will exceed the available funds in the account.

We understand that a new policy will likely encounter bumps along the way, and need further refinement, but your cooperation in implementing this policy is important. Please do not hesitate to ask questions or provide feedback. Our thanks to you for all that you do for Epiphany and helping to implement this policy.

On behalf of the Finance Committee and Vestry,
Rick Timmer, Vestry Finance Chair, and Janet Wilson, Treasurer



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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

Music & The Arts

Liturgies & Feast Days

January 17

Liturgical Day: 2 Epiphany

Psalm 36: 5-10 (Attwood)

Offertory Anthem: Surge Illuminare – William Byrd

Communion Motet: Set Me As a Seal – Rene Clausen

January 24

Liturgical Day: 3 Epiphany

Psalm 19 (Wesley)

Offertory Anthem: I Know the Lord Laid His Hand on Me – arr. Alice Parker

Communion Motet: How Lovely are the Messengers (St. Paul) – Felix Mendelssohn

January 31

Liturgical Day: 4 Epiphany

Psalm 71: 1-6 (Hurd)

Offertory Anthem: I Sat Down under His Shadow – Edward Bairstow

Communion Motet: Ubi Caritas – Maurice Durufle

Choral Evensong at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Newnan, Georgia

Canticles: Charles Villiers Stanford (Service in G Major)

Preces and Responses: H. C. Stewart

Introit: Thou knowest Lord the Secrets – Henry Purcell

Anthem: I Sat Down under His Shadow – Edward Bairstow

Anthem: Ubi Caritas – Maurice Durufle



Concert Series

A weekend with Ana Hernandez (author of *The Sacred Art of Chant*) and Ruth Cunningham (Anonymous 4)

1/16 Sound as Prayer: A Not-so-Quiet Day of Spiritual Exercises Using Sound and Shared Silence

9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. *Workshop fee: \$20*

In this popular workshop we will re-discover God with and in our voices; listen deeply and experience the ways sound touches spirit; explore sacred chant to heal ourselves and the world, learning how sound can enhance well-being; reflect on sounds that open (and close) our hearts. All are welcome at this day of humming, toning, singing, deep listening, and seriously fun prayer. If you can hum, you can come. Learn how your voice lives in your body, how to use it to generate health and healing, and how to let it help you bring your best self to all you do. Listen to yourself for a change.

1/17 SpiritSpace - An Interactive Concert, with HARC (Ana Hernandez/Ruth Cunningham)

4:00 p.m.

The concert experience will combine elements of performance, worship, and reflection. It will be beautiful, participatory, and transformative.

2/7 Pre-Evensong Recital - Jeanné Brown, soprano

5:30 p.m.

Since her professional debut with Robert Shaw, Jeanné Brown has touched the souls of her audiences with her “consistently exciting ... and radiantly beautiful” classical, operatic and spiritual performances on the concert stage. She has appeared as featured soloist with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the Buffalo Philharmonic, the Flagstaff (AZ) Arts Festival, the Moja Festival in Charleston, SC, the Providence Opera Theater, and the Atlanta Opera. Ms. Brown has recently returned to Georgia from the Northeast, where she gave solo performances and recitals throughout the area. In addition to her active performance schedule, Ms. Brown offers master classes and vocal music teaching and consultation.



The Office of the Bishop

January 13, 2010

We are shocked and saddened by the news of the devastating earthquake in Haiti. Representatives of many of our parishes have engaged in mission work there and are personally affected by this tragedy.

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori today issued a [statement](#) calling for prayers "for those who have died, been injured, and are searching for loved ones." She urged "your concrete and immediate prayers in the form of contributions to Episcopal Relief and Development."

In this emergency, our best response as a diocese, as parishes and as individuals is take a few minutes to contribute to Episcopal Relief and Development, the church's agency already at work in Haiti. All of your dollars will go directly to helping the Haitian people. To give now through ERD's secure website, click [here](#). You'll also find information below for mailing your checks and giving over the phone.

Diocesan ERD coordinator Debbie Betsill is in touch with ERD, and the Rev. Debbie Shew, canon for community ministries, is connecting with world mission staff at the Episcopal Church Center. Our office will be gathering information on other efforts to help and will report them as details emerge.

Faithfully,

J. Neil Alexander
Bishop of Atlanta

Donate

- Online: <https://www.er-d.org/donate-select.php>
- By mail: Send check payable to Episcopal Relief and Development to ERD at P.O. Box 7058 Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.
- By phone, call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129.

Links

- Presiding Bishop's Statement http://www.episcopalchurch.org/79901_118405_ENG_HTM.htm
- Episcopal NewsService report http://www.episcopalchurch.org/79901_118410_ENG_HTM.htm

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
- Margaret Moore
- Jude Smith, sister of Mike Smith
- Diane Underhill, sister of Karen Tice
- Robert Martin, friend of Sylvia Ethridge
- Ann Shadwell, mother of Kelli Shadwell
- Virginia Lantis, Aunt of Fran Holt
- Robert Holt, son of Fran Holt
- Ramsey Payne, friend of Fran Holt

Rest eternal grant them

- Laura Thomas
- Mims Houston
- Allison Land, sister of Sandy Land
- Tommie, sister of Maggie Ewing
- Bill McNutt, father of Shea McNutt
- Virginia Lantis, aunt of Fran Holt

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
- 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
- Jean Sengle, aunt of Brenda Lloyd
- Marion Barber, friend of Sarah Jane Wallison
- 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
- Mike, brother of Pam Tipton
- Br. Francis Sebastian, Gregorian brother to Br. Aelred
- Alice Folsom, sister of Rod MacLeod
- 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
- Philip, friend of Laura Fuller
- Martil LaCaze, aunt of Karen Swenson
- Teresa Kocis-Szucs, friend of Arlen Gray
- Beth McCart, friend of Nancy Binford
- Josh Holt, friend of Paul Binford
- Nancy Raymer, aunt of Leslie Raymer
- James Wilcox, father of Larry Wilcox
- Diane Underhill, sister of Karen Tice
- Candy Parlee, sister of Nancie Sill
- Robert Block, father of Erin Braden
- Nancy Raymer, aunt of Leslie Raymer
- Christopher Chowning, son of Marjorie Chandley
- Rosalie Shipp, step-mother of Amy Shipp
- Jeff Ferguson, friend of Carol & Lynn Hogue

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Change Service Request

People & Posts

January 17

Acolytes: 8:45 - Fran Holt, Zoey Laird, Emily Cook, Br. Aelred Dean; 11:15 - Alex Williamson, Maggie Williamson, Mary Katharine Williamson, Emily Thompson

Altar Guild: Keith Poole, Annie Strahan, Kathleen Rinehart

Eucharist Visitors: None Scheduled

Flower Guild: Stacy Wisniewski

Layreaders & LEMs: 8:45 - Rick Timmer, Katie Pederson, Marjorie Timmer, Rob Godsall, Cecilia Democko; 11:15 - Shirley Banks, Gretchen Maclachlan, Brent Henderson, Jim Goodman, Richard Proctor; 6:00 - Gary Hauk

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

Vergers of the Day: Richard MESSner

Vestry Person of the Day: Muriel Diguette

Second Teller: Clarke Weigle

January 24

Acolytes: 8:45 - Ross Democko, James Sands, Will Bryant, Fran Holt; 11:15 - Emily Cook, Maria Braswell, Chelsea Stephens, Laura King

Altar Guild: Jerry Boyd, Ann Fowler, Anne Warner

Eucharist Visitors: None Scheduled

Flower Guild: Jo Sedlack

Lay Readers & LEMs: 8:45 - Marilyn Richtarik, Matt Bolch, Cliff Edge, Randy Shearin; 11:15 - Tom Remington, Laura Keys, Esther Harbert, Bob Kirkhuff; 6:00 - Mary McKenzie

Ushers: 8:45 - Philip Anderson, Sabra Hanson, John Howarth 11:15 - Neil Banfield, Audrey Banfield, Liz Romo-Rasha, Tom Remington

Vergers of the Day: TBA

Vestry Person of the Day: Dave Thompson

Second Teller: Kathy Walmsley