



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for November 3, 2019

That all might thrive and serve in the light of God's grace.



Welcome visitors!

If you are visiting with us, please complete the visitor information on the Blue Sign-up Slip in your bulletin. Epiphany's nurseries for infants and toddlers are staffed with adult childcare professionals. Children *age 5 and under* are welcome in the nurseries, located just outside the worship center. Of course, children of all ages are invited to worship. **Please have a cup of coffee with us in our Holy Beans Café** in the lobby. Check out our website, epiphanyсуwanee.org, for more information about Epiphany. And don't hesitate to contact us if we can be of service, 770-831-1966. Epiphany is a church that welcomes **ALL!**

Thanks again to our Congregational Life/Connect Team for another great Trunk or Treat! We had beautiful weather, a great crowd and turnout from the community, and lots of incredibly creative costumes and trunks. Please make plans to join us again next year!

Epiphany Today

Worship services are at 8:30 am and 11 am. Large Group Opening is today at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary, immediately followed by Sunday School Faith Formation classes for all ages downstairs.

Signs outside the classrooms identify the age groups.

K & 1, 2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th — Spark!

Middle School - downstairs in CIA Room

High School - downstairs in the Real Time room

Adults - Downstairs for Bible Study & Dialogues On: Race class

What Begins Here... Thank you to everyone who has turned in their pledge card. **If you haven't turned in your pledge card yet, there's still time to do so.** Your response is important to help us plan for next year's budget and beyond. We also have extra ones if you need one; please ask an usher for one. If you have any questions about your current pledge, what the best form of payment is for your pledge or how to set it up, please email Loren Means at bookkeeper@epiphanyсуwanee.org.

Epiphany's Mission & Vision Every few years it's good for any individual or organization to examine who they are, what they are doing, and make sure they are on the right track. It's been a while since we've done this at Epiphany. So, we are about to do it again and need the congregation to be a part of it. The process for updating our mission and vision statements will extend over the next few months and will be filled with a lot of learning, discussion, self-discovery, and fun. **Our first gathering is next Sunday, November 10 at 6 pm.** Please bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner downstairs; we'll start our discussion over dinner. Nursery for kids age 5 and under will be available.

Future meeting dates are January 12, February 16 & March 15. *Because this is an ongoing process, we need your attendance and participation at each meeting, not just one.* So, get these dates on your calendar and help Epiphany continue to be the great church that it is!

Reminder - CIA Meets Today Our CIA kids (Confirmation) meet today immediately after the 11 am service. Parents, please pick them up at 2:30 pm.

Thanksgiving Boxes for North Gwinnett Co-Op

We will be putting together Thanksgiving meal boxes for the North Gwinnett Co-Op again this year. We are handing out a list today of items needed for each box and the list was also in the mid-week Blast email. The Co-Op asks that you please stick to their provided list. All items need to be back to Epiphany no later than **Sunday, November 10**.

College Care Packages If you took a tag off the board for needed items for the college care packages, **the items are due back by November 6**. Our middle school youth will be assembling the boxes during Formation time on November 10.

Just So Seniors November Get-Together Our Seniors group will meet November 14 at 10 am in the fellowship hall for Biscuits, Bible, and to Be Servants. It'll start with Bojangles' biscuits (\$2) followed by a Bible study. The final "B" allows us to be servants by completing a holiday project for a neighborhood assisted living facility. As always, feel free to bring a friend!

Elementary & Middle School "Late-In" Sunday, **November 24**, we will be having a Late-In! From 5 pm to 11 pm, all Elementary and Middle School youth are invited to come hang out, play some games, and watch a movie. NO sleepover this time around! Parents will pick up kids at 11 pm.

Thanksgiving Eve Service We will have a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, **November 27 at 7 pm**. The service will be the Holden Evening Prayer service that we use throughout the Advent season. Please bring your family and friends along! There will not be a Wednesday night meal that night.

Save the Date Our annual Women's Ornament Exchange party will be on Monday, **December 2 at 7 pm** at Gina Hermansen's house. Please bring an ornament no more than \$15 in value to exchange. More details to come!

Book Club Selections The monthly book club will meet on **Monday, November 18** at 7 pm at La Madeleine French Café in Buford. They will be discussing *Ask Again Yes* by Mary Beth Keane. December's book is *The Christmas Pearl* by Dorothea Benton Frank and will meet at the home of Cathy Laszewski on December 18.

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and **Facebook** at *facebook.com/epiphanysuwaneega*



Epiphany's Official Affirmation of Welcome: Our unity is in Christ. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of any human divisions: race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental conditions, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or **anything** that often divides us.

Epiphany This Week

Monday, November 4

9:00 AM Staff & Worship Planning Meeting

Wednesday, November 6

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner

7:00 PM Worship Service

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, November 7

10:00 AM Bible Study

Friday, November 8

6:30 AM Breakfast Bible study, (IHOP, 3463 L'ville-Suwanee Rd)

Sunday, November 10

8:30 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Worship Service

6:00 PM Mission & Vision Congregation Discussion

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am-4 pm; Friday, 9 am-noon.
Contact *laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwanee.org* to schedule meetings;
send info for the newsletter to Loren Means at
communications@epiphanysuwanee.org.

Wednesdays at the Well Our midweek gathering provides a break in the middle of your week with a short sermon and communion. **Join us for dinner at 6 pm and get to know other Epiphany members over a great meal!** Dinner will be Chili, hot dogs & fixings, slaw, and dessert. Suggested free-will offering is \$6/adult, \$3/child. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. Sign up on the Blue slip. **Worship is at 7 pm.** Worship Rehearsal follows at 8 pm. *Our last Wednesday Night Dinner will be December 18. Please make sure you read the letter that was emailed out to the congregation this past week regarding this.*

Save the Date for Celebrate Epiphany As you start your holiday shopping, please remember to look for items you can purchase and donate for our annual Celebrate Epiphany dinner and silent auction/raffle. This adults-only fundraiser event will be held the evening of **Sunday, January 26**. Please give any items you purchase to Laurie Tinc and include the cost/value of the item.

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday..... Benjie Robinson & Gino Fitzpatrick

Tuesday..... Donna Rutter

Wednesday..... Lisa, Stuart, Kevin & Eric Ryba

Thursday..... Tim, Madison & Chance Sanders

Friday..... Mark, Sarah, Catherine & Peter Schlueter

Saturday..... Jerry, Courtney & Tyler Seufert

Reaching out, raising up, and changing the world through the light of the living Christ!
