



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for January 13, 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 up to kindergarten age 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!**

Today we remember the Baptism of Jesus. In everything we do, we are always to remember that we have been named and claimed by God in the waters of baptism. In the revealing of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit all together in Jesus' baptism, we see the Holy Trinity's solidarity in standing with us through our baptisms. In doing so, we are reminded that in all walks of life God will be with us and for us.

Epiphany Today

Worship services are at 8:30 am and 11 am.

Sunday School Formation Time for all ages is downstairs at 9:45 am.

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 Real Time Room

Adults - downstairs for Bible Study & Dialogues On: Turning Conflict Into Community class

Handbells practice starts back up today at 12:15 pm

Confirmands in Action (CIA) meets today for formation following the late service. Pick-up time is 2:30 pm.

Grab your running shoes - the 2nd Annual

Epiphany 5K Run is coming up! Mark your calendars for

our 2nd Epiphany 5K Run on **Saturday, March 9**. Proceeds will go towards youth trips and retreats to help defray the costs for families. The 5K will start at 8:30 am, with the one mile Fun Run for all ages starting at 9:30 am. Registration for the 5K is \$25 (price increases to \$30 after February 25) and the Fun Run is \$15. We will also have the Ghost Runner option again for those of you who would like a t-shirt and would like to donate to our cause, but do not wish to run the race. The Ghost Runner option is \$15 (price increase to \$25 after February 25). You may register now at

<http://runsignup.com/Race/GA/Suwanee/EpiphanyLutheran5K> .

Funding Our Ministry

Month of December

Giving (General & Capital Funds).....	\$73,522
Total spending for ministry.....	\$55,692
Surplus for the month.....	\$17,830
Year-to-date deficit	(\$30,205)

Congregational Meeting Coming Up Mark your calendars for our **Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 27 at 10 am.** We will vote on our budget for 2019, review the results of our “Be the Light” stewardship campaign and talk about what’s in store for Epiphany in 2019. **It’s important that we have your participation and attendance in order to have a quorum, so please plan on joining us!**

Do you enjoy crafting? Epiphany is starting a craft group to support our church activities. This adult group welcomes all skill levels so feel free just to come and learn. There will be a kick-off meeting on **January 19, 1 - 3 pm**, downstairs at Epiphany. Sign up and add your email to the blue slip if you will be joining us or want more information.

Silent Auction at the annual Celebrate Epiphany dinner on Sunday, January 27, 5 - 8 pm We will celebrate Epiphany’s anniversary with a catered dinner and silent auction that will benefit youth programs, trips and retreats. We ask the congregation for their full support, either through donations of auction items or financial donations, as well as assisting on the auction team. We will also be having a guess the baby/toddler photo competition at the event, so please submit your baby/toddler photos to Pastor Chris (pastorchris@epiphanysuwane.org) by Sunday, January 20.

Tickets are \$20/ea and on sale starting today in between services and after the 11 am service. Our biggest need is donations for the silent auction - sports memorabilia or tickets, themed gift baskets, a weekend at a vacation home, music/art/cooking lessons - be creative with what you can donate! To help with the event in any way, **sign up on the Blue slip.** Please contact Laurie Tinc (laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwane.org) or Tony Bullard (tony.bullard@epiphanysuwane.org) if you have items you can donate. Please note that this is an adults-only event.

January Book Club Selections The weekly book club meets at **10 am on Tuesdays** at Epiphany and has chosen *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self Discovery* for January. The monthly evening book club will meet on **Monday, January 21** at 7 pm La Madeleine French Café in Buford. They are reading *The Grave Digger’s Daughter* by Joyce Carol Oates.

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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, January 14

9:00 AM Worship Planning & Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 15

10:00 AM Weekly Book Club
7:00 PM Rainbow Village Big Recess

Wednesday, January 16

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
6:30 PM Children’s Choir
7:00 PM Worship
8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, January 17

10:00 AM Bible Study

Friday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 20

8:30 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Worship Service
12:15 PM Handbells Practice

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

Wednesdays at the Well Our midweek gathering provides a “cup of living water” in the middle of your week with a short sermon and communion. **Join us for dinner at 6 pm** for everyone’s favorite - Poppy Seed Chicken! - along with buttered noodles, broccoli, rolls and dessert. Suggested free-will offering is \$6/adult, \$3/child. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. Sign up on the Blue slip.

Children’s choir is at 6:25 pm - pre-school through elementary-age kids. **Worship is at 7 pm.** Worship Rehearsal follows the service at 8 pm.

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:
Monday..... Juergen, Nan & Lukas Berninger
Tuesday..... Kevin, Leslie, Bailey & Reese Bigott
Wednesday..... Eric, Stacia, Andrew & Corrine Bluhm
Thursday..... Bobbie Bock
Friday..... Ryan, Stephanie & Joshua Boylan
Saturday Jerome, Ethan & Katie Brown & Teresa Raetz

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