



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for January 15, 2017

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 Signup 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 cafe in the lobby or check out our website, epiphanyswanee.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!

Pictured above are our Epiphany members who served dinner at Rainbow Village on Tuesday. Epiphany is committed to preparing and serving dinner to our faith partner, Rainbow Village, in Duluth, GA on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Rainbow Village is an organization that provides transitional housing for homeless women and children and provides life skills classes for all its adult residents. Epiphany also serves at Big Recess, the 3rd Thursday of each month. Big Recess is an evening where volunteers play games and interact with the children who reside at Rainbow Village while their mothers attend important life skills classes. Please read *The Light* (this, Epiphany's weekly newsletter) and check the Blue slip insert in today's bulletin for opportunities to serve at Rainbow Village. For more info about Rainbow Village, visit their website at rainbowvillage.org.

Epiphany today

Congregational Meeting today at 9:45. Special Sunday school activities for children and youth downstairs in the fellowship hall.

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Today we vote on Epiphany's 2017 Leadership Council and on the budget for 2017. Your attendance is very important as we decide how we are moving forward answering God's call for us!

2016 Year-End Giving Statements. In an effort to save on postage, 2016 Year-End Statements are now available for pick-up in the yellow box on the information table in the lobby. Any remaining statements will be mailed on Monday, January 23rd. If you are unable to pick up your statement and request it be mailed sooner than January 23, please let us know by email to our bookkeeper at Julie.sutton@epiphanyswanee.org.

"Celebrate Epiphany" Formal Dinner and Live Music celebrating Epiphany's 20th Anniversary.

Sign up today and purchase tickets (seating is limited, so buy your tickets early!) between services on Sundays in the lobby and at Wednesday evening services. This very special event celebrating Epiphany's mission to thrive and serve in the Light of God's grace will be held Sunday evening, January 29th at 5:00 p.m. at church. Cost of tickets is \$15 per person. Please note: Childcare will not be provided. This is an adult and young adults only event.

Funding Our Ministry

Month of December

Giving (General & Capital Funds).....	\$ 77,009
Total spending for ministry	\$50,766
Surplus for the month.....	\$26,242
Year-to-date surplus	\$46,953

RIC (Reconciling in Christ) Sunday, January 29th.

During the month of January through Sunday, January 29th, the RIC committee will be collecting specific items to donate to the Lost-n-Found Youth organization. Lost-n-Found Youth is a grassroots non-profit working to end the cycle of homelessness among lesbians, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth age 18-25. They operate at 24/7 hotline at 678-856-7825, a homeless youth drop-in center, a thrift & consignment shop, and a 6-bed housing facility at 2585 Chantilly Dr, Atlanta 30324. They depend on outside support and donations to keep them going! Check out Infy.org for more information. A box will be placed outside the church office to collect items. Please pick up a blue Epiphany grocery bag with a list of needed items in the lobby!

Supplies needed for Haiti trip. Epiphany's Haiti travel team departs on January 28, and they would love to fill their luggage with supplies for our partners there! Current needs include: large containers of peanut butter and tuna fish, full-size bars of soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths, and deodorant. Wings of Hope also needs adult and large toddler diapers, as they are prohibitively expensive to purchase in Haiti. If you are interested in purchasing diapers, please email or see Erin Murphy at erinmurphy@htflive.org for the specific sizes/styled needed. Please bring items in to the church office by Sunday, January 22. Thank you so much for supporting our partnership with HTF!

Interested in being part of the leadership team for VBS? Help plan this year's VBS (crafts, games, registration, etc.). VBS is scheduled for June 26-30. Sign up on the Blue slip!

2017 All-Georgia Youth Gathering, February 24-26, 2017. Registration is now open for Southeastern Synod congregations. **"Here We Stand...in Community, in Peace, in Grace...in Faith."** All Epiphany youth grades 6-12 are invited to be part of this annual Georgia area event sponsored by the ELCA. Please sign up on the Blue slip and indicate your t-shirt size. Contact Laurie Tinc for more information, laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwanee.org.

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Epiphany this week

Monday, January 16

Office closed for Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday

7:00 PM **Men's Group, Friends,** Suwanee Town Center

Tuesday, January 17

10:00 AM **Women's Book Club**

Wednesday, January 18

6:00 PM Community Meal,

6:25 PM *Imagine* Children's Choir

7:00 PM Worship

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal for Sunday Worship

Thursday, January 19

7:00 PM Rainbow Village Big Recess

Friday, January 20

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

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 Mary Mullenbach at communications@epiphanysuwanee.org.

Wednesdays at the Well on January 18

Our midweek gathering provides a "cup of living water" through fellowship, formation, and worship. Take a 90-minute break in the middle of your week. Come, be refreshed at the *Well!*

Community meal this week serves a taco bar, nachos and fixings, black bean-corn-tomato salad, rolls, and dessert.

Suggested freewill offering is \$6/adult, \$3/child. Sign up on the Blue slip.

7:00 Worship continues a new series: "Raising Jesus": What was it like raising Jesus from birth through age 30? Not much is known. Come and explore!

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday.....Dave and Debbie Thomas

Tuesday.....Gene, Rainey & Adriana Thompson

Wednesday.....Margaret Thompson

Thursday.....Wade, Renae, Cole, Jack & Peyton Thompson

Friday.....Nathan, Laurie, Connor & Kenna Tinc

Saturday.....Chris, Kim, Jack & Lena Towne

