



# Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for December 3, 2017

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



*Today is the first Sunday in Advent. God of hope, be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond, be with us in our meeting and in our travelling together, be with us in our worship and our praying together, be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond, our God of hope.*

## *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 Café in the lobby. Check out our website, [epiphanyswanee.org](http://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!

## *Epiphany today*

*Large group opening today at 9:45 downstairs followed by an all-ages special Advent formation hour.* Join us for food, stories, crafts, games, and more as we celebrate the beginning of our Advent journey!

*Today at 11:00 we celebrate the baptism of Matthew James Minton*, son of Brett and Talitha Minton. Congratulations to the Minton family, and welcome to Epiphany's family, child of God, Matthew James!

*Greening of the church today at 12:30.* Lunch is provided downstairs following the late service.

*Confirmands in Action (CIA) meets today at 12:15-2:30* for formation.

*Gifts from the Giving Tree for Quinn House are due next Sunday, December 10.* Thank you to all who have purchased gifts and gift cards for Rainbow Village.

## *New Advent Bible study beginning Thursday,*

*December 7.* All are welcome to attend this weekly Bible study held at Epiphany on Thursday mornings during Advent from 10-11 a.m. Anders and Pastor Chris will be leading a class studying the Advent Gospels. The first Gospel lesson will be Mark 1:1-8. Sign up on the Blue slip. Invite a friend!

## *Haiti Immersion Trip scheduled for January 20-27,*

*2018.* We will be traveling with other congregations from Ohio to visit **all of HTF's partners in Jacmel, Port-au-Prince, and Mirebalais.** Preference will be given to first-time travelers, but all are welcome. Total cost of the trip will be around \$1,500, depending on airfare. **Erin Murphy, HTF's Executive Director, will be holding two information meetings for prospective travelers: Wednesday, December 6 during Wednesday night dinner and Sunday, December 10 between services in the sanctuary.** For more information, contact Erin at [erinmurphy@htflive.org](mailto:erinmurphy@htflive.org). Sign up on the Blue slip. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn in-depth and see firsthand what HTF is doing to foster sustainability and dignity to ALL people in Haiti.

**Parents' Afternoon Out!** Take some time out for Christmas shopping (or just relaxing) Sunday, Dec. 10 from 12-4 p.m. \$30 for one child; \$50 for 2 or more. Lunch is included. Proceeds go to help fund our youth activities. Sign up on the Blue slip.

## Women's Ornament Exchange, Monday, December

4 at 7 p.m. All women are invited to this annual event! Please bring an appetizer, drink to share, and a max \$10 ornament. The event will be held at the McGinnis Reserve Clubhouse, 3451 Lake McGinnis Drive, Suwanee. Sign up on the Blue slip.

## Silent Auction at the annual "Celebrate Epiphany"

dinner on Sunday, January 28th. The silent auction will benefit youth participation at the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, in July. We ask the congregation for their full support, either through donations of auction items, financial donations, as well as assisting on the auction team. Many hands are needed to make this silent auction a great success! It's time to get planning! To help with the auction in any way, sign up on the Blue slip.

## Women's Book Clubs in December.

The weekly Women's Book Club meets Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. at Epiphany. December's book selection is *Wonder* by Raquel J. Palacio. The monthly evening book club will meet Monday, December 11 at 6 p.m. at Cathy Laszewski's home, 3822 Brockenhurst Dr., Buford 30519. The evening book club selection is also *Wonder*, by Raquel J. Palacio. All women of the church are invited to our book clubs!

## Worship schedule for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day

and New Year's Eve. We will have one Christmas Eve regular morning worship service at 10 a.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 5, 7, and 11 p.m. Christmas Day worship at 10 a.m., and a New Year's Eve, Dec., 31, regular Sunday morning worship service at 10 a.m. Mark your calendars! No Sunday School classes on Dec. 24 or Dec. 31.

*Looking ahead to January 2018:* Mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 14th. We will vote on our budget for 2018 and review the results of our "Legacy of Faith" stewardship campaign.

**"Celebrate Epiphany" dinner with silent auction and music,** Sunday, January 28th from 5-8 p.m. Details coming soon!

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## Epiphany this week

### Monday, December 4

7:00 PM Women's Ornament Exchange  
7:30 PM Lead Team meeting

### Tuesday, December 5

10:00 AM Women's Book Club

### Wednesday, December 6

6:00 PM Haiti Immersion trip meeting  
6:00 PM Community Meal  
6:25 PM Imagine Children's Choir  
7:00 PM Worship  
8:00 PM Rehearsal for Sunday Worship

### Thursday, December 7

10:00 AM Advent Bible Study

### Friday, December 8

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](mailto:laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwanee.org) to schedule meetings; send info for the newsletter to Mary Mullenbach at [communications@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto:communications@epiphanysuwanee.org).

## Wednesdays at the Well on December 6.

Our midweek gathering provides a "cup of living water" in the middle of your week. Come for dinner at 6 p.m., serves chili with beans, nachos and fixings, Southwest green salad, and dessert. Suggested freewill offering is \$6/adult, \$3 child. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. Sign up on the Blue slip. Stay for worship at 7! *Holden Evening Prayer* and reflections from Epiphany youth.

*Remember our Terracycle bins downstairs for your hard-to-recycle items!* Items accepted are toothpaste tubes, deodorant sticks, mouthwash bottles, clean plastic snack pouches and caps (such as applesauce and baby food pouches) and more. See the photos on the bins. *Help keep Epiphany green!*

## Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday..... Greg, Debbie, Catie & Courtney Richardson  
Tuesday..... Sage, Tina, Marisa & Stephen Ridgely  
Wednesday..... Donna Rutter  
Thursday..... Lisa, Stuart, Kevin & Eric Ryba  
Friday..... Tim, Madison & Chance Sanders  
Saturday..... Mark, Sarah, Peter & Catherine Schlueter

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