



# Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for December 15, 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, [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!**

**Our All-Ages Advent Faith Formation Event was a lot of fun!** Thanks to Candace Perkola and the team of Epiphany volunteers that helped out last Sunday. We occasionally hold these Cross-Generational formation events so members of all ages get to know one another and learn together in community.

## *Epiphany Today*

**Worship services are at 8:30 am and 11 am. Our Congregational Meeting is today at 9:45 am in the sanctuary for all confirmed members of Epiphany. Elementary & Middle School Youth are downstairs during this time. The nursery is available for kids age 5 and under during the meeting.**

**Congregational Meeting** We are having a Congregational Meeting **today at 9:45 am to discuss and vote on changes to our Bylaws.** The proposed changes to our Bylaws are regarding our First Fruits giving. We will need a quorum at the meeting, so please make it a priority to attend and participate in this important discussion.

**Reminder** - Please let Laurie Tinc know as soon as possible if you would like to continue to receive pre-printed Offering envelopes.

**CIA/Middle School Christmas Caroling** All Middle School youth are invited to join us for our annual Christmas Caroling outing today! We will be dropping in on our local firefighters, and two assisted living facilities to sing a number of classic Christmas carols. We'll have lunch after the 11 am service, practice our carols, and then we'll take off for the fire station around 12:45 or so. We aim to be back at Epiphany by 3:15 pm.

## **Funding Our Ministry**

### *Month of November*

Giving ( <i>General &amp; Capital Funds</i> ) .....	\$65,550
Total spending for ministry .....	\$50,180
Surplus for the month.....	\$15,370
Year-to-date deficit .....	(\$70,201)

**Wednesdays in Advent** Please join us on Wednesday, **December 18 at 7 pm** for our Holden Evening Prayer Service. Come to dinner at 6 pm (please RSVP on the blue slip), and then stay for this reflective, peaceful service with Holy Communion.

**Christmas Candlelight Dinner** We will have a Christmas Candlelight Dinner on **Wednesday, December 18 at 6 pm**. Dinner will be Cherry-glazed Ham, Rosemary-Lemon Chicken., scalloped potatoes, broccoli, salad & dessert. *We need a headcount for the dinner, so you need to RSVP by signing up on the blue slip.* We invite you to stay after dinner for our Holden Evening Prayer service at **7 pm**. Suggested free-will offering is \$6/adult, \$3/child. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted.

**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 **Sunday, January 26, 5 - 8 pm**. Celebrate Epiphany is the commemoration of Epiphany's anniversary as a church. Please give any items you purchase to Laurie Tinc and include the cost/value of the item. Tickets will go on sale on January 5 for \$25/each (cash & checks; payment by credit card will have a fee), and includes a catered dinner. Proceeds will go towards sending our high school youth to the 2021 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.

**Realm Reminder** **If you have received an email invitation from us to create a Realm account, we need you to do so.** Our goal is to have the majority of members active on Realm by the end of the year since we will begin a full roll-out in January 2020. If you haven't received an email invitation yet or need help setting up or logging in to your Realm account, please see Laurie Tinc. You may now give online directly from your Realm account and also check your giving and pledge totals going into the end of the year.

**Book Club Selections** December's book for the monthly book club is *The Christmas Pearl* by Dorothea Benton Frank and they will meet at the home of Cathy Laszewski on **Monday, December 16 at 7 pm**. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

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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, December 16

9:00 AM Staff & Worship Planning Meeting

### Wednesday, December 18

6:00 PM Christmas Candlelight Dinner  
**7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer Service**  
 8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 19

10:00 AM Bible Study

### Friday, December 20

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

### Sunday, December 22 - NO Faith Formation Classes

**8:30 AM Worship Service**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

**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 Loren Means at [communications@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto:communications@epiphanysuwanee.org).

**Giving Tree Thanks** We'd like to thank you for your generosity in helping us once again fulfill all of the gift and gift card requests for Quinn House and Rainbow Village. You have helped make Christmas brighter for those in our community. Many thanks to Isabelle Franklin, Lisa Condon and Laurie Tinc for helping organize the gifts as they came in and delivering them to Quinn House and Rainbow Village.

### **Holiday Worship Schedule**

Wednesdays in Advent with Holden Evening Prayer Service:  
 December 18 at 7 pm.  
 Christmas Eve Services: 5 pm, 7 pm and 11 pm.  
 Christmas Day Worship at 10 am.  
 Sunday, December 29—ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10 am  
 January 1 - Office Closed & No Wednesday Night Worship

### Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday..... John, Carolina & Sebastian Barron  
 Tuesday..... Pat & Martha Barron  
 Wed. .... Chris & Linda Bates  
 Thursday..... Steve, Julie & Allison Belfield  
 Friday..... Floyd Berger  
 Saturday..... Chris Bergman, Hope & Oliver Strong