



# Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for December 17, 2017

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



Epiphany collected 115 gifts for boys and girls at the Quinn House as well as 16 \$25 Visa gift cards for Rainbow Village during our annual Giving Tree drive. Well, done, Epiphany people! Thank you for making Christmas special for our community in need!

## *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 [epiphanyсуwanee.org](http://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!

## *Epiphany today*

*Sunday school for all ages downstairs at 9:45.*

Signs outside the classrooms identify the age groups.

K & 1, 2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th — *Spark!*

Middle School

High School — *Interrupted by Hope*

*Christmas Caroling this afternoon for Middle School and High School youth.* Immediately

following the late service, we will meet downstairs for pizza, then carpool to the Suwanee Firehouse, Antebellum Senior Living center, and then finish up at The Parc Senior Living center in Duluth. Our afternoon of spreading music and joy will convene at approximately 3:45 p.m. back at Epiphany.

*Advent Bible Study on Thursday mornings.* Join Pastor Chris and Anders Thursdays at 10 a.m. for an hour of study and discussion about the Gospels of Advents. This week's study will focus on Luke 1:26-38. All are welcome and feel free to bring a friend!

## ***Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve***

*schedule for worship at Epiphany.* Join us for Christmas Eve 4th Sunday in Advent worship at 10 a.m. No Sunday School next Sunday. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at 5, 7, and 11 p.m. Join us Christmas morning for worship and Holy Communion at 10 a.m. **and again on New Year's Eve at 10 a.m., with no Sunday School.** Sunday School for all ages resumes on January 7 at 9:45 with our regular worship schedule of 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Celebrate Christ's birth at Epiphany!

## ***Men's Group meets tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. for a "white elephant" gift exchange.***

All men of Epiphany (and friends!) are invited to Pastor Chris's home, 3320 Lake McGinnis Drive, Suwanee, for an evening of fellowship and Christmas cheer!

*Looking ahead to January 2018:* Mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 14th. We will vote on our budget for 2018, vote on new members to our mission teams, 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 and ticket sales coming soon!

## 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. See the Connect, Grow, Serve Board in the narthex for items available at the silent auction. More items are needed!

**Women's Book Clubs in January.** The weekly Women's Book Club meets Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m., beginning January 9th at Epiphany. January's book selection is *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. The monthly evening book club will meet Monday, January 22 at 7 p.m. at *La Madeleine's French Café*, Mall of Georgia. The evening book club selection is *Before We Were Yours*, by Lisa Wingate. All women of the church are invited to our book clubs!

*Service of Comfort & Hope on December 19 at Cross of Life Lutheran Church in Roswell.* The holidays are not always joyful for many experiencing grief and struggles. Cross of Life is holding a special service Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. for those in need of comfort and healing. All are welcome for service and a luncheon following. The address is 1000 Hembree Rd., Roswell, GA 30076.

*Haiti Immersion Trip.* We will be traveling January 20-27 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. For more information about the trip, contact Erin Murphy, Executive Director of the Haitian Timoun Foundation (HTF) at [erinmurphy@htflive.org](mailto:erinmurphy@htflive.org). 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.

## "Tap into Truth" Pub Theology with Intern Anders

in January. Join us on Thursday January 11 at 7 p.m. at Epiphany! Sign up on the Blue slip.

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## Epiphany this week

### Monday, December 18

7:00 PM Men's Group "White Elephant" gift exchange

### Tuesday, December 19

10:00 AM Women's Book Club

### Wednesday, December 20

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 21

10:00 AM Advent Bible Study

### Friday, December 22

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 20.

Our midweek gathering provides a "cup of living water" in the middle of your week. Come for dinner at 6 p.m., serves baked ham with spiced cherry sauce, cheesy potato bake, green beans almondine, salad, rolls, 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 a Q & A with Caroline Means.

## Wednesdays at the Well will NOT meet on

December 27. Join us again on January 3rd for regular evening activities, beginning with a soup, sandwich, and salad potluck at 6 p.m.!

## Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday.....Phil, Cori & Ava Snyder

Tuesday.....Greg, Tracy, Austin & Meredith Solheim

Wednesday.....Michael and Lindsey Staar

Thursday... Damian, Rene, Campbell, Haydn & Parker Stahl

Friday.....Richard and Clemence Stelter

Saturday.....Patrick, Julie, Sarah & Jake Sutton

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