



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for December 30, 2018

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, epiphanysuwanee.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!**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The 12 days of Christmas started on Christmas Day and goes through January 5, the day before Epiphany. We hope you remember that this gift of God's son is for everyone - there is a place for you here at the table. We are glad you are a part of Epiphany and pray that 2019 brings peace to each of you!

Epiphany Today

We have one worship service today at 10 am and no Sunday School Formation time. Worship services will return to 8:30 am and 11:00 am next Sunday.

Sunday School for all ages resumes next Sunday, January 6 after Large Group Opening at 9:45 am. What is Large Group Opening? It's usually held on the first Sunday of each month in the Sanctuary at 9:45 am. We sing a couple of songs together, wish Happy Birthday to those with a birthday that month, and make a few quick announcements about what's going on at Epiphany. We then dismiss to Sunday School formation time from there.

End of Year Giving Just a reminder that if you'd like to make an end-of-year donation to Epiphany and/or fulfill your 2018 pledge, please get that to us today or online by tomorrow. You may donate online at epiphanysuwanee.org/giving. If you have any questions, please email Loren Means at bookkeeper@epiphanysuwanee.org.

Just So Seniors January Get-Together Epiphany's senior group will meet in January at the church for centering, light refreshments, and a presentation on maintaining and improving our memories. "Remember" to mark your calendars for January 10th at 10 am. Friends are welcome! Sign up on the blue slip if you are coming.

Looking ahead to 2019: 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 coming up for Epiphany in 2019. **Celebrate Epiphany dinner with silent auction will be on Sunday, January 27 from 5 - 8 p.m.** Details and ticket sales coming soon!

Real Time High School Youth Bonfire High school youth will kick off 2019 with a bonfire on **Friday, January 11** at 7 pm. Wear something warm and that you don't mind smelling a little smoky. You are welcome to invite friends to join us! Sign up on the blue slip if you're coming.

January Happenings at Epiphany Mark your calendars now for these upcoming events in January:

-January 13 - Parenting Event/Discussion Group after 11 am service; lunch provided.

Confirmation formation Session - 12:15 - 2:30 pm

-January 24 - Pub Theology - 7 pm

-January 27 - Congregational Meeting - 9:45 am

Celebrate Epiphany Dinner - 5 - 8 pm

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. Many hands are needed to make this silent auction a great success! It's time to get planning! 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 auction in any way, **sign up on the Blue slip**. Please contact Laurie Tinc (laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwanee.org) or Tony Bullard (tony.bullard@epiphanysuwanee.org) if you have items you can donate. Information about tickets for the event to come soon! *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, December 31 - New Year's Eve

-Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 1 - New Year's Day

-Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2

-No Wednesdays at the Well Dinner or Worship-

Thursday, January 3

10 AM Bible Study

Friday, January 4

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

Sunday, January 6

8:30 AM **Worship Service**

9:45 AM Large Group Opening followed by Sunday School Formation

11:00 AM **Worship Service**

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 Loren Means at communications@epiphanysuwanee.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.

***We will not have Wednesdays at the Well dinner or worship service January 2. We will resume with dinner and worship on January 9.**

Do you enjoy crafting? Epiphany is starting a craft group to support our church activities. This adult group supports all skill levels so feel free just to come and learn. This years emphasis will be on creating gift baskets to auction at the annual golf tournament and events which support youth group activities. There will be a kick-off meeting in January (date TBD). Add your email to the blue slip for information!

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday.....Anne Arris

Tuesday.....Brad, Kristin & Brynn Atchison

Wednesday.....Fred, Katherine & Ben Aubrey

Thursday.....Rolando, Eliane, Cameron & Emilie Balli

Friday.....Mike & Leslie Barnes

SaturdayJohn, Carolina & Sebastian Barron

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