



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for December 31, 2017

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



Happy New Year! We are delighted you are here with us this morning on the last day of 2017. We give thanks to God for all the blessings of 2017 and await with joyful hearts the beginning of a brand-new year. *Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.* -Philippians 4:6-7.

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 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!

Regular Sunday morning worship times resume January 7 at 8:30 and 11 am!

Epiphany today

Sunday School for all ages resumes next Sunday, January 7th, at 9:45.

Looking ahead to January 2018: Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 14th between services. 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.**

Epiphany "Just So Seniors" January event. Meet at the church to connect and grow on Thursday, January 11 at 10 am. Karen Griffin from the Suwanee Public Library will present information about the latest and greatest services and materials available to us through the library system. Sign up on the Blue slip. **And remember, there's always room for friends!**

Epiphany 5K and fun run to support youth

activities! Our first ever 5K will be held on Saturday, March 3rd. The 5K will begin at 8:30 and a 1-mile fun run for the kids will begin shortly after. Early sign-up prices are \$25 for the 5K and \$15 for the fun run. Group runs will begin on Saturday January 6th, and training plans are available to anyone interested and new to running. For more information about the event, the training plan, or the Saturday group runs, contact Katie Sieck at katie.sieck@gmail.com or Tony Bullard at tony.bullard@epiphanysuwanee.org. This is a great opportunity to start the new year with a fitness goal for a great cause! Sign up information coming soon.

Wednesdays at the Well on January 3 resumes with a community soup, sandwich, and salad potluck at 6 pm. *Imagine Children's choir at 6:25, Worship at 7, and Worship Rehearsal for Sunday at 8:00 pm.* Come, be refreshed at the Well! De-greening of the church following Worship. Please stay and lend a hand!

Bible Study on Thursday mornings. Join Pastor Chris and Anders Thursdays at 10 am as we explore together the Gospel message for the upcoming Sunday. Learn something new, grow in your faith, and make some new friends!

“Tap into Truth” Pub Theology with Intern Anders in January. Join us on Thursday, January 11 at 7 pm at Epiphany for lively discussion on current topics in Christianity. Pizza and beverages provided. Sign up on the Blue slip and bring a friend!

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!

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. 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.

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Epiphany this week

Monday, January 1 Office closed for the New Year holiday

Wednesday, January 3

6:00 PM Community Meal
6:25 PM *Imagine Children’s Choir*
7:00 PM Worship
7:30 PM De-greening of the church
8:00 PM Rehearsal for Sunday Worship

Thursday, January 4

10:00 AM Bible Study

Friday, January 5

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

Regular 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 3.

Our midweek gathering provides a “cup of living water” in the middle of your week. Come for dinner at 6 pm for a soup, sandwich, and salad potluck. 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!

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.....Margaret Thompson
Tuesday..... Wade, Renae, Peyton, Jack & Cole Thompson
Wednesday..... Nathan, Laurie, Kenna & Connor Tinc
Thursday.....Chris, Kim, Jack & Lena Towne
Friday.....Steve, Kim & Jackson Volpert
Saturday.....John, Wendy & Joshua Wahl

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