



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for January 27, 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 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!**

Today is Reconciling in Christ Sunday. As part of our designation as a RIC congregation, we established **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.* Pictured above are Epiphany members that participated in the Atlanta Pride parade in October 2018.

Epiphany Today

Worship services are at 8:30 am and 11 am.

Sunday School Formation Time for kids is downstairs at 9:45 am. Adults and high school youth are in the Sanctuary for our Congregational Meeting at 10 am.

Signs outside the classrooms identify the age groups.

K & 1, 2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th — Spark!

Middle School - downstairs in CIA Room

Congregational Meeting TODAY Our Annual Congregational Meeting is today at 10 am in the Sanctuary. We will vote on our budget for 2019, review the results of our "Be the Light" stewardship campaign and talk about what's in store for Epiphany in 2019. **It's important that we have your participation and attendance in order to have a quorum, so please join us!**

CIA (Confirmation) meets today at 12:15 pm

Reconciling in Christ Sunday Today is when we celebrate Epiphany's designation as an RIC congregation that welcomes ALL. The Reconciling in Christ (RIC) program recognizes Lutheran congregations, synods, colleges, and seminaries that publicly declare their welcome to people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. *A Bake Sale will be held right after 9:45 am service to raise funds for a future RIC event with other local RIC congregations and for Atlanta Pride in October.*

Celebrate Epiphany Dinner & Silent Auction is Tonight We will celebrate Epiphany's 22nd anniversary with a catered dinner and silent auction that will benefit youth programs, trips and retreats. **Payment must be made this evening for any auction items won.** Checks and credit cards will be accepted.

This event is an adults-only event. No childcare will be provided. Come out and enjoy an evening of fellowship with other Epiphany members! Many thanks to the Congregational Life team for organizing this wonderful evening of fun and celebration.

High School Youth Interfaith Haiti Trip We will again be partnering with the Gwinnett Islamic Circle for our high school youth trip to Haiti this summer. This year's trip will be **July 12-19**. You will get to travel with people from a different faith background while building relationships with our partners in Haiti as you serve together. College aged youth and high school youth who have completed the 9th grade are eligible to participate.

Flights are now set and we are beginning to book our tickets for travel! If your child is interested and you'd like learn more about the trip details, please contact Erin Murphy, Executive Director of the Haitian Timoun Foundation at erinmurphy@htflive.org.

Just So Seniors February Get-Together The Epiphany Just So Seniors group will meet at the church on February 14 at 10 am for centering and enlightenment about the life of St. Valentine, and later enjoy a festive lunch in the fellowship hall. Watch for lunch details and reservation info coming soon. Please sign up on blue slip if you can come!

Grab your running shoes - the 2nd Annual

Epiphany 5K Run is coming up! Mark your calendars for our 2nd Epiphany 5K Run on **Saturday, March 9**. Proceeds will go towards youth trips and retreats to help defray the costs for families. The 5K will start at 8:30 am, with the Fun Run for all ages starting at 9:30 am. Registration for the 5K is \$25 (price increases to \$30 after February 25) and the Fun Run is \$15. We will also have the Ghost Runner option again for those of you who would like a t-shirt and would like to donate to our cause, but do not wish to run the race. The Ghost Runner option is \$15 (price increase to \$25 after February 25). You may register now and get more details at www.epiphanyсуwanee.org/5K. Register early to avoid the price increase and guarantee your t-shirt size. Please invite your runner friends and others in the community to participate!

February Book Club Selections The weekly book club meets at **10 am on Tuesdays** at Epiphany and has chosen *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak for February. The monthly evening book club will meet on **Monday, February 18** at 7 pm La Madeleine French Café in Buford. They are reading *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah for February.

Follow us on Instagram, [epiphanyсуwanee](https://www.instagram.com/epiphanyсуwanee) and Facebook at [facebook.com/epiphanyсуwaneeega](https://www.facebook.com/epiphanyсуwaneeega)



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Epiphany This Week

Monday, January 28

9:00 AM Worship Planning & Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 29

10:00 AM Weekly Book Club

Wednesday, January 30

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner

6:30 PM Children's Choir

7:00 PM Worship

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, January 31

10:00 AM Weekly Bible Study

Friday, February 1

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

Sunday, February 3

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:30 AM Large Group Opening

11:00 AM Worship Service

12:15 PM Handbells Practice

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am-4 pm; Friday, 9 am-noon. Contact laurie.tinc@epiphanyсуwanee.org to schedule meetings; send info for the newsletter to Loren Means at communications@epiphanyсуwanee.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. **Join us for dinner at 6 pm** for Meatloaf, herb-roasted potatoes, green peas, salad and dessert. Suggested free-will offering is \$6/adult, \$3/child. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. Sign up on the Blue slip.

Children's choir is at 6:25 pm - pre-school through elementary-age kids. **Worship is at 7 pm.** Worship Rehearsal follows the service at 8 pm.

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

- Monday.....Loretta Carter
- Tuesday.....Gail Chopra
- Wednesday..... Daniel, Megan, Andrew & Charolotte Coates
- Thursday.....Tom, Lisa, Mike & Katie Condon
- Friday.....John & Sherry Cullin
- SaturdayRick & Bernie Davis