



# Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for December 9, 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](http://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!**

**Everyone is invited to go Christmas Caroling today immediately after the 11 am service.** All ages are welcome to come along for our Community Christmas Caroling. We will also be handing out the goody bags we made during our Advent Formation event last Sunday. Thanks to everyone who helped organize and participated in that event!

## **Epiphany Today**

**Worship services are at 8:30 am and 11:00 am.**

**Sunday School Formation Time for all ages is downstairs at 9:45 am.**

Signs outside the classrooms identify the age groups.

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

**Middle School** - downstairs in CIA Room

**High School** - downstairs in Real Time Room

**Adults** - downstairs for Bible Study & Dialogues On: Turning Conflict Into Community class

**Join us TODAY for Christmas Caroling** Everyone is invited to join us for Community Christmas Caroling right after the 11 am service. Please meet downstairs immediately after the service for pizza, then we will carpool to various locations to carol (usually retirement communities and fire station). We will also hand out the goody bags we made during the Advent formation event. We should be back to Epiphany around 3:45 pm. All ages are welcome to help us spread some holiday cheer to our community!

**Giving Tree Angels available now** The tree in the Narthex area is our Giving Tree, which helps the Quinn House in Lawrenceville provide Christmas for people in need in the community and is also helping Rainbow Village families provide Christmas for their kids. Each angel has a requested item on it from a child, a senior citizen or for a gift card for Rainbow Village families. Please take an angel and **make sure to provide your information in the binder next to the listed item so we know who is purchasing that item** and can contact you if the item is not turned in by the deadline. You may take more than one angel if you would like. Bring items back to the church *unwrapped with the original angel securely attached to it*. Please place all gift cards in the box on the table labeled "Outreach Donation Box" next to the tree. **ALL ITEMS ARE DUE BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16.**

## **Funding Our Ministry**

### **Month of November**

Giving (General & Capital Funds) .....	\$55,075
Total spending for ministry .....	\$49,290
Surplus for the month.....	\$5785
Year-to-date deficit .....	(\$48,035)

**Wednesday Night Services during Advent** We encourage you to join us on Wednesday nights during Advent for our Holden Evening Prayer service at 7 pm. This quiet, meditative service has become a favorite that our members look forward to each year. We promise you will find yourself humming the beautiful songs to yourself throughout the rest of the week! We invite you to take a break from the busyness of the holidays and come see why this service is so loved.

**Just So Seniors Christmas Get-Together** Epiphany's Just So Seniors group will meet at the church on **December 13** at 10 am to kick off their Christmas festivities. Following centering, games, and theatrics they will travel to California Dreaming for lunch. Please remember to sign up in the blue slip.

**Women's Ornament Exchange** All women are invited to this annual event on Monday, **December 10 at 7 pm**. Please bring an appetizer, a drink to share, and a \$10 (max) ornament. The event will be held at the McGinnis Reserve neighborhood clubhouse, 3451 Lake McGinnis Drive, Suwanee. Sign up on the Blue slip.

**December Book Club Selections** The weekly book club meets at **10 am on Tuesdays** at Epiphany and has chosen *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright. The monthly evening book club will meet on **Monday, December 19** at 7 pm at the home of Cathy Laszewski in Buford. They are reading *The Deal of a Lifetime* by Fredrick Backman.

**Rainbow Village December Dinner** We need individuals to prepare and serve dinner at Rainbow Village on Tuesday, **December 11**. Volunteers need to be there at 5:15; dinner is served at 6 pm. Please sign up on the Blue slip.

**Worship schedule for Upcoming Holidays:**

- Sunday, December 23: Normal Worship schedule (8:30 & 11 am)
- **Christmas Eve**, Monday, December 24:  
Worship Services at 5 pm, 7 pm and 11 pm
- **Christmas Day**, Tuesday, December 25: Worship at 10 am
- Wednesday, December 26: No Wednesday Dinner or Worship
- Sunday, December 30: Worship service at 10 am (one service)
- Wednesday, January 2: No Wednesday Dinner or Worship

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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 10**

7:00 PM Women's Ornament Exchange -  
(McGinnis Reserve Clubhouse)

**Tuesday, December 11**

10:00 AM Weekly Book Club  
6:00 PM Rainbow Village Dinner

**Wednesday, December 12**

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner  
6:25 PM Children's Choir  
**7:00 PM Worship - Holden Evening Prayer Service**  
8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 13**

10:00 AM Bible Study  
10:00 PM Just So Seniors Christmas Gathering & Lunch

**Friday, December 14**

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

**Sunday, December 16**

**8:30 AM Worship**  
10:00 AM Real Time Christmas Party  
**11:00 AM Worship**

**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).

**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 Glazed Pork Loin, carrots, butter noodles, broccoli, rolls 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.

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## Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:  
Monday.....Damian, Rene, Campbell, Hayden & Parker Stahl  
Tuesday.....Richard & Clemence Stelter  
Wednesday.....Patrick, Julie, Sarah & Jake Sutton  
Thursday.....Michael, Wynnie & Beverly Sylvester  
Friday.....Perry & Jenny Szarka  
Saturday .....Mark Thielman