



# Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for January 6, 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, [epiphanyсуwaneе.org](http://epiphanyсуwaneе.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 Epiphany Sunday.** Yes, before our church was named Epiphany, it was a significant day in Christian tradition. It is a day that we celebrate and remember the revelation of Christ to all nations as represented by the Magi who came to worship Jesus. We also have epiphanies throughout our lives of how we understand the world, ourselves, and others.

## *Epiphany Today*

**Worship services are at 8:30 am and 11 am. We have Large Group Opening at 9:45 am, immediately followed by Sunday School Formation classes downstairs for all ages.**

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

**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.**

**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.

**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 one mile 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 at <http://runsignup.com/Race/GA/Suwanee/EpiphanyLutheran5K>.

**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.

**Do you enjoy crafting?** Epiphany is starting a craft group to support our church activities. This adult group welcomes all skill levels so feel free just to come and learn. This year's 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 on **January 19**, 1 -3 pm, downstairs at Epiphany. Sign up and add your email to the blue slip if you will be joining us or want more information.

**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. We will also be having a guess the baby/toddler photo competition at the event, so please submit your baby/toddler photos to Pastor Chris ([pastorchris@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto:pastorchris@epiphanysuwanee.org)) by Sunday, January 20.

**Tickets are \$20/ea and on sale starting today in between services and after the 11 am service.** 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 event in any way, **sign up on the Blue slip.** Please contact Laurie Tinc ([laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto:laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwanee.org)) or Tony Bullard ([tony.bullard@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto:tony.bullard@epiphanysuwanee.org)) if you have items you can donate. 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, January 7

7:30 PM Lead Team Meeting

### Tuesday, January 8

10:00 AM Weekly Book Club

### Wednesday, January 9

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner

6:30 PM Children's Choir

**7:00 PM Worship**

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 10

10:00 AM Seniors Group & Bible Study

### Friday, January 11

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

7:00 PM High School Youth Bonfire

### Sunday, January 13

**8:30 AM Worship Service**

**11:00 AM Worship Service**

12:15 PM CIA (Confirmation) Session

**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 Resumes This Week** 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 a Taco Bar, black bean-tomato-corn salad, chips and salsa 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.....Pat & Martha Barron

Tuesday.....Chris & Linda Bates

Wednesday.....Steve, Julie & Allison Belfield

Thursday.....Floyd & Sally Berger

Friday.....Chris Bergman, Joy & Hope Strong

Saturday .....Glen, Dorothy & Katie Bergs