



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for February 10, 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, epiphanyсуwanee.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 Love Sunday at Epiphany. "And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." As we continue to focus on Connect, Grow and Serve, we encourage you to grow in your faith by expanding the ways you serve others and your church.

Epiphany Today

Worship services are at 8:30 am and 11 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 & the Dialogues On: Turning Conflict Into Community class

Celebrate Epiphany Dinner & Silent Auction Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$4500 for our youth at the event.

Funding Our Ministry

Month of January

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| Giving (General & Capital Funds) | \$44,167 |
| Total spending for ministry | \$58,751 |
| Deficit for the month..... | (\$14,584) |
| Year-to-date deficit | (\$14,584) |

Today is Love Sunday What does true love look like?

Serving one another. Part of our "Be the Light" stewardship campaign asked for you to also pledge to serve at Epiphany. So, today we invite to you come and sign up to serve Epiphany both inside and outside our doors. **In the narthex, we have information and sheets for you to sign up to serve in the following areas:** as a worship assistant (Readers, Bread Bakers, Greeters, Ushers, Altar Team, etc.), volunteer to help with VBS, sign-up for upcoming church work/clean-up days or to help with Rainbow Village's Big Recess.

We also have the opportunity for you to sign up to sponsor a child in Haiti with the Haitian Timoun Foundation (HTF).

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Sponsorships help cover anything and everything a child in Haiti may need: food, clothing, school supplies, tuition, uniforms, medical care and vaccinations. Sponsoring a child is only \$30/month or \$360 annually and 100% of sponsorship funds donated go directly to Haiti. You can pay by check, set up online bill pay or credit card. All sponsorships are tax deductible.

Reminder - CIA (Confirmation) meets today at 12:15 pm

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 year's trip will be **July 12-19**. You'll get to travel with people from a different faith background while building relationships with our partners in Haiti as you serve together. College-aged and high school youth who have completed the 9th grade are eligible to participate. *Flights are set and we are beginning to book our tickets for travel!* Please contact Erin Murphy, Executive Director of the Haitian Timoun Foundation at erinmurphy@htflive.org for more details and information.

Just So Seniors February Get-Together Our Just So Seniors group will meet at the church on **Thursday, 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. Tickets for the catered lunch are \$15/ea (exact cash or check) and will be on sale today and February 10 after both services. Please sign up on blue slip if you can come!

The Epiphany 5K Run is coming up! 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 is at 8:30 am; the Fun Run starts at 9:30 am. Registration for the 5K is \$25; the Fun Run is \$15. We also have the Ghost Runner option for those who want a t-shirt and would like to donate to our cause, but do not wish to run. The Ghost Runner option is \$15. *All registration fees increase after February 25.* You may register and get more details at epiphanysuwanee.org/5K. Please invite your runner friends and others in the community to participate!

Women's Group Game Night All women are invited to Game Night on **Monday, February 11**, 7 - 9 pm. We will meet in the Real Time room downstairs for games, refreshments and drinks. Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share and feel free to bring your favorite game to share. Sign up on the Blue slip.

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, [epiphanysuwanee](https://www.instagram.com/epiphanysuwanee) and Facebook at [facebook.com/epiphanysuwaneeega](https://www.facebook.com/epiphanysuwaneeega)



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, February 11

9:00 AM Worship Planning & Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Women's Group Game Night

Tuesday, February 12

10:00 AM Weekly Book Club

Wednesday, February 13

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
6:30 PM Children's Choir
7:00 PM Worship
8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, February 14

10:00 AM Just So Seniors Gathering & Weekly Bible Study

Friday, February 15

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

Sunday, February 17

8:30 AM **Worship Service**
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@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. **Join us for dinner at 6 pm** for Beef Enchiladas, cilantro-lime rice, Southwestern 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 & Worship is at 7 pm.** Worship Rehearsal follows the service at 8 pm.

Save the Date - February Craft Group Our newly formed Crafting Group will get together on **Saturday, February 23**, 1 - 3 pm. The group will meet downstairs.

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:
Monday..... Richard, Melanie & Olivia Earwood
Tuesday..... Eric & Patty Etherton
Wednesday..... Mike, Dana, Peyton & Hunter Evans
Thursday..... Paul & Diane Evans
Friday..... Scott, Beth, Gage & Finn Ferguson
Saturday Jeff, Dawn & Ali Forbrick