



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for April 14, 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, epiphany-suwanee.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 Palm Sunday, a celebration of the day Jesus entered into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week. Jesus entered into Jerusalem with crowds gathered around him, waving palms and shouting "Hosanna!" This journey is the beginning of a chain of events which culminates in Jesus' crucifixion on the cross on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

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 the Real Time room

Adults - downstairs for Bible Study & the Dialogues On: Sexuality class

Reminder - CIA (Confirmation) meets today immediately after the 11 am service

Lenten Service Project for Rainbow Village All items and donations for Rainbow Village are due today. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help them purchase large items for the resident apartments or send a child to summer camp, please place it in the offering plate and mark "Rainbow Village" on the check and/or the offering envelope.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday - April 18:

- 12:00 pm - Readings & Hymns

- 7:30 pm - Service with Foot Washing & Holy Communion

Good Friday - April 19:

- 12:00 pm - Readings & Hymns

- 5:30 pm - Fish Fry Dinner (benefitting Youth Servant Haiti Trip)

- 7:30 pm - Traditional Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday - April 21:

- Sunrise Service at Suwanee Town Center - 7 am

- Pancake Breakfast - 7:30 am - 10:30 am

- Easter Services at Epiphany - 8:30 am & 11 am

Busy Bags! Did you know we have a basket of Busy Bags for your children to use? If they get restless, please take a bag from the basket located at the back of the church. Each contains activities for our young ones (age 3+). Then relax and enjoy the service!

Good Friday Fish Fry Dinner Join us on **April 19** at 5:30 pm for our annual Fish Fry! Your free-will offering will help fund our Haitian Timoun Foundation (HTF) Summer Youth Trip to the central plateau of Haiti. Our high school age youth will be serving at VBS-style day camps and will be joined by our friends from the Gwinnett Islamic Center. **Sign up on the blue slip, invite your friends and family and stay for our Good Friday service at 7:30 pm!**

Last Chance to Order Easter Flowers Help adorn our altar area with flowers for Easter Sunday. Cost is \$20 and you can take a plant home with you after the 11 am service on Easter. Please order on the PINK slip and place in offering plate.

Easter Egg Hunt Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is **Saturday, April 20**, 10 am - 12:30 pm. We will have story time, crafts, games, a photo booth, a bounce house, lunch and the Easter Bunny. We need candy donations for the egg hunt; please place donations in the bin in the Narthex. We need volunteers during the event and for set-up and clean-up. We also need people to bring desserts. Please sign-up on the blue slip if you can help.

Registration for Vacation Bible School is now

OPEN This year's theme is To Mars and Beyond: Explore Where God's Power Can Take You! VBS will be held the week of **June 24-28** from 9 am - 12 pm. VBS is open to all children ages 3-years old - 5th grade (*children must be potty-trained*). The cost is \$25 per child or \$75 max/family. Register on our website at epiphanysuwanee.org/vbs or in the church office. For questions or more information, email epiphansuwaneevbs@epiphanysuwanee.org.

Come to Pub Theology Our next Pub Theology is set for Thursday, **April 25 at 7 pm**. Pizza is provided; you bring your favorite beverage and come get to know some other Epiphany people. Kris Perkola leads the discussion on a specific topic with a biblical perspective. Sign up on the Blue slip if you can come.

April Book Club Selections The weekly book club meets at **10 am on Tuesdays** at Epiphany and has chosen *Educated* by Tara Westover for April. The monthly evening book club will meet on **Monday, April 22** at 7 pm La Madeleine French Café in Buford. They are reading *The Rent Collector* by Cameron Wright.

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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, April 15

9:00 AM Staff & Worship Planning Meeting

Tuesday, April 16

10:00 AM Weekly Book Club

Wednesday, April 17

- NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER OR WORSHIP -
7:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, April 18 - Maundy Thursday

- NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY -
12:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service - Readings & Hymns
7:30 PM Worship with Foot Washing & Holy Communion

Friday, April 19 - Good Friday

6:30 AM Breakfast Bible study, (IHOP, 3463 L'ville-Suwanee Rd)
12:00 PM Good Friday Service - Readings & Hymns
5:30 PM Good Friday Fish Fry Dinner
7:30 PM Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 20

10 AM - 12:30 PM Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 21 - Easter Sunday

7:00 AM Sunrise Service at Suwanee Town Center
7:30 - 10:30 AM Pancake Breakfast
8:30 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Worship Service

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. ***We will not have Wednesday Dinner or Worship on April 17 due to Holy Week Schedule.***

Do you have a college or grad school graduate?

Please provide their information on the blue slip.

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

- Monday.....Rick & Sue Menhorn
- Tuesday.....John & Sandra Menz
- Wednesday.....Brett, Talitha & Matthew Minton
- Thursday.....Gary & Elizabeth Morris-Thompson
- Friday.....Brian & Mary Mullenbach
- SaturdayTim, Erin, Anna & Colin Murphy