



# Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for June 4, 2017

*That all might thrive and serve in the light of God's grace.*



Today we celebration the Rite of Confirmation for our 8th grade class. The picture above was taken at the baptismal retreat at the beginning of their journey through the CIA (Confirmands in Action) program at Epiphany. They have grown so much since the beginning of 6th grade, both physically and spiritually, and we are excited to hear them share their faith stories with us this morning. Pictured above (front to back, L-R) are: Hannah Denney, Chloe Franklin, Jack Towne, Savannah Monroy, Kellyn Posey, Colin Murphy, Will Means, Pastor Chris Hermansen, Mary Mullenbach (adult guide), and Barry Sherrick (adult guide). Not pictured is Stephen Ridgely. *Congratulations, Confirmands, leaders, guides, and families!*



## *Welcome visitors!*

If you are visiting with us, please complete the visitor information on the Blue Signup 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 or 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!

## *Epiphany today*

*Going out of town this summer?* Epiphany never takes a summer vacation...so please don't forget about your weekly giving when you do! Sign up for automatic giving through your bank's bill pay or through our church website and Epiphany Connect. If you would like more information or assistance getting your offerings set up, please fill out the Blue slip and the church office will contact you!

**Father's Day car wash to support HTF!** The youth traveling to Haiti in July are raising money to offset the cost of their trip and pay for some summer camp supplies. They will be washing cars, Sunday, June 18, in the upper parking lot beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending when the last car is clean. Snacks and donuts will be provided. Free-will offerings are encouraged!

## **Epiphany's nurseries in need of workers for**

*Sunday mornings.* If you are interested, please contact Talitha Minton at [talitha318@gmail.com](mailto:talitha318@gmail.com) and/or Sign up on the Blue slip.

*Upcoming Child Protection Training dates.* To work with children/youth at Epiphany, volunteers must attend a child protection training class. The next class will be held Sunday, June 11 at 11:30 a.m. Sign up on the Blue slip.

*Take a blue Epiphany grocery bag home with you today* and return it to church with items needed for our neighbors in need at North Gwinnett Co-op! Grocery lists are in the blue bags.

*Interfaith Hygiene Kit Drive for Haiti.* Now through July 2, Epiphany, in partnership with the Madina Institute and the Gwinnett Islamic Circle are collecting hygiene supplies to be distributed to families in Haiti as youth from both faiths travel to Haiti to serve at summer camps in Haiti, July 7-14. Items needed include: bar soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant. Please bring your supplies to Epiphany. There will be a collection box in the church lobby.

*Help needed for VBS!* Many volunteers are needed in many areas, including: set-up on Sunday, June 25th, registration/check-in June 26, group leaders (adult and youth), end of week ice cream social on June 30th, and nursery help throughout the week. Can't volunteer all week? No problem! Just let us know what dates you are available. Sign up on the blue slip and/or email Gina Hermansen at [ginahermansen@yahoo.com](mailto:ginahermansen@yahoo.com).

***That's Just So Senior!*** Epiphany seniors meet this Thursday, June 8th, to enjoy a morning of "The Labyrinth and a Laid Back Lunch." We'll meet at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall for socializing and scripture, followed by an opportunity to learn more about our labyrinth with our guest speaker, Gina Hermansen. A laid back lunch follows at 11 a.m. at the Suwanee Pizza Tavern. Feel free to bring a friend and sign up on the Blue slip!

*Rainbow Village Summer Lunch Program and Shower Curtain Drive.* Epiphany is one of several churches that provide lunch for 18 families during the summer. We are collecting \$20 Publix gift cards to supplement the lunches. The apartment stock is low on shower curtains. We are also collecting shower curtain in neutral colors/patterns (no rods, liners or rings). The collection will run through the end of June.

*Georgia Cares hosting a community training session at Epiphany,* Saturday, June 10th, from 10-1 p.m. Georgia Cares is a non-profit organization that provides services and support for child victims of sex trafficking. This FREE event is to raise awareness on child sex trafficking and exploitation. Sign up on the Georgia Cares website, <http://www.gacares.org/community-trainings.html>

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## Epiphany this week

### Monday, June 5

7:30 PM Lead Team Meeting

### Tuesday, June 6

10:00 AM Women's Book Club

### Wednesday, June 7

7:00 PM Worship

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal for Sunday Worship

### Thursday, June 8

10:00 AM Seniors Group—"Labyrinth & Laid back lunch"

### Friday, June 9

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

### Saturday, June 10

10-1 PM Georgia Cares Community Training

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 Mary Mullenbach at [communications@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto:communications@epiphanysuwanee.org).

### *Wednesdays at the Well on June 7*

Our midweek gathering provides a "cup of living water" with Worship at 7 p.m., a spiritually uplifting, relaxed and informal break in the middle of your week. Come, be refreshed at the *Well!* Join us as we explore Exodus: reading, studying, and preaching on well-known and not-so-well-known stories.

*Help keep Epiphany Green!* Remember our TerraCycle recycle bins located downstairs by the entrance. Bring in your empty hard-to-recycle items, like toothpaste tubes, deodorant sticks, mouthwash bottles and spray bottle triggers.

*Summer Green Tip:* If you can walk or ride your bike instead, do so. It's good for the body and good for the environment!

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## Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday.....Sam, Sandy & Lisee Pullara

Tuesday.....Pam and Ram Ramkumar

Wednesday.....Nithin Ravula

Thursday.....Mark, Kerin & Caitlin Reed

Friday.....Kenny, Kathy, Haley & Emily Reese

Saturday.....Bennie, Jolene, Ally & Emma Reeves

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***Reaching out, raising up, and changing the world through the light of the living Christ!***

