



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for June 23, 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, 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's high school youth are deepening their faith at Affirm this week. Affirm is a Summer Youth Event of the ELCA Southeastern Synod held at the University of West Alabama in Livingston, Alabama. Affirm nurtures faith, equips youth leaders for today and tomorrow, and trains youth in discipleship skills.

Epiphany Today

Worship services are at 9:00 am and 10:30 am.

There are no Faith Formation/Sunday School classes in between services. We will resume classes again in August. We invite you to socialize in our coffee bar area before and after services!

VBS Is This Week! This year's theme is To Mars and Beyond: Explore Where God's Power Can Take You! VBS will be held every day this week from 9 am - 12 pm. We have 100 kids registered for VBS! Please pray for a smooth, successful week of ministry to our community.

We will be collecting items for the North Gwinnett Co-Op during VBS this year. If you'd like to help out, they need the following items: shampoo, conditioner, dish soap, hand soap and dental care items (mouthwash, toothbrushes, toothpaste). Place items in the bins in the Narthex area. Items will be delivered after VBS is over.

Car Wash Fundraiser Thanks to Katie Brown, Jake Sutton, Will Means, Hannah Denney, Anna Murphy, Haydn Hermansen, Caroline Means and Bob Means for helping with our car wash fundraiser last weekend. We raised almost \$750 for future youth trips (2021 National Youth Gathering in Minnesota and future youth Haiti service trips). We appreciate your generous donations!

Save the Dates—Upcoming Epiphany Events

-July 17—18: Middle School Lock-In

-July 25, 7 pm — Pub Theology

-July 28, 5 pm — Freshman Fest - Real Time High School youth welcome incoming 9th graders to Real Time

-August 11 — Sunday School Kick-off & Carnival

-September 27-29 — CIA (Confirmation kids) Retreat

-October 7— HTF Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Pub Theology—Date Correction So Moses, Jesus, Muhammad, and Buddha go on a road trip... What do you think they talk about in the car? Join us for Pub Theology on **Thursday, June 27 at 7 pm** as we talk about how Christians view and dialogue with other religions. We provide the pizza, you come ready for some really interesting conversation and bring your favorite beverage. Kris Perkola will lead the discussion and always provides knowledge, insight and historical context to our topic. Sign up on the blue slip and come join us!

Epiphany's Gardens - Weed n' Water Signup The CIA middle school crew spent most of the spring planting vegetables, fruit, and sunflowers in our raised beds at the far end of the parking lot! If you would like to help us tend the garden over the summer, there's a sign up sheet on the Serve bulletin board in the Narthex. You may use the hose on the side of the building to water the gardens. Email Julie Sutton for details - juliesutton@gmail.com. To follow along with the progress or help out, search Facebook for "Epiphany Garden Groupies" and be added to the group!

Going out of town this summer? The work of Epiphany never takes a vacation, so please don't forget about your giving when you go out of town! Our offering totals dip during the summer months, so please sign up for automatic giving through your bank's bill pay service or through our church website and Epiphany Connect at www.epiphanysuwanee.org/giving.

Book Club Selections The weekly book club is on hiatus for the summer. Please feel free to join the monthly book club. The monthly evening book club will meet on **Monday, July 15** at 7 pm at La Madeleine French Café in Buford. They are reading *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah.

Want to Visit the Holy Land? Pastor Chris will be leading a trip to the Holy Land February 4—14, 2020. Trip cost will be approximately \$3390 and will include round-trip airfare, accommodations, breakfast/lunch/dinner daily, sightseeing bus with licensed tour guide and much more. Information meeting dates will be announced soon!

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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, June 24

9:00 AM—12:00 PM VBS

Tuesday, June 25

9:00 AM—12:00 PM VBS

Wednesday, June 26

9:00 AM—12:00 PM VBS

7:00 PM Worship Service

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, June 27

9:00 AM—12:00 PM VBS

10:00 AM Bible Study

7:00 PM Pub Theology

Friday, June 28

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

9:00 AM—12:00 PM VBS

Sunday, June 30

9:00 AM **Worship Service**

10:30 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. **Worship is at 7 pm.** Worship Rehearsal follows the service at 8 pm. **Our Wednesday Night Dinners are on hold for summer break and will resume in August.**

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+).

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday..... Brad, Kristin & Brynn Atchison

Tuesday..... Fred Aubrey

Wednesday..... Rolando, Eliane, Cameron & Emilie Balli

Thursday..... Mike & Leslie Barnes

Friday..... John, Carolina & Sebastain Barron

Saturday..... Pat & Martha Barron