



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for June 30, 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, epiphanyswanee.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!**

We had a terrific week of VBS! We served over 90 kids from our community each day. Thanks to everyone who helped us prepare ahead of time, donated their talents or volunteered during the week. We couldn't have done it without you and we are grateful for your service to our church and our community!

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!

Thanks for a great VBS Week! A HUGE thank you to all of our volunteers who made this week a big success. We are grateful to Gina Hermansen & Nan Berninger for heading up VBS and all the adults and youth who served alongside them. We were able to share God's love with over 90 kids this week!

Mission Moment from Our Youth Today We'll hear from some of our youth today about their recent trips to Lutherock/Lutheridge, Affirm and Bishop's School. A portion of your offering to Epiphany goes out of our doors to the organizations that run these programs and provide a place for outdoor ministry and a chance to deepen their faith—NovusWay (Lutheridge/Lutherock) and the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA. Because of your generosity, over 35 kids and adults from Epiphany have been able to enjoy these faith-filled experiences this summer.

Save the Dates—Upcoming Epiphany Events

- July 8 –9: High School Lock-In
- July 16—High School Tubing trip, Helen, GA
- 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

Nursery Workers Needed We are in need of a couple more adult nursery workers. We have older teenagers who will assist you in the nursery. Please talk to Laurie Tinc or email her at laurie.tinc@epiphanyswanee.org if you are interested or have questions about the position.

Epiphany This Week

High School & Middle School Lock-Ins It's that time again! This year, we'll have separate lock-ins for High School & Middle School youth. The **high school youth lock-in will be July 8—9, 5 pm—9 am.** The **middle school youth lock-in will be July 17 - 18, 5 pm—9 am.** Please bring your sleeping bag, pillow and a nut-free snack to share with others. Please sign up on the blue slip if you're coming!

High School Tubing Trip The Real Time high school youth will be going tubing in Helen on **Tuesday, July 16.** We'll be leaving after lunch to head up to Helen and will grab dinner on our way back. Cost estimate is \$40-\$50, including transportation, tubing and dinner. Space is limited and we need a definite head-count, so please sign up on the blue slip or email Pastor Chris if you can go. Email Pastor Chris at pastorchrise@epiphanysuwanee.org if you have any questions.

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!

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.

Monday, July 1

9:00 AM Staff & Worship Planning Meeting

Wednesday, July 3

7:00 PM **Worship Service**

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, July 4—Church Office Closed

- NO BIBLE STUDY -

Friday, July 5

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

Sunday, July 7

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+).

Going out of town this summer? Please don't forget about your offering 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.

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday.....Chris & Linda Bates
Tuesday.....Steve, Julie & Allison Belfield
Wednesday.....Floyd Berger
Thursday.....Chris Bergman, Devin, Joy & Oliver Strong
Friday.....Glen, Dorothy & Katie Bergs
Saturday.....Juergen, Nan & Lukas Berninger

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