



# Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for July 28, 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, [epiphanysuwane.org](http://epiphanysuwane.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!**

*Did you know our garden has beautiful sunflowers in addition to the vegetables?* Right now, the garden is full of tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, beans, and peppers. Some of these were started from seedlings by our Seniors group. We still need some people to help with watering, so sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

## **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 on **August 11** at 9:30 am. We invite you to socialize in our coffee bar area before and after services!

**2nd Annual Real Time Freshman Fest** We will be welcoming our new Freshmen to the High School group tonight, 5-8 pm, with food, fun and games! *All high school students are welcome to join us* in an evening of messy games! Be sure to wear clothes you don't mind being a different color than when they started, and bring a towel!

**Nursery Workers Needed** We are in need of a couple more adult nursery workers. *This is a paid position*, so it's a great way to earn a little extra money and serve your church. We have older teenagers who will assist you in the nursery. Please talk to Laurie Tinc or email her at [lurie.tinc@epiphanysuwane.org](mailto:lurie.tinc@epiphanysuwane.org) if you are interested or have questions.

## **Regular Worship Service Times Return August 4**

We will return to our usual Worship service times of 8:30 am and 11 am on **Sunday, August 4**. Please mark your calendars now, set alerts on your phone and follow us on social media for reminders!

## **Save the Dates—Upcoming Epiphany Events**

- August 4**—Return to 8:30 am & 11 am Worship Service times— Blessing of the Backpacks & Teachers; Haiti Partnership Sunday @ 9:30 am
- August 11** — Sunday School Kick-off (9:30 am) & Carnival
- August 14**—Wednesday Night Dinners resume
- August 18**—CIA Orientation meeting & Cookout
- August 24**—Church Work Day
- August 25**—1st CIA Formation session
- September 7** — Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Day
- September 27-29** — CIA (Confirmation kids) Retreat
- October 7**— HTF Golf Tournament Fundraiser

**Back-to-School Blessings** It's hard to believe it's almost back to school time! On **Sunday, August 4** at the 8:30 am and 11 am service, we will be blessing backpacks and teachers. Students, bring your backpacks to church for a blessing on your upcoming school year. All teachers, please allow us to bless you in your work that is very much a calling. We value what you bring to our community and we want to bless your upcoming year too!

**Haiti Partnership Sunday** During formation time (9:30 am) on **Sunday, August 4**, Erin Murphy, Epiphany member & Executive Director of the Haitian Timoun Foundation (HTF), will be giving us a Haiti update, including how summer camps went, the current political situation and answering your questions. We highly encourage you to come learn about Epiphany's partnership with HTF, how it started and why we invest in our partners in Haiti. If you are new to Epiphany, we'd love for you to come learn about this vital piece of our outreach and history.

You'll also have the opportunity to learn about and sponsor a child in the Rejoice program in Haiti. This program provides the chance for restavek (child slave) children to attend school on a regular basis and learn they have value despite their circumstances.

**Annual Sunday School Kick-Off & Carnival** We will kick-off our Sunday School formation classes for all ages on **August 11 at 9:30 am** with our Large Group Opening in the sanctuary. Our annual carnival will be 12—2 pm that day, complete with lots of games, food, snow cones, and bouncy houses. We need volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up and supervise the snow cones & bouncy houses. We also need to borrow some canopies and kiddie pools for outside activities. Make sure you put your name on anything you let us borrow for the day. Please sign up on the blue slip to volunteer, bring a hot or cold side dish or a dessert and let us know if you'll be coming!

**Church Work Day** Our next church workday is on Saturday, August 24, 8 am—2 pm. Please come help out any time you can!

**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, August 12** at 7 pm at La Madeleine French Café in Buford. They are reading *Sunset Beach* by Mary Kay Andrews.

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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, July 29

9:00 AM Staff & Worship Planning Meeting

### Wednesday, July 31

7:00 PM **Worship Service**

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

### Thursday, August 1

10:00 AM Bible Study

### Friday, August 2

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

### Sunday, August 4—Haiti Partnership Sunday

8:30 AM **Worship Service**

9:30 AM Haiti Partnership Update & Rejoice Program

11:00 AM **Worship Service**

**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 Loren Means at [communications@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto: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 on Wednesday, August 14.*\*

**PJ's for Foster Children** We are now collecting NEW pajamas for Atlanta-area foster children of all ages. Many times, foster children are transitioned from home or school with little to no warning. Having a new pair of pj's will help bring them a sense of comfort in a new setting. We need PJ's for all ages, but don't forget older children & teens are in need as well (PJ pants are great for them). There are two blue collection bins in the Narthex area. We'll be collecting PJ's until **August 25**. Stephanie Boylan will be leading an information session on adoption & foster care after the 11 am service that day. More details to come!

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## Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday..... Jason, Natalie & Emily Dick

Tuesday..... Virginia Dick

Wednesday..... Mike & Anna Doll

Thursday..... Mark, Cynthia, Jordan & Shannon Donaldson

Friday..... Joanie Doorley

Saturday..... Ed Doyle

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