



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for August 25, 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 age 5 and under 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!**

Thank you to our Congregational Life team for putting together another great Sunday School Kick-Off Carnival on August 11! We are grateful to all of our volunteers who helped with set-up and clean-up and supervised our bouncy house & slides. Please join us for Sunday School Formation classes at 9:45 am on Sundays.

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: Race class

Sunday Adult Faith Formation Classes We have two options for Adult Formation classes. One class is a small group style discussion called "Dialogues On: Race" that encourages honest talk about difficult topics. In a time when so many conversations end in conflict, these discussions help equip people to share their ideas, listen well to others and learn from different viewpoints. Our other adult formation class is a Bible Study class. The current topic is Walking Through the Gospel of John - What does it look like for Jesus to be the Christ? The class and discussion is led by Pastor Chris and Kris Perkola. Both classes are held downstairs at 9:45 am.

Come Learn How You Can Support Foster Children

& Families We have been collecting pajamas for Atlanta-area foster children of all ages. After the 11 am service TODAY, come learn specific ways that you can support the foster care system throughout the year in ways you never thought as Epiphany member Stephanie Boylan tells us about the foster care system in Georgia. Come get questions answered about: What does DFCS really do? What is the current need in Georgia? How does this impact our community? There will be something for everyone to learn! During this session, lunch will be provided for all and there will be a movie for kids to watch during the information session.

First CIA Formation Session Our first CIA (confirmation) formation session is TODAY immediately after the 11 am service. Parents, please pick your kids up at 2:30 pm.

Epiphany Members in Haiti This Week

Three Epiphany members - Loren Means, Erin Murphy, and Julie Sutton - are part of a 13-person team of Haitian Timoun Foundation (HTF) supporters traveling to Haiti this week. They will be attending the graduation of 250 men and women from the Chemen Lavi Miyo (CLM), the ultra-poverty eradication program supported by HTF and Epiphany. These individuals, who entered into CLM in February 2018, have been working with specially trained case managers throughout an intensive 18-month process to help them build sustainable livelihoods and the confidence and skills necessary to further grow them and create a better life for themselves and their families. The team will also visit with college students and staff from HTF-supported Haitian Education and Leadership Program (HELP).

Real Time Breakfast Our Real Time High School group will be going to breakfast on **Sunday, September 1** at Famous Toastery in Suwanee. **Meet at the church at 9:30 am** and we'll carpool to the restaurant. Please bring \$5 to help offset the cost of breakfast. Sign up on the blue slip if you are able to come!

Epiphany's Just So Seniors Group is Back After taking a break for summer, it's time for our Just So Seniors group to rally for another year to connect, grow, and serve. They will meet **September 12** at 10 am in the church coffee area. The theme for the day is "Water and the Word". Watch for more details to come—we'd love to have you as a part of this community!

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Day Epiphany will again be participating in Gwinnett Habitat for Humanity's Faith Build project. Epiphany's day to help out is **Saturday, September 7, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm**. In addition to our expert craftsmanship, we also get to contribute \$2000 of financial support to make this home a reality for a worthy member of our community. If you would like to donate, you may place a check in the offering plate with "Habitat Build" in the memo line. Please sign up on the blue slip to help on build day.

Book Club Selections The monthly book club will meet on **Monday, September 16** at 7 pm at La Madeleine French Café in Buford. They will be discussing *Flight of the Sparrow* by Amy Belding Brown. October's book club pick is *Have You Seen Luiz Velez* by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

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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, August 26

9:00 AM Staff & Worship Planning Meeting

Wednesday, August 28

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner

7:00 PM **Worship Service**

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, August 29

10:00 AM Bible Study

Friday, August 30

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

Sunday, September 1

8:30 AM **Worship Service**

9:45 AM Real Time Breakfast @ Famous Toastery

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. Join us for dinner at 6 pm. Suggested free-will offering is \$6/adult, \$3/child. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. Sign up on the Blue slip. **Worship is at 7 pm.** Worship Rehearsal follows the service at 8 pm.

Save the Date for the 6th Annual HTF Golf Tournament With your generous support, last year's HTF Golf Classic raised nearly \$14,000 and was a tremendous success toward its mission. These funds allowed the our HTF partners to lead summer camps in various locations of Haiti. This year, on **Monday, October 7**, we will hold our 6th Annual HTF Golf Classic. It will again be held at Olde Atlanta Golf Club in Suwanee, and we'd be honored to have you participate again. The purpose stays the same: to raise the necessary funds to help support our youth and HTF partners lead camps in the Summer of 2020.

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday.....Phil, Leisa, Phillip, Marissa & Kayla Howey

Tuesday.....Brad Hull

Wed.....Greg, Stephanie & Sydney Hutchinson

Thursday.....Matt, Julie, Blake & Bryce Ilgen

Friday.....John, Laura, Max, Charlotte & James Indorf

Saturday.....Carol Johnson

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