



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for September 1, 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!**

Two-hundred and fifty women and men graduated from the Chemen Lavi Miyo program in Haiti on

Thursday. Epiphany member and Haitian Timoun Foundation Executive Director Erin Murphy spoke (in Haitian Creole!) at the graduation ceremony. This 18-month program seeks to eradicate ultra-poverty in the Central Plateau region of Haiti.

Epiphany Today

Worship services are at 8:30 am and 11 am.

NO Sunday School Formation Time today. All classes will resume again next Sunday.

Real Time Breakfast Our Real Time High School group will be going to breakfast TODAY at Famous Toastery in Suwanee. **Be here at 9:30 am** and we'll carpool to the restaurant. Please bring \$5 to help offset the cost of breakfast.

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. Please join us next weekend!

Epiphany Members in Haiti This Past Week

Three Epiphany members - Loren Means, Erin Murphy, and Julie Sutton - were part of a 13-person team of Haitian Timoun Foundation (HTF) supporters that traveled to Haiti this week. They attended 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 visited with college students and staff from HTF-supported Haitian Education and Leadership Program (HELP).

Save the Date—Our Infamous Trunk or Treat is Coming Up Competition is always fierce, so start planning your costumes and trunk now! Trunk or Treat will be held on **Sunday, October 27, 4:30—7 pm.**

Welcome to Our New Nursery Director Our new nursery director is Sarah Myers. She is also a Para-Pro at Duluth High School and the granddaughter of Epiphany member Karen Kerrigan. Please welcome Sarah and introduce yourself to her, especially if you have kids that utilize our nursery. *As a reminder, please remember that our nursery is for children ages 5 and under.*

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.

Water and the Word A formation cross-generational event will be held between services at 9:45 am on **September 15**. All ages are invited to take part in this connect and grow experience about baptism. Questions being discussed are: What is baptism really?, Why do we do it?, and How should we remember our baptism? Informational sessions, follow-up activities including a baptismal memorabilia exhibit, and a special story time for the younger folks will complete the morning. Preschool through kindergarten students must be accompanied by an adult. Please sign up on the blue slip if you have anything you would like to have included in the baptism exhibit such as photos, certificates, clothing, etc.

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, September 2—Labor Day

-Church Office Closed-

Wednesday, September 4

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner

7:00 PM **Worship Service**

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, September 5

10:00 AM Bible Study

Friday, September 6

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

Sunday, September 8

8:30 AM **Worship Service**

9:45 AM Large Group Opening

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. Dinner will be

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.....Vanessa Johnson
 Tuesday.....Kevin Jones
 Wed.....Sheila Jones
 Thursday.....Allen, Bridgett, Tanner & Eric Jorgensen
 Friday.....Jeff, Lauren, Jack & Amelia Kaeser
 Saturday.....Karen Kerlik