



# EPIPHANY STAR

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
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**MAY 2022**



**Congratulations to the following high school graduates! Our prayers are with you as you discover and pursue your passions. May God guide you on your way!**

**Amanda Lynn Hardin**, daughter of Shelly and Randal Hardin, graduated from Guntersville High School. Amanda plans to pursue her passion for music, playing ball and bringing joy to everyone she meets.

**Grace Katherine Irene Martin**, daughter of Tiffany Martin and David Martin, graduated from Guntersville High School. Grace received an academic scholarship to Jacksonville State University where she plans to pursue a degree in biology.

**Lydia Grace Raulerson**, daughter of the Rev. Aaron D. and Rebecca Raulerson, graduated from Guntersville High School. Lydia received an academic scholarship to the University of Montevallo where she plans to pursue a degree in English.

**Autumn Thompson**, daughter of Kelly Thompson; granddaughter of Bill and Kathy Thompson, graduated from Brookwood High School. Autumn plans to pursue Radiology Technology at Wallace State Community College.

## The Gift of the Spirit

*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When Jesus had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*

--John 20:21-22

These words of Jesus in ***The Gospel of John*** are sometimes called "John's Pentecost" or the "Little Pentecost," because Jesus gave the disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of his resurrection. This is different from the account given in Chapter Two of ***The Acts of the Apostles***, which recounts the gift of the Holy Spirit given after Jesus' ascension to his Heavenly Father.

The two different biblical writers are telling a somewhat different story, relative to the order of events. But the central truth remains the same: the Spirit came to the disciples as a gift. That gift of the Holy Spirit was understood as enabling, empowering, and (even) comforting for the disciples, all at once.

As the inheritors of this tradition (and disciples ourselves), we receive the same gift of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' words in John intentionally recall similar words found back in the book of ***Genesis***, describing how God breathed "the breath of life" into the first human being (Chapter Two, verse 7). But this breath that Jesus breathed into the disciples was the breath of *new life*.

This gift of the Holy Spirit marks the beginning of God's new world – God's new creation – and these disciples are being re-created. Jesus is sending his friends into the world to announce the good news of this new creation, which is beginning right now, in the here and now, and will be completed in the future life of the resurrection.

I am always wondering: how we are to harness the power of the Spirit for the sake of our own world...? How do we "breathe life" into our own daily lives, for the sake of sharing the Good News of God's love...?

We must devote ourselves to this task – keeping our eyes and ears open for the opportunities to tap into the Spirit's power.

I believe we all have a multitude of chances – even in the simple details of our daily lives – to share God's love. We can change the world for the better by simple acts of kindness, consideration, charity, and good will with those we encounter.

With each breath – the breath of life and the breath of the Holy Spirit – we can choose to be a sign of God's love and an agent of God's grace. I pray you recognize the myriad ways that God is both calling you and empowering you, each and every day.

Blessings & Peace,  
Father Aaron+  
Easter Season, 2022



*From The Rector....*



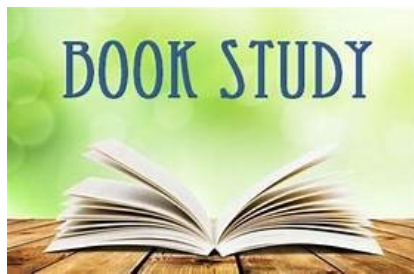
**Sunday, May 15th**

**Join us for services on Sunday, May 15th when we welcome The Rev. Shari Harrison to serve as deacon.**

**We will present Shari with gifts on the occasion of her recent ordination and graduation from seminary.**



**THE CHURCH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED ON  
MONDAY, MAY 30TH  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
MEMORIAL DAY.**



The Wednesday afternoon book study continues with *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson.

This challenging text has brought some new members to our group. Some faces familiar to Epiphany but not to the book study have found the discussion to be thought provoking.

Please join us at **4:00 pm on Wednesdays.**

If you have a title to suggest or if you have questions about our group, feel free to call Jim Coleman at 256.640.405.



### **VESTRY LIAISONS**

**Sr. Warden - John Whitehouse  
Jr. Warden - Hollis Babb**

### **Building & Grounds**

Hollis Babb  
Bill Evans  
John Whitehouse

### **Faith Formation**

Jim Coleman  
Rachel Morris  
Nicole Willoughby

### **Kitchen**

Dawn Alves  
Hollis Babb  
Bill Evans

### **Memorial Garden**

Hollis Babb

### **Office and Communication**

Dawn Alves  
Hollis Babb  
John Whitehouse

### **Outreach**

Jim Coleman  
Bill Evans  
Rachel Morris

### **Parish Life**

Dawn Alves  
Cheri Blair  
Nicole Willoughby

### **Pastoral Care**

Cheri Blair  
Jim Coleman  
Ray Klaver

### **Stewardship**

Cheri Blair  
Jim Coleman  
Ray Klaver

### **Worship**

Rachel Morris  
John Whitehouse  
Nicole Willoughby



### **Interested in being a Greeter?**

We are planning to get back to normal Sunday worship and are looking for parishioners who would like to greet people who come to Sunday services. Greeters also take up the gifts and help take up the collection. It is a way to help out with the needs of the church.

If you are willing to help, please contact Vince Meleski at 256-739-4589 or email at [vmeleski@gmail.com](mailto:vmeleski@gmail.com).



### **Mother's Day Altar Flower Dedications - 2022**

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th and the Altar Guild is currently taking dedications for Mother's Day.

This dedication is a beautiful way to remember those who mean so much to us; your wife, your mother, your grandmothers, sister, a favorite aunt, or a special friend.

A dedication form is on the counter in the church office. Each dedication is \$5.00. If you have any questions please see Marsha Babb or call her at 256-571-2300.



### **Father's Day Altar Flower Dedications - 2022**

Father's Day is Sunday, June 19th and the Altar Guild is taking dedications for Father's Day.

This dedication is a beautiful way to remember those who mean so much to us; your husband, your father, your grandfathers, brother, a favorite uncle, or a special friend.

A dedication form is on the counter in the church office. Each dedication is \$5.00. If you have any questions please see Marsha Babb or call her at 256-571-2300.



**Churchwide Workday**  
**Saturday, May 21st**  
**9am till 12 noon**

We ask that everyone come out and help the Buildings & Grounds Ministry with the maintenance & cleaning of our beautiful church home.

This is just another way of giving back to the church we love. Please call Hollis Babb at 256-506-2834 if you would like more information or have any questions.



### Praise Him With Strings and Organ

Have you thought about how the organ is a foundation for worship? It leads the whole church community in song. Our organ has a rich and glorious history. It has six hundred twenty-five pipes, with only 26 visible. There are two groups of 13 pipes at the front of the church. They are metal and were made in Germany. The other pipes are behind them in two chambers. These came from our old church on De Bow Street and from a Baptist church in Tennessee.

The first organ at Epiphany was dedicated on July, 1952. When the Parish moved to Sunset Drive, the new upgraded organ was dedicated on July 1992. There have been many additions to the organ over the years such as mixtures, pipes, trumpets, with the latest being the installation of the Zimbelstern, the bell sound you hear during the Sanctus. We have been blessed by many musicians who have shown us the beauty and magnificent sound that this instrument creates. During my time at Epiphany, Kay Benefield, Elizabeth Hostetter, and Mary Jo Evans have been our Ministers of Music.

So why am I writing about this? After all these years, our organ is in need of a major repair. I am not proficient in organ mechanics, but I know that a pipe needs a repair which cannot be done on site. Hollis Babb, our Junior Warden, has the specifics from the Milnar Organ Company. The organ is functional now, but some notes and stops do not work. The cost is approximately **\$6,200.** Your vestry has approved this repair and would appreciate any **contributions to offset the cost.** Thank you for your support and prayers of the music ministry.

-Cheri Blair, Music Director



Calling all musicians! In order to enhance our worship experience, I would love to have a list of all within our parish who play any instrument. Please give me your name, contact info, and the instrument you play. Thank you so much!

Cheri Blair, Choir Director  
[blair110@earthlink.net](mailto:blair110@earthlink.net)  
256-744-5234.



### Announcing The 2022 Ingathering of Household Goods for Refugees

On Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, the day before World Refugee Day, we will kick off our 2022 drive for household good benefitting resettled refugees.

This year we will transport the goods collected to Birmingham where the Alabama Interfaith Refugee Partnership ([ALIRP](#)) has its headquarters.

Also, we hope to coordinate with St. Luke's and St. Stephen's in Birmingham which are funding and/or organizing sponsors of ALIRP. We hope they will conduct drives about the same time so that ALIRP will experience a real windfall!

It is reasonable to anticipate that, due to the crisis in Ukraine, ALIRP and other resettlement agencies will experience greater needs than usual.

Lynda Wilson, head of ALIRP, has expressed great excitement about being the recipient of our drive this year. ALIRP partners with [Inspirits](#) in Birmingham and they are equally excited at our proposal.

Hopefully, knowing that our donations will be used closer to home will motivate us to even greater generosity in giving to the drive.

Last year's drive for Bridge Refugee Services was the most successful to date. Let's do our best to exceed the results of that drive.

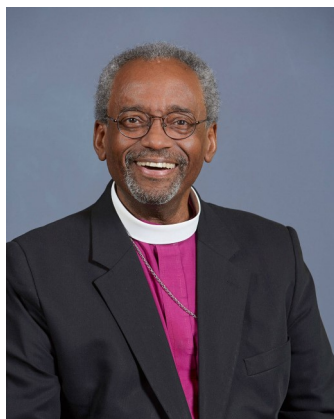
Two notes in planning for the drive:

Last year we discovered that Belk had a great "white sale" (sheets, pillows, towels, etc.) around the time of our drive. Keep that in mind as you think about your gift.

The use of large boxes (Amazon, Chewy, etc.) was a big help in packing and transporting. Try to save those boxes as you get them and bring them to the church shortly before the drive starts.

Think about being a part of the drive by helping with sorting, packing, and transporting goods. Volunteers are needed. Contact Jim Coleman at 256.640.0405.

There will be more news to come as we get closer to kickoff.



### **Revival 2022**

**Saturday, May 14, 2022**

**2-4 p.m.**

**Birmingham-Southern College/Bill Battle Coliseum**

**Tickets are FREE! Parking is FREE!**

You...your family...your friends and neighbors...your congregation...

**EVERYONE** is invited to experience spiritual renewal and transformation at RevivAL 2022. Our preacher will be Presiding Bishop Michael Curry! Go online at [www.revival2022.com](http://www.revival2022.com) for tickets and additional information.



Join us on **SUNDAY, MAY 8th** as we celebrate and recognize our high school graduates!

## Youth Ministry Offerings



### Episcopal Youth Community

**Sundays 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Sr. EYC (9th - 12th grade youth) meets to form relationships, explore their faith and have fun!

#### May

1 - EYC, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

8 - Youth Sunday & Graduation Sunday, 10:30a.m.  
EYC, 5:00 p.m.

15 - EYC, 5:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.



**Sundays 10:30 a.m.**

Children's church, for children in grades pre-k through 5th grade, meets in our children's chapel, upstairs in room 205.

Children's Church will not meet on May 8th, Youth Sunday and May 29th, Memorial Day Weekend.

## Epiphany ARTS Camp

**"Saints and Holy Helpers"**

**June 27- 30, 2022 6:00p.m. - 8:30p.m.**

**Mark your calendar** to join your friends and meet new friends while having fun with art, music, drama and games. Youth in 6th-12th grades will serve as youth counselors.

## Diocesan Youth Events

### SAVE THE DATE:



Join the Diocese for a Day of Service working with Rise Against Hunger, a global movement with the mission to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies.

We are so excited to make a global impact of service, but we need your help! Our Rise Against Hunger Event will be held at Camp McDowell on **September 17** with the option to stay overnight. Cost is \$40 for the day and \$80 if you choose to stay the night. Anyone interested in serving the global community is welcome to join us for this event. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming months, but go ahead and mark your calendars for September 17! Registration will open July 1! For more information or questions about the event, please contact Kathleen Franklin, Missioner for Young Adult Ministry [kfranklin@dioala.org](mailto:kfranklin@dioala.org).



**November 4 - 6, 2022**

**Staff training November 3**

**St. Mary's On-the-Highlands, Birmingham**



HAPPENING is one of those things that must be experienced to be fully understood. During the three-day weekend, the participants spend time seriously considering the person and teaching of Jesus Christ in a relaxed, fun, informal and loving atmosphere. They are provided with opportunities to share, discuss, learn and live with fellow Christians in an environment of acceptance and understanding.

[Youth Staff App](#)

[Happener App](#)

[Adult Staff App](#)



Church of the Epiphany  
Balance Sheet  
Consolidated - March 2022

	GENERAL FUND	PLANT	TOTAL
ASSETS			
BANK ACCOUNTS			
CHECKING ACCOUNTS	\$84,916.76		84,916.76
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	\$102,250.15		102,250.15
Subtotal Bank Accounts	\$187,166.91		187,166.91
INVESTMENTS	\$331,659.03		331,659.03
FIXED ASSETS			
BUILDINGS		\$1,316,380.14	1,316,380.14
EQUIPMENT		\$223,987.32	223,987.32
Subtotal Fixed Assets		\$1,540,367.46	1,540,367.46
RECEIVABLES			
Memorial Garden Plaques	\$68.95		\$68.95
TOTAL ASSETS	\$518,894.89	\$1,540,367.46	2,059,262.35
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS			
TAXES PAYABLE	\$603.40		603.40
OTHER LIABILITIES	\$1,377.17		\$1,377.17
Subtotal Payroll Deductions	\$1,980.57		1,980.57
PASS THRU CONTRIBUTIONS	\$683.46		683.46
Subtotal Current Liabilities	\$2,664.03		2,664.03
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES			
MORTGAGES & LOANS		\$228,268.61	228,268.61
PPP Loan Payable	\$0.00		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,664.03	\$228,268.61	230,932.64
NET ASSETS			
UNRESTRICTED	\$35,002.53	\$1,312,098.85	1,347,101.38
DONOR RESTRICTED			
MOSLEY KITCHEN ENDOWMENT	\$47,075.45		47,075.45
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	\$160,357.43		160,357.43
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	\$273,795.45		273,795.45
Subtotal Donor Restricted	\$481,228.33		481,228.33
TOTAL EQUITY	\$516,230.86	\$1,312,098.85	1,828,329.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$518,894.89	\$1,540,367.46	2,059,262.35

Church of the Epiphany  
Income and Expense Statement  
GENERAL FUND - MARCH 2022

	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	YTD Budget Difference
<b>INCOME</b>				
CONTRIBUTION INCOME				
UNRESTRICTED				
BUDGETED INCOME	19,299.36	80,259.26	81,834.24	(1,574.98)
GIFTS BUDGETED ACTIVITY	120.00	710.00	0.00	710.00
OTHER UNRESTRICTED INCOME	100.00	577.13	3,662.49	(3,085.36)
FUND RAISERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Unrestricted	19,519.36	81,546.39	85,496.73	(3,950.34)
DONOR RESTRICTED				
MOSLEY KITCHEN ENDOWMENT	119.00	359.00	1,250.01	(891.01)
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	2,088.00	12,612.39	0.00	12,612.39
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
Subtotal Donor Restricted	2,207.00	13,221.39	1,250.01	11,971.38
Subtotal Contribution Income	21,726.36	94,767.78	86,746.74	8,021.04
INTEREST INCOME	19.56	62.65	0.00	62.65
RELEASE FROM RESTRICTIONS				
TEMP RESTRICTED RELEASE	(3,818.11)	(31,929.66)	0.00	(31,929.66)
PERM RESTRICTED RELEASE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION	3,818.11	31,929.66	0.00	31,929.66
Subtotal Release From Restrictions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	21,745.92	94,830.43	86,746.74	8,083.69
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
BUDGETED EXPENSES				
CLERGY COMPENSATION				
RECTOR COMPENSATION	9,946.32	29,814.96	30,276.51	(461.55)
ASST. RECTOR COMPENSATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER CLERGY COMPENSATION	144.00	618.20	544.50	73.70
Subtotal Clergy Compensation	10,090.32	30,433.16	30,821.01	(387.85)
LAY STAFF COMPENSATION				
FIN ASST COMPENSATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COMM ASST COMPENSATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
YOUTH DIR. COMPENSATION	1,416.26	4,390.44	4,516.23	(125.79)
PARISH ADMIN COMPENSATION	2,445.06	7,679.42	7,548.00	131.42
OTHER LAY SUPPORT STAFF	490.00	1,470.00	2,340.00	(870.00)
EMPLOYER EXPENSES	237.97	722.65	1,334.76	(612.11)
Subtotal Lay Staff Compensation	4,589.29	14,262.51	15,738.99	(1,476.48)
NON-PERSONNEL EXPENSES				
BUILDINGS/GROUNDS EXPENSE	6,108.18	25,042.74	25,316.49	(273.75)
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	0.00	323.09	1,035.00	(711.91)
OFFICE EXPENSE	345.42	1,164.81	3,258.06	(2,093.25)
PROGRAM EXPANSION	3,186.33	9,495.83	8,483.52	1,012.31
WORSHIP EXPENSE	140.00	763.22	849.99	(86.77)
Subtotal Non-personnel Expenses	9,779.93	36,789.69	38,943.06	(2,153.37)
OTHER EXPENSE				
KITCHEN FUND EXPENSE	1,179.50	1,448.55	1,600.02	(151.47)
MEMORIAL GARDEN EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEMORIAL GARDEN MAINT	823.61	823.61	0.00	823.61
FUND RAISER EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Other Expense	2,003.11	2,272.16	1,600.02	672.14
NON OPERATING EXPENSE				
TEMP RES. FUND EXPENSE	1,815.00	25,657.50	0.00	25,657.50
PERM RES. FUND EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Non Operating Expense	1,815.00	25,657.50	0.00	25,657.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	28,277.65	109,415.02	87,103.08	22,311.94
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	(\$6,531.73)	(\$14,584.59)	(\$356.34)	(\$14,228.25)



1st - Nancy Brennan  
3rd - Cassandra Kistler  
3rd - Richard Whitehead  
5th - Kelly Auman  
5th - Kendall Moore  
6th - Ramona McKinney  
7th - Karen Drinkard  
9th - Lillian Bodine  
17th - Jan Maxwell  
19th - Barry Jones  
20th - John Woodall  
25th - Emily Moses

27th - Ginny McCrary  
29th - Kathy Nelson  
29th - Charlotte Webb  
30th - Brock Creech

