

# THE 4' COUPLER

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*The Newsletter of the Southwest Florida Chapter  
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The AGO Epiphany Party will begin at 7:00 PM at Stephen Britain's house. **5 Braman Court West Fort Myers, 33901.** Bring a dish to share. We will provide the main dish.



# epiphany

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NOUN

1. the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (Matthew 2:1–12).
  - the festival commemorating the Epiphany on January 6.
  - a manifestation of a divine or supernatural being.
  - a moment of sudden revelation or insight.

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Epiphany Day is primarily observed by [Orthodox](#), [Catholic](#), and [Anglican](#) Christians. For this reason, many Protestant believers don't understand the spiritual significance behind this holiday, one of the earliest feasts of the Christian church. In general, Christians celebrate the baptism of Jesus on Epiphany Day in recognition of his manifestation as the Son of God to the world (Mark 1:9-11).

## Epiphany Day

- Epiphany is celebrated on January 6, marking the end of the Christmas season.
- Other names for Epiphany Day are Three Kings Day, Twelfth Day, Theophany, and Little Christmas.
- Epiphany commemorates the manifestation of God to the world through Jesus Christ.

## The Meaning of Epiphany Day

Epiphany, also known as "Three Kings Day" and "Twelfth Day," is a [Christian holiday](#) commemorated on January 6. It falls on the twelfth day after Christmas, and for some denominations signals the conclusion of the Christmas season. The [12 days](#) between Christmas and Epiphany are known as the "Twelve Days of Christmas."

Though many different cultural and denominational customs are practiced, as a rule, the feast celebrates the manifestation of God to the world in the form of human flesh through [Jesus Christ](#), his Son.

## Origins of Epiphany

Epiphany originated in the East. In Eastern Christianity, Epiphany puts emphasis on [the baptism of Jesus by John](#) (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22), with Christ revealing himself to the world as [God's own Son](#):

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:9–11, ESV)

Epiphany was introduced into Western Christianity in the 4th century. The term *epiphany* comes from a Greek word meaning "appearance," "manifestation," or "revelation" and is commonly linked in Western churches with the visit of the [wise men](#) (Magi) to the Christ child (Matthew 2:1-12). Through the Magi, Jesus Christ revealed himself to the Gentiles:

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

... And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and [frankincense](#) and myrrh.

On Epiphany some denominations commemorate Jesus' first miracle of turning [water into wine](#) at the Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11), signifying the manifestation of Christ's divinity and his divine power as well.

In the early days of church history before Christmas was observed, Christians celebrated both [the birth of Jesus](#) and his baptism on Epiphany. The feast of Epiphany proclaims to the world that a child was born. This infant would grow to adulthood and [die as the sacrificial lamb](#). The season of Epiphany extends the message of Christmas by calling believers to manifest the gospel to the whole world.



Epiphany is a feast that recognizes the manifestation of God in Jesus, and of the [risen Christ](#) in our world. It is a time for believers to consider how Jesus fulfilled his destiny and how Christians can fulfill their destiny too.

## Upcoming events and happenings:

**January 24, 2020**, A Hymnfest of *Community and Peace* featuring guest artist/Clinician Mark Mummert at Peace Lutheran Church, Fort Myers.

**February 21, 2020**, AGO Member's Recital at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Fort Myers, Florida.

**May 1, 2020**, End of the year AGO Banquet and election of officers. New Hope Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers, Florida.

In an attempt to make our communications better, the board voted to subscribe to "DialMyCalls". Starting in October each member will get a brief reminder notification of our upcoming activities.

# -CONCERT DATES-

## New Hope Presbyterian Church

10051 Plantation Rd, Fort Myers, FL 33966

January 19, 3pm, Inaugural/Dedication Recital of the new Allen Pipe-Digital (five manual, 150+ digital ranks, 8 pipe ranks presented by organist Jason Payne

February 23, 3pm, Hymn Festival led by Ben Ball on the new organ

(NOTE: if you would like to sing in the mass choir please contact Ben Ball  
ben@newhopefortmyers.org or 443-745-2642)

## St Luke's Episcopal Church

2635 Cleveland Ave, Fort Myers, FL 33901

Calendar 2018-2019

Solemn Liturgies and Concerts 2019-20

Please mark your calendars for these exciting events featuring the St Luke's Choir and local artists!

January 5, 4pm, Astralis Chamber Ensemble with Angela Massey

February 2, 3pm, the City of Palms Youth Choir, Matt Koller, conductor.

February 11, Dulcimer workshop with Larry and Elaine Congers

(Tuesday all-day workshops followed by a 5pm concert. Registration fee applies).

February 21, SWF AGO Members Recital

March 1, Evensong for the First Sunday in Lent

March 22, 4pm Evensong for Good Shepherd Sunday

July 5, 3pm, Patriotic Concert

Faith Concert Series – 2019-20

## Faith Presbyterian Church

4544 Coronado Parkway, Cape Coral 33904

January 24, 7:30pm, SWF Symphony

Ticket sales through [SWFLSO.org](http://SWFLSO.org)

Stradi-various – Mir Kabaretti, conductor will be joined by Violin, Gilles Apap and Caroline Sikuta, violinists in the Bach “Double Violin Concerto”. Also on the program is the Handel “Organ Concerto No.6” with Michael Helman, organist.

February 21-22, Symphonic Chorale Sing-in Free Concert

February 28, 7pm – Six Appeal – Tickets are \$20

Six Appeal is a world-class vocal ensemble that combines musical prowess and sharp comedic timing with the energy and vitality of a rock band. The award-winning vocal band will take you on a journey that covers multiple decades and genres of music-performing classic oldies current chart toppers, and catchy original tunes – completely a cappella.

March 29, 4pm, Fort Myers Children and Youth Choirs  
Free-will offering

April 3, 7pm, Fort Myers Mastersingers “Celebrating Beethoven”

The concert will feature the 85-voice adult chorus and Festival Orchestra performing Beethoven’s Mass in C in celebration of Beethoven’s 250<sup>th</sup> birthday as well as the winning composition of the 2019-20 Sanibel-Captiva Trust prize in Choral Competition. Tickets are \$25/adult, \$15/students and are available at [www.mastersingersfm.com](http://www.mastersingersfm.com).

## The **HYACINTH CONCERT SERIES** at **The Moorings Presbyterian Church**

791 Harbour Drive, Naples [www.mooringschurch.org](http://www.mooringschurch.org)

(Free-will offerings accepted). Moorings Presbyterian Church, a house of worship that emphasizes the performing arts, host concerts free of charge each season. The 900-seat sanctuary houses a 4,200-pipe organ and a Fazioli grand piano.

**Jan. 24, 7:00 pm** Hyacinth Series: *Marjorie Sterritte Memorial Concert* by DuoMusArt Barcelona, with Raul Pietro Ramirez, organist, and Maria Teresa Sierra, piano, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. (239) 261-1487

**Feb. 23, 4:00 pm** Hyacinth Series: Dash Duo, featuring trumpeters David Dash and Mary Bowden with Kassia Ensemble, a String Quartet, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. (239) 261-1487

**March 26, 7:00 pm** Hyacinth Series: Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota at Moorings Presbyterian Church. (239) 261-1487

**March 29, 4:00 pm** Hyacinth Series: *British Invasion* by Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida at Moorings Presbyterian Church. (239) 261-1487

**April 19, 4:00 pm** Hyacinth Series: Trio de Napoli, with Jodie DeSalvo, Glenn Basham and Adam Satinsky at, Moorings Presbyterian Church. (239) 261-1487

We will publish *The Coupler* before each of the events for next year rather than monthly. Many thanks to Bill Pomeroy for his editing skills and his work in making this newsletter available to you.

Thank You for your contribution to our newsletter.

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### **What to contribute:**

We would like to build this newsletter to include items of importance to our membership. New sections for which we need information from you include:

**Noteworthy-** in this section we would like to include member news, appointments, achievements, etc.

**Sub-list-** Please include your name, phone number, email, and availability (*Please be as specific as possible.*)

**Upcoming Events-** it's important that support each another in our church music endeavors. In an effort to avoid double booking concerts on the same day/time whenever possible, please submit dates for the next six months (*or more*) for events taking place in your community/church.

**Positions Available-** in addition to following the online job placement page of the TAO website, please include local positions that may not be listed. Include as many details about the position as possible in addition to contact information.



*For Sale*- information regarding organs, pianos, and other music instruments for sale.

**-Great job helping to update the Substitute List-  
Please check for accuracy and update any information you have.**

## **-SUBSTITUTE LIST-**

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