The Episcopal Church of the

EPIPHANY

Leeds, Alabama



Genuine Love | Genuine Faith

Epiphany is a church of loving people, dedicated to making our church and our community a better place every day. We recognize that, “We are all beloved children of God, redeemed and transformed by God’s grace through Jesus Christ.”











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Who we are

At Epiphany, we are an inclusive community in every sense of the word. Everyone is welcome without exception. We come to honor God, not to fit in or impress others. You'll find us in “church clothes,” jeans, shorts, heels, and flip flops.

Many of our members were raised in other faith traditions and found their way to a home that welcomes questions and supports each person’s journey of faith.

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Outreach



We're known around the community as the church with the big red box. Our blessing box connects those who have needs with those willing to share.

The church fills it, our members fill it, and the community fills it.

Our members also support Leeds Outreach, the local food pantry, and many other charitable causes.

The church is a member of the Leeds Area Chamber of Commerce, and you'll find us at community-wide events.

Several of us volunteer at the local public library, Leeds Theater and Arts Center, and the Leeds Community Chorus.



Our new St. Francis Memorial Garden is open to the public and is being featured in the 2025 *Leeds Magazine*. We are very proud that our grounds are designated as a Certified Wildlife Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation.

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Music

Epiphany enjoys a robust choral program led by our gifted director and our organist. Our all-volunteer choir is blessed with dedicated members who combine their voices to make beautiful music.

The choir sings primarily traditional anthems. Our worship is a mixture of traditional hymns and songs from *Alleluia III*.



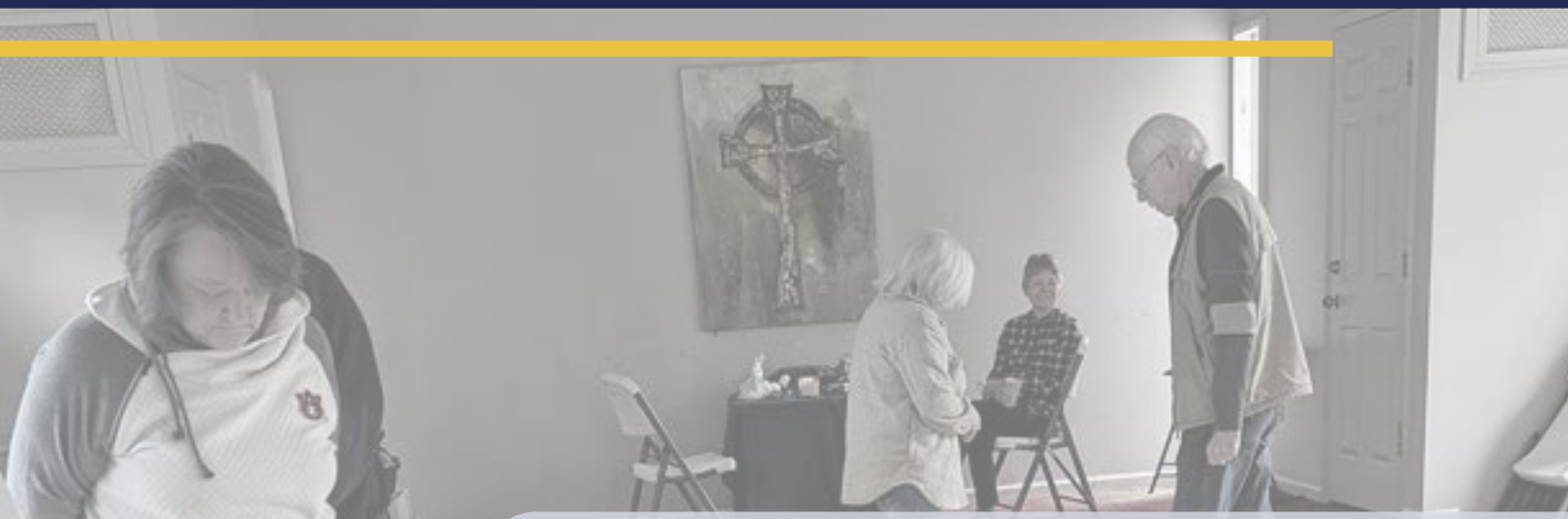


Christian Formation

- Small groups, both in person and online
- Retreats and fellowship in homes
- Lenten and Advent suppers and studies
- Active chapter of Daughters of the King
- Epiphany men's fellowship group, focused on caring for our beautiful grounds and gardens
- Two commissioned spiritual directors, providing opportunities for deeper growth
- Over half our members have attended and/or staffed Cursillo and Kairos
- Almost 1/4 of our members have completed Education for Ministry (EfM)—new table starts in 2026

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Evangelism



Our evangelism starts in the community as members represent our church in various clubs and organizations.

We open our church to the community for

- Yoga
- Art and pottery classes
- Labyrinth walks
- Nature-based contemplative events
- Community theater
- Mass in the Grass—a night of worship and fellowship
- Game and movie nights
- Advent gatherings
- Blessing of the animals as we celebrate the feast day of St. Francis

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History

Our church was formed in 1980 by a group of Episcopalians who previously commuted into Birmingham to attend services.

In time, a mobile home became the first nave. In 2004, the church completed construction of a new nave and narthex. The previous nave is now our parish hall. In March of 2025, the church celebrated as we paid off our mortgage.



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Sunday morning worship follows Rite II of *The Book of Common Prayer* with *Enriching Our Worship* resources.

During this time of transition, we alternate morning prayer with Holy Eucharist led by diocesan supply priests.

Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, "Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

Our community

Leeds-Moody, Alabama

The Little Cahaba River winds its way through Leeds, Alabama, a small town of just over 12,000 residents and suburb to Birmingham. We are surrounded by rolling hills, streams, and horse farms, with Lake Logan Martin only 30 minutes to the east.

We are proud of Leeds' and Moody's quality schools. Currently, the non-profit Main Street Alabama is working with the city of Leeds to preserve its historic downtown. Although the Leeds-Moody area has several large employers, most people commute to Birmingham for work.

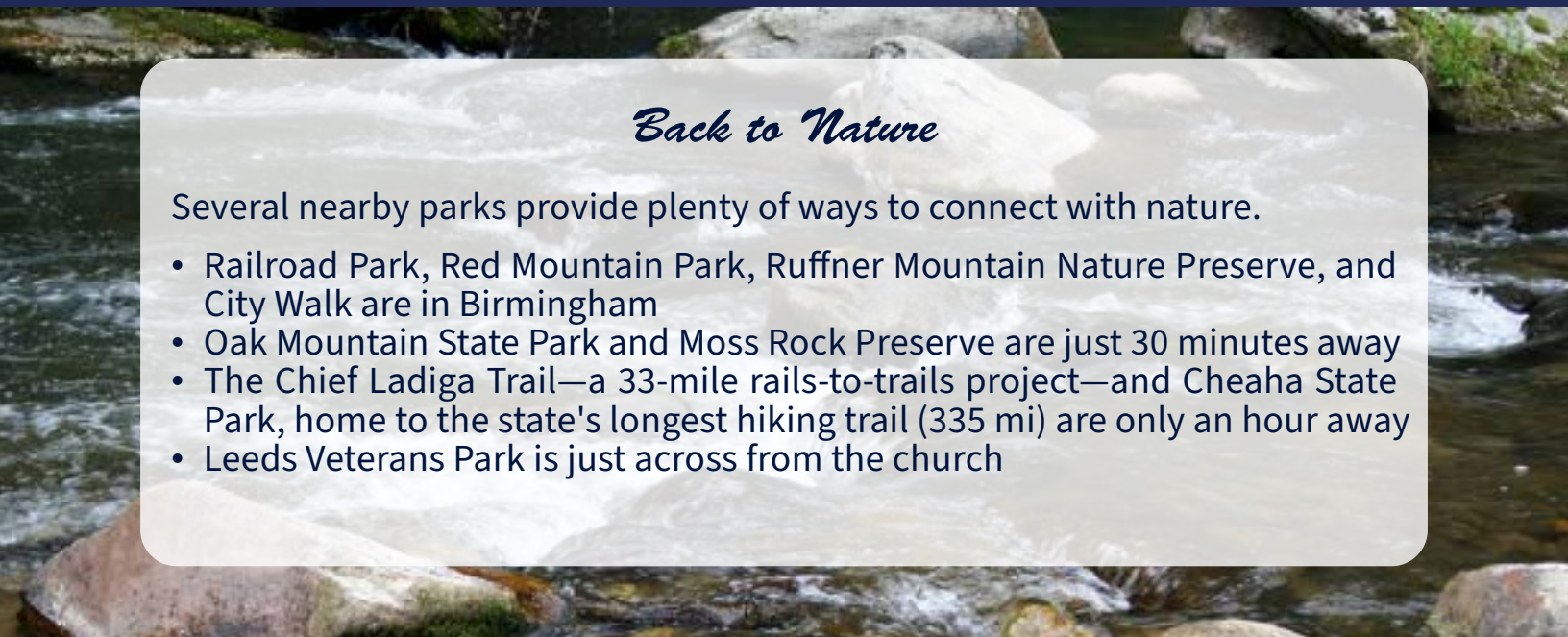
Leeds benefits from visitors to The Bass Pro Shop, the Shops of Grand River outlet mall, and Buc-ee's. But our main attraction is the Barber Motorsports Park, especially during the annual Indycar Grand Prix race.

Birmingham, Alabama

Birmingham, Alabama is a key Southeastern medical provider with many fine hospitals, including two Level 1 Trauma Centers: University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Hospital and Children's of Alabama.

UAB is a world-class university with a notable medical school. Samford University, Miles College (an HBCU), and the University of Montevallo are also nearby.

With seven James Beard Award winners, Birmingham is a "foodie" destination. In addition to dining, Birminghamians enjoy the Birmingham Barons (minor league baseball); the Birmingham Stallions (arena football-UFL); and music and plays in amphitheaters, concert venues, historic theaters, and a large convention center.



Back to Nature

Several nearby parks provide plenty of ways to connect with nature.

- Railroad Park, Red Mountain Park, Ruffner Mountain Nature Preserve, and City Walk are in Birmingham
- Oak Mountain State Park and Moss Rock Preserve are just 30 minutes away
- The Chief Ladiga Trail—a 33-mile rails-to-trails project—and Cheaha State Park, home to the state's longest hiking trail (335 mi) are only an hour away
- Leeds Veterans Park is just across from the church

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Our next rector

We asked ourselves some important questions . . .

"What qualities and characteristics do you believe are most important in a rector?"

- Preaching that applies to living as Jesus taught, relates to current issues, and illuminates Biblical passages and stories
- Comfortable providing pastoral care and listening without judgment
- Ability to effectively facilitate meetings, handle conflicts, and manage finances
- Ability to work closely with and empower laity
- Approachable and relatable with a sense of humor
- Willingness to try new things—lead creative worship
- Accessible with regular hours



"What preaching style do you prefer?"

- Inspirational
- Motivational
- Conversational
- Relatable

"What leadership style do you think we need?"

- Servant leadership
- Collaborative
- Visionary
- Innovative

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By the numbers



Nearly a third of our members have joined Epiphany in the last five years, with 15% having been members for 20 years or longer.

63% of our members are women.

65% have a college degree or higher level of education.

Over half our members are married, and about half of are in their retirement years.

Epiphany has a growing group of regular attendees who have not yet joined nor participated in pledging.

With an eye towards stewardship, we have noticed an increase in recently retired members, resulting in a decreased number of pledged dollars.

Attendance remains steady for Eucharistic services.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Active members	92	76	79	72	69
Avg. Eucharistic attendance	37	42	47	43	40
Pledging units	28	32	37	42	33
Pledged dollars	$105,588	$106,474	$124,734	$152,578	$115,020
Total budgeted income	$128,818	$126,965	$146,042	$169,803	$131,220

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