

# What Gift Can We Bring?

## Epiphany Coffee House

January 6, 9-10:30 am, Fellowship Hall



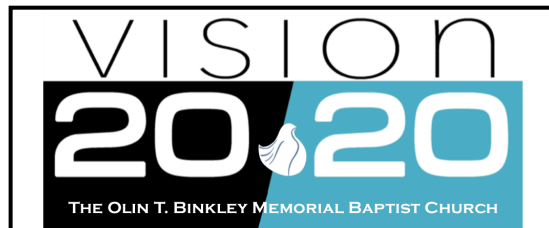
"On The 12th Day of Christmas," the liturgical calendar gave to us **the gifts of the Magi!** Join us in celebrating Epiphany with a fun, informative, and festive time of music and service. We're calling it the "Epiphany Coffee House."

At 9am in the Fellowship Hall we will hear the musical stylings of Darrell Adams, singer-songwriter-guitarist from Louisville, KY, over coffee and holiday treats. During this program we will hear from four representatives around the four initiatives as part of Vision 2020.

To conclude our time, a special service project will be undertaken for [El Refugio](#) near Stewart Detention Center in Georgia, an organization which provides support to the male detainees and their visiting families. El Refugio recently received a new house and needs supplies. *(See reverse for details on both projects).*

There will not be a better way to begin a year of Sundays than gathering together around a guiding star and opening our lives to the Christchild.

*Music from  
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Adams*

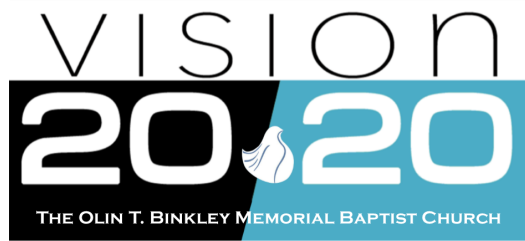


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## Service Project



### Have you heard that we have a 2020 Vision?

Well, we do, and it's not our grade on a theological eye test! This snappy title is Binkley's name for a process that has worked to identify a few particular projects in our sights right now (our close-up vision, you might say) that will bring into focus several of the general goals of our congregation's long-term vision. You can learn more about the process that brought about these initiatives and the initiatives themselves in the January Newsletter. They are outlined briefly below:

### What are the proposals?

#### 1. Quarterly service projects (presenter, Ellen Stutts).

Four times a year, we want to do an intergenerational service project, designed so that the entire family could take part. These could take different forms such as an outdoor cleanup project for Earth Day, assembling toiletry kits for a woman's shelter, or a diaper drive. The projects are limited only by our imagination!

#### 2. An "Action/Reflection" church school curriculum for children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade (presenter, Miles Highsmith)

We propose creating a curriculum for the church school hour that integrates "action" (projects of service to those in need) with "reflection" (the spiritual thread/sacred story that connects us to this need, and our church's mission).

#### 3. A "Year of Compassion" at Binkley (presenter, Meredith Bratcher)

We suggest a year of concentrated teaching and learning about the core value of compassion.

#### 4. A program for Orange County Bail Bond Justice and Support (presenters, Tom Fewel and Kimberly Brewer)

We propose a four part process (1) training volunteers to observe court proceedings where bail bonds are considered; (2) documenting issues related to equity in setting bail bond amounts; (3) developing and facilitating an Orange County Participatory Defense Program including family members, employers, and community members; and (4) exploring possibilities for developing and funding an Orange County Bail Bond Fund (modeled on much work being done in Durham County).

For the Service Project component of the Coffee House, we will be gathering supplies for **El Refugio**. El Refugio, in the remote town of Lumpkin, Georgia, offers support to the 1,800 male detainees, and their visiting families (overnight lodging, legal support, and more). These families come a long way to visit their loved ones, and there are no hotels nearby. So we are sending a big care package to El Refugio, with Ashely Nissler's help.

So as you do Christmas returns, look for deals on new items (or plan to donate "gently used" ones).

### Here is a list of needs:

- Spanish and English language books in a variety of genres
- Toys (without small pieces or batteries—choking hazard)
- Books for children (Board books are especially welcomed)
- Puzzles (large pieces best)
- Bath towels
- Kitchen towels
- Full and twin sheet sets
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Art supplies for children
- Gas gift cards (Shell is best)
- Gift cards for Subway and Dunkin Donuts