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**Epiphany Lutheran Church Hosting Special “Bee House Build”
at Garden Spring Kick-Off Event**

Collierville, Tennessee, USA – On Saturday, May 4, 2019, Epiphany Lutheran Church will host their Garden Spring Kickoff Event “Bee Ready – Build A Bee House!” This fun, family event at the Epiphany Community Garden (located at the corner of Wolf River Blvd. and Bray Station Road in Collierville) is open to the public and will take place from 9:00 am – noon. Light refreshments will be served.

Everyone who attends can build a mason bee house to take home, along with instructions on where to place the bee house in their own yard or garden for best results. According to The Honeybee Conservancy (<https://thehoneybeeconservancy.org/>), creating safe havens for mason bees in home gardens can help to protect our environment, and increase their population. These peaceful non-stinging bees supplement the stressed honey bee and can help to sustain our future food supply; they are very productive pollinators for spring flowers and fruits. Attendees will have an opportunity to tour the Epiphany Community Garden, which produced about 1,800 pounds of produce in 2018 that was donated to the Collierville Food Pantry and Page Robbins Adult Day Center, as well as Trinity Ministries and the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen in Memphis.

In addition, Pastor Monica Weber will be blessing the garden for the coming season, as work begins to provide local area agencies with fresh produce for the homeless and hungry in 2019. Pastor Weber will also be dedicating the new “Epiphany Blessing Box,” a food pantry now located on the garden property and built by local Scout Prannoy Lankapalli for his Eagle Scout project; it will be stocked with non-perishable food items and available to anyone who needs them. (For more information on the “Little Free Pantry” movement, please visit



[http://www.littlefreepantry.org/.](http://www.littlefreepantry.org/)) “The Epiphany congregation is committed to helping those less fortunate in our community have access to nutritious and health foods, and we look forward to having more area residents volunteer at the garden this year; all are welcome to come and work with us on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:30 am – 11:30 am (weather permitting),” says Pastor Weber.

About Epiphany Lutheran Church: Epiphany Lutheran Church worships every Sunday at 10:00 am in Schaeffer Memorial Chapel at Kingsway Christian Church, 7887 Poplar Avenue in Germantown (right next to Whole Foods). Epiphany’s Community Garden, tended by volunteers, provided about 1,800 pounds of produce in 2018 to the Collierville Food Pantry, Page Robbins Adult Day Center and other area organizations. For more information, contact Pastor Monica Weber, (901) 861-6227, or visit www.epiphanylu.org.

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