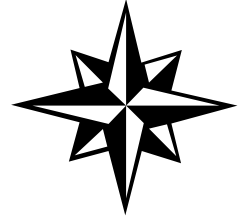


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SUMMER SCHEDULE

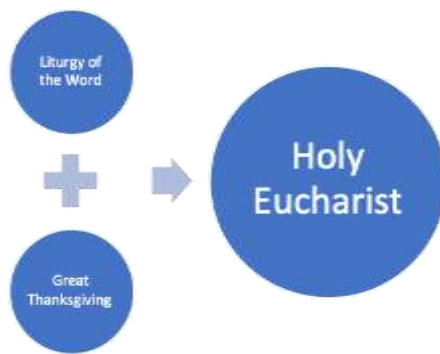
THROUGH AUGUST 29, SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES BEGIN AT 10 AM. SERVICE TIME WILL RETURN TO 11 AM ON SEPTEMBER 5.

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## ***A Message From Mother Kelly Ayer***

Dear Beloved of Epiphany,

Someone asked me about my thoughts on time during the Holy Eucharist, so I would like to share some thoughts. For me, I believe there are 2 equal parts: Liturgy of the Word (everything before the peace) and the Great Thanksgiving (everything after the peace). Since both are equally important, I try to give them equal time during the Sunday Holy Eucharist. To be sure there will be times when that is not possible, for example, a baptism. But a Baptism should be considered an additional piece to the Holy Eucharist and therefore does not reduce time in either Word or Thanksgiving.



I hope this makes sense. Please feel free to email me with questions you would like answered. There are no dumb questions.

I want to Thank all of those who joined us for Theology on Tap, it was a lot of fun. I look forward to the discussions this month.

A reminder: The first week in September we go back to our regular schedule on Sunday: 11am Holy Eucharist. I would like to start Adult Forum at 10am, and Coffee Hour after church as well.

We need volunteers to help host Coffee Hour and to lead the Adult Forum. Look out for the sign-up sheets in the back of the sanctuary. I will be leading on Sept 19<sup>th</sup> on Religious Icons, so mark your calendars. Some topic ideas I have that I will likely lead adult forum: Gnostic Gospels, Early Church Fathers and Early church Heresies. Stay tuned.

On August 22 at 11:15 am, I will have a slide presentation on the Holy Land. (You do not have to be interested in going to Israel to attend). All are welcome.

Lastly, my door is always open. I am in the office Sunday, Monday and Tuesday from 9:30 – 4pm. Feel free to drop by. I really want to get to know each of you better.

Pax,

Mother Kelly+

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MOTHER KELLY'S OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION

SUNDAY: 9:30-4PM
MONDAY: 9:30 AM-4 PM
TUESDAY: 9:30AM-4 PM
CELL PHONE NUMBER: 585-991-8250
E-MAIL ADDRESS: motherkelly10@gmail.com

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## ***PRAYER REQUESTS***

Pray for Healing and Comfort: Angela Foggie, Hannah Toole, Nathan Daniels, Dina Hair, Jay Betette, Michelle Weeks and family, Bo Lowry, Nell Harrison, Sarah and Michael Flynn, those unemployed, the armed forces of our country, and those affected by Covid-19.

Prayer requests can be sent to the church in many ways. Our website at <http://epiphanyoflaurens.org/find-us>, or by e-mail to [PriestinCharge@epiphanyoflaurens.org](mailto: PriestinCharge@epiphanyoflaurens.org) or by phone at 864.984.7000 (leave message) or drop a note in the basket at the church

## ***AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

|            |                 |                          |
|------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| August 3:  | Bill Cooper     |                          |
| August 14: |                 | Ed and Loren Taylor      |
| August 20: | Base Smith      |                          |
| August 20: | Thomas Hughes   |                          |
| August 25: | Mary Carson Cox |                          |
| August 25: | Caroline Horner |                          |
| August 28: |                 | Barrett and Cassie Power |
| August 29: | Connie Daniels  |                          |

## ***AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE***

### ***LEM***

### ***ALTAR GUILD***

|               |                            |                                    |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| August. 1:    | Loren Taylor               | Loren Taylor                       |
| August 8:     | Graham Duncan              | Graham Duncan                      |
| August 15:    | Mark Adams                 | Graham Duncan & Harriett Barksdale |
| August 22:    | Lois Love                  | Base Smith & Harriett Barksdale    |
| August 29:    | Donna Babineau & Ed Taylor | Base Smith & Loren Taylor          |
| September. 5: | Loren Taylor               | Loren Taylor                       |
| September 12: | Graham Duncan              | Graham Duncan                      |
| September 17: | Mark Adams                 | Graham Duncan & Harriett Barksdale |
| September 26: | Lois Love                  | Harriett Barksdale & Base Smith    |

## ***FAVORITE HYMNS***

If you have any favorite hymns, either from our 1982 Hymnal or any other hymnal, please drop a note in the basket or let Randy know.

## ***From Treasurer Kara Horner***

If you have not sent Kara your current mailing address, please do so at [karahorner@yahoo.com](mailto:karahorner@yahoo.com).

If you cannot attend services at this time, please mail your donations and pledge payments for Epiphany to Kara Horner, PO Box 742, Laurens, SC 29360.



## ***August 2021 Backpack Ministry Update***

We are currently on summer break. Our cupboard is bare. The first day of school for District 55 will be August 17 so we will start putting together 60 backpacks for distribution on August 20.

If you are able to donate for the Backpack Ministry, please make your check payable to Church of the Epiphany and write "Backpacks" on the Memo line. Your check can be placed in the offering during Sunday services or mailed to Epiphany's Treasurer: Kara Horner, P.O. Box 742, Laurens, SC 29360.

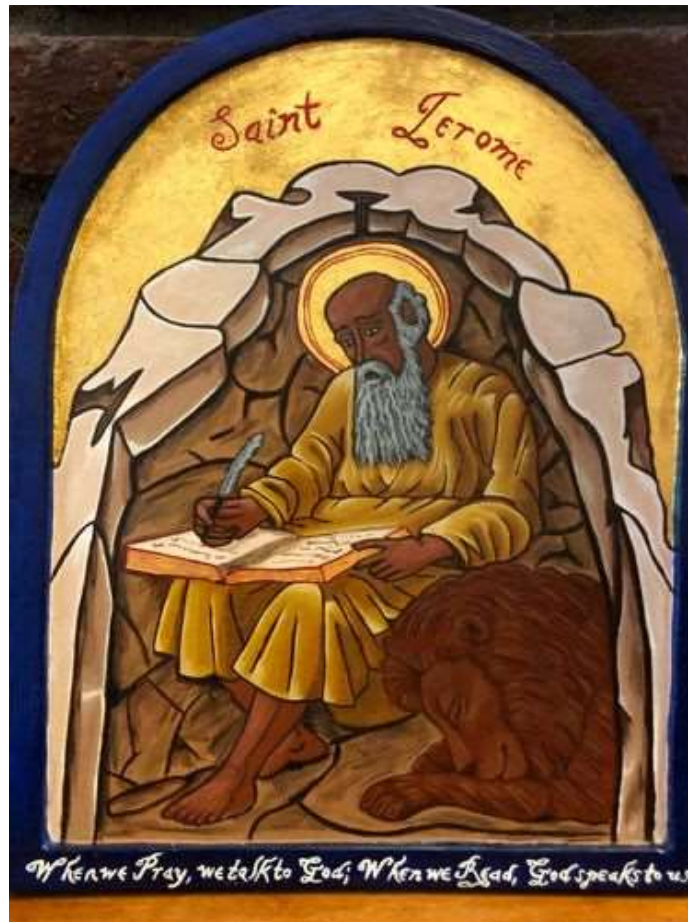
As always, please contact Connie Daniels, [cdaniels1234@hotmail.com](mailto:cdaniels1234@hotmail.com), if you have any questions, comments or suggestions for the Backpack Ministry. Thank you for your donations and prayers. Stay well!

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***Send Items for future editions of the Epiphany Star to Bill Cooper at [mthappy@prtcnet.com](mailto:mthappy@prtcnet.com), telephone 864-969-2707 or mail to PO Box 400, Enoree, SC 29335. Let me know of additions or changes to the birthday and anniversary list.***

## ***ALL ABOUT ICONS!***



*~~~Icons – what are they, history – what is iconoclasm? And more~~~*

A Talk by Mother Kelly+

Tentatively: Sunday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am (adult forum). Epiphany Parish Hall.

### ***~~~~Icon Workshop~~~~***

Friday, Oct 15 – 6pm – 9pm

Saturday, Oct 16 – 9am – til finished (usually around 3pm)

Cost: \$25 – includes all materials needed to paint your own icon

Open to Everyone. Workshop will be held in the Epiphany Parish Hall.

## ***FAMILY PROMISE OF LAURENS LOOKING FOR THESE ITEMS***

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- Baby products: disposable diapers, wipes
- School supplies: notebook paper, pencils, pens, erasers, 3-ring binders, spiral notebooks
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Your journey begins as you depart the USA. Arrive in Tel Aviv and transfer to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

## Day 3 - Jericho and Qumran

Visit the baptismal site of **Qasr-el Yahud**, where tradition says Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Travel to **Jericho** (the oldest city in the world) and visit the ruins of the ancient city conquered by Joshua (Joshua 6:1, 20). In the distance, you can see the traditional site of the **Temptation of Jesus** (Matthew 4:1-11). Continue to **Qumran**, site of the Dead Sea Scroll discovery. End your day with the opportunity to take a dip in the mineral-laden water of the **Dead Sea**.

## Day 4 - Herodium and Bethlehem

Explore one of the most exciting archaeological digs in Israel, the Herodium, palace-fortress and final resting place of Herod the Great. In **Bethlehem**, visit the cave where Jesus was born (Luke 2:1-7) and the **Church of the Nativity**. Gaze out over the **Shepherds' Field**, where angels first proclaimed the Good News.

## Day 5 - Caesarea, Mount Carmel and Tel Megiddo

Visit the **Roman Aqueduct and Theatre at Caesarea**, a center of early Christianity and where Paul was imprisoned for two years (Acts 10). Visit **Mount Carmel**, site of Elijah's victory over the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18). Travel the ancient caravan route through the Jezreel Valley to **Tel Megiddo**, exciting archaeological dig with its layers of twenty different cities built on top of each other.

## Day 6 - The Galilee

Enjoy a scenic drive to **Capernaum**, center of Jesus' ministry in the Galilee (Matt. 4:13, 23). On the **Mount of Beatitudes**, contemplate the text of the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus preached there (Matt. 5-7). Experience special onboard worship service as you sail across the **Sea of Galilee**. Visit the **Church of the Fish and the Loaves in Tabgha**, the traditional location of the feeding of the 5,000 (Luke 9:10-17). As you pray in the **Chapel of Primacy**, remember how Peter professed his devotion to the risen Christ three times (John 21). In **Magdala**, once home to Mary Magdalene, visit a recently discovered first-century synagogue.

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**Day 7 - Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Golan Heights & Bethsaida**

At the ruins of **Tel Dan**, see the altar built by King Jeroboam I (I Kings 12:25-30) and learn about where the "House of David" fragment from the First Temple Period was discovered. Continue on to **Caesarea Philippi**, where Peter told the Lord, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!" (Matt.16: 16). A scenic drive along the **Golan Heights** will give you some beautiful views of Syria and Jordan, as well as Israel. Stop at **Bethsaida**, where Jesus chose five of His disciples, before returning to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

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**Day 8 - Cana, Nazareth, Samaria and Jacob's Well**

Begin your day with a visit to **Cana**, the site of Christ's first miracle (John 2) before stopping in **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home (Matthew 2:23). Continue past **Tel Dothan**, thought to be the place where Joseph found his brothers with their flocks (Genesis 37). Visit **Samaria**, the capital of the Northern Kingdom and home to Ahab and Jezebel. See **Mount Ebal** and **Mount Gerizim** where the Israelites recited the blessings and curses of the Law. In modern day **Nablus** (ancient Shechem), see where the Samaritan woman encountered Christ (John 4) at **Jacob's Well**.

**Day 9 - Jerusalem**

Stand on the **Mount of Olives** and enjoy a remarkable view of the Golden City of Jerusalem. Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven from this place (Acts 1:9-12). Walk to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and pray beneath the ancient olive trees (Matthew 26:36-44). On **Mount Zion**, visit the **Upper Room**, revered as the site of the Last Supper (Mark 14:12-26) and **St. Peter in Gallicantu**, the home of the **High Priest Caiaphas**, where Jesus was held after His arrest (Matthew 26:57).

**Day 10 - Jerusalem**

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of the **Old City** of Jerusalem along the **Cardo**, once the main street of the city. Explore the **Davidson Center** and the **Southern Wall Excavations**, including the **Teaching Steps** and the **Western Wall**. Remember how Jesus healed on the Sabbath when you visit the **Pool of Bethesda** (John 5: 1-18). At **Herod's Antonia Fortress** (Luke 23:1), see where Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate. Walk the **Via Dolorosa** ("the Way of the Cross") and remember the Lord's sacrificial love at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. Share communion together at the **Garden Tomb** in celebration of His Resurrection.

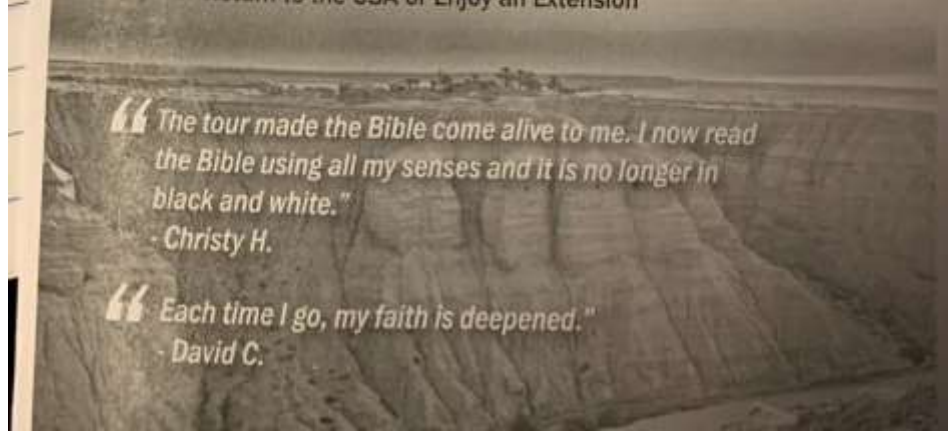
**Day 11 - Return to the USA or Enjoy an Extension**

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*"Each time I go, my faith is deepened."*

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#### Day 11 - Jerusalem to Egypt

Travel in the footsteps of the Holy Family as you travel along the ancient caravan route from Jerusalem to the Sinai desert. Cross the border and check in to your hotel for dinner and rest.

#### Day 12 - St. Catherine's Monastery

Everyone will experience a visit to fortified St. Catherine's Monastery, built in the 6th century, and one of the oldest working monasteries in the world with the world's oldest continually operating library. Both the Codex Sinaiticus and Syriac Sinaiticus, important early Biblical manuscripts, were discovered here. Even Muhammed found refuge here, and the site is sacred to all three monotheistic religions. Remember the story of Moses and the burning bush which tradition places inside the monastery. Continue to Sharm el Sheikh for dinner and overnight at your hotel located on the shores of the Red Sea.

#### Day 13 - Route of the Exodus

Trace the route of the Exodus along the eastern Sinai coast to Wadi Feiran where the Children of Israel withstood the Amalekites. Travel to Elm where the Children of Israel camped by the oasis of 70 palm trees. Your final stop of the day will be Marah by the Red Sea where the "waters were bitter." Continue to Cairo for dinner and a two night stay.

#### Day 14 - Memphis, Saqqara, the Great Pyramids & the Sphinx

Travel south to view Joseph's River and Lake, created by Joseph during the period of the seven years of famine. Visit a grain silo of the kind established under Joseph's rule to store grain during the seven years of famine. Tour the rural region of traditional Egyptian farming and stop at an old corn water mill. Travel as Abraham did to Memphis (Biblical Noph) and on to Saqqara where you will see the Step Pyramid, world's oldest stone structure. See the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx.

#### Day 15 - Cairo

This morning visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities to view the unique collection of Pharaonic art and the renowned treasures of King Tutankhamen. Tour the Old City and see the Citadel of Saladin, built in 1183 A.D., and view the Alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali. In Old Cairo, visit the Abu Serga Church built over the traditional site of the house where the Holy Family lived during their stay in Egypt. Prepare for your return flight home.

#### Day 16 - Return to USA

Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.

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