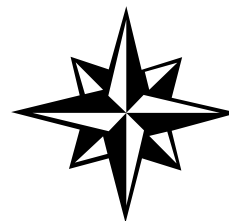


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The Light Shines in Darkness.

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The mission of Church of the Epiphany is to celebrate the light of Christ, proclaim the Gospel, deepen our faith, nurture and encourage all people.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAUL ABERNATHY

Dearest Friends,

I share a variety of December (Advent & Christmas-related) announcements...

Our **Advent seasonal adult study** – “Taking Advent on Its Own Terms” (brief presentations by me followed by discussion) – continues on Sundays, 10.00-10.30 a.m., in the Library:

- December 8: Judgment
- December 15: Christian Life & Ministry
- December 22: The Meaning of Christmas

For our annual **Advent service projects**, please bring to church the various items listed below:

- December 8 for the Memorial Home, large-size canned goods
- December 15 for the Safe Home, toiletries and personal-care items
- December 22 for Clean Start (Guardian ad Litem program), underwear, diapers, and personal-care items

For the Christmastide decoration of our nave, please consider offering **poinsettias** in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones. The sign-up list is in the Parish Hall (suggested donation: \$20).

Christmas with the (Greenville) Chorale, McAlister Auditorium, Furman University, Tuesday, December 17, 7.30 p.m. The program includes Benjamin Britten’s “Ceremony of Carols”, favorite carols, and a sing-along. Randall Traynham has tickets available.

Christmas Eve Service, Tuesday, December 24: Music and carols, 8.30 p.m. and Holy Eucharist and sermon, 9.00 p.m.

Always yours with love,
Paul

December 2019 Backpack Ministry Update



GIVING TUESDAY is December 3. As you all know, the Backpack Ministry is a partnership of Atonement Lutheran, First Methodist, First Presbyterian and Church of the Epiphany. Epiphany is a small church, but, unfortunately, we are not pulling our fair share of the financial load supporting this Ministry. If any of you are able to make a donation to pay for food for hungry students, please make your check payable to Church of the Epiphany and write "Backpacks" in the memo line. A donation of any amount will be gratefully received.

Place your check in the collection at church or mail your tax deductible donation to Church of the Epiphany, 225 West Main St., Laurens, SC 29360.

Please pray for these children in our community and for our Backpack Ministry.

A huge Thank You to those of you who have already made donations. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Connie Daniels at cdaniels1234@hotmail.com.

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December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dec. 2: Brent "Tink" Barbery
Dec. 2: Isaac Foggie
Dec. 3: Will Hellams
Dec. 10: Mary Ellis Power

December Usher, Nursery and LEM Schedule

Dec. 8:	Mark Adams.	Sarah Daniels.	Graham Duncan
Dec.15:	Frank Barksdale	Harriet Barksdale	Graham Duncan
Dec.22:	Reid Cox	Linda Barksdale.	Donna Babineau
Dec.24:	Bill Horner		Donna Babineau
Dec.29:	Brad Holmes	Base Smith.	Loren Taylor

Favorite Hymns

If you have a favorite hymn you haven't heard in church recently, write it on a card and give it to Randy or put it in the collection plate. Then you can come to church to hear your favorites.

Church Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 8, 15, and 22: Bible Study in the church library at 10 AM
Sunday, Dec. 8, 15, 22, and 29: Holy Eucharist at 11 AM
Tuesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service. Music and carols start at 8:30 PM
with Holy Eucharist and Sermon at 9 PM.

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