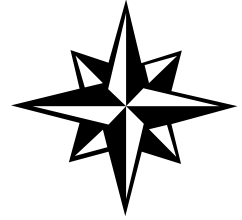


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The mission of Church of the Epiphany is to celebrate the light of Christ, proclaim the Gospel, deepen our faith, nurture and encourage all people.

A Message from Senior Warden Bill Horner

The Rev. Daniel Hank will lead our 5th Sunday service of November. The 10:00 service will be a Morning Prayer service and will not have communion. The 11:00 service will be a full service and will include communion. This will be Rev. Hank's last service until January. I have received positive feedback about him from several members of the Church.

For the month of December we will once again be hosting the Rev. Kelly Ayer as our supply Priest. Members of the Vestry also received positive feedback from the congregation on Rev. Ayer, and she expressed to us that she very much enjoyed her time at Laurens.

The Church donated a small amount of office supplies to the Good Shepherd Free Medical Clinic for which they were very appreciative. They also have very flexible hours for volunteers and are open late on Thursday for those who have daytime responsibilities.

The backpack ministry is still going strong, and Connie Daniels and four other volunteers are holding it together in these uncertain times. Due to the social distancing requirements, at this time they do not need volunteers but donations are always accepted. Thank you Connie for the update and thank you for the support and ministry you give the community.

As always please try to let us if you will be attending any of our services and please continue to give members of the Vestry any feedback that you may have on our Supply Priests.

Bill

Tithes and Offerings

If you are unable to attend church services at this time, you may keep your donations and pledge payments up to date by mailing them to Treasurer Kara Horner at PO Box 742, Laurens, SC 29360.



December 2020 Backpack Ministry Update

The key word this year is flexibility. We are meeting the needs of Ford Elementary School's fifty food insecure students by being flexible. If Ford needs food delivered twice a week because of the school schedule, we do it. If they only need delivery once a week, we do it. There are five regular volunteers, and we practice social distancing mainly by splitting up our duties: shopping, packing, and delivering.

One of the changes from March when Covid 19 began is that we are not running into so many purchase limitations at the stores now. What we have noticed is that our funds do not go as far as they did last year. Groceries are more expensive. Maybe you have noticed that with your own grocery shopping. We are extremely conscientious in our purchasing. If you are able to help financially support this ministry, please make your check payable to Church of the Epiphany and write "Backpacks" on the Memo line. Your check can be mailed to Epiphany's treasurer: Kara Horner, P.O. Box 742, Laurens, SC 29360.

Please contact Connie Daniels 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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### ***December Birthdays and Anniversaries***

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| Dec. 02: | Isaac Foggie     |
| Dec. 03: | Will Hellams     |
| Dec. 10: | Mary Ellis Power |

## *Prayer Requests*

Donna Knight, Celita Strickland, Angela Foggie, Those Unemployed, The Armed Forces of Our Country, Those Affected by Covid 19, Securing a New Priest-in-Charge for the Church of the Epiphany, and Pray for Healing and Comfort.

Prayer requests can be sent to the church in many ways. On the 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.

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Favorite Hymns

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

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## *LEM Rotation for December (Both Services)*

- December 6: Loren Taylor
- December 13: Graham Duncan
- December 20: Mark Adams
- December 24: Loren Taylor
- December 27: Graham Duncan

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**[WWW.GARDENEPIPHANY.WORDPRESS.COM](http://WWW.GARDENEPIPHANY.WORDPRESS.COM)**

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