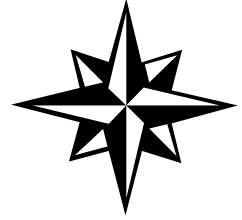


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The mission of Church of the Epiphany is to celebrate the light of Christ, proclaim the Gospel, deepen our faith, nurture and encourage all people.

A Message From Father Paul Abernathy

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I share two significant coming dates.

On Sunday, January 19, we will hold our Annual Parish Meeting, which, per our recent past years, will add a mere half-hour to our morning schedule. The meeting immediately will follow our 11 a.m. service of the Holy Eucharist (thus, around 12.15 p.m.).

The major item of business will be the elections to various offices of service. This year, the Vestry will present the following slate of candidates:

Vestry: 3-year terms (2020-2023):

- Brad Holmes
- Kara Horner

Parish Delegates

- 2-year terms (2020-2022)
 - Graham Duncan
 - Randall Traynham
- 1-year terms (2020-2021)
 - Mark Adams
 - John Womack

On Sunday, February 2, we will welcome our bishop, the Right Reverend W. Andrew Waldo, who will preside at our altar and preach from our pulpit. Following the service, we will host our bishop at a reception in the parish hall.

Please, mark your calendars and plan to be present for these special Sundays.

Yours, always with love,
Paul



January 2020 Backpack Ministry Update

Thanks to all who stepped up to the plate and supported the Backpack Ministry. Our coffers have been refreshed thanks to your donations. We know in the big picture there are pressing needs everywhere but to the fifty students who receive the backpack food each weekend, their pressing need for sustenance is less due to your generosity.

The second semester begins January 7. If any of you wish to help pack the backpack food, please join us at 9 am on Thursdays at the Laurens 55 District Office. Please contact Connie Daniels if you have any questions, comments or suggestions. Thank you for your donations and prayers for the Backpack Ministry.

Annual Oyster Roast

The annual oyster roast is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2020. Please sign up to help in setting up, serving during the roast, the cleanup, and providing other items besides oysters for the roast. The sign-up list will be in the Parish Hall. The ticket price is to be determined. To plan a successful event, selling all of the tickets in advance is needed.

Send items or event announcements to be included in future editions of the Epiphany Star to Bill Cooper at mthappy@prtcnet.com or call 864-969-2707.

January Usher, Nursery, LEM Schedule

Jan. 12:	Phil Betette	Sarah Daniels.	Graham Duncan
Jan. 19:	John Womack	Harriet Barksdale	Graham Duncan
Jan. 26:	Mark Adams	Linda Barksdale.	Donna Babineau

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January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jan. 4:	Bill Ladd
Jan. 7:	Don Ross
Jan. 7:	Hunter Power
Jan. 11:	Hugh Brownlee
Jan. 23:	Pontheolla Mack Abernathy

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Church Calendar

Sunday, Jan 5, 12, 19; 26: Holy Eucharist at 11 AM
 Sunday, January 19, Annual Parish Meeting immediately following Holy Eucharist.

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