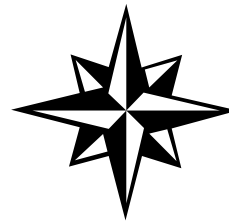




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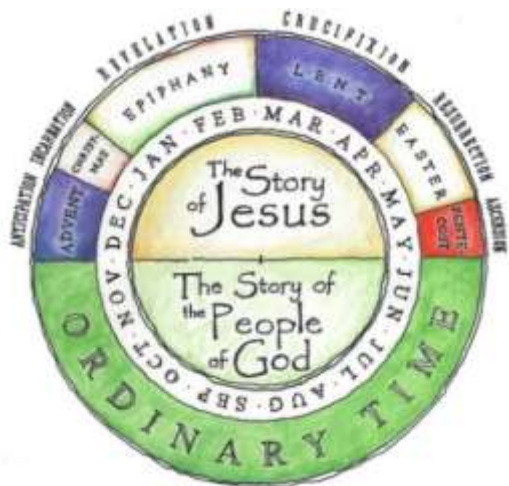
*~~~SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 2. HOLY EUCHARIST BEGINS AT 10 AM EACH SUNDAY THROUGH AUGUST 25~~~~~*

## ***A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAUL ABERNATHY***

### ***So, What If?***

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Last year, in our June issue of our *Epiphany Star*, I shared this schematic of our church year. I do so again, for I think it wonderfully illustrates that our church year is divided roughly in half.



The first half runs from **Advent** (preparing for Jesus’ arrival in his birth and in his second coming), **Christmas** (celebrating his birth), **Epiphany** (proclaiming that Jesus is the Messiah for the whole world), **Lent** (following Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem to fulfill his destiny of crucifixion and death), **Easter** (celebrating his

resurrection), to the **Day of Pentecost**, this year, falling on June 9 (celebrating the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send his continuing presence through the Holy Spirit).

During the first half of the church year, we retell the story of Jesus. During the second half of the church year, the story of the people of God (aka the Season after the Day of Pentecost), we have an extended period to reflect on the story of Jesus.

*So, what if*, to guide our *daily* individual and communal reflections on the Jesus-story, we turn the seasons of the church year into verbs, specifically, infinitives?

*To Advent* means that we reflect on how Jesus coming into our lives.

*To Christmas* means that we reflect on how Jesus is born in us.

*To Epiphany* means that we reflect on how we, in word and deed, proclaim Jesus to the world.

*To Lent* means that we reflect on how we follow Jesus in his life of self-sacrifice.

*To Easter* means that we reflect on how we are raised to new life.

*To Day of Pentecost* means that we reflect on how the Holy Spirit empowers us for ministry.

Happy reflecting!

Love and peace, always and in all ways,

Paul

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## ***JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

June 8:	Paul Abernathy	
June 9:	Elliot Owens Barksdale	
June 11:		Kara and Bill Horner
June 15:	Patrick Morgan	
June 15:	Kara Horner	
June 19:	Summer Irons (granddaughter of Lorri Roughton)	
June 19:	Donna Babineau	
June 20:		Sue and Jim Brownlee
June 24:	Skye Todd	

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***JUNE USHER, NURSERY, AND LEM SCHEDULE***

June 2:	Frank Barksdale	Harriet Barksdale	Lorri Roughton & Donna Babineau
June 9:	Mark Adams	Linda Barksdale	Loren Taylor
June 16:	Phil Betette	Base Smith	Loren Taylor
June 23:	Bill Horner	Sarah Daniels	Graham Duncan
June 30:	Brad Holmes	Harriet Barksdale	Graham Duncan



***CHURCH CALENDAR***

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10 AM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26  
CHOIR PRACTICE, 7 PM