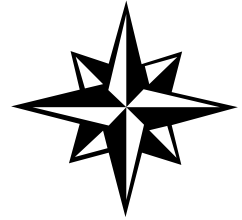


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The mission of Church of the Epiphany is to celebrate the light of Christ, proclaim the Gospel, deepen our faith, nurture and encourage all people.

Bishop W. Andrew Waldo has suspended all church services in the Diocese of Upper South Carolina through May 15. You will be notified of decisions concerning public worship after that date.

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## ***MUSIC ON SUNDAY MORNINGS***

For those Sundays when our services are suspended, be sure to tune in to the church's Facebook page for live video and music starting at 11:00 am. Randy is practicing during that time to prepare for when we are together in worship again.

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ON-LINE CHURCH SERVICES AND MEDITATIONS AVAILABLE

With all in-church services being cancelled through May 15, here are some links to on-line worship services and daily meditations that are available.

Washington National Cathedral, Washington, DC
<https://cathedral.org/>

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Columbia, SC
<https://www.trinitysc.org/live>

Episcopal Church of the Advent, Spartanburg, SC
<http://www.churchofadvent.org/worshiponline>

Christ Episcopal Church, Greenville, SC
<http://www.ccgsc.org/online-worship-groups.php>

For a complete list of churches in the Diocese of Upper South Carolina live streaming worship and devotions, please go to this link: www.edusc.org/live-streaming-in-edusc/



May 2020 Backpack Ministry Update

Due to the coronavirus, our program has changed. And then it changed again. The logistics of trying to keep track of the specific 50 students at Ford Elementary School turned out to be really difficult. The school buses were delivering lunches at the same time parents would be driving to the school to pick up lunches, and it was just too difficult for the school nutrition director to keep track of who got what where. So Ford Administration asked us to stop the program at their school until school is back in session.

Since we knew there were still food insecure children in the Laurens community, we are coordinating our Backpack Ministry with Calvin Whitmire, President of Bridging the Gap Advocacy at 101 Park Place which is near the Sanders Head Start Center on Gleamns St. Calvin is in charge of the school lunch drop-off site there. We are leaving 50 backpacks with him each week that he will distribute to school children who pick up their school lunches at that location.

We are continuing to practice self-distancing.

This will most likely be how the Backpack Ministry is handled for the rest of the school year.

Please contact Connie Daniels if you have any questions, comments or suggestions. Thank you for your donations and prayers for the Backpack Ministry. We worry about the children who are hungry and whose parents/guardians are now under even more stress than usual.

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***Please keep in your prayers***

Phillip Roughton, the brother-in-law of Lorri Roughton; Paula Surette; Marty Joseph; Those unemployed; The armed forces of our country.

***May Birthdays and Anniversaries***

|         |              |                           |
|---------|--------------|---------------------------|
| May 2:  | Anna Horner  |                           |
| May 4:  | Adam Parrish |                           |
| May 13: |              | Donna and Dan Babineau    |
| May 17: | Joyce Foggie |                           |
| May 18: |              | Skye Todd and Brad Holmes |
| May 24: | Dan Babineau |                           |
| May 26: |              | Dick and Linda Barksdale  |

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A List of Usher, Nursery, and LEM responsibilities will be published as soon as church services are able to resume.

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***The Church of the Epiphany’s expenses continue even though regular church services have been temporarily suspended. Please keep your donations and pledge payments up to date by mailing them to Treasurer Kara Horner at PO Box 742, Laurens, SC 29360.***

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