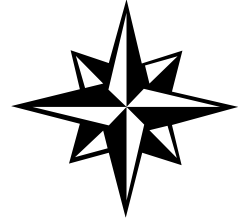


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The Light Shines in Darkness.

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From Mother Kelly

Epiphany Beloved,

I invite you into this meditation with me:

There is no wound so shameful

No betrayal so scathing

No pain so searing

No loneliness so enduring

No exhaustion so total

No regret so bitter

No sadness so unending

No fear so terrifying

No anxiety so crippling

No disappointment so complete

No cross so high

No grave so deep

That he will not have been there before us

To mark the way back.

I hope you each had a wonderful Easter Sunday and will strive to live the Resurrected Life!

Thank you to all those who came to the webinar "Will you be left behind?" If you missed it, I will be glad to reshow it, just let me know.

Important Dates

Sunday May 7 - Holy Eucharist Rite I

Monday May 8 - 6pm Vestry

Tuesday May 16 - 6pm - Theology on Tap - Senor Garcia

Sunday May 21 - Church Picnic after church. Meal will be catered. All are welcome. We just need folks to let us know so we can have enough food.

Sunday May 28 - Memorial Weekend, last Sunday of regular schedule.

June 4 starts our Summer Schedule - Worship at 10am.

Starting June 5, Monday, at 6pm - I will start a webinar series - Women Erased. Each webinar is presented by internationally known biblical scholars. After watching the webinar, we will have a brief discussion.

Each lesson can stand on its own, so its ok if you cannot make all of them. Bring your favorite snack and/or libation and join us.

SEMPER AMABERIS [[God says] You are loved, you will always be loved)
The Rev. Dr. Kelly Ayer+

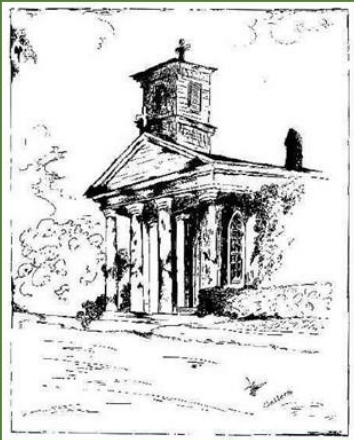
May Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Prayer Requests

Pray for healing and comfort: Donna and Daniel Babineau, Alice Cato, Jennifer Cooper Gravley, Bev Kennedy, Breanna Revis, Barbara Barbery Mann, Rowan McAdam, Reagan Bartley, James Earl Carter, Jr, Melody and Will Johnson, Brian Milam, Rick Parrish, Caleb Ross, Those Unemployed, The Armed Forces of Our Country, and Those Affected by Covid-19.

Prayer requests can be sent to the church in many ways: Our 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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Summer Service Hours June, July, and August -June 4 through August 27-

Holy Eucharist – 10:00 am Sundays at Epiphany

May and June Schedule

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ALTAR GUILD

May 7:	Donna Babineau & Ed Taylor	Base Smith & Loren Taylor
May 14:	Loren Taylor	Loren Taylor
May 21:	Graham Duncan	Graham Duncan
May 28:	Mark Adams	Harriet Barksdale & Graham Duncan
June 4:	Lois Love	Harriet Barksdale & Base Smith
June 11:	Donna Babineau & Ed Taylor	Base Smith & Loren Taylor
June 28:	Loren Taylor	Loren Taylor
June 25:	Graham Duncan	Graham Duncan

Want to learn how to set up the altar for communion? Then, the Altar Guild is looking for you! If you are unable to be a regular part of the guild, but you are willing to fill in for someone on an occasional basis, we also want you. We are in the process of making detailed notes for guild members to use for preparing for services. If you are interested, please contact a guild member. This is an important and rewarding way in which to serve God and his church



May 2023 Backpack Ministry Update

We are beginning to wind down for this school year. During the summer, we will focus on replenishing our funds to get ready for the next year. First Presbyterian has submitted a grant to the Laurens County Fair Foundation for \$6,432.00 to be applied specifically to milk purchases. We are budgeting \$4.34 for the rest of the backpack food for a budget of \$10,676.40 exclusive of milk. Milk is the most nutrient-dense product we provide in the backpacks.

As always, please contact Connie Daniels, cdaniels1234@hotmail.com, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the Backpack Ministry. Thank you for your donations and prayers for this ministry.

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If you have a Facebook account, please like Epiphany's page and posts and share them. Our Facebook page is updated regularly and can be found at www.facebook.com/EpiphanyOfLaurens

Likewise, visit Epiphany's website, www.EpiphanyOfLaurens.org. It is updated weekly with service information and includes links to newsletters and other pieces of information about Epiphany and the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina.

Miss Lucy's Garden

Hugh Brownlee has an Instagram page for Miss Lucy's Garden. It is under the name [gardenepiphany](https://www.instagram.com/gardenepiphany).

Send Items for future editions of the Epiphany Star to Bill Cooper at mthappy@prtcnet.com, telephone 864-969-2707 or mail to PO Box 400, Enoree, SC 29335. Let me know of additions or changes to the birthday and anniversary list.