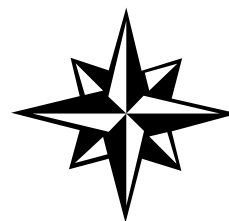


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The Light Shines in Darkness.

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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 Bishop's office continues to have light but steady interest in our opening. When we reopen they recommend that we fill the role with a supply priest until potential applicants feel comfortable to travel and visit Laurens and meet with the Search Committee." Here is Bishop Waldo's latest letter concerning worship.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

After five months of pandemic restrictions, we have all come to know things we didn't know we needed to know, and to practice new habits to protect our health and well-being. We've begun to understand more fully how best to worship, learn, serve and connect when we can't be physically together. What has been a fluid situation, in which the novel coronavirus increases in one place and decreases in another place, continues to be fluid. We are alternately tempted to be fearful or complacent, and have thereby stuttered our way into new and regularizing community rhythms.

These updated guidelines for gathering during the COVID-19 pandemic provide added flexibility and continued persistence in maintaining standards of safety during this public health crisis. Plans no longer need to be approved, but they do need to be reported, including when changes in practice are made. At any time, clergy may contact the Diocesan office to confer about questions or dilemmas.

In all things, our love for one another and care for one another's safety remains paramount. And, it is worth remaining mindful that this unique moment in world history has much to teach us about faith, hope, and love. Love, in Whom we abide, and the greatest of these three, will indeed teach us more than we can ask or imagine.

Peace in Christ,

+Andrew Waldo

Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests can be sent to the church in many ways. On the website at <http://epiphanyoflaurens.org/find-us>, by email to [PriestInCharge@epiphanyoflaurens.org](mailto: PriestInCharge@epiphanyoflaurens.org), by phone at 864.984.7000, or drop a note at the church in the basket.

Please keep in your prayers: Phillip Roughton, the brother-in-law of Lorri Roughton; Marty Joseph; Those unemployed; The armed forces of our country; Those affected by the Covid 19 Virus; Securing a new Priest-In-Charge for the Church of the Epiphany.



Music on Sunday Mornings

While services are suspended on Sundays, be sure to tune into the church's Facebook page for live video and music starting at 11 AM. Randy is playing and singing hymns and announcements are being made.

Lectionary Inserts and past Hymn Sing sheets from Sunday mornings are inside the church, along with copies of the Daily Prayer Guidepost magazine.



Tithes and Offerings

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.



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Oct. 2: Ann Cox
- Oct. 3: Lois Love
- Oct. 9: Loren Taylor
- Oct. 10: William Reid Cox
- Oct. 15: Barrett Power
- Oct. 17: Mareno Foggie
- Oct. 20: Ed Taylor
- Oct. 26: Gayle Burton

ON-LINE CHURCH SERVICES AND MEDITATIONS AVAILABLE

With all in-church services being cancelled at present, here are some links to on-line worship services and daily meditations that are available. These services can be viewed at any time.

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/

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Send items to be included in future issues of the Epiphany Star to Bill Cooper at mthappy@prtcnet.com or call 864-969-2707 or mail them to PO Box 400, Enoree, SC 29335. Please let me know of additions and changes that need to be made to the birthday and anniversary list.



October 2020 Backpack Ministry Update

We are waiting for the Ford Administration to let us know when to begin packing backpacks. As you are aware, with the scheduling of students split among three plans, the students in the greatest need for the backpacks still needs to be determined. There is also discussion about the best way to distribute backpacks. Some students are attending school just on Monday and Tuesday. Other students are attending school just on Thursday and Friday. And yet other students are attending school virtually.

The area we were using at the District 55 Administration Building is now being used as virtual learning educational space for some children of District 55 employees. We may need to relocate, but we hope there still will be some space somewhere in that facility that we can use.

Please pray for all the students and parents who have had to make significant adjustments during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Contact Connie Daniels if you have any questions, comments or suggestions. Thank you for your prior donations and prayers for the Backpack Ministry. Stay well!