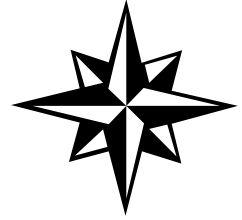


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The Light Shines in Darkness.

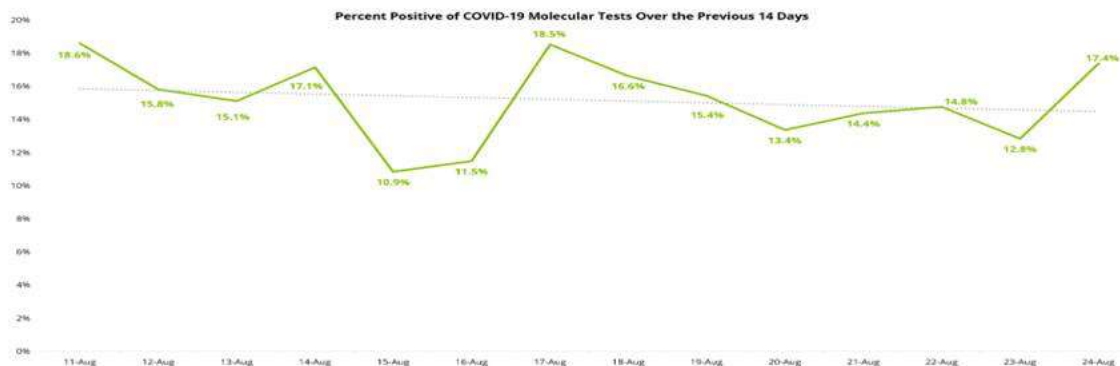
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The mission of Church of the Epiphany is to celebrate the light of Christ, proclaim the Gospel, deepen our faith, nurture and encourage all people.

A Message from Senior Warden Bill Horner

As the graph details, South Carolina is not making much headway toward our 5% positive goal set by the Bishop. These numbers can be viewed at www.edusc.org/blog/covid . Currently, with our sanctuary layout and ventilation, we are approved for < 10% of our rated sanctuary capacity. As a county, we are making strides toward the 5% goal, and we encourage everyone to practice their due diligence to combat the spread of the virus.

We have had interest from two parties for our open priest position. Rev. Daniel Hank has visited Laurens and met with the search committee. He is a very proactive leader with strong ideas for our church as we make our way through the pandemic and the recovery afterwards. His prayers can be heard in the August 16th Facebook live which Randy posted. He and Randy can be heard if you perform a Facebook search for Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Laurens, South Carolina. The 2nd candidate has not been interviewed yet due to restrictions placed on him by his current employer about traveling across state lines. He has supplied at our church as recently as 2015 and is very familiar with our church and some of our members. The Diocese has been very proactive in helping fill our position and continues to reach out and broadcast our position to possible candidates in the Southeast.





September 2020 Backpack Ministry Update

Our Backpack Ministry is currently on hold as we wait to learn the plans for students in School District 55. School is scheduled to begin September 8. We know that the school administration will have a lot to handle when school first starts, so we are not expecting to know which students will receive backpacks until after two or three weeks. We double checked the dates on the snacks we had left over, and any that had an August or September expiration date we gave to Bridging the Gap Advocacy for the large number of families they help. 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!



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.



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 AM. Randy is practicing during that time to prepare for when we are together in worship again. Leave a comment if you have a favorite hymn you would like to have Randy play.

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/



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sept. 2:	Mark Adams	
Sept. 10:	Susan Mitchell	
Sept. 19:	Jackie Womack	
Sept. 22:	Harriett Barksdale	
Sept. 29:	Sarah Daniels	
Sept. 30:		Bill Cooper and Martin Meek



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.

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