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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 FATHER PAUL ABERNATHY

You & My Prayers – A Personal Word

My Beloved Sisters and Brothers,

Each Sunday, I rejoice to hear those words in The Prayers of the People when our Lay Eucharistic Minister prays for the clergy, saying, “For Michael (Curry), our Presiding Bishop, Andrew (Waldo), our Bishop, *and for Paul, our priest.*”

In this life, with all of its joys and difficulties, wonders and worries, I believe that our praying one for another, for the sake of one another is one of our grandest offerings to God. Thus, to know that you pray for me *and as your priest* matters greatly to me, touches my soul and warms my heart.

So, in the spirit of sharing, please, know this...

Yes, I pray for those persons for whom and those circumstances of which you have asked me to include in my intercessions. *Yet* I also pray for you by name. Daily, usually first thing upon waking and, sometimes, given the morning’s schedule, surely, by noon, I hold our Parish Directory before my eyes and, alphabetically (sometimes, in reverse order) go down (or up!) our listing, reciting each of your names. And though I cannot know all that will transpire in your lives, I ask that God grant you every blessing of wisdom and discernment, strength and patience, joy and delight in the coming hours. And though I do not know all those whose lives you touch and whose lives will touch yours, God knows. Thus, though anonymous to me, I pray for them, too.

And, usually, I close my prayers, thinking of all of us, with *For Joy in God’s Creation* (The Book of Common Prayer, page 814):

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With love, always and in all ways,
Paul



September 2019 Backpack Ministry Update

School is now open! Our four churches (Atonement Lutheran, Church of the Epiphany, First Methodist and First Presbyterian) are providing food for the weekends for 50 students at Ford Elementary in Laurens. Our shopping has begun. We are always looking for protein products on sale. If you know of any, please let me know.

If you have colored plastic grocery bags that have not had any meat products in them, could you please leave them in Hobart Hall for us to use?

Donations for this ministry are always greatly appreciated! Please make your check payable to Church of the Epiphany and write "Backpacks" in the memo line. Mail your tax deductible donation to Church of the Epiphany, 225 West Main St., Laurens, SC 29360.

Please pray for these children in our community and for our Backpack Ministry.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions please contact Connie Daniels at:
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Garden Song at the Laurens County Hospital

Twilight Entertainment, Garden Delights, Southern Bites—That's what's in store at the annual Garden Song Celebration in the Ferguson Meditation Garden at the Laurens County Hospital. This annual fund-raiser for the Meditation Garden features regional entertainment and delicious food catered by Ginger Jacks in the beautiful garden setting. This event will take place on Sunday afternoon, September 29, at 6 PM in the garden adjacent to the Laurens County Hospital, located on Highway 76 between Laurens and Clinton. Tickets are \$12.50 per person and may be purchased at the entrance to the garden prior to the event.

VISIT MISS LUCY'S GARDEN BLOG AT
WWW.GARDENEPIPHANY.WORDPRESS.COM

FAVORITE HYMNS

Do you have a favorite hymn you haven't heard lately? Write it on a card and give it to Randy or put it in the collection plate. Then you have to come to church to hear the favorites!

BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, THE TIME FOR HOLY EUCHARIST RETURNS TO 11 AM.

SEPTEMBER USHER, NURSERY AND LEM SCHEDULE

Sept. 1:	Mark Adams	Linda Barksdale	Loren Taylor
Sept. 8:	Frank Barksdale	Base Smith	Loren Taylor
Sept. 15:	Bill Horner	Sarah Daniels	Graham Duncan
Sept. 22:	Brad Holmes	Harriet Barksdale	Graham Duncan
Sept. 29:	Phil Betette	Linda Barksdale	Donna Babineau

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

CHURCH CALENDAR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
HOLY EUCHARIST AT 11 AM

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