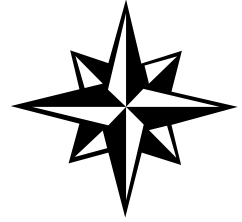


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Beginning September 6, Sunday Services Will Return to 11 AM

From Mother Kelly

Epiphany Beloveds,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer!

As we move into September, we will resume our regular programming and service schedule.

Sunday School will begin at 10 am, and we will be discussing Luke.

Worship will begin at 11am

We are collecting school supplies for District 55. I sent out a list of Items needed earlier. We need those items brought to the church.

I need folks to make an effort to sell our Three Kings chocolates at businesses, in offices, to friends, etc. All proceeds will go to the food pantries in Laurens.

I'm also looking for a small fridge to store our chocolate in. It needs temperature control. If anyone knows of one available, please let me know.

I'm also looking for a mobility scooter for someone. Again, if you know of one, please let me know.

Deus Semper Amaberis,
The Rev Dr Kelly Ayer+

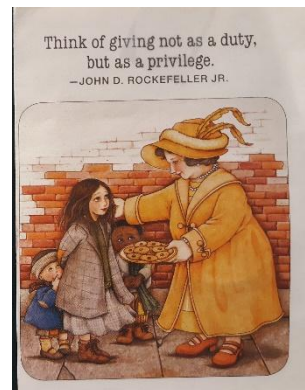
~~ Prayer Requests ~~

Pray for healing and comfort: Randy Davis, Hannah Deerman, Barbara Barbery Mann, Heidi Stephens, Susan Mitchell, Those Unemployed, and The Armed Forces of Our Country.

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 or by phone at 864.984.7000 (leave message) or drop a note in the basket at the church.

Commission on Congregations to Meet

The Commission on Congregations will have a retreat at Camp Gravatt October 2-3. The focus of the retreat is small churches and their needs. Please see Mother Kelly if you are interested in attending.



September 2026 Backpack Ministry Update

Thanks to you, all our packing has begun. Food is being distributed. The volunteers are glad to be back. Thus far Ford has received permission slips for 41 students, but we will most likely be up to our capacity of 60 backpacks shortly.

If you wish to donate to the Backpack Ministry, please make your check payable to the Church of the Epiphany and write "Backpacks" on the Memo line. Your check may be placed in the offering during Sunday services or mailed to the Church of the Epiphany's Treasurer: Harriett Barksdale, 225 West Main St., Laurens, SC 29360.

As always, don't hesitate to contact Connie Daniels, cdaniels1234@hotmail.com, with any questions, comments, or suggestions for the Backpack Ministry. Thank you for your donations and prayers for this ministry.

September and October Schedule *LEM ALTAR GUILD*

Sept. 6:	Donna Babineau &Loren Taylor	Harriet Barksdale and Base Smith
Sept. 13:	Loren Taylor	Harriet Barksdale and Base Smith
Sept. 20:	Mark Adams	Loren Taylor and Sarah Flynn
Sept. 27:	Donna Babineau &Loren Taylor	Loren Taylor and Sarah Flynn
Oct. 4;	Nick Ross	Base Smith and Andrea Liddell
Oct. 11:	Loren Taylor	Harriet Barksdale
Oct. 18:	Donna Babineau	Sarah Flynn and Loren Taylor
Oct. 25:	Mark Adams	Base Smith and Andrea Liddell

We desperately need volunteers to become members of the Altar Guild (set the altar up before service and take down afterward), lay readers (read lessons during service), and LEMs (helps at the altar during service), as our current pool is dwindling due to age or mobility issues.

Prayerfully consider becoming part of the team that leads worship every Sunday. The commitment is only once a month or less depending in the number of volunteers.

Regardless of whether you have officially joined the church, if you want to serve, please let me know.



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sept. 02:	Mark Adams	
Sept. 10:	Susan Mitchell	
Sept. 19:	Jackie Womack	
Sept. 22:	Harriet Barksdale	
Sept. 29:	Sarah Daniels	
Sept. 30:		Bill Cooper & Martin Meek

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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.

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.