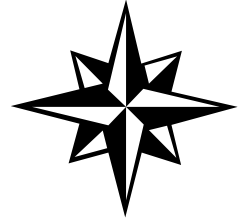


# *The Epiphany Star*



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*The Light Shines in Darkness.*

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## *Rector's Corner*

Epiphany Beloveds,

I hope this Lent has been a time to remove any barriers between you and our Savior. A time of living into the person God made you to be.

This month we're celebrate Easter, a time to celebrate God's immeasurable love for us! No matter how far away we may think we are, God says I am with you, I love you, and God has God's arms opened wide to welcome us home. What an awesome God we have!

Some announcements:

**Crafters Guild** will be meeting this Saturday April 5 at 10am to make Resurrection Gardens. (See photos at end of newsletter). The price is \$10 for fake flowers and \$12 for real. Come join us for fun and fellowship. Light lunch provided.

**Church Potluck**- After Church on Palm Sunday April 13. Sign up in parish hall.

### ***Holy Week services:***

***Maundy Thursday*** -- 6pm

***Good Friday Stations of the Cross*** -- 6pm

***Easter Sunrise at 7am behind the First Presbyterian Church***

***Easter service at the Church of the Epiphany at 11am***

Deus Semper Amaberis,  
The Rev Dr Kelly Ayer+

## ~~ Prayer Requests ~~

Pray for healing and comfort: Eddie Brouillete, Andy Cumbee, Randy Frantz, Mike Gray, John Outz, Carson Chitty, Sarah Ritter, 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](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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## ***April 2025 Backpack Ministry Update***

We have been stocking up because we are unsure what effect the upcoming tariffs will have on our budget. We are in good shape for the rest of this school year as we only have 9 more weeks of school.

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](mailto:cdaniels1234@hotmail.com), with any questions, comments, or suggestions for the Backpack Ministry. Thank you for your donations and prayers for this ministry.

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## *April Birthdays and Anniversaries*

|            |                      |                               |
|------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| April. 3:  | Josiah Daniel Foggie |                               |
| April. 3:  |                      | Paul and Pontheolla Abernathy |
| April. 9:  | Cassie Taylor Power  |                               |
| April. 18: | Brad Holmes          |                               |
| April. 24: | Linda Barksdale      |                               |
| April. 24: | Justin McCabe        |                               |
| April. 25: | John Calvin Hughes   |                               |
| April. 28: |                      | Bill and Marilyn Ladd         |
| April. 28: |                      | MJ and Jason Berryman         |

## *April and May Schedule* *LEM ALTAR GUILD*

|                         |                                    |                                  |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| April 6:                | Loren Taylor                       | Loren Taylor                     |
| April 13:               | Mark Adams                         | Harriet Barksdale and Base Smith |
| April 17,<br>Maundy Th: | Lois Love                          | Harriet Barksdale and Base Smith |
| April 20:               | Donna Babineau<br>& Loren Taylor   | Loren Taylor                     |
| April 27:               | Loren Taylor                       | Loren Taylor                     |
| May 4:                  | Mark Adams                         | Linda Brown and Sarah Flynn      |
| May 11:                 | Lois Love                          | Harriet Barksdale and Base Smith |
| May 18:                 | Donna Babineau<br>And Loren Taylor | Loren Taylor                     |
| May 25:                 | Loren Taylor                       | Loren Taylor                     |

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.

## *A Message from Hugh Brownlee*

I'm going to start leaving some large plastic nursery pots at the back door area of the parish house for anyone to pick up. They are great for vegetable planting, storage, etc. They are very functional and handy but not decorative. Spread the word to anyone or organization that may be able to use them. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Hugh [brownleehugh@yahoo.com](mailto:brownleehugh@yahoo.com)

### *Facebook*

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](http://www.facebook.com/EpiphanyOfLaurens)

Likewise, visit Epiphany's website, [www.EpiphanyOfLaurens.org](http://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 started an Instagram page for Miss Lucy's Garden. It is under the name gardenepiphany. Instagram will be easier than the blog. Hugh plans to keep the blog site, [WWW.GARDENEPIPHANY.WORDPRESS.COM](http://WWW.GARDENEPIPHANY.WORDPRESS.COM), up for now because of the old content. If he eventually deletes the blog, he will let us know.

***Send Items for future editions of the Epiphany Star to Bill Cooper at [mthappy@prtcnet.com](mailto: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.***







