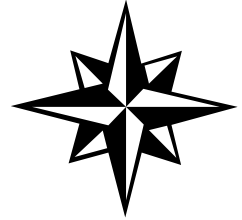


The Epiphany Star



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The Light Shines in Darkness.

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Sunday Schedule *Holy Eucharist 10 AM*

During June, July and August, Holy Eucharist begins at 10 AM



From Mother Kelly

Epiphany Beloved,

Starting in June, we go to our summer schedule. Service at 10am.
We will resume regular programming in September. I hope you have a wonderful summer.

Some important dates:
Vestry June 8th at 6pm
No Theology on Tap during the summer.

Saturday, June 6th, Hope Deason will lead a workshop on making 4th of July wreaths. All skills levels are welcome.
Saturday June 13 - Bingo Night at 6pm.
Saturday June 27th, Chocolate workshop.

Deus Semper Amaberis, (God says You are loved, you will always be loved!)
The Rev Dr Kelly Ayer+

I have mentioned during service my desire to have Epiphany take a more active role in supporting non-profit ministries in Laurens. With that in mind, I would like to introduce:

Three Kings Chocolates



We will be making homemade all natural chocolates. We have a white, milk and dark bars and barks. These bars are made with Cacao Butter, Cacao Powder, Sugar and Milk powder. They are vegan and keto friendly. They already are available to taste and purchase during coffee hour. On Saturday June 27th, Mother Kelly will lead a workshop on how to make this. I hope you will help get the word out and help sell. All proceeds will go to support non-profits in our are

~~ 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



June 2026 Backpack Ministry Update

We are now on a two month summer break. Our cupboards are pretty near empty. We very much appreciate all the support Church of the Epiphany gives to the Backpack Ministry both in funding and in manual labor!!

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.

Matthew 25 Grants Available

The diocese offers Matthew 25 grants to assist churches with starting new or expanding existing programs. It does not provide funding for current programs. The grant can be for up to \$3,000. Deadline for applications is June 15. Please let someone on the vestry know if you have an idea for the grant.

June and July Schedule **LEM ALTAR GUILD**

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| June 7: | Loren Taylor | Sarah Flynn and Loren Taylor |
| June 14: | Mark Adams | Harriett Barksdale and Base Smith |
| June 21: | Lois Love | Harriett Barksdale and Base Smith |
| June 28: | Donna Babineau & Loren Taylor | Sarah Flynn and Loren Taylor |
| July 5: | Loren Taylor | Sarah Flynn and Loren Taylor |
| July 12: | Mark Adams | Harriett Barksdale and Base Smith |
| July 19: | Lois Love | Harriett Barksdale and Base Smith |
| July 26: | Donna Babineau & Loren Taylor | Sarah Flynn and 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.



June Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| June 8: | Paul Abernathy | |
| June 9: | Elliot Owens Barksdale | |
| June 11: | | Kara and Bill Horner |
| June 15: | Kara Horner | |
| June 15: | Patrick Morgan | |
| June 19: | Summer Irons (granddaughter of Lorri Roughton) | |
| June 19: | Donna Babineau | |
| June 24: | Skye Todd | |

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

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.