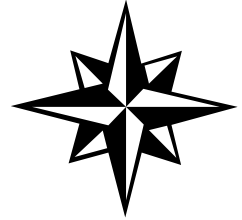


# *The Epiphany Star*



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*The Light Shines in Darkness.*

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## *Sunday Schedule*

*Sunday School. 10 AM. Holy Eucharist. 11 AM*

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## *From Mother Kelly*

Epiphany Beloved,

I hope you had a reflective Lent and a joyous Easter.

Holy Week Schedule:

Maundy Thursday at 6 PM

Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 6 PM

Easter Sunday at 11 AM

Deus Semper Amaberis,  
The Rev Dr Kelly Ayer+

## *Easter Flower Cross*

The flower cross will be put out the Saturday before Easter. Please bring flowers Saturday or Sunday morning.

### *~~ Prayer Requests ~~*

Pray for healing and comfort: Eddie Brouillete, Randy Davis, Hannah Deerman, Randy Frantz, 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](mailto: PriestinCharge@epiphanyoflaurens.org) or by phone at 864.984.7000 (leave message) or drop a note in the basket at the church.



### ***April 2026 Backpack Ministry Update***

The students will be on Spring Break from April 6 until April 13. We are packing two backpacks for the students the week before so they would still have food for the weekend prior to their return to school. We could do this because of the generosity of the church parishioners! Thanks to you all!

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.

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

April 2:(Maundy Thur). Lois Love  
 April 5: Donna Babineau  
                     & Loren Taylor  
 April 12: Loren Taylor  
 April 19: Mark Adams  
 April 26: Lois Love  
  
 May 3: Donna Babineau  
                     &Loren Taylor  
 May 10: Loren Taylor  
 May 17: Mark Adams  
 May 24: Lois Love  
 May 31: Donna Babineau  
                     & Loren Taylor

Harriet Barksdale and Base Smith  
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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.



*April Birthdays and Anniversaries*

April 3: Josiah Daniel Foggie  
 April 3:  
 April 9: Cassie Taylor Power  
 April 18: Brad Holmes  
 April 24: Linda Barksdale  
 April 24: Justin McCabe  
 April 25: John Calvin Hughes  
 April 28:  
 April 28:

Paul and Pontheolla Abernathy  
  
  
  
  
 Bill and Marilyn Ladd  
 MJ and Jason Berryman

## ***From Hope Deason—A good time was had making Easter Centerpieces!***



### **Reverend Jack L. Watson**

The Rev. Jack L. Watson died on March 18, 2026, at his home in Flat Rock, NC at the age of 90. Jack was born in Cedar Key, Florida, graduated from Florida State University and received his Divinity degree from the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. Jack served as Priest-in-Charge of the Church of the Epiphany in Laurens from 1975-1980. Other churches Jack served included those in Murphy, Hayesville, and Edneyville in North Carolina and in Chiefland and Cedar Key in Florida.

Jack is survived by his wife Tari. Memorial services were held at St. James Episcopal Church in Hendersonville, NC on March 27 and on March 30 at Christ Episcopal Church in Cedar Key, FL.

## Report from the Oyster Roast

Sales: \$2,060  
Oysters: -\$972  
Labor: -\$90  
Supplies: -\$110

New profit was \$888 which will be divided between the Men's Club and Miss Lucy's Guild.

### *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 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](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.***