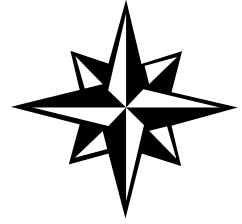


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~~ A MESSAGE FROM MOTHER KELLY ~~

Happy Easter!!

I would like to share with you an email that I think is a great Easter message from Graham:

What I Learned On Easter Sunday I love the liturgy of the Episcopal Church. Its consistency creates a weekly constant in my otherwise hectic life - a reminder that I'm part of a larger machine called life, and far from the main character in a story called Humanity. I love it so much that, even though I might flip to page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer, most Sundays, I don't even need to. The words are well rehearsed, well recited, part of my routine. Yet, ironically, what I love most are the occasions where the liturgy changes - ever so slightly - like a small bump in the road telling a traveler to pay attention. They gently tell us to "watch where you're going." And those bumps call attention to what we're saying and doing as people of God at that point in the liturgical calendar. A person might accidentally say "Alleluia" during Advent. A priest may forget the penitential order during Lent. A member of the Altar Guild might forget to change the candles in the candelabra before service. And on Easter Sunday, my dear friend charged on with the Nicene Creed rather than switching it out with the Renewal of Baptismal Vows. These aren't acts sacrilege, but evidence thy God is alive and working in his church to teach us a few very important lessons: -That we are an imperfect creation - prone to accidents, sometimes saying and doing the wrong things. -That, while we are imperfect, we worship a perfect, loving, forgiving God, who admires us in spite of our imperfections... so much so that he gave himself so that we may have everlasting life. -That in this space, in his house, there are no mistakes. There are only opportunities to learn, to love, to serve, and remember who we are and whose we are.

Deus Semper Amaberis,
The Rev Dr Kelly Ayer+

~~ Prayer Requests ~~

Pray for healing and comfort: Aimee Barrilleaux, Susan Mitchell, Eddie Brouillette, Gib Darden and family, Jayne Elmgren, Lisa Geloran, Mary Patterson Hayes, Dorothy Jones, Rowan McAdam, Elliott Anderson-Cain, Amanda Avery, Dennis Sullivan, Rev. Jack Watson, Barbara Barbery Mann, The People of Haiti, 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

Epiphany's expenses continue throughout the year. Pledge payments and contributions may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or mailed to the Church of the Epiphany, ATTN Harriet Barksdale, Treasurer, 225 West Main Street, Laurens, SC 29360.



~~ April 2024 Backpack Ministry Update ~~

We are currently on two weeks of Spring Break, but soon we will be back to packing for an additional 8 weeks, backpacks for 60 food-insecure students at Ford Elementary School. For donations, please make your check to The Church of the Epiphany and write "Backpack Ministry" on the "for" line. Checks may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or mailed to the Church of the Epiphany, ATTN Harriet Barksdale, Treasurer, 225 West Main Street, Laurens, SC 29360. Please contact Connie Daniels, cdaniels1234@hotmail.com, with any questions, comments, or suggestions for the Backpack Ministry. Thank you for your prayers and donations for this ministry. Stay well!

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

April. 7:	Loren Taylor	Loren Taylor
April 14:	Graham Duncan	Graham Duncan
April 21:	Mark Adams	Graham Duncan and Harriet Barksdale
April 28:	Lois Love	Harriet Barksdale and Base Smith
May. 5:	Donna Babineau & Loren Taylor	Base Smith & Loren Taylor
May 12:	Loren Taylor	Loren Taylor
May 19:	Graham Duncan	Graham Duncan
May 26:	Mark Adams	Harriet Barksdale & Base Smith

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:		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

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

I realize I mistakenly put April Birthdays and Anniversaries in the March issue. I do apologize! Here is the March list. Happy BELATED greetings!

March. 1:	Martha Ann Monroe
March 13:	Thomas Hellams
March 14:	Carolina Parrish
March 18:	Helen Atwood
March 26:	Katelynn Lowe (granddaughter of Lorri Roughton)
March 30:	Mary Townsend

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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 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, 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, 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.