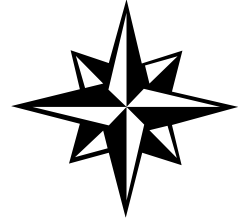


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The Light Shines in Darkness.

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From Mother Kelly

Epiphany Beloveds,

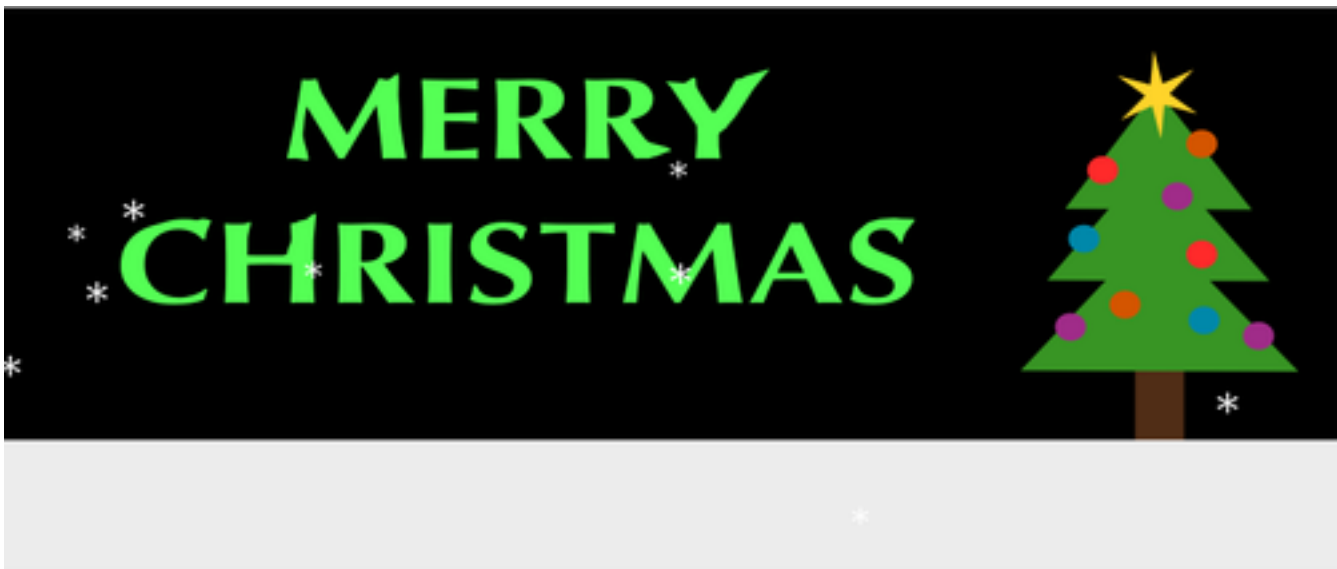
Merry Christmas!!

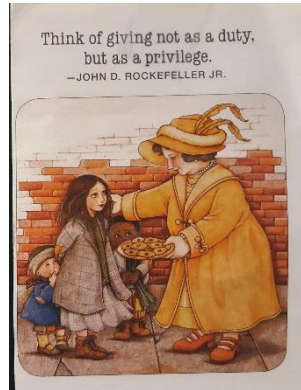
Christmas Eve: Music and Carols at 8:30 PM. Holy Eucharist Service at 9 PM

We need cookies and hot chocolate for our first responders. We need 7 dozen cookies and enough hot chocolate for 70.

To be delivered Christmas Eve after the service

Deus Semper Amaberis,
The Rev Dr Kelly Ayer+





December 2023 Backpack Ministry Update

A generous donor purchased all of the canned hams for the Thanksgiving backpacks for the 60 students at Ford Elementary School. The Thanksgiving break was actually only 3 days for the students so we were back packing bags the next week. If anyone would like to purchase small gift items for the Christmas backpacks, please put them in the parish hall prior to December 11. The Dollar Tree usually has a nice selection. These are symbolic of the tributes made to the baby Jesus by the Three Wise Men after his birth during the story of the Nativity. Please contact Connie Daniels, cdaniels1234@hotmail.com, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the Backpack Ministry. Thank you for your prayers and donations for this ministry. May your holiday season be full of peace, joy, and happiness.

Prayer Requests

Pray for healing and comfort: Donna Babineau, Barbara Barbery Mann, Eddie Brouillette, Gib Darden and family, Jayne Elmgren, Rowan McAdam, Melody and Will Johnson, Brian Milam, Elliott Anderson-Cain, Kimberly Ashley Barbery, Amanda Avery, and Dennis Sullivan, 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.



December AND January Schedule LEM ALTAR GUILD

Dec. 03:	Donna Babineau &Loren Taylor	Base Smith and Loren Taylor
Dec. 10:	Loren Taylor	Loren Taylor
Dec. 17:	Graham Duncan	Graham Duncan
Dec. 24: (11AM)	Mark Adams	Harriet Barksdale & Graham Duncan
Dec. 24: (Eve Ser)	Lois Love	Harriet Barksdale & Base Smith
Dec. 31:	Donna Babineau & Loren Taylor	Base Smith & Loren Taylor
Jan.07:	Loren Taylor	Loren Taylor
Jan 14:	Graham Duncan	Graham Duncan
Jan 21:	Mark Adams	Harriet Barksdale & Graham Duncan
Jan 28:	Lois Love	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.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dec. 2:	Isaac Foggie
Dec. 3:	Will Hellams
Dec. 10:	Mary Ellis Power
Dec. 21:	Phil Betette

Greenville Chorale Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 9, 2023, 7:30 PM, McAllister Auditorium, Furman University.
Tickets: adult \$40; student \$20; children under twelve \$10.
Online ordering at GreenvilleChorale.org.

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 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.