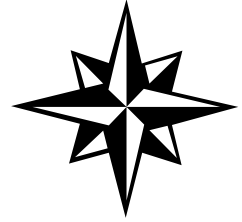


The Epiphany Star



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The mission of Church of the Epiphany is to celebrate the light of Christ, proclaim the Gospel, deepen our faith, nurture and encourage all people.



*A Message From Mother
Kelly~::~::~::~::~::~::~::~::~*

Epiphany Beloved,

Welcome to the holy season of Advent. Over the next few weeks, we will all be pulled in countless directions, with demands put on our time and energy. Although we can't ignore many of those demands, I invite you to make an intentional choice to find a moment of quiet each day. I want you to carve out time every day to stop, to listen, and to reflect on what God is doing in your life and the life of our church. Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation, and the true joy of Advent comes in the anticipation of a moment, an event, a miracle that changed the world forever. This is the season when we remember that Jesus came into the world to show us, tangibly, how much God loves us. You are truly God's Beloved. And when we truly know we are loved, we can begin to reflect that love to ourselves and to others. *semper amaberis* (you are loved, you will always be loved in Latin)

Mother Kelly+

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[We are Going to see Randy sing with the Greenville Chorale - Dec 10th, concert starts at 7pm.](#)

Dec 10 - I am trying to get a group of us to go together to see Randy sing with the Greenville Chorale at their Christmas concert at Furman. It starts at 7pm, but I am wanting us to go to dinner first - meet at the church at 4pm. If we can get enough interest, I will get a van so you don't have to drive. Concert tickets are \$40.

Please let me know directly ASAP if you would like to get a ride.

DATES to remember:

Dec 13 - Vestry 6:30pm

Dec 20 - Theology on Tap - Senor Garcia - 6:30pm

Dec 24 - Christmas eve service - Carols at 8:30 and the Mass starts at 9pm.

Dec 25 - Sunday service - 11am

After church Christmas Eve, we will be dropping off cookies, brownies, and hot chocolate to our first responders again. We need at least



10 dozen. Sign up sheets are in the parish hall.

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The Rev. Dr. Kelly Ayer+

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

-Poinsettias for Christmas – list in Parish Hall in honor of or memory of – suggested donation \$15

-Saint Andrew's Day is November 30 – Patron Saint of Scotland – you are invited to wear a token of your family or favorite tartan plaid **Sunday, December 4**

- Christmas Eve Service - Saturday, December 24 - Music and Carols at 8:30 pm and Festal Eucharist at 9:00 pm

- Sunday Christmas Day Service at 11 am

- Greenville Chorale - Christmas Concert - Saturday, December 10 - McAlister Auditorium (Furman University) at 7:30 pm. Tickets available from Randy. **SEE MOTHER KELLY'S INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CONCERT ABOVE!**



GREENVILLE CHORALE

40th Annual

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHORALE

Bingham Vick, Jr., Conductor
Joined by the Chorale Brass Ensemble &
Blue Ridge High School Concert Choir

Saturday, December 10 7:30pm
McAlister Auditorium, Furman University

Purchase Tickets: greenvillechorale.org



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December 2022 Backpack Ministry Update

Thank you to those of you who have been so thoughtful to donate to the Backpack Ministry. If you wish to do a Christmas food gift to children in need at Ford Elementary, please make your check payable to Church of the Epiphany and write "Backpacks" on the Memo line. We are trying to get canned hams for the students. Your check may be placed in the offering during Sunday services or mailed to Epiphany's Treasurer: Kara Horner, P.O. Box 742, Laurens, SC 29360.

As always, please contact Connie Daniels, cdaniels1234@hotmail.com, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions for the Backpack Ministry. Thank you for your donations and prayers for this ministry.

Prayer Requests

Pray for healing and comfort: Donna and Daniel Babineau, Alice Cato, Dale Davis Roth, Deven Champaneri, Jennifer Cooper Gravley, Jearl Hall, Megan McCartney, Jayne Elmgren, Breanna Revis, Jackie Vincent, Families of the victims of the shooting at Club Q in Colorado Springs, Families of the victims of the shooting at the University of Virginia, Families of the victims of the shooting at the Wal-Mart in Chesapeake, Virginia, Those Unemployed, The Armed Forces of Our Country, and Those Affected by Covid-19.

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

December & January Schedule
LEM ALTAR GUILD

Dec. 04:	Donna Babineau & Ed Taylor	Base Smith & Loren Taylor
Dec. 11:	Loren Taylor	Loren Taylor
Dec. 18:	Graham Duncan	Graham Duncan
Dec. 24:	Mark Adams	Harriet Barksdale & Graham Duncan
Jan. 01:	Lois Love	Harriet Barksdale & Base Smith
Jan. 08:	Donna Babineau & Ed Taylor	Loren Taylor & Base Smith
Jan. 15:	Loren Taylor	Loren Taylor
Jan. 22:	Graham Duncan	Graham Duncan
Jan. 29:	Mark Adams	Graham Duncan & Harriet Barksdale

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. 02:	Isaac Foggie
Dec. 03:	Will Hellams
Dec. 10:	Mary Ellis Power
Dec. 21:	Phil Betette

Mother Kelly's Office Hours & Contact Informatio

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM – 4 PM

MONDAY: 9:30 AM – 4 PM

TUESDAY: 9:30 AM – 4 PM

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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.