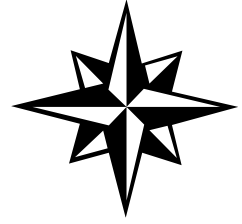


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A Message from Mother Kelly



Epiphany Beloveds,

I hope you all had a great Christmas. Remember to receive your love letter from God, let that love wash over you and infuse your very being. That is foundational to be able to live out our lives in Christ.

Thank you to all of you who helped with the Thanksgiving Day meals to our first responders and all the sweets giving to them at Christmas. I'm so proud of Epiphany.

Some dates to remember:

The Second Tuesday at 6pm is Vestry (Jan 9)

The Third Tuesday at 6pm is Theology on Tap (Jan 16). Come enjoy dinner and great conversation.

Sunday school starts back on Jan 7.

Deus Semper Amaberis,
The Rev Dr. Kelly Ayer+



January 2024 Backpack Ministry Update

A New Year, unfortunately, still brings the same old concerns of enough food on the weekend for the most food-insecure students at Ford Elementary School. We are blessed that churches and private donations have been generous this past year but still not enough to increase the number of students serviced. 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. 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. Stay well and Happy New Year!

Prayer Requests

Pray for healing and comfort: Susan Mitchell, Eddie Brouillette, Gib Darden and family, Jayne Elmgren, Rowan McAdam, Elliott Anderson-Cain, 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 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.

January and February Schedule *LEM ALTAR GUILD*

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
Feb. 08:	Donna Babineau & Loren Taylor	Base Smith & Loren Taylor
Feb. 11:	Loren Taylor	Loren Taylor
Feb. 14 (7 PM):	Graham Duncan	Graham Duncan
Feb. 18:	Mark Adams	Graham Duncan & Harriet Barksdale
Feb. 25:	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.

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jan. 04:	Bill Ladd
Jan. 07:	Hunter Power
Jan. 11:	Hugh Brownlee
Jan. 23:	Pontheolla Mack Abernathy

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.

Blessing of the Chalk, January 7, 2024



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Here's what the chalked letters on the door mean: The three letters are the first initial of each of the three kings (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar). The C, M, B also stands for the Latin blessing *Christium Mansionem Benedicat* which means "May Christ Bless this House". Parishioners then take the chalk home and use it while invoking God's blessing upon their home.

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.