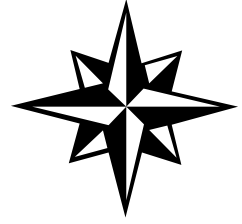


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The Light Shines in Darkness.

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A Message From Mother Kelly

Epiphany Beloved,

Happy 4th of July!!



Some important dates:

Mondays at 4pm in Parish Hall- Women Erased lecture series. We watch lectures by world renowned scholars on the topics of women in the early church.

July 10th - Vestry 6pm

July 18 - Theology on Tap - 6pm - RSVP to Mother Kelly and let me know if you would like to go somewhere other than Senor Garcia It's a chance to fellowship with each other and share a meal.

July 26 - Wednesday at Noon - Homeless symposium at Epiphany - we are hosting and providing lunch. Simple Fare - Sandwiches, chips, beverages, cookies for dessert. There should be around 15- 20 people from the city and county regarding the homeless problem in Laurens. We need your help with lunch. Please let Mother Kelly know if you can help.

My favorite prayer by St Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled,

to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

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SEMPER AMABERIS ([God says] You are loved, you will always be loved)

The Rev. Dr. Kelly Ayer+



July 2023 Backpack Ministry Update

Great news! Our Backpack Ministry has received grant funding for shelf-stable milk for the entire 2023-2024 school year from the Laurens County Fair Foundation. We received the full amount requested of \$6,432.00. We still need to receive donations from the congregations of our 4 churches involved to cover all the other food items: canned meat products, fruits, breakfast cereals, macaroni & cheese, fruit juices, and snacks. Donations may be made to the Church of the Epiphany with the notation of Backpack Ministry on the memo line. 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.

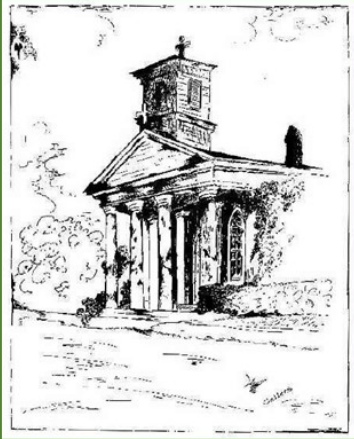
July Birthdays and Anniversaries

July. 8:	Katherine Horner
July. 8:	Rebecca Smith
July 10:	Jerry "J.J." Lowe and Madelyn Lowe (Grandchildren of Lori Roughton)
July 11:	Tanner Power
July 15:	Bill Horner
July 18:	Jennifer Hellams
July 19:	Martin Meek
July 20:	John Womack
July 30:	Sue Brownlee

Prayer Requests

Pray for healing and comfort: Donna and Daniel Babineau, Barbara Barberly Mann, Rowan McAdam, Reagan Bartley, James Earl Carter, Jr, Melody and Will Johnson, Brian Milam, Rick Parrish, Kaleb Ross, Vance Barthe, and Betty Clements, 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 PastorinCharge@epiphanyoflaurens.org or by phone at 864.984.7000 (leave message) or drop a note in the basket at the church



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Summer Service Hours June, July, and August -June 4 through August 27-

Holy Eucharist – 10:00 am Sundays at Epiphany

July and August Schedule **LEM** **ALTAR GUILD**

July 2:	Mark Adams	Harriet Barksdale and Graham Duncan
July 9:	Lois Love	Harriet Barksdale and Base Smith
July 16:	Donna Babineau & Ed Taylor	Base Smith and Loren Taylor
July 23:	Loren Taylor	Loren Taylor
July 30:	Graham Duncan	Graham Duncan
Aug. 6:	Mark Adams	Harriet Barksdale and Graham Duncan
Aug. 13:	Lois Love	Harriet Barksdale and Base Smith
Aug. 20:	Donna Babineau & Ed Taylor	Base Smith and Loren Taylor
Aug. 27:	Loren Taylor	Loren Taylor

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

New Church Treasurer

Harriet Barksdale is the new Treasurer for the Church of the Epiphany. For anyone mailing their contributions to the church, please address as follows:

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
ATTN: Harriet Barksdale
225 West Main Street
Laurens, SC 29360

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.