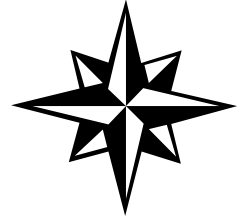


# The Epiphany Star



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The Light Shines in Darkness.

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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.*

*~Beginning September 5, Sunday service times return to 11 AM~*

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## *Rector's Corner Sept 2021*

Dear Beloved of Epiphany,

I am excited to be starting our regular schedule, partly because I love the fall season. I love watching the leaves change color. But partially because August has been a crazy month for me. Some of you may have heard but my entire family tested COVID positive, except me the second weekend in August. It has been difficult taking care of everyone while remaining safe and COVID negative. I have had several COVID tests and I have remained negative, thankfully. Medical professionals think that I was spared because of having had COVID last year and being fully vaccinated. I am also grateful that everyone is out of the woods and my dad was able to return home last night after isolating away from home. Be assured that I quarantined myself and I was not an exposure risk to Epiphany. Please continue to be safe, wash your hands, and wear a mask while in public.

There is much planned in the coming months, so please help spread the word to family and friends in Laurens. Also, invite a friend to church.

If you have faith questions that you would like me to share some thoughts in this Rector's Corner, please email them to me. Again, there are no dumb questions.

**Reminders: September 5, we go back to 11am service time, followed by coffee hour after church in the parish hall.**

We need volunteers to help host Coffee Hour and to lead the Adult Forum. Look out for the sign-up sheets in the back of the sanctuary. **I will be leading adult forum on Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am on Religious Icons, so mark your**

**calendars.** Some topic ideas I have that I will likely lead adult forum: Gnostic Gospels, Early Church Fathers and Early Church Heresies. Stay tuned.

Lastly, my door is always open. I am in the office Sunday, Monday and Tuesday from 9:30 – 5pm and sometimes Wednesday 9:30-5pm (call first). Feel free to drop by. I really want to get to know each of you better.

Pax,

Mother Kelly+

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***Theology on Tap, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month. In September, Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Roma's at 6:30 PM.***  
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***September Birthdays and Anniversaries***

September 02: Mark Adams  
September 10: Susan Mitchell  
September 19: Jackie Womack  
September 22: Harriet Barksdale  
September 29: Sarah Daniels  
September 30: Bill Cooper and Martin Meek

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***September and October Schedule***

***LEM***

***ALTAR GUILD***

|               |                               |                                   |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| September 05: | Loren Taylor                  | Loren Taylor                      |
| September 12: | Graham Duncan                 | Graham Duncan                     |
| September 17: | Mark Adams                    | Graham Duncan & Harriet Barksdale |
| September 26: | Lois Love                     | Harriet Barksdale & Base Smith    |
| October 03:   | Donna Babineau &<br>Ed Taylor | Base Smith & Loren Taylor         |
| October 10:   | Loren Taylor                  | Loren Taylor                      |
| October 17:   | Graham Duncan                 | Graham Duncan                     |
| October 24:   | Mark Adams                    | Graham Duncan & Harriet Barksdale |
| October 31:   | Lois Love                     | Harriet Barksdale & Base Smith    |



## *Prayer Requests*

Pray for healing and comfort: Jay Betette, Dina Hair, Nathan Daniels, Ed Taylor, Hannah Toole, Michelle Weeks and family, Bo Lowry, Nell Harrison, Sarah Flynn and family, Vincent Alabiso, Sharon Woolbright, Donna and Daniel Babineau, Those Unemployed, The Armed Forces of Our Country, and Those Affected by Covid-19.

### *A Prayer for the Commencement of a School Year*

O Gracious God, Font of Eternal Wisdom, we bid your blessing on all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may flow with Your living waters of the delight in new discovery and of the deepest learning. Embolden all students with a hunger and thirst for knowledge and empower all teachers and administrators to prepare and sustain all educational environments that they may be households of faithful scholarship and havens of fruitful security. All this we ask for the sake of Your Love, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### *A Collect for Labor Day*

Almighty God, who hast so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

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## *Facebook*

If you have a Facebook account, please like Epiphany’s page and posts and share them. Also, visit Epiphany’s website.

Our Facebook page is updated regularly and can be found at [www.facebook.com/EpiphanyOfLaurens](http://www.facebook.com/EpiphanyOfLaurens)

Likewise, our website, [www.EpiphanyOfLaurens.org](http://www.EpiphanyOfLaurens.org), 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.

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## *Mother Kelly’s Office Hours & Contact Information*

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM – 4 PM  
MONDAY: 9:30 AM – 4 PM  
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## ***September 2021 Backpack Ministry Update***

School has started, and we are waiting for Ford Elementary Administration to let us know they have identified the 60 most food-insecure students at their school. When we hear from them, we are ready to start packing backpacks!! We will be using a room in the basement of the First United Methodist Church for storage of food and packing. I submitted two grant applications in August; one to the Bailey Foundation and the other to the Balle Foundation. I have not heard anything from either of them yet.

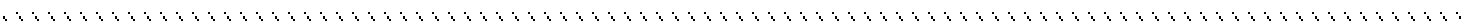
If you are able to donate for the Backpack Ministry, please make your check payable to Church of the Epiphany and write "Backpacks" on the Memo line. Your check can be placed in the offering during Sunday services or mailed to Epiphany's Treasurer: Kara Horner, P.O. Box 742, Laurens, SC 29360.

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. Stay well!



### ***FAVORITE HYMNS***

If you have any favorite hymns, either from our 1982 Hymnal or any other hymnal, please drop a note in the basket or let Randy know.

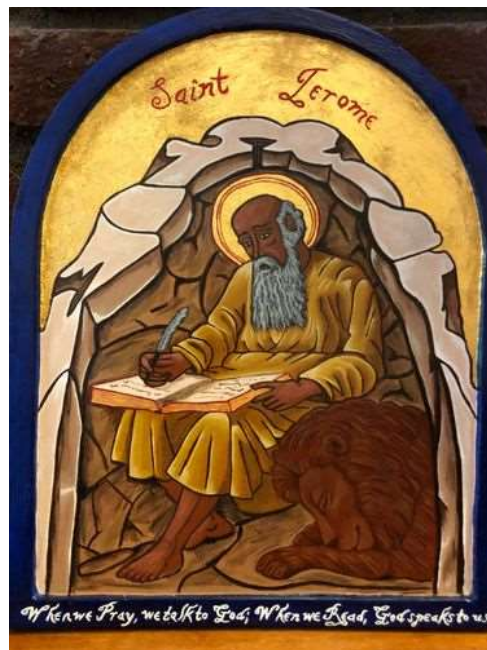


### ***From Treasurer Kara Horner***

If you have not sent Kara your current mailing address, please do so at [karahorner@yahoo.com](mailto:karahorner@yahoo.com). If you cannot attend services at this time, please mail your donations and pledge payments for Epiphany to Kara Horner, PO Box 742, Laurens, SC 29360.

**Visit Miss Lucy's Garden Blog at  
[WWW.GARDENEPIPHANY.WORDPRESS.COM](http://WWW.GARDENEPIPHANY.WORDPRESS.COM)**

**Send Items for future editions of the Epiphany Star to Bill Cooper at [mthappy@prtcnet.com](mailto: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.**



## **ALL ABOUT ICONS!**

*~~~Icons – what are they, history – what is iconoclasm? And more~~~*

A Talk by Mother Kelly+

Tentatively: Sunday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am (adult forum). Epiphany Parish Hall.

## **~~~~Icon Workshop~~~~**

Friday, Oct 15 – 6pm – 9pm

Saturday, Oct 16 – 9am – til finished (usually around 3pm)

Cost: \$25 – includes all materials needed to paint your own icon

Open to Everyone. Workshop will be held in the Epiphany Parish Hall.

Please RSVP by October 10th, so I know how much materials are needed

**Holy Land Trip  
To  
Israel and Egypt  
October 25-Nov 4 in Israel**

Cost for this portion of trip alone: \$3400

**Nov 5 – 9 in Egypt**

Total Cost (including Egypt):  
**\$5042.00**

Includes airfare from Greenville-Spartanburg, SC and all transportation, admission fees, hotel tips, breakfast and dinner daily.  
You do not need to be a member to take this trip.

## Official brochures in the back of sanctuary.

### ITINERARY



#### Educational Theme

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His Land, His Hebrew Faith

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#### Day 1 and 2 - USA to the Holy Land

Your journey begins as you depart the USA. Arrive in Tel Aviv and transfer to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

#### Day 3 - Jericho and Qumran

Visit the baptismal site of **Qasr el Yahud**, where tradition says Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Travel to **Jericho** (the oldest city in the world) and visit the ruins of the ancient city conquered by Joshua (Joshua 6:1, 20). In the distance, you can see the traditional site of the **Temptation of Jesus** (Matthew 4:1-11). Continue to **Qumran**, site of the Dead Sea Scroll discovery. End your day with the opportunity to take a dip in the mineral-laden water: the **Dead Sea**.

#### Day 4 - Herodion and Bethlehem

Explore one of the most exciting archaeological digs in Israel, the **Herodion**, palace-fortress and final resting place of Herod the Great. In **Bethlehem**, visit the cave where Jesus was born (Luke 2:1-7) and the **Church of the Nativity**. Gaze out over the **Shepherds' Field**, where angels first proclaimed the Good News.

#### Day 5 - Caesarea, Mount Carmel and Tel Megiddo

Visit the **Roman Aqueduct and Theatre at Caesarea**, a center of early Christianity and where Paul was imprisoned for two years (Acts 10). Visit **Mount Carmel**, site of Elijah's victory over the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18). Travel the ancient caravan route through the **Jezreel Valley** to **Tel Megiddo**, an exciting archaeological dig with its layers of twenty different cities built on top of each other.

#### Day 6 - The Galilee

Enjoy a scenic drive to **Capernaum**, center of Jesus' ministry in the Galilee (Matt. 4:13, 23). On the **Mount of Beatitudes**, contemplate the text of the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus preached there (Matt. 5-7). Experience a special onboard worship service as you sail across the **Sea of Galilee**. Visit the **Church of the Fish and the Loaves** in **Tabgha**, the traditional location of the feeding of the 5,000 (Luke 9:10-17). As you pray in the **Chapel of Primacy**, remember how Peter professed his devotion to the risen Christ three times (John 21). In **Magdala**, once home to Mary Magdalene, visit a recently discovered first-century synagogue.

**Day 7 - Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Golan Heights & Bethsaida**

At the ruins of **Tel Dan**, see the altar built by King Jeroboam I (I Kings 12:25-30) and learn about where the "House of David" fragment from the First Temple Period was discovered. Continue on to **Caesarea Philippi**, where Peter told the Lord, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!" (Matt.16: 16). A scenic drive along the **Golan Heights** will give you some beautiful views of Syria and Jordan, as well as Israel. Stop at **Bethsaida**, where Jesus chose five of His disciples, before returning to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day 8 - Cana, Nazareth, Samaria and Jacob's Well**

Begin your day with a visit to **Cana**, the site of Christ's first miracle (John 2) before stopping in **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home (Matthew 2:23). Continue past **Tel Dothan**, thought to be the place where Joseph found his brothers with their flocks (Genesis 37). Visit **Samaria**, the capital of the Northern Kingdom and home to Ahab and Jezebel. See **Mount Ebal** and **Mount Gerizim** where the Israelites recited the blessings and curses of the Law. In modern day **Nablus** (ancient Shechem), see where the Samaritan woman encountered Christ (John 4) at **Jacob's Well**.

**Day 9 - Jerusalem**

Stand on the **Mount of Olives** and enjoy a remarkable view of the Golden City of Jerusalem. Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven from this place (Acts 1:9-12). Walk to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and pray beneath the ancient olive trees (Matthew 26:36-44). On **Mount Zion**, visit the **Upper Room**, revered as the site of the Last Supper (Mark 14:12-26) and **St. Peter in Gallicantu**, the home of the **High Priest Caiaphas**, where Jesus was held after His arrest (Matthew 26:57).

**Day 10 - Jerusalem**

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of the **Old City** of Jerusalem along the **Cardo**, once the main street of the city. Explore the **Davidson Center** and the **Southern Wall Excavations**, including the **Teaching Steps** and the **Western Wall**. Remember how Jesus healed on the Sabbath when you visit the **Pool of Bethesda** (John 5: 1-18). At **Herod's Antonia Fortress** (Luke 23:1), see where Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate. Walk the **Via Dolorosa** ("the Way of the Cross") and remember the Lord's sacrificial love at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. Share communion together at the **Garden Tomb** in celebration of His Resurrection.

**Day 11 - Return to the USA or Enjoy an Extension**

*"The tour made the Bible come alive to me. I now read the Bible using all my senses and it is no longer in black and white."*

- Christy H.

*"Each time I go, my faith is deepened."*

- David C.



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**Day 11 - Jerusalem to Egypt**

Travel in the footsteps of the Holy Family as you travel along the ancient caravan route from Jerusalem to the Sinai desert. Cross the border and check in to your hotel for dinner and rest.

**Day 12 - St. Catherine's Monastery**

Everyone will experience a visit to fortified St. Catherine's Monastery, built in the 5th century, and one of the oldest working monasteries in the world with the world's oldest continually operating library. Both the Codex Sinaiticus and Syriac Sinaiticus, important early Biblical manuscripts, were discovered here. Even Muhammed found refuge here, and the site is sacred to all three monotheistic religions. Remember the story of Moses and the burning bush which tradition places inside the monastery. Continue to Sharm el Sheikh for dinner and overnight at your hotel located on the shores of the Red Sea.

**Day 13 - Route of the Exodus**

Trace the route of the Exodus along the eastern Sinai coast to Wadi Feiran where the Children of Israel withstood the Amalekites. Travel to Elm where the Children of Israel camped by the oasis of 70 palm trees. Your final stop of the day will be Marah by the Red Sea where the "waters were bitter." Continue to Cairo for dinner and a two night stay.

**Day 14 - Memphis, Saqqara, the Great Pyramids & the Sphinx**

Travel south to view Joseph's River and Lake, created by Joseph during the period of the seven years of famine. Visit a grain site of the kind established under Joseph's rule to store grain during the seven years of famine. Tour the rural region of traditional Egyptian farming and stop at an old corn water mill. Travel as Abraham did to Memphis (Biblical Noph) and on to Saqqara where you will see the Step Pyramid, world's oldest stone structure. See the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx.

**Day 15 - Cairo**

This morning visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities to view the unique collection of Pharaonic art and the renowned treasures of King Tutankhamen. Tour the Old City and see the Citadel of Saladin, built in 1183 A.D., and view the Alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali. In Old Cairo, visit the Abu Sarga Church built over the traditional site of the house where the Holy Family lived during their stay in Egypt. Prepare for your return flight home.

**Day 16 - Return to USA**

Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.

\*All prices reflect a 4% cash discount. Taxes, tips & fees for extensions are charged separately.

