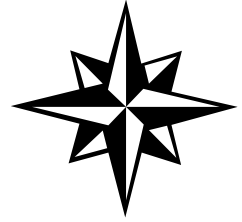


The Epiphany Star



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The Light Shines in Darkness.

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Sunday Schedule

Sunday School. 10 AM. Holy Eucharist. 11 AM

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During June, July and August, Holy Eucharist begins at 10 AM

From Mother Kelly

Epiphany Beloved,

The end of the school year is fast approaching. There are still a couple of slots to host coffee hour after church. Please consider hosting. Remember the church picnic on May 31 after church. Everything is catered so just bring your appetite.

Vestry meeting on May 11 at 6 PM

Theology on Tap, May 19 at 6 PM. Location to be determined.

Memorial Day, May 25.

Deus Semper Amaberis, (God says You are loved, you will always be loved!)

The Rev Dr Kelly Ayer+

Annual Church Picnic

The annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, May 31. Please plan to attend for a delicious meal in the Parish Hall immediately following the church service. The meal is being catered so no need to prepare anything. Just come and enjoy with fellow parishioners.

Miss Lucy's Guild

Due to the church picnic, Miss Lucy's Guild will meet at 10 AM on Sunday, May 24 to discuss upcoming events at the church. A light breakfast will be served. Although traditionally a group for the women of the church, men are welcome.

~~ Prayer Requests ~~

Pray for healing and comfort: Eddie Brouillete, Randy Davis, Hannah Deerman, Mary Kirkpatrick, Barbara Barbery Mann, Heidi Stephens, Susan Mitchell, Those Unemployed, and The Armed Forces of Our Country.

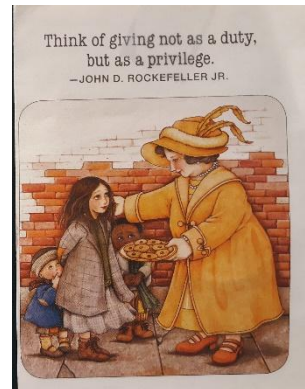
Prayer requests can be sent to the church in many ways: Our website at <http://epiphanyoflaurens.org/find-us> or by e-mail to [PriestinCharge@epiphanyoflaurens.org](mailto: PriestinCharge@epiphanyoflaurens.org) or by phone at 864.984.7000 (leave message) or drop a note in the basket at the church.

Matthew 25 Grants Available

The diocese offers Matthew 25 grants to assist churches with starting new or expanding existing programs. It does not provide funding for current programs. The grant can be for up to \$3,000. Deadline for applications is June 15. Please let someone on the vestry know if you have an idea for the grant.

Commission on Congregations to Meet

The Commission on Congregations will have a retreat at Camp Gravatt October 2-3. The focus of the retreat is small churches and their needs. Please see Mother Kelly if you are interested in attending.



May 2026 Backpack Ministry Update

Many of you know Robby Templeton from the Methodist Church. He is an integral part of the Backpack Ministry because he delivers the backpacks to Ford Elementary each week either in his pick-up truck or if, it is raining, in his van. The other week then Robbie was delivering, a lady walks out and says "Are you the wonderful human that does the backpacks each week?" Robbie said: "I just deliver. We have a lot of people that participate in the backpacks." She then said how much she appreciates us. Her children get backpacks each week. She said that if there is anything they don't use, she takes it to her church so that someone else can use it. Robbie told us that this is the first time he has ever had a parent reach out. He told the parent that her words would be much appreciated. She then helped Robbie bring in the rest of the backpacks. I wanted to pass this on because it is because of all of you that the Backpack Ministry continues!

If you wish to donate to the Backpack Ministry, please make your check payable to the Church of the Epiphany and write "Backpacks" on the Memo line. Your check may be placed in the offering during Sunday services or mailed to the Church of the Epiphany's Treasurer: Harriett Barksdale, 225 West Main St., Laurens, SC 29360.

As always, don't hesitate to contact Connie Daniels, cdaniels1234@hotmail.com, with any questions, comments, or suggestions for the Backpack Ministry. Thank you for your donations and prayers for this ministry.

May and June Schedule
LEM ALTAR GUILD

May 3:	Donna Babineau & Loren Taylor	Sarah Flynn and Loren Taylor
May 10:	Loren Taylor	Sarah Flynn and Loren Taylor
May 17:	Mark Adams	Harriet Barksdale and Base Smith
May 24:	Lois Love	Harriet Barksdale and Base Smith
May 31:	Donna Babineau & Loren Taylor	Sarah Flynn and Loren Taylor
June 7:	Loren Taylor	Sarah Flynn and Loren Taylor
June 14:	Mark Adams	Harriett Barksdale and Base Smith
June 21:	Lois Love	Harriett Barksdale and Base Smith
June 28:	Donna Babineau & Loren Taylor	Sarah Flynn and 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.



May Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 1:	Anna Horner	
May 5:	Adam Parrish	
May 17:	Joyce Foggie	
May 18:		Skye Todd and Brad Holmes
May 26:		Dick and Linda Barksdale

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 an Instagram page for Miss Lucy's Garden. It is under the name gardenepiphany.

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.