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Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

FROM THE DESKS OF PASTORS SHERYLAND CHRISKESTER-BEYER

Dear Friends in Christ,

Think about it, how many times does an angel or Jesus Himself, say to someone, "Do not fear." Of course that might be a typical reaction to realize you're encountering the divine presence. Still, the divine admonition is, "Do not be afraid."

You've heard this gag: "Life is a test. It is only a test. If this were an actual life, you'd have been given instructions."

Guess what? This is your real life. How you live it tells everyone what you think is important—and it tells God what you think is important. Jesus dares us to live a fearless life, one that loves beyond reason, trusts beyond expectation, hopes beyond the here-and-now, and gives beyond common sense; one that is lived fully open to what is possible to bring the Kingdom of God to our real lives, in our real world.

Real life is everywhere: in ourselves, in our families, at our work, with our neighbors, with our money, and, yes, in our church. What each and every one of us does matters to others and to God, because it has the power to enrich or deprive life of its full meaning, and it has the power to bring us closer to or further from God. That may seem obvious but often we feel powerless to either change or alter the direction of our lives or the lives of others. But our actions, or inactions do affect others even if others choose not to be influenced either for good or for ill, they are still being affected, challenged by what we do. To boldly go, as the old Star Trek program put it, should be our approach to this thing we call life.

As the summer draws to a close, and before school and fall schedules kick in, it might be good to name the things that fill us with fear and keep us from being the people God intended us to be, people who live fearlessly for God. Consider four questions: What are you afraid of? Who else might share that fear? What are your fears keeping you from becoming? What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail? Especially, this last question, for God has promised us this one thing. We may lose everything, yet in Christ, we will not fail.

Pastor Chris



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Sunday service: 10:30am Office hours: Mornings - MTW

Mitchell Ministerial

Association Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is asking for the following donation item(s):

August- canned fruit

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Pantry coordinators.

Susan Weitzel-(308)623-2684 or

Karen French (308)623-188

Backpack Program

The Backpack Program is asking for the Following donation item(s).

No requests this month

July Reminders

As we wrap up the month of July,

there are a couple of events coming up here at the end of the month.

On Tuesday, July 23, 6–8 PM,

Brother James Dowd will be at Holy Apostles leading a session on

Centering Prayer.

Wednesday, July 31 will be a Fifth

Wednesday meal at Beecher Hall.

Pastor Chris will be grilling burgers and dogs, so any sides to

accompany would be appreciated.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped clean up the church and grounds either on the Sunday cleanup day, or by doing one of the jobs listed on the separate signup sheet. All jobs were completed! Special thanks to the Hughsons for spraying both parking lots for weeds, to Jenny for weeding and mulching the front corner flower bed, and to Stephanie C. for helping weed and for planting the Pentecost geraniums. If anyone would like to volunteer to keep the flower beds weeded, and flowers deadheaded on a regular basis, please let me know. Maryruth Reed, Senior Warden

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Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
8/4	Sylvia/Sister E-S	Bill	Deb/Leann	Deb	Leann & Nancy
8/11	Leann/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Nick S/Chris C	Pete	Steve & Sylvia
8/18	Deb/Jenny	Matthew	the Raneys	Nick & Katie	Nick & Katie
8/25	Marilyn J/Steph	Clancey	Steve J/Mel	Fred & Nancy	Andee & Jenny
9/1	Steph/Sister E-S	Bill	Deb/Leann	Steve & Marilyn	Fred & Nancy
August A	ltar: Sharon Francisco	and Judy Kieler			
August C	offee Hour snacks provide	er: Deb			

August Birthdays and Anniversaries Birthdays: 8/1 Stephanie Cannon 8/22 Jesse Meysenburg 8/4 Will Raney Becky Allbaugh 8/25 8/11 Fred Sakurada 8/25 Jakob Allbaugh 8/14 Marilyn Johnson 8/26 Lucy Allbaugh 8/19 Bobby Allbaugh 8/31 Carol Flaherty 8/21 Maryruth Reed Anniversaries: 8/6 Chad & Carlye Johnson 8/25 Steve & Marilyn Johnson Steve & Sylvia Dolberg 8/19 8/27 Wil & Aloha Hettinger Kyle & Anne Lewis 8/29 8/23 Levi & Lucy Allbaugh

August Altar Flowers

Given by:

In memory of:

As of the time of publication, there were no flower memorials for July.

...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 31	Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3
			Fifth Wednesday BBQ 5:30 pm			
4 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service Vestry meeting after church	12	13	14	15	16	17
18* 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service*	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	26	27	28	29	30	31

^{*}As third Sunday, August 18 will be the Pastors' Discretionary Fund offering date. Any cash in offering plate will go to this fund.

Please note that Sunday School is not meeting throughout the summer months.