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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,

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.

WE are beginning to plan for the fall, given that Covid 19 cases are rising at its fastest pace yet, in Florida, and coastal states are pulling back on re-opening plans, there is uncertainty about what ministry programming we should plan. This is not a fear based decision, we have a responsibility for our neighbor and that means keeping a real and active concern for everyone's health and wellbeing. Yet, we go where the Spirit leads us and trust God's plan is for a future with hope.

We have been attempting to continue God's work but must confess it hasn't been perfect. We have missed connecting with some because of the restrictions and missing alternative opportunities. To this we ask if you have a suggestion for us to try, please let us know. We, the staff and the lay leadership have not experienced ministering in times like this before. Reaching out to youth, planning Bible Studies, organizing social gatherings as we begin looking to fall seems all strange and new. Still we will plan, and we will forge ahead, suggestions welcome.

And, yes, we are called to live, to live life to its fullest possible. And know this, we appreciate those who have stepped forward helped in the past few months. Especially we are grateful for the financial response, your continued financial support has been a source of encouragement.

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- Tuna Helper

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Pantry contact information:

308-641-7326

Backpack Program

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

Individual milk packets

Generosity

The pastors and vestry would like to thank all who continue to provide their weekly/monthly pledge amounts to keep Holy Apostles financially viable. These are difficult times for many of us and your generosity is deeply appreciated.

News from the Bishop

As of the time of publication, we are still waiting for word from Bishop Barker regarding resuming regular church services. We are also awaiting news on the status of his scheduled visit over the Labor Day weekend. Safe resumption of services is highest priority and as soon as we know a change in status, we will let you all know as well.

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August Sunday Service Assignments

Dates Lector/Server Acolytes Ushers Gifts Coffee

No services scheduled

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

8/1	Stephanie Cannon	8/22	Jesse Meysenburg
8/4	Will Raney	8/25	Becky Allbaugh
8/11	Fred Sakurada	8/25	Jakob Allbaugh
8/14	Marilyn Johnson	8/26	Lucy Allbaugh
8/19	Bobby Allbaugh	8/31	Carol Flaherty
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8/21 Maryruth Reed

Anniversaries.

8/6	Chad & Carlye Johnson	8/25	Steve & Marilyn Johnson
8/19	Steve & Sylvia Dolberg	8/27	Wil & Aloha Hettinger
8/23	Kyle & Anne Lewis	8/29	Levi & Lucy Allbaugh

August Altar Flowers

Given by: In memory of:

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Romans 8:18

August 2019									
Sunday 2 Facebook Live 10:30 AM	Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7	Saturday/			
9 Facebook Live 10:30 AM	10	11	12	13	14	15			
16* Facebook Live 10:30 AM	17	18	19	20	21	22			
Facebook Live 10:30 AM	24	25	26	27	28	29			
30 Facebook Live 10:30 AM	31								

As third Sunday, August 16th is the date for the Pastors' Discretionary Fund donations.