

# Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

## FROM THE DESKS OF PASTORS SHERYL AND CHRIS KESTER-BEYER

Dear Friends in Christ,

*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." John 1:5*

Christmas is past and once again the start of a new year is around the corner and with it comes the hope for something new—something different. And yet...there is so much about our world that is so depressingly familiar and we may wonder if something different is even possible.

It is into this world that Christ comes, shining his light into our darkness with the promise that God's light will win—indeed that in Christ, God's light has already won. And yet...it is easy to get discouraged—to lose hope—to give up—when we see so much sin—so much brokenness in our world.

Which is why I find the following prayer so particularly powerful; for it names the reality of our world and yet proclaims even more powerfully the hope we have as Christians. My prayer for all of us in this New Year is that we might have the kind of faith that allows us to look unflinchingly at the world as it is, and to not lose hope in a God who truly does love us and has gone to great lengths to save us and assure us of his love.

### *Epiphany*

On Epiphany day,  
we are still the people walking,  
We are still people in the dark,  
and the darkness looms large around us,  
beset as we are by fear,  
anxiety,  
brutality,  
violence,  
loss —  
a dozen alienations that we cannot manage.

We are — we could be — people of your light.  
So we pray for the light of your glorious presence  
as we wait for your appearing;  
we pray for the light of your wondrous grace  
as we exhaust our coping capacity;  
we pray for your gift of newness that  
will override our weariness;  
we pray that we may see and know and hear and trust  
in your good rule.

That we may have energy, courage, and freedom to enact  
your rule through the demands of this day.

We submit our day to you and to your rule, with deep joy and high hope.

By Walter Brueggemann

Trusting in the Light,

Pastor Sheryl





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### **Mitchell Ministerial Association Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry is asking for the following

Donation item(s):

#### **December-peanut butter**

Pantry coordinators:

Susan Weitzel: 308-623-2684 or

Karen French: 308-623-1883

#### **BackPack Program**

The Backpack Program is asking for the

Following donation item(s):

#### **Individual Cereal Boxes**

***Your Contributions are greatly appreciated!!***

### **5th Wednesday Dinner**

January has 5 Wednesdays and that means serving a community meal on January 30th at 5:30 PM.

Scandinavian cuisine is the theme and Pastor Chris is possibly going to make aebleskiver. If anyone has an aebleskiver pan, please let Pastor Chris know.

### **Annual Meeting**

#### **January 27th after Worship**

Holy Apostles will be having our Annual Meeting and potluck dinner immediately following church services on January 28. Please plan on attending. There will be NO Sunday School on that date.

### **FLOWER CHART**

The 2019 flower chart has been posted. If people would prefer, they may decide to make a donation to any parish organization, and the artificial flowers will be dedicated in their loved one's name. You will still need to sign up on the flower chart

### **FYI-Names and Contact Information**

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## January Sunday Service Assignments

Date	Lector/Server	Acolyte	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
1/6	Steph/Maryruth	Mary & Atley	Cannons	Nikki	Deb
1/13	Marilyn/ Jenny	Matthew	Nick & Clancy	Johnsons	Pete & Nancy
1/20	Sylvia./Sister E-S	Bill R	Deb & Atley	Sharon	Steve & Sylvia
1/27	Deb/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Raneys	Chris & Steph	Steve & Marilyn
2/3	LeAnn/Jenny	Matthew & Clancy	Steve & Nick	Nick & Katy	LeAnn & Nancy

**January Altar:** Maryruth Reed

**January Coffee Hour snacks provider:** Andee Symonds

## January Birthdays

Jan 7	Michael John Kurtz	Jan 16	Rose Yamamoto
Jan 8	Leann Sato	Jan 19	Lee Hughson
Jan 9	Milo Newman	Jan 21	Kylie Miller
Jan 15	Jerry Kurtz	Jan 30	Anne Lewis
Jan 15	Chad Propp		

## January Anniversaries

Jan 1 Don & Nikki Rose

## January Flowers

As of this publication there are no flower donations for January

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,  
as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

1 Peter 4:10

# January 2019

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

		1	2	3	4 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	5
6 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	7	8	9	10 ECW meeting at Holy Apostles 1 PM	11 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	12
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\*As third Sunday, January 20 will be the Pastors' Discretionary Fund offering date. Any cash in offering plate will go to this fund.