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Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

"O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

From the Lutheran Evening Prayer Service

This has always been one of my favorite prayers of the Church, and I have found the words of this prayer bubbling up out of my memory these last few weeks as Chris and I announced our retirement and I have been sorting through the emotions that decision and announcement are raising up within me, within us.

We have entered into a time of a transition and not just Chris and I, but you, the people of Holy Apostles. Our time together is not yet done (we still have 2 more months together), and yet we each find ourselves looking to the future, not yet sure what the future will look like. And feeling some anxiety because we do not know what the future might bring.

For Chris and I, it's wondering how many good years he might have before his Parkinson's really begins to progress or wondering what it will be like to live in a new place where the only people we know are our daughter and family, what will it be like to be part of the congregation instead of being the pastor upfront, who will our friends be, will we be happy with the house we bought (yes, we have bought a house for those of you who have been asking), what will we do to fill our time and keep from going stir crazy?

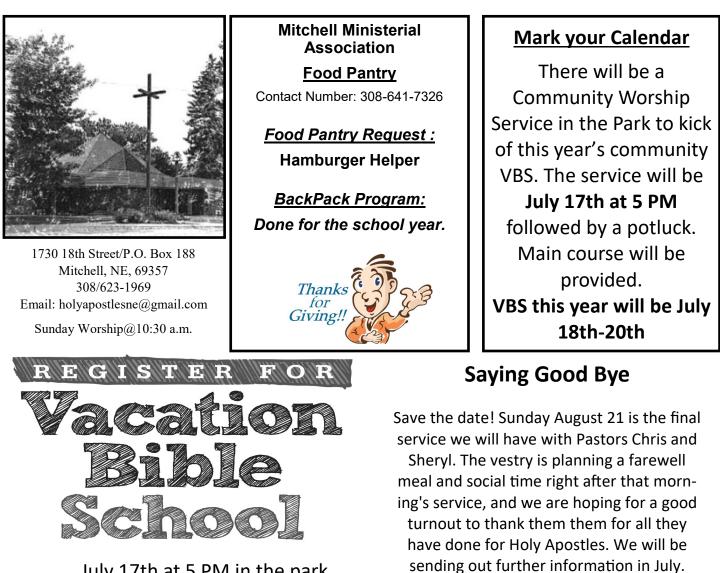
For you, it is wondering who will lead your worship services in the interim, who will be there for you when someone is in the hospital or dies, who will guide you through the coming months and who will be your new priest? What will the future look like for you as a congregation?

These are all legitimate questions and concerns, and yet, if we're honest, we never really know what the future will bring. We only allow ourselves to think that we do. We find it easier to live under such an illusion. But the truth is, we only have the present moment. We do not know what later today will bring, let alone tomorrow or the next day or the next year.

So how do we live, not knowing what the future holds? As we always have. We put our trust in God; in the one who calls us *"to ventures which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown."* So, while I/we do not know what the future holds, we know who holds the future. And so we trust. We trust that God's hand is leading us and his love is and will support us through all that is to come.



Blessings, Pastor Sheryl



July 17th at	: 5 PM	in the	park
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<u>Servers</u>

July 3rd Jenny Hughson July 10th Leann Sato July 17th Jenny Hughson July 24th Maryruth Reed July 31st Stephanie Canon

Altar Guild Maryruth Reed

<u>Coffee Hour</u> Patty Kurtz

July Birthdays

July 1 Nikki Rose July 4 Pastor Chris Kester-Beyer July 16 Kristen Hotz July 18 Steven Dolberg July 20 Sherry Miyahara July 21 Cliff Symonds July 25 Jenny Hughson July 25 John Plasencio

July Anniversaries

July 1 Christopher and Stephanie CannonJuly 14 Cliff and Andee SymondsJuly 16 Pat and Sherry MiyaharaJuly 29 Dave and Shelly Knutson

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are no altar flowers listed at this time.

If you would like to provide flowers for the Altar, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Volunteers needed



With the retirement of Pastors Chris and Sheryl at the end of August, we need people willing to step up to make sure ministry continues to happen in the interim.

Specifically, we need volunteers to run the livestream on Sundays and other services as needed. We need someone to publish and mail the newsletter, and someone to manage our website. We need someone to coordinate with Sandi to get the bulletins published for every worship service. We need someone willing to represent Holy Apostles on the Mitchell Ministerial Board and to take our turn serving at the Food Pantry (about 3 times per year). We also need someone to handle Beecher Hall use and maintenance.

FYI, the hall is already spoken for on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

If you have questions about any of these tasks or would be willing to help in any of these ways, please talk to Pastors Chris or Sheryl. Thanks!

All Worship Services will be both In-Person and on Online via Facebook Live

July 2022								
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
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3 4 Pentecost Worship @ 10:30 a.m.	4	5	6	7	8	9		
10 5 Pentecost Worship@ 10:30 a.m. Vestry, 11:30	11	12	13	14	15	16		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
6 Pentecost Worship @ 10:30 AM	V	В	S					
5 PM Worship, picnic & VBS registration	8. Cl	osing program	ol will start at 6: is Thursday at 7 uurch. Location is	Host Church				
24 7 Pentecost Worship @ 10:30 AM	25	26	27	28	29	30		
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31 8 Pentecost

Worship @ 10:30 AM July 17th, loose offering will go to Priest's discretionary fund.