



May 2021

Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

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⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Ephesians 2:2-4a, 8-10

Dear friends in Christ,

In the above verses from Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus, he reminds them (and us) that despite our sin—despite all those ways that we fall short of God's desire for our lives—we are saved—forgiven of our sins—made alive together with Christ through the grace of God. AND that we are saved—not because of works—meaning, not because of anything we have done—but through our faith in the risen Christ—and that our salvation is pure gift!

This is the good news of Easter that we have recently celebrated. But then in verse 10, Paul makes an interesting statement that I want to draw your attention to. The phrase '*what he has made us*' is often translated as '*handiwork*', as in, '*we are God's handiwork*' but the Greek word used here is '*poiema*', from which we get the word '*poem*'.

In other words, according to Paul, each person, is a unique expression of God's love. Every word, every phrase, every stanza, every part of who we are has been carefully, lovingly crafted by God. And no two of us are exactly the same!

But notice what else Paul says. We are what God has made us, his handiwork, but we are created for a purpose—and that purpose is to do good works using the unique gifts with which God has created us.

As I read these verses, I am amazed at how much Paul has packed into these few verses. First, Paul lifts up the central tenet of our faith—that our salvation in Christ Jesus is a gift to us—pure gift—given to us freely by God—but having received the gift of salvation—we, who have been uniquely and lovingly created as we are by our God, are to become a gift of good works for others—and this is, to quote Paul '*to be our way of life*'.

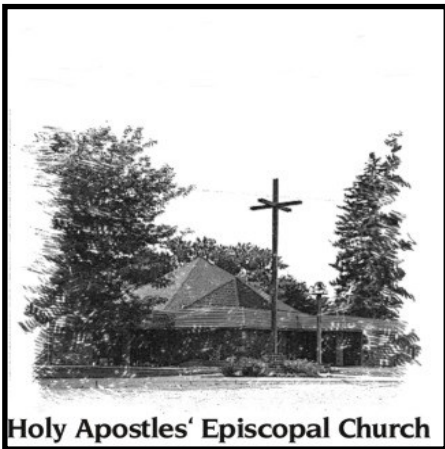
Which got me to thinking—what would happen and how might it change our perspective, even how we think about ourselves, if we began each day by saying a prayer of thanks to God for our salvation through Jesus Christ and thanking him for lovingly creating us as we are? And then being bold enough to ask "God, what good works would you have me do today?" How might asking God such a question change what we do?

Saved by grace...for good works!
Pastor Sheryl

For we are
GOD'S HANDIWORK,
created in
CHRIST JESUS
to do
GOOD WORKS.

EPHESIANS 2:10, NIV





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**Mitchell Ministerial
 Association
Food Pantry**

Contact Number: 308/641-7326

Food Pantry Request :

**Canned fruit
 Canned vegetables**

BackPack Program:

NO REQUESTS TILL FALL



Bishop Barker Visit

Bishop Barker will be with us on May 18th @ 6 p.m. for Worship and the Celebration of Atley Sherfey and Oran Symonds Confirmation with a meal to follow. Vestry will provide the meat, rolls, drinks. Please bring a side dish, salad , or dessert to share and enjoy some fellowship together.

**Spring Work Day
 May 16th**

In anticipation of Bishop Barker's visit and Confirmation, we will be holding our Spring Work Day on Sunday, May 16th immediately following worship. Bring a sack lunch if you wish to share some fellowship afterwards. If the 16th doesn't work for you, a list will be on the table in the narthex if you are willing to do a project at a different time. Please mark off your project after you have completed it.

Pentecost May 23rd

Maryruth is taking donations for geraniums to decorate the sanctuary in celebration of Pentecost. Afterwards, the geraniums will be planted in the church flower beds to brighten the entrance to the Church. You can leave a donation in the narthex in the can marked geraniums. Thanks!



**Don't forget to wear RED
 on Pentecost!!**

FYI-Names and Contact Information

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Servers

May 2nd Sandra Raney
May 9th Jenny Hughson
May 16th Maryruth Reed
May 23rd Stephanie Canon
May 30th Jenny Hughson or Maryruth Reed

Altar Guild

Maryruth Reed

Seeking New Altar Guild Members

The Altar Guild is still looking for at least two new people to replace of members who have had to retire due to health issues. If we have enough people, it only takes a couple of hours spread out over the year. The main commitment is being available to set up or clean up the Eucharist for a month twice a year. If you are willing to serve in this way or would like more information, please contact Maryruth.

May Birthdays

May 4 Mae Sakurada	May 17 Tyler Placencio
May 8 Jacob Knaub	May 18 Kathy Propp
May 15 Dennis Keiler	May 21 Bill Raney
May 16 Oran Symonds	May 28th Matthew Symonds

May Anniversaries

Chad and Kathy Propp May 12th

Flower Chart

No flowers listed for May at this time



SAVE THE DATE!!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, June 13-16th

Sunday, 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.—Registration
Sunday-Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.—VBS
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.—Program

Host Congregation:

St. Theresa's Catholic Church

Masks will be required

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

May 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2 Easter 4 Worship @10:30AM Vestry	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Easter 5 Worship @ 10:30 a.m.	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Easter 6 Worship @ 10:30 a.m. Spring- WorkDay	17	18 Bishop Barker visit Confirmation: Atley Sherfey Oran Symonds	19	20	21	22
23 Pentecost Worship@ 10:30 a.m.	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Trinity Sunday Worship @ 10:30 AM	31					



On May 16th (the 3rd Sunday of the Month)

any cash received will go to the Priest's Discretionary Fund. Thanks for your generosity!