

# Holy Apostles' "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles' Episcopal Church

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

*Dear friends of Holy Apostles,*

*Below you will find a letter from the House of Bishops which was written and passed unanimously by them, which we as your priests have been asked to share with you. Following the letter you will also find some brief remarks from Bishop Barker in reference to this letter.*

*As we enter into this Easter season, it is our hope and prayer that you may experience the resurrection hope and life that only our risen Christ can bestow.*

*Pastors Sheryl and Chris*

A Word to the Church from the House of Bishops  
Holy Week 2016

On Good Friday the ruling political forces of the day tortured and executed an innocent man. They sacrificed the weak and the blameless to protect their own status and power. On the third day Jesus was raised from the dead, revealing not only their injustice but also unmasking the lie that might makes right.

In a country still living under the shadow of the lynching tree, we are troubled by the violent forces being released by this season's political rhetoric. Americans are turning against their neighbors, particularly those on the margins of society. They seek to secure their own safety and security at the expense of others. There is legitimate reason to fear where this rhetoric and the actions arising from it might take us.

In this moment, we resemble God's children wandering in the wilderness. We, like they, are struggling to find our way. They turned from following God and worshiped a golden calf constructed from their own wealth. The current rhetoric is leading us to construct a modern false idol out of power and privilege. We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others. No matter where we fall on the political spectrum, we must respect the dignity of every human being and we must seek the common good above all else.

We call for prayer for our country that a spirit of reconciliation will prevail and we will not betray our true selves.

*Unanimously adopted by The Episcopal Church House of Bishops meeting in retreat at Camp Allen Conference Center in Navasota, TX. March 2016.*

\*Some remarks from Bishop Barker regarding the above letter.

"The discussion and vote regarding this correspondence was handled with dispatch and the motion to adopt it and publish it to the wider Church passed unanimously, which seems a minor miracle. Or perhaps not, given your bishop's shared sense of urgency to respond to the inflammatory rhetoric and increasingly disturbing actions being promulgated and sanctioned by one or more of our presidential candidates."

"This is not a letter endorsing - nor condemning - a particular political candidate. Far from it, it is a letter that calls our attention to the deep sin and brokenness that is a part of all of our lives - especially the sins of violence and greed - and points us to the cross of Christ as our pattern for faithful living and our only hope for salvation."

I wish a blessed Holy Week to you one and all!

Faithfully Yours in Christ -  
+Bishop Barker

### April Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
4/3	Steph/Maryruth	Matt	Lee H/John P	Gilbert & Patty	Fred & Nancy
4/10	Andee/Jenny	Mary & Merrill	Mel F/Larry W	Nikki R	Pete
4/17	Sylvia/Maryruth	Clancey	Gilbert K/Chris C	Steph & Chris	Steve & Sylvia
4/24	Amber/Jenny	Mary & Merrill	Lee H/Tyler P	Nick & Katy	Andee
5/1	Steph/Maryruth	Matt	Nick S/Larry W	Steve & Sylvia	Lee & Jenny



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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 donations:

April-canned fruit

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Pantry coordinators:

Susan Weitzel-(308)623-2684 or

Mickey Hara-(308)623-2916

**Garage Sale**

**The garage sale is coming up very soon!  
 Be sure to get any gently used items to  
 Beecher Hall in the next couple weeks.**

**Date: April 9**

**Time: 8 am-2 pm**

**Baked goods sale (in narthex) same date and time**

**Work days: 1 pm-4 pm afternoons the week prior to the sale (4/4-4/8)**

**Altar Flowers**

**Thanks to all who contributed to the Easter lily fund:**

Lee & Jenny Hughson, Deb Yamamoto, Sylvia Dolberg, Margaret Fiegel, Larry & Marilyn Wagner, Nick and Katy Sakurada, Pete Okamoto, Gilbert & Patty Kurtz, Gail Newman, Evelyn Montz, Sr. Elizabeth Sojourner, Bill & Will Raney, Steve & Marilyn Johnson, Chris & Steph Cannon and family, and Dennis & Judy Kieler

**Other altar flowers on Easter Sunday were provided by:**

Mae Sakurada, Paul & Linda Ybarra and family, Rick & Jane Sakurada and family, and Nick & Katy Sakurada in memory of Yukio Sakurada.

**April Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthdays.**

April 1	Levi Allbaugh	April 15	Kyra Lewis	April 26	Atley Sherfey
April 1	Millie Gerber	April 16	Dalton Propp	April 27	Annette Knaub
April 10	Judith Marlowe	April 19	Shelly Knutson	April 29	Sr. Elizabeth Raney
April 13	Sullivan Johnson	April 21	Laura Reed		

**Anniversaries.**

April 16 Jesse & Emily Meysenburg

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*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have only beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.*

*John 1.14*

# April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Group Reunion Penny's 7 am	2
3 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service Vestry meeting	4 1-4 pm work for garage sale	5 1-4 pm work for garage sale	6 1-4 pm work for garage sale	7 ECW meeting 1 pm @ Holy Apostles 1-4 pm work for garage sale	8 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am 1-4 pm work for garage sale	9 <b>GARAGE SALE BAKE SALE 8 am-2 pm</b>
10 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	11	12	13	14	15 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	16
17 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	18	19	20	21	22 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	23
24 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service <u>Church Workday</u>	25	26	27	28	29 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	30
1 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service Alternate Church Workday	Please note the workday scheduled for after services on April 24. There will be a variety of jobs available to do that day or you can volunteer to attend to the job on your own schedule that week. May 1 is the alternate day if April 24 doesn't work out due to inclement weather.					