

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,

So we're about to celebrate the Big Event, Holy Week and Easter. What then? Jesus even said, "It is finished." What more is there? Forgive my attempt at cynicism here, but I do want to catch your attention and raise the question, how do we finish? As for Jesus, He has sat down at the right hand of the Father. The work that God began in creation and redeemed by the Son is now in the capable hands of the Spirit. Jesus indeed finished, and finished well, but what about us?

A Pastor that served in Nashville got to be friends with a couple of musicians. He found them well versed in scripture and very knowledgeable about their faith, but they never came to worship except on Easter morning. Finally this Pastor got up the nerve and asked, "Why is it you never showed up for any other Sunday?" One of them responded, "You know how much we hate rehearsals, and Easter is the real thing with 51 rehearsals."

Actually, worship is 51 rehearsals and a dress rehearsal. The actual event doesn't happen until we get to the other side of that place we call the grave. Of course, I just have one other question for those musicians, "How many of them would face an audience without having practiced rehearsals? Sheryl's choir director at Dana would tell them, "Work on a song until your sick of it and then find a way to make it fresh and, then and only then, will you be ready to perform it."

Each Easter celebration should remind us that while Jesus' race is completed, our race goes on and indeed with each and every Easter comes the encouragement to begin the race anew. Like with Christmas, the culture around us hypes the coming of the holiday. Then come December 26th or Easter Monday, the decorations come down and the next big sales event is touted. Take a look at your Church calendar, you will notice with both Christmas and Easter, the holiday, or more correctly, Holy Day, BEGINS the season and does not end it. No the race for us is not over, and this intentional placing of the holiday at the beginning should remind us, Easter has just begun. So we understand what the writer of Hebrews meant, when he said, Therefore, having so great a cloud of witnesses let us run with endurance the race that is set before us (Hebrews 12:1). Think of Easter as your starting place and then because you're being cheered on by all who have gone before us, consider how to finish well.

Pastor Chris



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Sunday service: 10:30am
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Mitchell Ministerial

Association Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is asking for the following donation item(s):

April-boxed instant potatoes

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Pantry coordinators:

Susan Weitzel-(308)623-2684 or

Karen French (308)623-188

Backpack Program

The Backpack Program is asking for the

Following donation item(s):

April-Breakfast Fruit Bars and

Chef Boyardee Rice Bowls

Bishop's Visit and

Confirmation

Bishop Barker will be here on April 2 for the Confirmation of Mary, Matt and John. Pot luck dinner will follow services.

Felicitations to our Family in Faith

Congratulations to new additions in our extended church family. the Kieler's new baby grand-daughter the Rose's new baby grand-son the Olson's new baby boy

Third Sunday Offering for the Priest's Discretionary Fund

A while ago, the Vestry designated the 3rd Sunday of each month for a special offering for the Priest's Discretionary Fund. On this Sunday, any loose change in the offering plates will go towards the Discretionary Fund. So, don't forget to collect your loose change and place it in the offering plate on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Thanks ahead of time for your generosity.

Garage Sale and Bake Sale

It's that time of year again for our dedicated Garage Sale Crew to sort, organize, price and hopefully sell all those items you've been generous enough to donate. Please mark Saturday, April 22 on the calendar and come shop. If you have items to donate, please hold off bringing them in until after the Bishop's visit on April 2.

Thanks to our hard-working organizers and all who contribute sales goods or baked items.

FYI- Names and Contact Information

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April Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
4/2	Leann/Maryruth	Mary & Matt	Larry W/Gilbert K	Pete	pot luck dinner
4/9	Amber/Jenny	Clancey	Chris C/John P	Sharon	Steph & Chris
4/16	Sylvia/Maryruth	Matt	Gilbert K/Steve J	Steve & Marilyn	Pete, Nancy & Fred
4/23	Deb/Jenny	Mary & Merrill	Larry W/Chris C	Nikki	Deb
4/30	Andee/Maryruth	Matt	Gilbert K/Nick S	Steph & Chris	Jenny & Lee
5/7	Steph/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Chris C/John P	Steve & Sylvia	Andee

April Altar: Sharon Francisco, Marilyn Johnson, Pete Okamoto (All members meet April 8 at 9:30 to polish silver)

April Coffee Hour snacks provider: Gail Newman

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

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

Anniversaries:

April 16 Jesse and Emily Meysenburg

April Altar Flowers

As per the tradition there will be no altar flowers throughout the season of Lent.

Donations for Easter Lilies are being taken, please sign up in the narthex.

Altar of Repose

After Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, the liturgy will not end. The Holy Sacrament will be placed on an Altar of Repose where it will be available for Holy Communion on Good Friday. You are invited to keep vigil there in response to Jesus' question, "Could you not watch with me for one hour?" A sign up sheet will be available in the narthex. Please consider adding this hour of devotion to your Holy Week observance.

...being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience.

Colossians 1:11

April 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	27	28	29 Community Meal 5:30 Evening Prayer & Healing Service 7:00	30	31 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	1
2 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service Bishop's Visit Confirmation Pot Luck	3	4	5 Evening Prayer & Healing Service 7:00	6 ECW meeting 1 pm @ Holy Apostles	7 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	8 ECW meet to polish silver 9:30 am
9 Palm Sunday 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	10	11 Community Holy Week Service at Federated Church 7:00pm	12	13 Maundy Thursday service 7:00pm	14 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am Good Friday Worship 7:00pm	15
16 EASTER SUNDAY 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	17 work day for garage sale 1-4 pm	18 work day for garage sale 1-4 pm	19 work day for garage sale 1-4 pm	20 work day for garage sale 1-4 pm	21 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am work day for garage sale 1-4 pm	22 GARAGE and BAKE SALE 8:00-2:00
23/30 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	24	25	26	27	28 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	29

We have set April 30 for annual clean up day around Holy Apostles. Alternate day (due to bad weather) will be May 7. Watch for the sign up sheet for whatever task you would like to undertake.