

Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

FROM THE DESKS OF
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Friends in Christ,

Many of you will read this just ahead of celebrating Easter. The big event will happen April 1st and this newsletter will hopefully be mailed by then. But I want to ask this question. "Having celebrated the Big Event—Now What?" 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? Yes, for Jesus, indeed, 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?

Each Easter celebration should remind us that while Jesus' race is completed, our race goes on and indeed with each and every Easter is 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, in a real way with the empty tomb, that 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 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- Tuna Helper

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):

Cold cereal (individual boxes)

or Oatmeal packets (individual)

Mark Your Calendars

Bishop Barker will be coming out to Holy Apostles on Saturday, May 26. His visit does happen to coincide with Memorial Day weekend this year.

There will be an evening confirmation service and a celebration dinner following. We will have more information and details in next month's newsletter.

Easter Lily Donations

Thanks to all who contributed to the Easter Lily Fund. Your generosity helped provide the lovely flowers for our Easter Morning services. As of publication, the flowers were provided by Margaret Fiegel, Nancy Sato, Judy Kieler, Pete Okamoto, Evelyn Montz, Marilyn & Steve Johnson, Lee & Jenny Hughson, Gail Newman, Patty & Gilbert Kurtz, Debbie Elmelund, and Deb Yamamoto.

Sunday School

Just a reminder that as public school summer vacation draws closer, Sunday School will also be on hiatus. Our last planned Children's Sunday School will be Mother's Day, May 13. We will pick up again after Labor Day in September.

FYI- Names and Contact Information

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April Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
4/1	LeAnn/Jenny	Matthew	the Raneys	Chris & Steph	Andee & Jenny
4/8	Steph/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	LeAnn S/Deb Y	Nancy/LeAnn	Chris & Steph
4/15	Deb/Sister Eliz-Soj	Bill R	Steve J/Chris C	Steve & Sylvia	LeAnn & Nancy
4/22	Andee/Jenny	Clancey	Matthew S/Oren S	Sharon F	Fred & Nancy
4/29	Sylvia/Sister Eliz-Soj	Bill R	Nick S/Gilbert K	Pete	Deb & kids
5/6	Deb/Maryruth	Matthew	the Raneys	Nick & Katy	Steve & Sylvia

April Altar: Amber Plasencio & Margaret Fiegel

April Coffee Hour snacks provider: Andee Symonds

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

Given by:

April 1
Maryruth Reed

In memory of:

Randolph Reed & Maggie Reed

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

Mark 16:5-7

April 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER SUNDAY No Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	2	3	4	5 1:00 PM ECW @ Holy Apostles	6 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	7
8 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service Vestry Meeting following service	9	10	11	12	13 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	14
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22 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	23	24	25	26	27 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	28
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*As third Sunday, April 15 will be the Pastors' Discretionary Fund offering date. Any cash in offering plate will go to this fund.