

Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

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So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that God had done in creation. Gen 2:3.

A part of our Lenten journey is to renew and reflect on our faith practices such as prayer, fasting (hence the idea of 'giving up ' something for Lent), and giving to others in need.

Reconnecting with God's command to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy stands as part of that reflection. Somehow that is often seen as, "well, I need to make an extra effort to get to church on Sunday." Yes, being a part of worship on Sunday is important, but that misses what is truly life changing about Sabbath keeping. Consider who the command was first given to—a bunch of slaves being led out of tyranny and oppression. God liberates them and says 6 days you shall work but on the seventh you shall rest from your labors. What's so important about that? Simply this—a slave never rested. Pharaoh could rest and be at ease, but the work of the slave was never done, the burden was never set aside, and in the story of the Exodus the burden is only increased. To have a day of rest was to be on the level of Pharaoh, or whoever the slave owner should be.



But what's more important is seeing where this declaration to a bunch of slaves leads us. A part of the creation story is that God rested on the seventh day and now commands God's people to rest on the Sabbath day. Can you hear the words of Jesus to the disciples? *"No longer do I call you servants any longer...but I have called you friends..." John 15:15* We are blessed by God to be welcomed into Sabbath rest, God deigns to make everyone equal in God's sight, King, peasant, landowner, worker, CEO and employee, all called to enjoy rest.

So consider this Lent the privilege of Sabbath and receive it as the blessing it is. And then come join with us on Easter Weekend as we celebrate the gift of new life given through Jesus resurrection and the promise that because He lives we too will live and rest in God's presence forever!

Pastor Chris



3 More weeks in Lent

Then
Easter!

April 21st



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Food Pantry

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This month's Food Pantry Request :

Muffin Mix (pouches or boxes)

BackPack Program

This month's BackPack Request:

Individual Cereal or Juice Boxes

Holy Week Schedule

Ecumenical Holy Week

Worship at Mitchell United

Methodist Church

April 16th at 7 PM

Maundy Thursday Service

April 18th at 7 PM

Good Friday Service

April 19th at 7 PM

Easter Vigil Service

April 20th at 7:30 PM

Easter Holy Eucharist

April 21st at 10:30 AM

Shrove Tuesday Thank You's

Another Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner is in the books. Thank you to all who pitched in, especially Kyle Lewis for taking charge this year and Mel Flick for beautiful picture he donated to be raffled off which our own Gail Newman won. Things ran smoothly with lots of help! Although the overall numbers are down, Beecher Hall was full until the last 20 minutes of serving. And clean up went very quick. Thanks again.

Altar of Repose

After Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, the liturgy does not end. The Holy Sacrament is placed on an Altar of Repose where it will be available until 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?" Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex if interested and please prayerfully consider adding this hour of devotion to your Holy Week observance this year.

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April Sunday Service Assignments

Date	Lector/Server	Acolyte	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
4/7	Deb/Sister E-S	Bill	the Raney's	Chris & Steph	Andee & Jenny
4/14	Andee/Sister E-S	Bill	Atley/Deb Y	Nancy/LeAnn	Chris & Steph
4/21	Amber/Jenny	Clancey	the Raney's	Nikki	LeAnn & Nancy
4/28	Marilyn/LeAnn	Mary & Merrill	Nick/Steve J	Sharon F	Fred & Nancy
5/5	Sylvia/Sister E-S	Bill	Mathew/Clancey	Pete	Deb & kids

April 18th, Maundy Thursday Mary Ruth Reed

April 19th, Good Friday Jenny Hughson

April Altar: Andee Symonds, Sharon Fransico, Pete Okamoto

The ECW will meet on April 13th at 9:30 a.m. to polish the brass & get the palms ready for Palm Sunday

April 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

April Anniversaries

April 16 Jesse and Emily Meysenburg

April Flowers

April 21st Easter Sunday

Given by MaryRuth Reed In Memory of Randolph Reed and Maggie Reed

Hot Cross Buns for Sale

The ECW will once again be selling Hot Cross Buns on Palm Sunday. All donations for hot cross buns or monetary gifts are welcome.

Easter Egg Hunt

Please help us fill our eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt by bringing items to fill the Easter Eggs. Thanks!!

Spring Work Day Scheduled for April 28th

On April 28th, please come dressed in your work clothes and plan to stay after church to help us do some needed projects around the church. Your willingness to give of your time so that we can be good stewards of God's house is always greatly appreciated.

*Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,
“I have seen the Lord!”*

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 ECW 1 PM @ Holy Apostles	5 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 AM	6
7 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist	8	9	10	11	12 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 AM	13 9:30 AM Palms & Polish Silver
14 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist PALM SUNDAY	15	16 Joint Worship service at United Methodist 7 PM	17	18 Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM Altar of Repose following worship	19 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 AM Good Friday Service 7 PM	20 Great Easter Vigil 7:30 PM
21 NO S. S. 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist EASTER	22	23	24	25	26 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 AM	27
28 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist	29	30				

Spring Work Day on April 28th following Worship