



# April 2022

## Holy Apostles “Grapevine”

*The Monthly Newsletter of  
Holy Apostles Episcopal Church*

As we journey on...

A few years ago, I asked the question, “So, how’s your Lent going? It seems appropriate to ask that question again, as we end the month of March just over the halfway point of Lent, leaving two more Sundays of Lent in April and then suddenly we are staring at Holy Week.

So how’s it going? Lent is traditionally a time of disciplines: the disciplines of fasting, prayer, alms giving (contributing to those in need) and re-setting your spiritual clock, so to speak. (It’s one week into Day Light Savings time and I’m still trying to recover.) Maybe your good intentions look too much like this year’s NCAA bracket, shattered by upstart Cinderella teams or maybe you’re making strides given this is the first time in two years Lent hasn’t been disrupted. (The world shut down shortly after Ash Wednesday 2020.) These three disciplines are at the bedrock of our faith and practice and I encourage you in some way to find out more about them and experience the way they can change your life.

I shared a devotional the other day, it was based on James 5:16...’pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful.’ What really struck me is the person reflecting on the passage ended saying, “it’s (prayer) a power that can heal both the one who is afflicted and the one who intercedes.”

Prayer is and can be powerful. I recall people praying for me and I have experienced change and healing. I had never given much thought to the second part, ‘a power that can heal...the one who intercedes.’ I have often heard people say they can feel the power of being prayed for, but I have never heard before someone say to me, “When I prayed for so and so, I felt the power of prayer. Yes, people often say when I pray regularly, my attitude is much improved, or things seem to go better, but claiming to be healed by praying for another? That is a new perspective and one worth noting.

For one, I feel this perspective takes the pressure of ‘my praying’, i.e. wondering if I’m saying the right words, or praying for the ‘right’ thing, or just plain getting it right, as if there is some sort of divine spellcheck that accepts or rejects our petitions. Also it takes the pressure off my feeling burdened to pray as though it might be my prayer that tips the scale so to speak.

When we see prayer affecting both the prayed for and the pray-er, it puts the power in prayer and recalls Paul’s words in Romans 8, “the Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words when we don’t know how to pray. So maybe there is a divine spell-checker! (Thank the Lord it doesn’t create embarrassing misquotes!). It’s not about the power I have to pray, but the power of prayer to work in and through us. (Maybe this is another way of saying the ‘Word became flesh and dwelt among us.’)

This is how my Lent’s been going, even after 35 years in the ministry I learned something new. So, how’s your Lent going?

Pastor Chris





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**Food Pantry**

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**Food Pantry Request :**  
**Muffin mix or Crackers**

**BackPack Program:**  
***Peanut butter or individual packets of dried milk***



**ECW NEWS**

The ECW will be selling sweet rolls after church on Palm Sunday. We need buyers as well as bakers! Cost is \$6.00/half dozen.

**SPRING CLEAN UP**  
 (Not for ECW only!!!!)

A master list has been placed in the narthex, please sign up and have your task completed, if possible by Easter for the Church proper, or April 9th if a Beecher Hall task (see article on Beecher Hall)

**Beecher Hall is just about complete. We are still contemplating fans to replace the exhaust fan in the south end (and do away with having to remove and replace the foam each season.) The old chairs and tables are gone! Thank you Margaret and others who helped them find new homes! Thank you Jenny for cleanup and overseeing the painting. Check it out!**

**We do need a few last details completed by April 9th as Beecher is being used that weekend! Check the Spring Work Project list in the narthex for what still needs to be done.**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Easter Lilies: The Altar Guild is asking for donations to help cover the cost of Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday. A container for donations is on the front table in the coffee area. There is also a sign up sheet if you wish to be listed as a donor in the Easter bulletin.**

**There will be an Easter Egg hunt following worship! Please help us fill our eggs either by bringing items to fill the Easter eggs or by filling Easter eggs at home and bringing them to church no later than Easter morning, April 17th. Thanks!!!**

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**Servers**

April 3rd Jenny Hughson      April 10th Leann Sato  
April 17th Jenny Hughson      April 24th Maryruth Reed

**Altar Guild**

Jenny Hughson, Andee Symonds, Maryruth Reed

**Coffee Hour**

Volunteer Welcomed!

**April Birthdays**

April 1 Levi Allbaugh      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 Sandi Raney  
April 15 Kyra Lewis

**April Anniversaries**

April 16 Jesse and Emily Meysenburg

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

April 17th Maryruth Reed in memory of Randolph and Maggie Reed

**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday, April 10th @ 10:30 a.m.**

**Maundy Thursday, April 13th @ 7 PM**

**Good Friday, April 14th @ 7 PM**

**Easter Vigil, April 16th @ 7:30 PM**

**Easter Sunday, April 17th @ 10:30 AM**

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

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<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
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3 5 Lent Worship @ 10:30 a m	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Palm Sunday Worship @ 10:30 a.m.	11	12	13	14 Maundy Thursday 7 PM	15 Good Friday 7 PM	16 Easter Vigil 7:30 PM
17 Easter Worship@ 10:30 a.m.	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 1 Easter Worship @ 10:30 AM	25	26	27	28	29	30

**April 17th, loose offering will go to Discretionary fund.**

