

# August 2021

## Holy Apostles “Grapevine”

*The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church*  
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As you come toward the end of another summer, I have a challenge for you. First a reflection on that difficult text from Luke. Two sisters, one family. Each expressed her devotion to Jesus, either in action or in reflection. Martha was given to serving and achieving as a way of honoring Jesus, their guest; Mary was given to attentiveness and conversation. When being and doing have found a balance within us there is the possibility of health and wholeness. Our being must be fed and nurtured if our doing is to be strong and wise. It is the message Martha needed to hear from Mary to be sure, but it was also a message that Mary needed to hear from Martha. Mary’s listening and Martha’s serving were complementary parts of the same whole; each needed the other. The power and energy of a melody is only half-strength without the imagination and images of the lyrics.

“Faith without works is dead,” James wrote, and so also works without faith. Words without deeds are dead, as are agendas without actions, worship without education, leadership without discipleship. We are invited into a relationship of honoring our guest that requires our hearts as well as our hands. In the balance we will find completeness. For life is lived in this ebb and flow of rest and work. Grace and growth can happen amid the rhythm of reflection and action. Only do not be distracted from the one thing that is needful: the presence of the guest who brings grace and understanding to our living. We should never be so consumed by our tasks or so lost in our thoughts that we fail to live in relationship with the source of all life—Jesus.

Balance. Covid shook up our sense of balance. We are still wobbling and attempting to regain it. You see it in Churches and in Wall Street. The challenge for us is now ministering to an online and in-person world and the question before us is, “How do we now find a balance?” We have people we are connecting with via the internet and livestream but not in person. We have faithful in-person members that do not connect with us online. How do we reach both? Like the challenge of Martha and Mary, listening and serving, we must work to do both and do both to the best of our abilities. Specifically how do we connect the non-online and the online together? Is it possible? Is it something we can achieve? Second, how do we use our online presence to draw others into an in-person connection while understanding for various reasons they may still be hesitant to have contact with a large or even a small group? Balance, hopefully something we can achieve and help us to grow. Pastor Chris





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**Mitchell Ministerial  
 Association  
 Food Pantry**

Contact Number: 308/641-7326

**Food Pantry Request :**

**Canned fruit  
 Canned vegetables**

**BackPack Program:**

**NO REQUESTS TILL FALL**



*Thank you!*

*To those that helped make  
 our return to VBS a success,  
 we offer our appreciation.*

*Especially to Stephanie  
 Canon who led the "little  
 lambs"! (How many times  
 do you play follow the  
 leader? )*



**Centering Prayer Online**

**You are invited to join The Benedictine Way for  
 Centering Prayer Online every Saturday at 9 AM MST.**

**All are welcome to join us every Saturday (or just  
 those you can make it to) for The Benedictine Way's  
 Virtual Centering Prayer group on Zoom. For those  
 unfamiliar with Centering Prayer - it is a Christian form  
 of quiet meditation that refocuses us on Jesus.  
 Brother James, Prior of Incarnation Monastery, leads  
 the group and provides brief instruction prior to the  
 sit and time for reflection afterwards.**

**Please contact Brother James at [jdowd@episcopal-ne.org](mailto:jdowd@episcopal-ne.org)  
 to be sent a Zoom link for this event.  
 Many blessings and peace in Christ.**



**Please remember giving in the summer!  
 A basket remains on the table in the Narthex  
 for your offerings.**

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**Servers**

**August 1st Sandra Raney  
August 8th Jenny Hughson  
August 15th Maryruth Reed  
August 22nd Stephanie Canon  
August 29 Jenny Hughson or Maryruth Reed**

**Altar Guild**

**Marilyn Johnson Jenny Highson**

**Seeking New Altar Guild Members**

**The Altar Guild is still looking for at least two new people to replace of members who have had to retire due to health issues. If we have enough people, it only takes a couple of hours spread out over the year. The main commitment is being available to set up or clean up the Eucharist for a month twice a year. If you are willing to serve in this way or would like more information, please contact Maryruth.**

**August Birthdays**

8/1 Stephanie Cannon	8/21 Maryruth Reed
8/4 Will Raney	8/22 Jesse Meysenburg
8/11 Fred Sakurada	8/25 Becky Allbaugh
8/14 Marilyn Johnson	8/25 Jakob Allbaugh
8/19 Bobby Allbaugh	8/26 Lucy Allbaugh

**August Anniversaries**

8/6 Chad & Carlye Johnson	8/25 Steve & Marily Johnson
8/19 Steve & Sylvia Dolberg	8/27 Wil & Aloha Hettinger
Kyle & Anne Lewis	

**Flower Chart**

No flowers listed for August at this time

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

# August 2021

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

<b>1</b> Pentecost 10 Worship @ 10:30 a.m.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Pentecost 11 Worship @ 10:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m. Vestry	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Pentecost 12 Worship @ 10:30 a.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>22</b> Pentecost 13 Worship@ 10:30 a.m.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Pentecost 14 Worship @ 10:30 AM	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

**On August 15th, (the 3rd Sunday of the Month)**

**any cash received will go to the Priest's Discretionary Fund. Thanks for your generosity!**