

Holy Apostles' "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles' Episcopal Church

FROM THE DESKS OF PASTORS SHERYL AND CHRIS KESTER-BEYER

Dear Friends,

It's part of our tech culture. Something you may not even have given much thought to: you receive an e-mail and there it is, two letters followed by a colon, RE. If you do e-mail, you probably haven't given it too much thought, simply a reminder that someone is responding to a previous e-mail. But what exactly does it mean? It's short hand, but shorthand for what? Replying? Responding? Regarding? Resending? Well according to businessdictionary.com the meaning is actually the following: Definition of *re*: About, concerning, in the matter of, regarding, with regard to. Phrase used in formal documents to indicate the subject matter. Short form of 'in *re*,' a Latin phrase meaning "in reality".

In reality, what? That's what Advent is about. Recalling the reality of life and the world we live in. Advent is a time to recall, (there's that 're' again!) the truth about the conditions of our lives, and in these ever shortening days, understand the darkness that threatens to cloud our vision. Advent reminds (another 're') that God has come to break into our darkness through the coming of God's Word (think John the Baptist here), and finally in the Incarnate Word, God's Son.

In reality, in other words, Advent seeks to ground the good news of God's coming among us within the context of the darkness that surrounds us. This is not some wishful thinking that things will get better but a reminder, (yes, again another 're'). This is God's solution to a creation that groans in labor pains (Romans 8:22). God came into the darkness to save that which is bent on destroying itself, yes, that is humanity.

Advent calls us to respond, (did you know 're' could pop up so much?), to the one who is coming again by receiving (ah, there it is again!) him as he already has come. So come to worship this Advent season and renew (didn't think I would end without another did you?) your hearts and minds in the wonder of God among us, Immanuel.

Pastor Chris

December/Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
12/6	Sylvia/Maryruth	Larry W. & Chris C	Steph & Chris	Steve & Sylvia
12/13	Andee/Jenny	Nick S/Fred S	Gilbert & Patty	Nancy Sato
12/20	Steph/Maryruth	Chris Cannon/Mel Flick	Nikki Rose	Pete O
12/24	Marilyn J/Maryruth	Steve J/Larry W.	Fred & Nancy	Angie J & Deb Y
12/27	Amber/Jenny	Tyler P/Cliff S	Pete & Nancy	Steve & Sylvia
1/3	Sylvia/Maryruth	Mel Flick & Nick S.	Steph & Chris	Nick & Katy



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Sunday service: 10:30am
 Office hours: Mornings - MTW

Mitchell Ministerial

Association Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is asking for the following donations:

December-canned fruit or soup

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Pantry coordinators:

Susan Weitzel-(308)623-2684 or

Mickey Hara-(308)623-2916

Reminders:

Sunday, December 6 is Stewardship Sunday.

Please return your pledge cards and join us for celebration coffee after the service.

Christmas Eve services will begin at 5:30 on December 24.

Thank you to those who've generously contributed to the fund for the new TV. We still need a bit more, so, thank you for your help reaching our goal.

A Wonderful Day of Fellowship

A big thank you to our own Raney family (Sister Elizabeth Sojourner, Bill and Will) and Sandy Gibson, from St. Francis, for their hard work organizing and delivering a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration. Reuniting with old friends, meeting new ones, fellowship and of course the food were all terrific! Kudos to all involved who helped make it a huge success.

On the Calendar

Cursillo Group Reunion
 Fridays at 7:00 am
 Penny's Diner in Morrill

December 3-ECW meeting @ Holy Apostles (soup luncheon postponed until January meeting)
 December 6-Stewardship Sunday
 December 20-youth Christmas program during service
 December 24-Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 pm

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Dec 4	Patty Kurtz	Dec 6	Margaret Fiegel	Dec 15	Nick Sakurada
Dec 4	Rich Taedter	Dec 7	Scott Lane	Dec 23	Merrill Newman

Anniversaries:

Dec 4 Mark & Annette Knaub
 Dec 30 Lee & Jenny Hughson
 Dec 31 Abel & Amber Plasencio

December Altar Flowers

Dec 6 Margaret Fiegel for: Lowell & Lorraine Fiegel & Lester & Margaret Jones Haggarty
 Dec 24 the Johnsons & the Franciscos for: loved ones

Poinsettias

Thank you to all who contributed to the poinsettias fund. (as of 12/2)
 Steve & Marilyn Johnson Margaret Feigel
 Lee & Jenny Hughson Deb Yamamoto

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