

Holy Apostles' "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles' Episcopal Church

FROM THE DESKS OF PASTORS SHERYL AND CHRIS KESTER-BEYER

Jesus "made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray."

Matthew 14:22-23

We live in a busy world. A world full of distractions; lots of things to do and see and read and hear. It can at times get overwhelming. This past day off, I deliberately turned off my email on my phone and iPad, so that I couldn't check my work emails, but I caught myself so many times starting to open my mail app, only to remember that I had turned it off.

In fact, studies have shown that the very things that were supposed to save us time have created a 24/7 world where we rarely have down time. The ring of our phones, the ping of a text message or email interrupt us at all hours of the day. In many ways it seems, we have become slaves of our devices.

So, is it any wonder that we have a harder and harder time, hearing God's voice? On Feb. 7th, we will travel with Peter, James and John up the mountain as they see Jesus transfigured before them and hear God's voice from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

But we can't listen if we never stop long enough to listen; if we never shut off our devices and create space for God to get through to us. Even Jesus had to find times to get away by himself—away from the crowds—away from his disciples—away from all distractions to be with God—to pray and one can assume to listen.

As we once again enter into our Lenten journeys this month, it is my hope and prayer that you would find ways to unplug, disconnect, create space for God—so that you might truly hear God's voice—and listen to the one who has come to give you life—not just off in some distant future—but now, today!

In Christ,
Pastor Sheryl

February Sunday Service Assignments

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Lector/Server</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Gifts</u>	<u>Coffee</u>
2/7	Amber/Jenny	Lee H/John P	Nikki Rose	Nick & Katy
2/14	Steph/Maryruth	Gilbert K & Chris C	Pete O	Fred & Nancy S
2/21	Andee/Jenny	Nick S/Fred S	Gilbert & Patty	Steve & Sylvia
2/28	Marilyn J/Maryruth	Mel F/Tyler P	Steph & Chris	Deb Y
3/6	Amber/Jenny	Lee H/Larry W	Fred & Nancy S	Pete O



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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:

February-muffin mix

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Pantry coordinators:

Susan Weitzel-(308)623-2684 or

Mickey Hara-(308)623-2916

February Altar Flowers

February 7

Flowers provided by: Maryruth Reed

In Memory Of: Maggie Reed

Reminders

Please note Ash Wednesday services will be at 7:00 pm, February 10.

Please sign up in the fellowship area if you are interested in attending the Wednesday evening services that will start February 24.

Please contact Gilbert Kurtz if you are interested in helping out at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Packets of 5 tickets are on the table in the narthex; pick up a packet or two to sell, or donate, to your friends, neighbors and coworkers.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Febr 3 Gail Newman

Febr 4 Angie Jones

Febr 7 Alex Nation

Febr 10 Don Rose

Febr 12 Nancy Sato

Febr 14 Kyle Lewis

Febr 17 Hannah Plasencio

Febr 25 Katy Sakurada

Febr 28 Deb Yamamoto

Anniversaries:

Febr 3 Pastors Chris & Sheryl

Febr 14 Rich & Mary Taedter

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And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

John 1:14

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 ECW meeting 1 pm @ Holy Apostles	5 Cursillo @ Penny's 7 am	6
7	8	9 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7 pm	10 Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm	11	12 Cursillo @ Penny's 7 am	13
14 Confirmation Class 4-6 pm	15 President's Day	16	17	18	19 Cursillo @ Penny's 7 am	20
21	22	23	24 1 st Wednesday night Healing Service 7pm	25	26 Cursillo @ Penny's 7 am	27
28	29					