

Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

FROM THE DESKS OF
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Dear Friends in Christ;

"We want our cake and we want it now!" That might be a good motto for today's world. With instant everything from text messaging to iced tea, everything is now on demand. Nothing new here, as preachers of the gospel, we have often raised a critique to our impatient society. I'm including myself here. Just the other day, I was in a 'big box store' fuming because there were three people ahead of me in the checkout line, and I couldn't understand why they didn't open another register. I accept the fact that I am caught up in this push for the 'now'.

We may think this a modern malady, but the reality is humankind has always been impatient. The children of Israel couldn't wait a day in the wilderness for God to do something and it didn't get any better. The Old Testament text from January 22nd is from Isaiah 9:1-4. In that text, the writer speaks of God's salvation coming. At this point in history Judah is the only thing left of the nation of Israel. The writer envisions the people of Israel in a time of oppression calling out for God's redemption. Yet the writer doesn't speak of God coming to them, but to the northern areas of Naphtali and Zebulon. That is, the writer is likening God's saving work to the rising sun. First it appears in the east and then spreads across the land. God's salvation won't come immediately to Judah, it will progress and it will take time. God's people wanted God to act now, God was telling them, "Be patient."

Lent begins March 1st, well over a month away, we still are in Epiphany. Epiphany and Lent remind us to wait patiently on God's time. No, we can't leap from Christmas to Easter. To get to Easter from Christmas we have to follow Jesus as he ministers here on earth and then through Lent as He makes his way to the cross. Epiphany reminds us Jesus came to save. Lent's disciplines of prayer, fasting, giving sacrifice remind us that while Christ's work on the cross is finished and we stand in the light of God's redeeming love, God's salvation is still progressing. This is a good time, a good time to remind us in this now generation that from the beginning God's work has taken time, like well aged cheese. Take time to see God at work, in and through your life.

Pastor Chris



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Mitchell Ministerial

Association Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is asking for the following donation item(s):

February-Saltine crackers

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Pantry coordinators:

Susan Weitzel-(308)623-2684 or

Karen French (308)623-188

Backpack Program

The Backpack Program is asking for the

Following donation item(s):

**February-Single servings of dry milk
and single serve cold cereal boxes**

Thank You

Thanks to Cindy Yamamoto for publishing the ECW yearbooks and also the 2016 tax documents.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake
Supper**

Holy Apostles will host its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 28, from 5-7 pm at Beecher Hall.

More details will follow.

Annual Meeting

Holy Apostles held its Annual Meeting following services on January 15, 2017. A few items of note are: Judy Kieler will take over as Senior Warden, Deb Yamamoto will act as Junior Warden and Nikki Rose will fill the vacancy left by Lee Hughson. A huge THANK YOU to Lee for all he has done as Sr. Warden.

Year end reports were submitted and approved and the 2017 budget was approved as well.

Holy Apostles will be participating in the Wednesday community dinners. We will host the dinner on the final Wednesday of any month with 5 Wednesdays (March, May, August and November)

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February Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
2/5	Marilyn/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Steve J/Lee H	Nick & Katy	Leann & Nancy
2/12	Sylvia/Jenny	Clancey	Gilbert K/Chris C	Pete & Nancy	Nick & Katy
2/19	Leann/Maryruth	Matt	Nick S/Larry W	Sharon	Lee & Jenny
2/26	Amber/Jenny	Mary & Merrill	Lee H/John P	Chris & Steph	Deb
3/5	Deb/Maryruth	Matt	Gilbert/Nick S	Nikki	Pete & Nancy/Fred

February Altar: Jenny Hughson and Amber Plasencio

February Coffee Hour snacks provider: Patty Kurtz

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Febr 3	Gail Newman	Febr 14	Kyle Lewis
Febr 4	Angela Jones	Febr 17	Hannah Plasencio
Febr 7	Alex Nation	Febr 25	Katy Sakurada
Febr 10	Don Rose	Febr 28	Deb Yamamoto
Febr 12	Nacy Sato		

Anniversaries:

Febr 3	Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester-Beyer
Febr 14	Rich and Mary Taedter

February Altar Flowers

Given by:

Feb. 12th: Maryruth Reed

Feb. 19th: Nick & Katy Sakurada

Feb. 26th: Mae Sakurada and family

In Memory of:

Maggie Reed

Ruby & John Sakurai, Gilbert Konishi,
Robert Konishi, Wai & George Konishi

Yukio Sakurada

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	30	31	1	2 ECW meeting 1 pm @ Holy Apostles	3 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	4 Western Deanery Alliance 10 am-3 pm
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19 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service Confirmation Class 4-6 pm	20	21	22	23	24 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	25
26 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	27	28 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7 pm Beecher Hall	1 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm	2	3	