

Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

FROM THE DESKS OF PASTORS SHERYL AND CHRIS KESTER-BEYER

Dear Friends in Christ,

I know winter is not even half over, but who among us isn't starting to look for signs of spring, little promises of hope that winter's bite will eventually fade and warmth will again return along with flowers and leaves on the trees.

Did you ever think of road signs being signs of hope as well? A Highway marker can give us hope and assurance that we are on the right road, but even a U-turn sign can give hope that we can turn around once we realize we are headed in the wrong direction.

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14th, (Here's a novel idea: celebrate Valentine's Day with a date to Church!), we are going to explore the signs of Lent. We will follow the road Jesus took to the Cross observing various signs along the way. Reflecting on the theme of Lent, naturally, we will begin with a U-turn sign as a way to think about repentance. As we follow Jesus there are sure to be some surprises in the signs we will run into along the way, yet all of them point to the hope we have at the end of the road, the joy of the Resurrection which we will celebrate this year on April 1—that's right! April Fools Day! - a very fitting day, if you think about it, to celebrate the greatest surprise of all, life over death!

Yes, this is a call for you to join Jesus and travel the road to Golgatha, and more importantly, to the tomb on Easter Morning. Be ready to 'stop' (or not), 'merge' with fellow worshippers, 'yield' to God's work in our lives and more. Find out what all the signs of Lent are and the hope that speaks of God's work in and through us.

Happy Travels

Pastors Chris and Sheryl





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Sunday service: 10:30am
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Mitchell Ministerial

Association Food Pantry

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

February-peanut butter

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):

Oatmeal Packets, Fruit Bars

and Canned Fruit

Easter Lilies

During February and March, the Altar Guild will be taking donations for the Easter Lily fun. There will be a can located in the narthex for anyone wishing to contribute money. Please see Maryruth Reed if you have any questions,

Food and more Food!

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Holy Apostles Pancake Supper. It will be Tuesday, February 13 at Beecher Hall. Thanks to Steve Dolberg for acting as chairperson this year. Also, we had another successful Fifth Wednesday Community Meal on January 31. Thanks to all who contributed and make Holy Apsotles such an amazing place to worship!

Annual Meeting

Holy Apostles held its Annual Meeting following church services and a pot luck dinner on Sunday, January 28 with Sr. Warden, Judy Kieler chairing the meeting. New vestry members were elected, (see article), year end reports were submitted and the new 2018 budget was approved.

Vestry News

Another big "Thank You" to Andee Symonds, Maryruth Reed and Sylvia Dolberg for their time and dedication to the Holy Apostles vestry. Sylvia is leaving as a voting member, but will continue to act as Treasurer. Also, a "Thank You" to LeAnn Sato, Sister Elizabeth Sojourner and Jenny Hughson for answering the call to serve as new vestry members. Our next meeting will be following services on February 11.

FYI- Names and Contact Information

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February Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
2/4	Stephanie/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Nick S/Steve J	Nikki	Nick & Katy
2/11	Sylvia/Jenny	Matthew	LeAnn S/Deb Y	Steve & Sylvia	Pete & Nancy
2/18	Marilyn/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Nick S/Steve J	Nick & Katy	Jenny & Andee
2/25	Andee/Jenny	Clancey	Cliff S/Matthew S	Nancy & LeAnn	Chris & Steph
3/4	LeAnn/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Lee H/Chris C	Pete	Deb

February Altar: Andee Symonds & Judy Kieler

February Coffee Hour snacks provider: Jenny Hughson

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:

In memory of:

2/4 Nick Sakurada

Mr. & Mrs. George Konishi, Mr. & Mrs. Tokuzo Sakurada and Robert Konishi

2/11 Mae Sakurada & family

Yukio Sakurada and Paul Ybarra

2/18-3/25 no flowers for Lent

It changes direction, turning around by His guidance, that it may do whatever He commands it on the face of the inhabited earth.

Job 37:12

February 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:00 PM ECW @ Holy Apostles	2 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	3
4 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	5	6	7	8	9 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	10
11 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service Vestry meeting following	12	13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	14 Ash Wednesday 7:00 PM Holy Eucharist	15	16 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	17
18* 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service 4-6 pm Confirmation Class	19	20	21 7:00 PM Evening Prayer	22	23 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	24
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*As third Sunday, February 18 will be the Pastors' Discretionary Fund offering date. Any cash in offering plate will go to this fund.