

Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

FROM THE DESKS OF
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Dear Friends,

I am writing this article just a few days before Christmas and so I find myself reflecting on what an amazing thing the birth of Jesus tells us about God. While we live in a world that so often strives to be the best – to be #1 – God comes to us humbly and simply. In fact, as one of my favorite authors, Henri Nouwen, writes,

In the center of our faith as Christians stands the mystery that God chose to reveal his divinity to us by submitting himself unreservedly to the downward pull...

indeed, the one who was from the beginning with God
and who was God

revealed himself as a small, impotent child;

as a refugee in Egypt;

as an obedient adolescent and inconspicuous adult;

as a penitent disciple of the Baptizer;

as a preacher from Galilee followed by some simple fishermen;

as a man who ate with sinners and talked with strangers;

as an outcast; a criminal, a threat to his people.

He moved from power to powerlessness,

from greatness to smallness, from success to failure,

from strength to weakness,

from glory to ignominy.

The whole life of Jesus of Nazareth was life in which all upward mobility was resisted.

As we begin yet another new year, let us focus on this simple truth...the promise of

Christmas is not just that God comes to us, but that he comes as one of us – so that no

matter what stage of life we may be in – no matter our circumstances – we might know

that God is indeed 'Emmanuel...God with us' – for he has walked the path before us

and promises...not only to be with us, but to see us safely through.

May God grant you the eyes of faith in this new year to see how God is truly

'Emmanuel'.

Pastor 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):

January-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):

January-Single servings of dry milk

Prayer Chain

If anyone would like to be part of the Parish prayer chain, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex; or call Maryruth (623-2491) to have your name added.

Flower Chart for 2017

The 2017 flower chart has been posted. If people would prefer, they may decide to make a donation to any parish organization, and the artificial flowers will be dedicated in their loved one's name. You will still need to sign up on the flower chart.

Annual Meeting

A reminder that after church on January 15th, we will have our Annual Meeting.

There will be a pot luck dinner to accompany the meeting.

Please provide your own table settings/tableware for this meal.

Due to that meeting, there will not be children nor adult Sunday School on that date.

FYI- Names and Contact Information

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January Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
1/1	Leann/Maryruth	Matt	Lee H/Chris C	Chris & Steph	Nick & Katy
1/8	Amber/Jenny	Clancey	Steve J/Larry W	Nikki	Pete & Nancy/Fred
1/15	Steph/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Nick S/Chris C	Steve & Sylvia	annual meeting
1/22	Andee/Jenny	Clancey	Gilbert K/Lee H	Gilbert & Patty	Steve & Marilyn
1/29	Deb/Maryruth	Matt	Larry W/Nick S	Leann & Nancy	Chris & Steph
2/5	Marilyn/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Steve J/Lee H	Nick & Katy	Leann & Nancy

January Altar: Maryruth Reed

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Jan 7	Michael John Kurtz	Jan 16	Rose Yamamoto
Jan 8	Leann Sato	Jan 19	Lee Hughson
Jan 9	Milo Newman	Jan 21	Kylie Lewis
Jan 15	Jerry Kurtz	Jan 30	Anne Lewis
Jan 15	Chad Propp		

Anniversaries:

Jan 1 Don & Nikki Rose

January Altar Flowers

Given by:

In Memory of:

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger.

Zephaniah 2:3

<h1>January 2017</h1>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	2	3	4	5 ECW meeting 1 pm @ Holy Apostles	6 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	7
8 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	9	10 Vestry meeting 5:30 pm	11	12	13 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	14
15 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service Annual Meeting	16	17	18	19	20 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	21
22 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service Confirmation Class 4-6 pm	23	24	25	26	27 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	28
29 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	30	31				