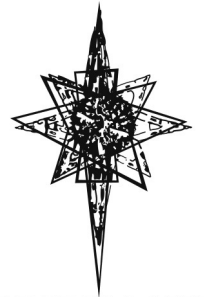


# January 2021



## Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

*The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church*

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Dear, friends,

I'm not sure why but I find myself drawn to poetry as we make our way through the Advent/Christmas season. Perhaps it's because in a world that in so many ways defied our best efforts and is filled with so much anxiety, grief, and anger; poetry has a way of speaking to the heart (at least to my heart) and offering to us a word of hope and light. And so, I hope you don't mind if I share with you a few of the poems that have spoken to me this Christmas season. I pray they might bless you as they have blessed me.

Pastor Sheryl

### **Into the Darkest Hour**

*By Madeleine L'Engle*

It was a time like this,  
war & tumult of war,  
a horror in the air.

Hungry yawned the abyss -  
and yet there came the star  
and the child most wonderfully there.

It was a time like this  
of fear & lust for power,  
license & greed and blight -  
and yet the Prince of bliss came into the darkest hour  
in quiet & silent light.

And in a time like this  
how celebrate his birth  
when all things fall apart?

Ah! Wonderful it is:  
with no room on the earth,  
the stable is our heart.

### **I Will Light Candles This Christmas**

*By Howard Thurman*

I will light candles this Christmas,  
Candles of joy despite all the sadness,  
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,  
Candles of courage for fears ever present,  
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,  
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,  
Candles of love to inspire all my living,  
Candles that will burn all year long.

#### **A Year of Vision** By Jeff Jacobs

It was to be  
A year of vision -  
2020; we would see:

Societal renewal,  
Fresh, starts, great strides  
Toward justice, freedom, peace  
For the world to prize—  
Great human efforts  
With hope before our eyes.

In disbelief  
The year of vision,  
2020, was grief:

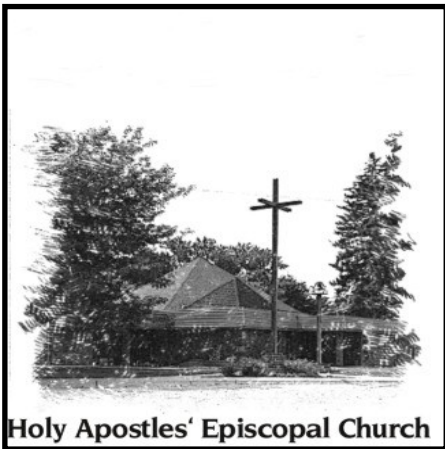
Illness and worry,  
Communal isolation,  
Discontent and violence,  
Natural devastation,  
Society in turmoil,  
Strife across the nation.

Yet there was last  
One year of vision  
2020 years past:

An angel announced Messiah  
To a girl of peasant stock;  
The King of kings was born  
In a stable of rock;  
Heaven's host sang God's praise  
Before shepherds in shock.

So may there be  
A year of vision  
Still to see:

The Savior's renewal,



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**Mitchell Ministerial  
 Association  
 Food Pantry**  
 Contact Number: 308/641-7326  
*This month's Food Pantry Request :*  
**Fruit/Vegetable Juices**  
**BackPack Program**  
*This month's Backpack Request:*  
**Individual Packets of Dried Milk**  
**Individual Cereal Boxes**  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Annual Meeting**  
**January 31st**  
**As always it will be  
 following worship  
 (whether in-person or  
 online)**  
**If you normally give a  
 report please still submit  
 one even if its only one  
 or two sentences!**

**Family Christmas Baskets**  
 Thank you to everyone who gave so generously this year to help 2 families (6 children and youth) have a little bit brighter Christmas in a very difficult year. Thanks as well to Margaret for heading up with project again; contacting the families, doing all the shopping and delivering the gift baskets and presents.



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### Annual Meeting-January 31st

Yes, we will hold an annual meeting (either in person or online) the last Sunday of January, the 31st. This will follow worship regardless. However, there will be no meal following the meeting.

Reports will be published to be picked up here at the Church or will be emailed to you and will also be posted on our webpage. If we have to meet online, we will use Zoom as it allows for everyone to comment and to vote. If that is the case, you will receive an email with a Zoom invitation. Simply click on the link and follow the on-screen instructions. You may have to enter a password and meeting ID that will be supplied in the email. If you do not have computer access and would still like to join the meeting, please contact Pastors Chris or Sheryl and we will see if we can set up an acceptable alternative.

Thanks for your understanding. Hopefully vaccinations will proceed swiftly and our 7 day moving case average drops below 20 soon after the start of the new year!!

### January Birthdays

Jan 7 Michael John Kurtz

Jan 8 Leann Sato

Jan 9 Milo Newman

Jan 15 Jerry Kurtz

Jan 15 Chad Propp

Jan 16 Rose Yamamoto

Jan 19 Lee Hughson

Jan 21 Kylie Lewis

Jan 30 Anne Lewis

### January Anniversaries

Jan 1 Don & Nikki Rose

### January Flowers

None listed at this time

### Emmanuel

by Jeff Jacobs

When dreams are crumpled, hope's stillborn,  
Peace is shattered, faith is torn,  
Life is shaken and love's forlorn,  
There yet remains on Christmas morn  
Emmanuel

Midst cruelty and hate's exclusion,  
Cold indifference, power's delusion,  
Violence and war's confusion,  
Still comes God's redeeming intrusion  
Emmanuel

As earthly riches come to dross,  
And human gains amount to loss,  
From stable birth to bitter cross,  
In life and death is God with Us  
Emmanuel



*Epiphany to be celebrated  
on Sunday January 3rd  
Livestream  
via our Facebook page  
or  
[holypostlesmitchell.org](http://holypostlesmitchell.org)*

*“And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother  
and they fell down and worshiped him”*

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**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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3 Epiphany celebrated Worship @ 10:30 a.m. on Facebook	4	5	6 Epiphany	7	8	9
10 Baptism of our Lord Worship @ 10:30 a.m. on Facebook	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 2 Epiphany Worship @ 10:30 a.m. on Facebook	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 3 Epiphany @ 10:30 a.m. on Facebook	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 4 Epiphany Worship@ 10:30 a.m. on Facebook Annual Meeting						

**On January 17th (the 3rd Sunday of the Month)  
any cash received will go to the Priest's Discretionary Fund. Thanks for your generosity!**