

# Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

## FROM THE DESKS OF PASTORS SHERYL AND CHRIS KESTER-BEYER

As we come to another Fourth of July and celebrate the freedoms that unite us, please bear with me as I touch on those things that divide us, particularly the way we respond to those who don't see it our way. We tend to label and disrespect them and worse.

Hear the following from Pastor David Lose on his blog reflecting on our gospel reading from the last Sunday in June (*but they did not receive him... when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them." Luke 9:53-54*)

Lose writes: "...we see it in James and John's reaction to the rejection by the Samaritans, as when they feel rebuffed by people they have long believed were less human, or at least less religiously devout, they are ready, even eager, to call fire down from heaven to consume them.

Jesus rebukes them. We expect that, but probably shouldn't, as religious leaders sometimes fall prey to the temptation to believe that because God has called them to a significant mission they are exempt from normal standards of human conduct, somehow placed "above the law" by God. But Jesus rebukes them. Indeed, his whole life and mission are a rebuke of this tendency to solve problems by violence, to define people as different, and to assume that some are in while others are out.

Think about it: Jesus is on the way to Jerusalem. There he will be falsely accused, unjustly tried, cruelly treated, and brutally executed. Of all the evangelists, Luke in particular stresses Jesus' profound innocence and the rank injustice of what happens to him. Which means that Jesus' response to the chaos, limitation, and vulnerability of this world is not to deny it or to try to control it or defeat it, but rather to embrace it... even to the point of death.

And in response to this One who does not deny or control, who does not wreak down violence or vengeance upon his enemies, who does not need to take matters into his own hands but relies on God to the end—in response to all this, God raises Jesus from the dead, showing us that there is another way.

So as we celebrate our freedoms this 4<sup>th</sup>, let us know that in the face of much that divides us there is another way.

Pr. Chris

### July Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
7/3	Andee/Jenny	Matt	Nick S/Gilbert K	Nancy & Pete	Steph & Chris C
7/10	LeannMaryruth	Mary & Merrill	Lee H/John P	Sharon F	Steve & Sylvia
7/17	Steph/Maryruth	Matt	Mel F/Larry W	Steve & Sylvia	Pete & Nancy Sato
7/24	Amber/Jenny	Clancey	Lee H/Tyler P	Nikki Rose	Lee & Jenny
7/31	Deb/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Gilbert K/Chris C	Nick & Katy	Nick & Katy
8/7	Sylvia/Maryruth	Matt	Nick S/Mel F	Steve & Marilyn	Fred & Nancy



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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:

**July-peanut butter**

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Pantry coordinators:

Susan Weitzel-(308)623-2684 or

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**Condolences**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and loved ones of Cathy Sudduth who passed away June 29.

Cathy was the sister of former Holy Apostles priest, Carol Ann Bullard.

**Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School, "Going Overboard with Jesus" will begin Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> and run through Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration will begin at 5:30 PM on Monday with VBS starting at 6:00 and running until 8:15. On Thursday, the 28<sup>th</sup> there will be a closing program at 7:00 PM, with cookies and fellowship.

As usual, VBS will take place in Beecher Hall. Come join us!

**July Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthdays:**

7/1 Sterling Cannon

7/1 Nikki Rose

7/4 Chris Kester-Beyer

7/10 Julie Edwards

7/16 Kristen Hotz

7/18 Steve Dolberg

7/20 Sherry Miyahara

7/21 Cliff Symonds

7/25 Jenny Hughson

7/25 John Todd Plasencio

**Anniversaries:**

7/1 Chris & Steph Cannon

7/29 Dave & Shelly Knutson

7/14 Cliff & Andee Symonds

7/16 Pat & Sherry Miyahara

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*(Diocesan Environmental Ministries & Ministry of Diaconate)*

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

**Colossians 3:12**

July 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Group Reunion Penny's 7 am	2
3  10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	4	5	6	7	8 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	9
10  10:30 am Deacon's Mass	11	12	13	14	15 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	16
17  10:30 am Deacon's Mass	18	19	20	21	22 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	23
24  10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	25 VBS regis 5:30 VBS 6-8:15	25 VBS 6-8:15	27 VBS 6-8:15	28 VBS closing program at 7:00	29 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	30
31  10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	Some things of note for next few months:					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Next vestry meeting will be in August</li> <li>● ECW will resume meeting in September</li> <li>● Adult and Children will resume Sunday School after summer break</li> <li>● Holy Apostles will host August Deanery on the 27th</li> </ul>					