

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,

As I sit down to write this month's message, I have to admit that I have been struggling to come up with a message. Maybe it's just the summer doldrums or my mind being ready to head out on vacation even though that's still a couple of weeks away, but it's been a struggle.

Of course, none of this is helped by the dysfunction as well as violence that is so prevalent throughout our world right now, including in our own country. More than any time I can think of in my lifetime, our nation/our world seems to be reaching a crisis point. It's enough to make one disillusioned and depressed if you spend too much time watching the news.

Truthfully, I'm not sure what the answers are to the multitude of crises facing us these days, but I know that I am wary of those who seem the most certain that they have "THE" answers and refuse to talk or work with anyone who does not agree with them.

Lost in so much of our discourse and in so much of these crises throughout our world seems to be a lack of understanding/belief (even by people who call themselves Christian) that all people are created in God's image, including our enemies or those we disagree with. Too often it seems, we want to slap labels on people, so we can dismiss them or treat them as less than human, thereby justifying our own actions and forgetting that God calls us to care for and love, even our enemies. I believe it is enough to make God weep.

To be honest, I'm not really sure where I am going with this message. I just decided this afternoon that perhaps I should sit down and begin writing (in an attempt to overcome my writer's block) and see where it led me and believe me it led me to a place that I was not expecting.

And yet, ultimately where it leads me is to a God who is caring and compassionate; who loves those he has created and who calls us to love others as we have been loved by God. It leads me to a place of gratefulness when I realize how truly blessed I am in comparison to so much of the world. It leads me to remember that I need not live in fear of what may be, because my ultimate trust is in God and not myself or anyone else, and that even in death God holds me in his never failing love, so I need not fear. It leads me to a place of compassion, searching for answers, but more importantly, searching for ways in which I might bring God's compassion and love to a world, to a people, in a need. Are you with me?

Pastor Sheryl



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Mitchell Ministerial

Association Food Pantry

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

July-rice

(1 lb bags or Minute Rice)

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):

Off for the summer

Vestry Meeting

Just a reminder our next vestry meeting will be following services on August 13.

August Community Dinner

A reminder that the next community dinner Holy Apostles will be hosting will take place next month, in August, on Wednesday, August 30. The first two have been very enjoyable times of fellowship and friends. Please join us and bring some others with you!

Vacation Bible School

This summer's Vacation Bible School will be held at The Federated Church, July 24-26th, from 6:00-8:15 pm.

Registration will be on July 24th, at 5:30 pm.

There will also be a closing program on Thursday, July 27.

FYI- Names and Contact Information

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July Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
6/25	Deb/Jenny	Clancey	Gilbert K/John P	Steve & Sylvia	Chris & Steph
7/2	Steph/Maryruth	Matt	Nick S/Chris C	Nick & Katy	Steve & Sylvia
7/9	Leann/Jenny	Clancey	Lee H/Larry W	Pete	Andee
7/16	Marilyn J/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Nick S/Steve J	Gilbert & Patty	Nick & Katy
7/23	Sylvia/Jenny	Matt	Gilbert K/Larry W	Nikki	Leann & Nancy
7/30	Amber/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Nick S/John P	Chris & Steph	Steve & Marilyn
8/6	Deb/Maryruth	Matt	Lee H/Steve J	Sharon	Pete & Nancy

July Altar: Helen Scott & Jenny Hughson

July Coffee Hour snacks provider: Nancy Sato

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

7/1	Nikki Rose	7/20	Sherry Miyahara
7/4	Chris Kester-Beyer	7/21	Cliff Symonds
7/16	Kristen Hotz	7/25	Jenny Hughson
7/18	Steve Dolberg	7/25	John Todd Plasencio

Anniversaries:

7/1	Chris & Steph Cannon	7/16	Pat & Sherry Miyahara
7/14	Cliff & Andee Symonds	7/29	Dave & Shelly Knutson

July Altar Flowers

As of publication time, there are no July flower dedications.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

July 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					30 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	1
2 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	3	4	5	6	7 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	8
9 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	10	11	12	13	14 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	15
16* 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	17	18	19	22	21 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	22
23/30 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	24/31	25	26	27	28 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	29

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*As third Sunday, July 16 will be the Pastors' Discretionary Fund offering date. Any cash in offering plate will go to this fund.