

Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

FROM THE DESKS OF
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Dear Friends in Christ,

How many times in your life have you wished for another chance? Another chance to take a test you blew or another chance at bat after you whiffed it? Another chance to do a better job or to heal a hurt that you had caused by your own actions or words? Another chance to show your love?

People ask or wish for another chance because they have failed the first time. Because they think or hope they can do better the second time around. But, in real life, most of us don't get second chances. We're stuck with the mistakes we made.

The good news of Lent (and Easter) is that as Christians we DO get a second chance! That's what this Lenten journey is all about. It's another chance to think about, reflect upon and walk in, the most important fact in life—that Jesus suffered and died for our sins so that we might be forgiven and given the promise of salvation—so that we might have a second chance.

Lent gives us another chance to think about and reflect upon the mystery and beauty of the cross of Christ. It's not easy to grasp the wonder of this event, even though we may have heard about it all our lives. It's too big, too amazing to understand all at once. So each year, during Lent, we are invited to view the cross again in terms of our life now.

Do we understand how much God loves us? Do we really believe that Jesus died for our sins? Do we live our lives each day as though we believe it? Can others see the difference that Jesus' death and resurrection make in our lives? Can we? Can we believe it and not spend time in worship to the one who loves us? Can we believe it and not find ourselves praying more or reading our Bible more regularly or giving of ourselves more generously in gratefulness to the gift we have received in Jesus Christ?

Lent provides us with a wonderful opportunity to stand at the foot of the cross and to hear anew the story of God's great love for us. As we journey through this Lenten season may God send his Holy Spirit upon us that we might be drawn ever closer to the mystery of his grace and love and glory in this second chance that only God can give.

*Blessings on your Lenten Journey,
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):

March-Canned Soup

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):

March-Single servings of dry milk

Bishop's Visit and

Confirmation

Bishop Barker will be here on April 2 for the Confirmation of Mary, Matt and John. Pot luck dinner will follow services.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Holy Apostles will host its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 28, from 5-7 pm at Beecher Hall.

Tickets available: \$6 adults

\$3 kids (under 6)

Third Sunday Special Offering for the Priest's Discretionary Fund

A while ago, the Vestry designated the 3rd Sunday of each month for a special offering for the Priest's Discretionary Fund. On this Sunday, any loose change in the offering plates will go towards the Discretionary Fund. So, don't forget to collect your loose change and place it in the offering plate on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Thanks ahead of time for your generosity.

FYI- Names and Contact Information

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March Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
3/5	Deb/Maryruth	Matt	Gilbert K/Nick S	Nikki	Pete & Nancy/Fred
3/12	Andee/Jenny	Clancey	Chris C/Lee H	Steve & Sylvia	Andee
3/19	Steph/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Gilbert K/Larry W	Nick and Katy	Steve & Sylvia
3/26	Marilyn/Jenny	Matt	Steve J/Nick S	Leann & Nancy	Steve & Marilyn J
4/2	Leann/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Lee H/Gilbert K	Pete	Nick & Katy

March Altar: Nikki Rose, Margaret Fiegel, Judy Kieler (Set up for Ash Wednesday, March 1)

March Coffee Hour snacks provider: Helen Scott

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

March 4	Chad Johnson	March 9	Abel Plasencio	March 21	Clancy Symonds
March 5	Evelyn Montz	March 11	Sharon Francisco	March 22	Aloha Hettinger
March 6	Larry Wagner	March 13	Mark Knaub	March 24	Colleen Elliott
March 7	Xoe Allbaugh	March 18	Marilyn Wagner	March 27	Emily Meysenburg
March 8	Nancy Sakurada	March 19	Alex Rose		

Anniversaries:

March 22 Bobby & Cory Allbaugh

March Altar Flowers

As per the tradition there will be no altar flowers throughout the season of Lent.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

March 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	27	28 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7 pm Beecher Hall	1 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm	2 ECW meeting 1 pm @ Holy Apostles	3 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	4
5 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service Vestry meeting	6	7	8 Evening Prayer & Healing Service 7:00	9	10 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	11
12 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	13	14	15 Evening Prayer & Healing Service 7:00	16	17 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	18
19 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service Confirmation Class 4-6 pm	20	21	22 Evening Prayer & Healing Service 7:00	23	24 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	25
26 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	27	28	29 Community Meal 5:30 Evening Prayer & Healing Service 7:00	30	31 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	