

Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

FROM THE DESKS OF
PASTORS SHERYL AND CHRIS KESTER-BEYER

Dear Friends,

Today, it finally feels like spring. The trees are budding, the dandelions are blooming, the sun is shining and it's finally warm enough to leave my coat in the house! We are entering the growing season. In the church, we too are entering the season of growing which we call Pentecost. On May 19th and 20th, we will gather and celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit, not just to the disciples but to the whole church, and then throughout the rest of the summer we will be called forth to grow in our faith through the power of the Spirit.

Of course, growing in or deepening our faith doesn't happen just by accident. It takes intentionality. It takes finding ways to make space for God. It takes consistency. Just as we must water and nourish a flower or plant if we wish it to mature and bloom so too, must we water and nourish our faith.

Making space for God takes some discipline. At first it may sound like one more thing you 'have to do' in your already hassled life. But as you know, it takes discipline to do anything well, and it is no different with prayer. If we want to grow in our faith, we need to find times to be with God and we need to be in prayer. If you are not sure how to pray, I would highly recommend to you a little book called 'Learning to Pray Again' by Michael Rinehart. It's easy to read with short chapters on different types of prayer practices. If you'd like a copy, look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex or you can download it to your e-reader.

Lastly, as you think about making space for God and working on growing in your prayer and faith life this summer, be gentle with yourself. Too often we get down on ourselves when we begin something new and then fail to do it or fail in doing it or we feel uncertain in how to do it. Remember, prayer takes time and practice. So be gentle. And make whatever happens a part of your conversation with God.

Blessings in this season of growing,

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):

May- 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):

Granola, Fruit or Cereal Bars

ECW Bake Sale

The ECW is having a bake sale on June 2 during the Mitchell community-wide garage sales. Since we only have about eight "active" members, we rely on all the women of the church to bring food to sell. One of the most popular items is egg rolls. The sale will be held in the church and start at 8:00.a.m, and continue until 10:30 (or earlier if we sell everything.) Proceeds go towards the various missions we support.

All-Church/Community Picnic

On Sunday, May 20th at 12:30 p.m. in City Park.

Kids games following dinner. Bring a dish to share, your own table setting and drink, plus lawn chairs if you wish. Rain location is Beecher Hall. Please note that because of the picnic, there will be no 5th Wednesday meal in May.

Bishop's Visit

On Saturday, May 26, Bishop Barker will be at Holy Apostles to celebrate the confirmation of Merrill Newman and Clancy Symonds. The service will be at 5:30 pm Saturday evening and a pot luck dinner will follow in Beecher Hall. The meat dish is being provided by the Raney's (monetary contributions are appreciated) and other church members are asked to provide the side dishes and desserts.

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May Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
4/29	Sylvia/Sister Eliz-Soj	Bill R	Nick S/Gilbert K	Pete	Deb & kids
5/6	Deb/Maryruth	Matthew	the Raney	Nick & Katy	Steve & Sylvia
5/13	Steph/Jenny	Mary & Merrill	Matthew/Oren	Nikki	Pete
5/20	LeAnn/Sister Eliz-Soj	Bill R	LeAnn S/Deb Y	Chris & Steph	Andee & Jenny
5/26	Marilyn J/Maryruth	Matthew	Steve J/Gilbert K	Nancy/LeAnn	pot luck dinner
5/27	Sylvia/Jenny	Clancey	the Raney	Morning Prayer	Chris & Steph
6/3	Andee/Sister Eliz-Soj	Bill R	Nick S/Chris C	Sharon F	Nick & Katy

May Altar: Marilyn Johnson & Nikki Rose

May Coffee Hour snacks provider: Nancy Sato

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

May 4	Mae Sakurada	May 17	Tyler Plasencio
May 8	Jacob Knaub	May 18	Kathy Propp
May 15	Dennis Kieler	May 21	Bill Raney
May 16	Oran Symonds	May 28	Matthew Symonds

Anniversaries:

May 12 Chad & Kathy Propp

Save the Date

Holy Apostles will be hosting this year's Ministerial Association Vacation Bible School. The dates are: evenings of July 15-18 with program on the 19th. Let one of the Pastors or Deacon Angie know if you would be willing to help.

May Altar Flowers

Given by:

In memory of:

As of publication, there were no flowers given in May

For behold the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree ripens its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.

Song of Solomon 2:11

May 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 1:00 PM ECW @ Holy Apostles (Last meeting until fall)	4 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	5
6 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	7	8	9	10	11 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	12
13 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	14	15	16 6:00 Confirmation Class	17	18 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	19
20* 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	21	22	23	24	25 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	26 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist Confirmation Dinner to follow
27 10:30 am Morning Prayer	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31	1 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	2

*As third Sunday, May 20 will be the Pastors' Discretionary Fund offering date. Any cash in offering plate will go to this fund.

Please note that Sunday School will not meet throughout the summer months.