

## Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

So, how do you say 'thanks'? I must admit I am not very good about saying 'thanks' if that means sending a note. And there are a few people who deserve an apology for my not recognizing their gifts or their actions. How do we say 'thank you' to God? I guess we could write God a note, but from Old Testament times on, Scripture has identified our 'tithes and offerings' as the main way we show our gratitude to God. Yes, we can offer ourselves in service to God; yes we can make an offering of our worship; however most often scripture talks about a concrete or physical offering.

Malachi 3:10 says, "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse so that there may be food in my house and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." In this passage God ties God's blessings to our saying 'thank you' to God by offering back to God what has first been given us.

This time of year we turn our thoughts to thankfulness. We will gather as family and friends to give thanks for the bountifulness in which we live. We will give thanks for getting through another year. We will give thanks for support through troubled times. We will give thanks.

For myself, I know when someone thanks me I am more willing to offer my support again. To clarify here, there are some things a parent provides their children even if no gratitude is ever offered from that child, God is no different. However, what parent doesn't appreciate a hug or crayoned missive as an opportunity to further a shower of blessing?

Shortly after beginning at Messiah, (our previous church), over 13 years ago, the Council made a decision to simply offer up to God a tithe of what was received at Messiah. At that time they were significantly behind in what was needed to meet the budget and had to 'borrow' from other funds to pay the bills. Often they were 'holding back' mission share, (or Faith Ask in the Episcopal Church), to clear other checks. In an act of faith the Council decided to give 10 percent of what was received and offer that first to God to say thank you for the great ministry going on there. Since then they have increased what was given to mission share, they have operated in the black and have repaid funds 'borrowed' from other sources.

On November 6th, we will be receiving your pledges for the coming year and I hope you respond to this opportunity to say thanks to God for God's work in and through your life. Know this as well, your commitment is greatly appreciated and know that it is taken very seriously, no matter how, in what way or in what amount to you are saying thanks for God's blessings.

Pastor Chris



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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:

November—canned fruit or raisins

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Pantry coordinators:

Susan Weitzel-(308)623-2684 or

Karen French (308)623-188

**Western Nebraska**

**Deanery**

There will be a western Nebraska Deanery meeting Saturday, November 5 at Good Shepherd of the Plains in Harrisburg. From about 10:00am to 3:00pm, (Usually a light lunch is served)

**All Saints Sunday-November 6th:**

Every year, the first Sunday of November is All Saints Sunday! It is the day that we celebrate those that have gone before us and now live and dwell eternally with God. Names of our loved ones that have died will be read aloud in worship on All Saints Sunday.

It is our way of remembering them and remembering God's promise that we will all be gathered together on the last day.

**Community Thanksgiving Worship Service**

Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Holy Apostles.

Father Mike Wetovick, St. Theresa's Catholic Church,

Sponsored by the Mitchell/Morrill Ministerial Association

Offering to Support the Mitchell/Morrill Backpack Programs

**Each church is asked to provide cookies, bars, or some other snack for the fellowship time after worship. Please sign up in the narthex, if you would be willing to bring snacks to share or help serve that evening.**

**FYI- Names and Contact Information**

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*(Diocesan Environmental Ministries & Ministry of Diaconate)*

## November Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
11/6	Steph/Maryruth	Matt	Lee H/John P	Pete & Nancy Sakarada	Judy K-brunch
11/13	Leann/Jenny	Mary & Merrill	Steve J/Larry W	Chris & Steph	Chris & Steph
11/20	Marilyn J/Maryruth	Matt	Nick S/Lee H	Nikki R	Deb
11/27	Deb/Jenny	Clancey	Gilbert K/Larry W	Sharon	Cliff & Andee
12/4	Sylvia/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Steve J/Chris C	Steve & Marilyn	Steve & Sylvia

October Altar: Marilyn Wagner & Margaret Fiegel

## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays:

Nov 8 Matt Nation	Nov 10 Pete Okamoto	Nov 12 Pat Miyahara
Nov 8 Mary Newman	Nov 11 Lucca Albaugh	Nov 19 Jordon Knaub
Nov 9 Matthew Dolberg		

### Anniversaries:

Nov 22 Jim & Colleen Elliott

## November Altar Flowers

November 6	Cindy Yamamoto	In Memory of Tad & Mary Yamamoto
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## Stewardship Sunday

A reminder that Sunday, November 6 will be Stewardship Sunday. Please remember to pick up your pledge cards, complete and return them to church.

A big thanks to Judy Kieler for her leadership and her dedication to this effort. She is also providing a brunch during coffee hour after church services that Sunday.

## Thanksgiving Dinner

It is that time of the year again where we come together to celebrate our blessing with our family and friends. This year Holy Apostles will be hosting the "joint" Thanksgiving dinner with St. Francis Episcopal Church. Bill and Sandi Raney are coordinating with Terry and Sandy Haney of St. Francis for this adventure. Holy Apostles will furnish coffee, lemonade, and other fruit juice. St. Francis will furnish iced tea and apple juice.

Suggested contributions:

A through L	will bring dressing or potatoes
M through S	will bring other side dishes
T through Z	will bring desert

We are also asking volunteers to decorate Beecher Hall, Sunday November 20 at 2:00 pm. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex so we know how many people to expect. Please come celebrate with us. For further information you may contact the Raney's at 308-672-9238 (Bill) or 308-765-8872 (Sandi).

*From them will come songs of thanksgiving and the sound of rejoicing. I will add to their numbers, and they will not be decreased; I will bring them honor, and they will not be disdained.*

**Jeremiah 30:19**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1	2	3 ECW meeting 1pm @ Holy Apostles	4 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	5 <b>Deanery in Harrisburg</b>	
6 <b>STEWARDSHIP</b> 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service <b>BRUNCH</b>	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 Confirmation Class	14	15	16	17	18 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	19	
20 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service* <b>Community Church Service*</b>	21	22	23	24 <b>Thanksgiving Dinner Noon Beecher Hall</b>	25 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	26	
27 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	28	29	30				
		*See information on page 2 of newsletter for more information about this Community Church Service.  Following church service on November 6, there will be a brunch served to celebrate the Stewardship Sunday.					