

Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

FROM THE DESKS OF PASTORS SHERYL AND CHRIS KESTER-BEYER

*"We thank you, our creator, for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts,
but what you most would treasure—our humble, thankful hearts."*

Verse 3 of "We Plow the Fields and Scatter" ELW #681

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you already know November is the month of Thanksgiving! Of course, while we, as a nation, will pause on November 23rd to give thanks, as Christians we are called to live a life of thanksgiving each and every day!

Now, while this idea is nothing new, I want to challenge you to use the month of November to flex your thanksgiving muscles, so to speak. And there are lots of different ways you could do this. You could put a blank sheet of paper or a calendar on your refrigerator door and every day write down something for which you are thankful.

If you do Facebook, Instagram or Twitter, challenge yourself to post something you are grateful to God for every day during November; instead of writing something, you could post a picture! Use the hashtag #givingthanks@holypostlesmitchell.org so we can all follow along.

Families, turn this into a family project. Younger kids can draw pictures, older kids can post pictures, parents, even grandparents, can get in the act in whatever makes sense for each of you. The point is, of course, to give thanks.

I would also like to encourage you in response to consider your pledge to the ministry of Holy Apostles' on November 19th.

Then throughout the month, but especially on Thanksgiving Day (or whenever your family celebrates Thanksgiving together), reserve a time to run through your list of thanksgivings or if you didn't get around to doing the Thanksgiving Challenge, you can still go around the table at your Thanksgiving Celebration and have everyone share at least one 'Thanks Giving'. And then last, but not least, offer a prayer to God thanking God for his many blessings.

Why take on this challenge? Because too often we find ourselves focusing on what we don't have, rather than what we do have. And when we start focusing on what we lack instead of what God has given, it's easy to get depressed, to feel deprived, and to become anxious. When we take the time to write down our blessings, to remember the gifts that God has given, and to thank God for them, we protect ourselves from these negative, anxiety-producing thoughts and rightly give God the thanks and praise that God deserves.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

2 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Giving Thanks!
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):

November-Tuna Helper

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):

Fruit bars

Prayer Chain

The church prayer chain will be updated in January. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the sheet located on the table in the choir area. You only need to sign up if you are not already part of the chain.

Care Packages

ECW will be assembling care packages this year for our college students. If you would like to contribute, please provide enough for seven students. Assembly will take place following church on Sunday, November 26.

Great Food & Great Fellowship

- This year St. Francis is hosting the joint Thanksgiving celebration. Set-up starts at 9 am, with meal planned for 11:30. Holy Apostles is asked to provide dressing and potatoes and gravy. Please consider participating with your friends and family. Sign-up for other things will follow.
- Also, a reminder that we will be hosting another community meal, on Nov. 29, at 5:30. We will have a German theme. Please come join us for some good food and great company.

December ECW Meeting

A reminder that the December ECW meeting will be held at the home of Jenny Hughson. They will meet at 12:30 for lunch, which Jenny is providing. Please RSVP, to Jenny, if you are planning on attending so she knows how many to expect. Thank you!

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November Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
10/29	Deb/Maryruth	Matt	Nick S/Lee H	Nikki R	Chris & Steph
11/5	Amber/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Gilbert K/Steve J	Pete	Nick & Katy
11/12	Sylvia/Jenny	Matt	Larry W/Nick S	Sharon	Steve & Marilyn
11/19	Leann/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Lee H/John P	Chris & Steph	Judy
11/26	Steph/Jenny	Clancy	Steve J/Larry W	Leann & Nancy	Steve & Sylvia
12/3	Andee/Maryruth	Matt	Gilbert K/Nick S	Steve & Sylvia	Deb

November Altar: Helen Scott & Judy Kieler

November Coffee Hour snacks provider: Cindy Yamamoto

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

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, October 29 will be Stewardship Sunday. Please remember to pick up your pledge cards, complete and return them to church.

Pledges will need to be returned by Sunday, November 19.

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

Christmas Poinsettias

The Altar Guild will begin collecting donations for Christmas poinsettias in November. The container for donations and a sign-up sheet will be located on the small table by the choir area.

November Altar Flowers

Given by:

In memory of:

As of publication, there were no flower dedications in November.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Psalm 107:8-9

November 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	30	31	1	2 1:00 pm ECW meeting @ church	3 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	4
5 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	6	7	8	9	10 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	11
12 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service 4-6 pm Confirmation Class	13	14	15	16	17 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	18
19* Consecration Sunday 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service 7 pm Community Service @ United Methodist	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Francis 11:30	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 5:30 pm Community Meal @ Beecher Hall German theme	30	1 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	2

*As third Sunday, November 19 will be the Pastors' Discretionary Fund offering date. Any cash in offering plate will go to this fund.