

## Holy Apostles “Grapevine”

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

FROM THE DESKS OF  
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Dear Friends in Christ,

*When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom.”*  
*Luke 4:16*

Last month in my newsletter article, I challenged each of us to think of worship as more than just the hour we might spend together during an actual worship service at church, but to think about worship as something we can do wherever we are—to learn to practice the presence of God daily as Brother Lawrence did.

But worship is also obviously the gathered fellowship of believers in a worship space, (i.e. the church) for the express purpose of praising God, hearing God’s word and being strengthened and nourished by God to go back out into the world to follow and serve God where God has called us.

Richard Foster in his blog post “The Many Landscapes of Worship” shares with us some ideas for helping us to worship well when we do come together. First, Foster suggests spending some time preparing for worship: ‘by going to bed early on Saturday night; by having an experience of examination and confession; by going over the Scriptures and hymns that will be used on Sunday; by gathering before the worship service begins to pray that God’s presence will fill the room; by letting go in inward distractions so that you can be genuinely present.’

Second, Foster writes that we need ‘learn to let go of our personal agenda... The language of the gathered fellowship is not “I” but “we.”’ In other words, worship is not just about having my own personal needs met. For example, we may not ‘like’ every song or hymn that is sung during worship or even the style of music of a particular hymn, but when we recognize that worship is not always about me, we learn to appreciate that although ‘I’ may not like a particular hymn, it can still have a place in the worship service, because it more than likely speaks to someone else in the gathered community. Letting go of our personal agenda also means learning that even when worship may not quite fit our needs or tastes, our presence and participation in the worship service can be an encouragement to those around us and this too is an important aspect of worship.

Next, Foster encourages us to cultivate a sense of holy expectancy. Foster writes, “a holy expectancy looks forward to God moving and acting and teaching and wooing and winning.” One of the ways we can cultivate holy expectancy is by making time, either before we come to worship or even once we enter the sanctuary to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to hear what God has to say to us today and to make us aware of his presence in the different elements of our worship service. But even if we don’t ‘feel’ the Holy Spirit’s presence or feel particularly moved by the worship service that day, we know that simply by gathering to worship our actions are pleasing to God.

These are just a few ways we can prepare ourselves for worship. If you’ve never thought about worship as being something that you need to prepare for—that all you need to do is show up and you’re good; then I would like to encourage you to try some of these ideas and see if they don’t deepen your understanding of worship and enhance your worship experience.

Come, let us worship the Lord!  
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):

**September-canned meat**

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):

**Snack, fruit or breakfast/cereal bars**

**Fifth Wednesday**

We will be celebrating another fifth Wednesday this month on October 30 starting at about 5:30.

This time it will be a soup supper with any appropriate accompanying sides.

There will be more information to follow as there has been some discussion of possible Halloween costume contest or a second year of "Trunk or Treat".

Please plan to come join us for some wonderful food and fellowship.

**Daughters of the King**

St. Francis Church has a woman coming to give a presentation about Daughters Of The King and the many ways they can enhance a church. The presentation will be October 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. at St. Francis. Pizza and a drink will be served. If you can attend please let Barb Manasek know so she can plan food. Her number is 436-7767.

**FYI- Names and Contact Information**

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## October Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
9/29	Sylvia/Steph	Clancey	Deb/Weston	Nancy & Leann	Steve & Marilyn
10/6	Andee/Sister E-S	Bill	Leann/Merrill	Steve & Sylvia	Nick & Katie
10/13	Steph/Maryruth	Merrill	Nick/Steve J	Chris & Steph	Steve & Sylvia
10/20	Deb/Jenny	Clancey	the Raneys	Pete	Fred & Nancy
10/27	Sylvia/Leann	Merrill	Mel/Nick	Nick & Katie	Jenny & Andee
11/3	Marilyn/Sister E-S	Bill	Deb/Weston	Nikki	Leann & Nancy

October Altar: Andee Symonds & Margaret Fiegel

October Coffee Hour snacks provider: Nancy Sato

## October Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays:

10/1	Aiden Meysenburg	10/12	Joslyn Kurtz
10/6	Weston Cannon	10/14	Reece Meysenburg
10/8	Steve Johnson	10/21	Sheryl Kester-Beyer
10/10	Corlette Allbaugh	10/29	Julie Lane
10/10	Kinsey Knaub	10/30	Joni Hotz
10/10	Laura Kurtz	10/30	Leonard Sakurada

### Anniversaries:

10/10 Matt & Alex Nation

## October Altar Flowers

### Given by:

10/6  
Don & Nikki Rose

### In memory of:

Mike & Neva Jones  
Lloyd & Lorene Rose

***9 All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name. 10 For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.***

Psalm 86:9-10

<b>October 2019</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
29 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	30	1	2	3 ECW 12:30 @ Holy Apostles	4	5
6 I 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	7	8	9	11	11	12
13 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service Vestry Meeting	14	15	16	17 Annual Council Bellevue, NE	18 Annual Council Bellevue, NE	19 Annual Council Bellevue, NE
20 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service*	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	28	29	30 Fifth Wednesday Soup Supper 5:30 pm	31	1	2

\*As third Sunday, October 20 will be the Pastors' Discretionary Fund collection date. Any cash in the offering plate will be deposited in that fund.