

Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

FROM THE DESKS OF
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Dear Friends in Christ,

As one looks around the world, one has to wonder, "Will anyone give peace a chance?" Yeah, I know I stole that line from the Beatles. It is over-used and over-hyped as well. Yet, as I look at the headlines blaring out of the paper, it is a nagging question. Is there any hope for peace in this world?

As usual the answer is, "No and yes." First and always we must hear the no. Like a child reaching for a hot stove, you can't take time to reason with them, you just say, "No!" I am not saying that peace is impossible, "no" means simply, it is not working, stop what you are doing! Too many times, we get trapped as nations and as individuals into thinking, "If we just try harder..." This means, if I am a little more forceful with my ideas, my plans, my way of doing things, it will all work out. To this we must hear the word, "No."

I know some of you are thinking I am getting into politics, but what about our families? How many times do we think, if only my spouse would do what I think, things would be okay. Of course our children are supposed to obey us, if I could just get them to listen! What might happen if we stopped for a moment and listened to them?

To hear yes, this is where we need to begin, first hearing no. In the book of Isaiah, where Isaiah lifts up a wonderful vision of world peace, God tells Isaiah, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than yours." Isaiah 55:8-9. It is when we first hear this we can let the Apostle Paul's benediction, "May the peace of Christ dwell richly in your hearts. To which you were called..." Colossians 3:15. When we let go of our own ideas and concepts of what 'peace' should look like or be, then we free ourselves to know God's peace. This peace does not necessarily mean the end of conflict but it can mean calm in the midst of conflict. If everyone, nations included could start here then indeed peace might have a chance.

Pastor Chris



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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 donations:

September—canned soup

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Pantry coordinators:

Susan Weitzel—(308)623-2684 or

Karen French (308)623-1883

Confirmation Class

- Confirmation to start 9/18 from 4-6 PM.
- Please check out the website for videos and further details.
- Class will be structured like last year; watching the videos prior to class and taking a short quiz on each video.

Backpack Supplies

Just a reminder that starting now in September, they will be needing supplies for the backpack program. Needed items include: powdered milk, cup of soup, individual fruit and vegetable cups, instant oatmeal packets and individual cereals and sandwich crackers. (Contact Andee Symonds for additional information.)

Education For Ministry

WHAT: EFM online for Western Nebraska

WHERE: Your home or place that has a good internet connection

WHY: To learn more about God - Theological Reflection - Scripture

WHEN: Thursday's @ 6:30pm Mountain Time (Sessions will be about 1 1/2 hours). Sessions to begin on Thursday, September 15th.

COST: \$350 plus \$15 for shipping (\$365). Some scholarship available.

The first year will begin with a study of the Old Testament.

CO-MENTORS will be The Rev. Ernesto Medina (6 year mentor) and Mr. Charles Plantz

LIMIT: We will accept the first 8 students (maybe 9)

FYI- Names and Contact Information

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September Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
9/4	Sylvia/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Chris C/Gilbert K	Nancy & Pete	Steph & Chris C
9/11	Leann/Jenny	Clancey	Nick/Larry W	Nick & Katy	Deb & Nancy Sato
9/18	Steph/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Gilbert K/Chris C	Steve & Marilyn	Fred & Nancy
9/25	Andee/Jenny	Matt	Lee H/John P	Stephanie & Chris	Andee
10/2	Marilyn J/Maryruth	Clancey	Larry W/Nick	Nikki R	Steve & Marilyn

September Altar: Helen Scott & Jenny Hughson

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

9/1	Sterling Cannon	9/9	Candice Sherfey	9/19	Mary Taedter
9/1	Gilbert Kurtz	9/9	Landra Sherfey	9/22	Chris Cannon
9/8	Kelsey Loutzenhiser	9/16	Judy Kieler	9/26	Helen Scott

Anniversaries:

9/29 Levi & Lucy Allbaugh

September Altar Flowers

Given by:

In Memory of:

September 25

Maryruth Reed

Randolph Reed

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Group Reunion Penny's 7 am	3
4 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	5 Labor Day	6	7	8 ECW Fall Salad Luncheon	9 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	10
11 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	12	13	14	15	16 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	17
18 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service Confirmation	19	20	21	22	23 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	24
25 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	26	27	28	29	30 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	
<p>More information to follow, but Pastor Chris and Sister Elizabeth Sojourner are hoping to start a "Financial Peace" class, possibly in October. We'll keep you posted on the details as soon as things are finalized.</p> <p>Annual Council will be taking place next month in Lincoln. Holy Apostles will have representatives attending and will provide any needed follow up.</p>						