

Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

FROM THE DESKS OF
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Dear Friends in Christ,

Think about it, how many times does an angel or Jesus Himself, say to someone, "Do not fear." Of course fear might be a typical reaction when you realize you're encountering the divine presence. Still, the divine admonition is, "Do not be afraid."

You've heard this gag: "Life is a test. It is only a test. If this were an actual life, you'd have been given instructions."

Guess what? This *is* your real life. How you live it tells everyone what you think is important – and it tells God what you think is important. God dares you to really live your life instead of just going along. Jesus dares us to live a *fearless* life, one that loves beyond reason, trusts beyond expectation, hopes beyond the here-and-now, and gives beyond common sense; one that is lived fully open to what is possible to bring the Kingdom of God to our real lives, in our real world.

Real life is everywhere: in ourselves, in our families, at our work, with our neighbors, with our money, and, yes, in our church. What each and every one of us *does* matters to others and to God, because it has the power to enrich or deprive life of its full meaning, and it has the power to bring us closer to or further from God.

As we begin a new school year and gear up activities around the Church, it might be good to name the things that fill us with fear and keep us from being the people God intended us to be, people who live fearlessly for God. Consider four questions: What are you afraid of? Who else might share that fear? What are your fears keeping you from becoming? What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail? Especially, this last question, for God has promised us this one thing. We may lose everything, yet in Christ, we will not fail.

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 donation item(s):

Sept-canned or jarred spaghetti sauce

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):

Breakfast fruit bars or

Individual packs of cereal

Vestry Meeting

Just a reminder our next vestry meeting will be following services on October 8.

ECW

Just a reminder that ECW will resume meeting September 7, at 12:30 pm with a carry-in salad lunch followed by the regular meeting. Maryruth Reed is hostess. All women of the church are invited to attend meetings. They are held the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm, September-May, at the church.

August Community Dinner

A reminder that the next community dinner Holy Apostles will be hosting will take place on Wednesday, August 30. The first two have been very enjoyable times of fellowship and friends. Please join us and bring some others with you! We are going to follow an Asian theme for the food and Pete Okamoto has volunteered to demonstrate how to make her famous rice balls!

Sunday School

It's that time of year again for both adult and children's Sunday School to begin meeting. Due to Angie and Deb missing a couple of Sundays in September, all Sunday School groups will begin on September 24. Hopefully this isn't an inconvenience for anyone. Thanks for your patience and support in all we are doing.

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September Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
8/27	Andee/Jenny	Clancy	Lee H/John P	Nick & Katy	Andee
9/3	Marilyn J/Maryruth	Matt	Steve J/Larry W	Steve & Marilyn	Chris & Steph
9/10	Amber/Jenny	Mary & Merrill	Nick S/Lee H	Sharon F	Nick & Katy
9/17	Sylvia/Maryruth	Matt	Nick S/Gilbert K	Pete	Steve & Marilyn
9/24	Deb/Jenny	Clancy	Larry W/Steve J	Chris & Steph	Deb
10/1	Leann/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Gilbert K/Lee H	Steve & Sylvia	Pete & Nancy

September Altar: Sharon Francisco and Margaret Fiegel

September Coffee Hour snacks provider: Stephanie Cannon

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

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

Anniversaries:

9/29 Levi & Lucy Allbaugh

September Altar Flowers

September 24 donated by Maryruth Reed in memory of Randolph Reed

For I am the LORD, your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

Isaiah 41:13

September 2017						
Sunday 27	Monday 28	Tuesday 29	Wednesday 30	Thursday 31	Friday 1	Saturday 2
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service			Community Meal 5:30		Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	
3 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	4 LABOR DAY	5	6	7 12:30 ECW meeting @ church	8 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	9
10 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	11	12	13	14	15 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	16
17* 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	18	19	20	21	22 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	23
24 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service** 4-6 pm Confirmation Class	25	26	27	28	29 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	30

*As third Sunday, September 17 will be the Pastors' Discretionary Fund offering date. Any cash in offering plate will go to this fund.

**The service on September 24 will be the Recovery Service