

Providing a welcoming community in which all can, with open hearts and open minds, receive God's grace through worship, fellowship, learning and outreach to others.

Bishop's Visitation

March 14th

Our Bishop, the Right Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf, has scheduled her annual visitation to Holy Apostles for Sunday, March 14th. She will preach and preside at our 10:00 am service of Holy Eucharist on that day. If you are interested in being confirmed or received when the Bishop visits, contact Father Clay.



The current safety precautions for in-person worship will be observed (thus, no festive reception, as in past years), and the service will also be livestreamed and recorded. We hope you can join us for this important event in our community life.

March Holy Days: St. Joseph, Annunciation



Simple midday services of Holy Eucharist will be offered for the following holy days this month.

These liturgies are in-person, and last approximately 30 minutes.

St. Joseph: Friday, March 19th, 12:30 pm

The Annunciation: Thursday, March 25th, 12:30 pm

*Gabriel's message does away Satan's curse and Satan's sway,
Out of darkness brings our Day: So, behold, all the gates of heaven unfold.*

~Hymn 270

Lenten Food Drive

Despite the pandemic, we are still having our traditional Lenten Food Drive supporting the Collierville Food Pantry. We have bins set up in the East vestibule and the Narthex now through Easter Sunday (April 4th).

You can make food donations if you attend a worship service in person, or anytime through the week during normal office hours from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Monday through Friday.

All non-perishable food and personal hygiene items are much appreciated and will be given out. Items currently in short supply include powdered potatoes, jams/jellies, bathroom tissue paper, small (1 lb.) size peanut butter, condiments & seasonings, quick (1 minute) oats, Jello, and breakfast cereal. When you shop, please try to remember us and pick up a few extra items to donate.

The Collierville Food Pantry helps serve the needs of families in our local area who cannot afford to purchase enough food – including those people whose livelihoods were impacted by the pandemic. The Pantry relies solely upon donations to make possible the food given away to people in need.

The parishioners of Holy Apostles have always opened their hearts and given most generously. In advance, we thank you for your support and kindness!

*Holy Apostles
Youth*



EYC
6th - 12th
Graders

During Lent, we will join other youth around Memphis in Lenten study and prayer. We hope you can join us each Wednesday in Lent (through Wednesday, March 31st). Zoom link can be found in your weekly email!

Check us out on Twitter or Instagram @holyapostlesth or like our Holy Apostles Youth Page on Facebook!

Lent for Families

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Lent for Families

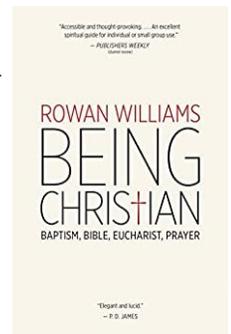
We are excited to bring Lenten curriculum, fellowship, & resources to engage families in faith formation at home.

<p><i>Lent for Youth</i></p> <p>Youth Grades 6-12</p> <p>Wednesday Nights @7:15pm Via Zoom Fellowship, Games, & Lenten devotions Compline @ 8:00pm (live on Instagram) @holyapostleseyc</p>	<p><i>Lenten Family Reflection</i></p> <p>Every Sunday in Lent</p> <p>@ 6:00 pm via Zoom. Zoom Link available in weekly announcements or email. cynthia@holyapostlesth.net</p>
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Email Cynthia@holyapostlesth.net if you have any questions

Lenten Book Study: Being Christian

A former Archbishop of Canterbury, and one of the leading Christian thinkers of our day, Rowan Williams has distilled the fundamentals of the faith into his short book *Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer* (Eerdmans, 2014). Here Williams explores “what those activities tell us about the essence of Christian life, and what kind of people we might hope to become in a community where these things are done.” As author and reviewer Lillian Daniel puts it, “Williams entices us all to go deeper by reviewing the basics. It takes a theologian of depth to write a simple book about complex concerns.”



Wednesdays in March, Fr. Clay will lead a weekly discussion of the book, covering one of its four chapters each week. A few copies are available in the parish office, or the book may be purchased online. Discussions will be over Zoom (link in the weekly parish email) at 5:30 pm, beginning March 3rd.

Rector Search Update

By Mike Siegel

The Search Committee is continuing its focus on development of the profile documents needed to announce our Rector job posting and introduce our parish to interested candidates. The first of these is the Ministry Profile, a questionnaire for the Office of Transition Ministry (the official forum for Rector job postings and search), which has now been completed and is under review by the Vestry and the Canon to the Ordinary. The second document is our Parish Profile, a comprehensive “marketing” presentation of our parish – worship, ministry and parish life – in words and pictures, which is in development. Both of these documents are informed by our Parish Survey, which was completed in December. As a reminder, you can view the results of the survey on our website. Please reach out to any member of the Rector Search Committee with questions or comments.

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*In memory of
Lyle Lockett Sullivan
Mrs. Diane Reddoch*

Adult Forum and Christian Education

We are now well into the second half of our Adult Forum series, *Walk In Love, Episcopal Beliefs & Practices*, using the book of the same name written by Episcopal priests, Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe. The book has served as our educational and formational roadmap for the 2020-21 church year. This has been a good resource for us these past several months. Our learning continues with two presentations in March as we journey through the season of Lent and arrive with Jesus in Jerusalem at Palm Sunday on Sunday, March 28th. I hope that these educational opportunities have been as formative for you as they have been for me in preparing them each week.

Here are the topics we will be covering this month:

Sunday, March 7

Wonderfully Restored, God the Son and Incarnation

Sunday, March 14

No Adult Forum due to Bishop's visit

Sunday, March 21

Walking in the Way of the Cross, Holy Week and Easter

Sunday, March 28

No Adult Forum due to Palm Sunday observances

Please remember that we continue to offer four Adult Bible Study opportunities each and every week, including both men's and women's groups on Monday and Thursday mornings, as well as two mixed groups on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We would love to have you join us for any of these meetings as a meaningful spiritual practice during this season of Lent. For more information email me at tom@holypostlestn.net.



Holy Hikers

March 13th

Hiking Before the Time Changes

The Holy Hikers will meet Saturday, March 13th at 9:00 am at the Church to explore a Wolf River trail. We'll head to Johnson Park in Collierville, take the Boardwalk Trail to the Wolf River, and then meander downstream. We'll hike level trails, bottomland forest, and enjoy frequent views of the river.

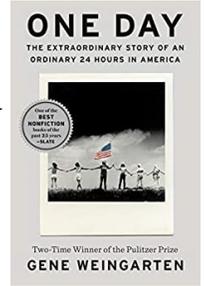


Dress for the weather and bring water and snacks. We'll be gone for about two hours. All ages are welcome, as well as pets. It will be an easy hike, suitable for folks who have been quarantined behind a computer for a year. Please join us, stretch your muscles, and enjoy being outdoors looking at real woods!

Call Frank Potter for details - (901) 230-1818.

Reading with Holy Apostles: March

Reading with Holy Apostles book club will meet to discuss our March selection, *One Day: The Extraordinary Story of an Ordinary 24 Hours in America* by Gene Weingarten on Tuesday, March 16th **via Zoom** at 6:30 pm. Check your weekly HA email for the link.



On New Year's Day 2013, two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner Gene Weingarten asked three strangers to, literally, pluck a day, month, and year from a hat. That day—chosen completely at random—turned out to be Sunday, December 28, 1986, by any conventional measure a most ordinary day. Weingarten spent the next six years proving that there is no such thing.

That Sunday between Christmas and New Year's turned out to be filled with comedy, tragedy, implausible irony, cosmic comeuppances, kindness, cruelty, heroism, cowardice, genius, idiocy, prejudice, selflessness, coincidence, and startling moments of human connection, along with evocative foreshadowing of momentous events yet to come. Lives were lost. Lives were saved. Lives were altered in overwhelming ways. Many of these events never made it into the news; they were private dramas in the lives of private people. They were utterly compelling.

One Day asks and answers the question of whether there is even such a thing as "ordinary" when we are talking about how we all lurch and stumble our way through the daily, daunting challenge of being human.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent

Fr. Clay will offer this traditional prayer service each Friday at 12:30 pm in the nave.

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed
the world.*

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Weekly Offerings

Sunday

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am in the Nave and via livestream on our YouTube channel.

Children's Chapel/Sunday School lesson on Facebook.

Lenten Family Devotions via Zoom at 6:00 pm.

Bluegrass Evening Prayer at 5:15 pm in the Nave. (Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month)

Monday

Men's Bible Study via Zoom at 7:00 am.

Tuesday

Adult Bible Study via Zoom at 6:30 pm.

Wednesday

Morning Prayer with Father Clay at 10:00 am on Facebook.

Prime Timers Zoom Gathering via Zoom at 11:00 am (*every other week*).

Compline for Parish Choir via Zoom at 7:00 pm.

EYC Midweek via Zoom at 7:15 pm.

EYC Compline at 8:00 pm on Instagram.

Thursday

Women's Bible Study via Zoom at 11:00 am.

Adult Bible Study via Zoom at 6:30 pm.

Friday

Stations of the Cross at 12:30 pm in the Nave.

Compline with Father Clay at 8:00 pm on Facebook.

For more information on these and other events at Holy Apostles, visit our website (www.holyapostlesth.net), where you can sign up for our weekly email announcements.

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