

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.

Fall Worship at Holy Apostles

Beginning September 12th, our Sunday worship schedule will be:

9:00 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite II (with choir and Children's Chapel)

10:10 am - Christian Education for all ages

11:15 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite I (a said service, using 'traditional language')

5:15 pm - Bluegrass Evening Prayer (Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month)

This schedule was arrived at after thoughtful deliberation by myself and the staff over a period of time. In some ways it represents a 'return to normal' (e.g. going back to the 9:00 am start time for our principal Sunday service), but there are also some new things to note. Starting the second service at 11:15 will allow us sufficient time between morning services to have an unhurried Christian education hour. Religious education and formation, both for adults and children, deserves a prominent place in our common life, and guaranteeing it a full hour will be both a boon to us and a courtesy to our frequent guest speakers.

The 11:15 liturgy will be a Rite I service. (In the Prayer Book, Rite II services are provided in 'contemporary language', while Rite I services are in 'the traditional idiom'—i.e. 'Elizabethan English.')

This will typically be 'a said service' (without music), and so presents an opportunity for a relatively brief and quiet celebration of the eucharist. Although Rite I services have not been offered regularly at Holy Apostles in many years, they form part of the worshipping life of many Episcopal parishes. Additionally, in the parish survey conducted last year as part of our search process, a plurality of responses to the question about worship preferences expressed a desire to have 'options for both Rite I and Rite II.'

For the evening bluegrass service, we will continue with the schedule that we have used for the past year: Bluegrass Mass (i.e. Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of the month, and a bluegrass service of Evening Prayer on the following Sundays. There are several reasons for this. Having 'a variety of services' received high marks on the parish survey in the category of what people value about Holy Apostles. For most of the last 500 years, 'the Daily Office' services (Morning and Evening Prayer) were the most standard liturgies offered in the Anglican tradition—in most places, Holy Communion was celebrated monthly or even quarterly. Although I am thankful for the recovery of the more ancient practice of weekly Communion among Anglicans (a practice we observe at our principal morning service), I also think it is good for Episcopal parishes regularly to offer services of Morning and/or Evening Prayer. These liturgies are a beautiful part of our Anglican heritage, and they also present wonderful opportunities for growing the church. We can forget that the liturgy of the Holy Eucharist, while central to our worship as Christians, is often confusing and intimidating to visitors. Whether they are from a different denominational background or have no previous church experience, newcomers may rightly be uncertain about what it is we are doing in the eucharist, and whether it is something they should or want to be involved in. But when it comes to our bluegrass service of Evening Prayer, I don't think I could conceive of a better 'seeker friendly' church experience if I tried!

Lastly, we will continue with midweek Holy Day services, offered periodically according to the church calendar in the Book of Common Prayer. Accordingly, the day of the week for these services varies, but when celebrated we observe them with a simple midday Eucharist at 12:30 pm, the day being announced in advance.

The transition period between rectors is often a good time for a parish to explore some different ways to worship. I hope you'll take the opportunity in the months ahead to attend several of these different liturgies, and see how God might speak to you through them and shed light on your faith journey. I look forward to seeing you in church soon—and I hope you'll bring a friend!

Peace,
Clay+



Children's Communion Instruction September 26th



Father Clay will host a Children's Communion Instruction session for all children in PreK through 5th grade during the Sunday School hour on September 26th. Parents, please drop off your children to their normal Sunday School classroom by 10:10 a.m.

This session will help answer your children's questions, and give them a basic understanding of what we believe and what we do in the Eucharist. Please contact Father Clay (clay@holypostle.net) if you have any questions.

Holy Hikers Saturday, September 11th

Holy Hikers found Wandering!

The Holy Apostles Holy Hikers have found their way out of the summer heat, humidity and doldrums! We return on Saturday, September 11th at 9:00 am to the parking lot. Since the heat is still bearing down as we plan our hike, we have no idea where we will be going at this point. But it makes no difference! Just meet us and we'll have a trail picked out by then. Call Frank Potter if you have questions (901-230-1818). We hope you will join us!

The Search Continues!

from the Rector Search Committee

The Rector Search Committee is continuing to receive inquiries and interview candidates on our journey to find our next rector. This is a prayerful process for both the candidates and the committee, as we participate in a process of mutual discernment. The Committee is closely following the priorities of the Holy Apostles community, as identified in our Parish Survey, in its screening and selection process. We ask your continued prayers and support as we seek God's calling of our new rector.

God Loves a Cheerful Giver

by Christina See, Stewardship Committee

An Interview with Bonnie Barnes

With a father as a minister in the Church of Christ who taught speech at Harding University, Bonnie was formed by daily biblical teaching from cradle through college. Her parents' foundational approach to stewardship was simple: every good thing that comes to us belongs to God. There is nothing that permanently belongs to us, but we should use the resources given to us to His honor and glory. One of her favorite scriptures is "Present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship" (Romans 12:1)

Bonnie and her late husband Cary came to Holy Apostles in 2004 and were talked into the daunting responsibility of teaching Sunday School class to middle schoolers. My own daughters will testify to their success with humor and gratitude. Bonnie went on to become a mentor with the Helping Hands Ministry for six years and is still in close contact with her mentee who is currently doing well in college. Many of you will know Bonnie best by her beautiful alto voice in the Holy Apostles choir. She is also on the current vestry.

Bonnie believes that we are all called to be caretakers of the gifts that God gives us and giving her time, talent, and treasure to causes that help others is exceptionally fulfilling. She also believes that being good stewards of our gifts helps us grow spiritually in our faith and makes a difference in our own lives as well as those of others. Although it's important to be realistic about what any family can afford to give, giving from our abundance and not becoming too attached to our material possessions often leads to serendipitous delights! Bonnie remains grateful for everything God has given her in life – times of good and bad, joy and sadness, abundance and want -it all makes our lives an amazing journey to be shared and celebrated.



NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST
Church of the Holy Apostles

Adult Formation and Christian Education

Fall is finally here and I could not possibly be more excited about the year to come here at Holy Apostles. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, we have all been through a lot during the past year and a half, including some difficult times both individually and as a community. That is why our theme, "New Life in Jesus Christ", takes on even more meaning as we move ahead in a new way together as a community of faith.

We will restart our Adult Education hour time between the two morning services beginning on Sunday, September 12. From then until the end of May 2022, we have a robust plan for you to engage in a number of meaningful learning and formation opportunities. Just to name a few: During September and October, I will facilitate a series on the intersection of our Christian beliefs and our everyday actions. In January and February, we will have an eye-opening two-week discussion on Creation Care based upon the first two chapters of Genesis led by Rhodes College professor, Dr. Matt Mathews. During Lent we will have a thoughtful series on the Atonement led by Fr. Clay Calhoun. And then after Easter Sunday, plan on participating in a captivating multi-week discussion with Memphis Theological Seminary's Dr. Mitzi Minor on living differently with Resurrection Imagination. And that's just the tip of the iceberg, there's so much more to come.

So, here's what to expect during our Adult Forum time in September:

Sunday, September 12th

New Life in Jesus Christ, an Introduction Discussion

Sunday, September 19th

New Life in the Episcopal Liturgy, Doctrine & Ethics

Sunday, September 26th

Everything is Upside Down, Jesus and the Great Reversal

Finally, we will also be restarting our weekly Adult Bible Study groups immediately following the Labor Day holiday weekend. You can sign up for these groups by sending me an email at tom@holypostlestin.net. As you can see, there's just so much good stuff in the works here at Holy Apostles. I hope to see you soon!

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In memory of Fred Bryan

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spore

In memory of Bob Capra

Ms. Sara Bailey

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Beason

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Bratton

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Drake

Ms. Margie Hornor

Mrs. Mary Irish

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Krieger

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Mr. Phil Morris

Mrs. Susan O'Bar

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potter

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Mrs. Bryce Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spore

Mrs. Pat Wasilik

Ms. Barbara Wick

In memory of Allen Carpenter

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spore

In memory of Earl Morris

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Beason

In memory of Ginny Topp

Mrs. Jean Morris

In memory of John Wasilik

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Beason

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Bratton

The Rev. and Mrs. Clay Calhoun

Mrs. Carole Capra

Reading with Holy Apostles: September

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book club will meet to discuss our September nonfiction selection, *Daring Greatly* by Brené Brown, on Tuesday, September 21st at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room.



From thought leader Brené Brown, a transformative new vision for the way we lead, love, work, parent, and educate that teaches us the power of vulnerability.

Every day we experience the uncertainty, risks, and emotional exposure that define what it means to be vulnerable or to dare greatly. Based on twelve years of pioneering research, Brené Brown PhD, LMSW, dispels the cultural myth that vulnerability is weakness and argues that it is, in truth, our most accurate measure of courage.

Brown explains how vulnerability is both the core of difficult emotions like fear, grief, and disappointment, *and* the birthplace of love, belonging, joy, empathy, innovation, and creativity. She writes: "When we shut ourselves off from vulnerability, we distance ourselves from the experiences that bring purpose and meaning to our lives."

Daring Greatly is not about winning or losing. It's about courage. In a world where "never enough" dominates and feeling afraid has become second nature, vulnerability is subversive. Uncomfortable. It's even a little dangerous at times. And, without question, putting ourselves out there means there's a far greater risk of getting criticized or feeling hurt. But when we step back and examine our lives, we will find that nothing is as uncomfortable, dangerous, and hurtful as standing on the outside of our lives looking in and wondering what it would be like if we had the courage to step into the arena—whether it's a new relationship, an important meeting, the creative process, or a difficult family conversation. *Daring Greatly* is a practice and a powerful new vision for letting ourselves be seen.



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SEPTEMBER AT HOLY APOSTLES

- ◆ **Sep 6:** Parish Office Closed
- ◆ **Sep 7:** Adult Bible Study returns 6:30 pm
- ◆ **Sep 8:** EYC Midweek returns 6:00 pm (see page 2)
- ◆ **Sept 11:** Holy Hikers 9:00 am (see page 2)
- ◆ **Sep 12:** Return to 2 morning services (9am & 11:15am)
and all Christian Education (10:10 am)
- ◆ **Sep 12:** EYC Sunday Funday returns 6:00 pm
(see page 2)
- ◆ **Sep 21:** Reading with Holy Apostles 6:30 pm
(see page 3)
- ◆ **Sept 26:** Children's Communion Instruction 10:10 am
(see page 2)
- ◆ **Sept 26:** More Than A Meal at Grace-St. Luke's 3:30
pm

Hello,
September!

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