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**We choose love
over division, unity
over separation and
Christ above all
things.**

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www.richmonddiocese.org

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A Message From Deacon Gary

Dear Holy Apostles' friends,

Friday, June 17th, was cloudy, looked like rain, and was the appropriate climate for the sad event of saying good bye to our Episcopal co-pastor of more than six years, the Reverend Michael Ferguson. Bishop Holly Hollerith, presided at the nearly full Galilee Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach. A number of members of Holy Apostles were disappointed the funeral could not be held at Holy Apostles, but with the number of attendees expected (and indeed there), Holy Apostles would have been overwhelmed. The sermon was delivered by the Reverend Kathleen Bobbitt, a seminary classmate of Father Mike's. Father Mike will be laid to rest at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Appomattox, where he served as rector for twelve years before coming to Holy Apostles.

What a shock we all experienced Sunday morning, June 12th, when most of us heard, for the first time, of Father Mike's passing. He died peacefully while enjoying an afternoon in one of his favorite places, Dam Neck beach.

The process (discernment) for bringing a new Episcopal priest to Holy Apostles had already started as a result of Father Mike's decision to retire for health reasons. Father Mike's death will result in an interim priest being assigned by the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

I was impressed with members of the community coming forward to volunteer for the Discernment Committee, responsible for searching and recommending the hiring of a replacement co-pastor. With the help of the diocesan consultant, it is hoped Father Mike's successor will be found quickly and in place later this year.

The good work of Holy Apostles goes on. It will be a busy rest of June and all of July. Although this event will likely have passed by the time you read this article, on Sunday, June 26th, we hosted the Christian Unity Prayer Service (formerly the LARCUM Spring/Summer Conference). We are slowly transitioning to the "Christian Unity" label where our offerings are open to a wider audience. In some ways LARCUM can be seen as limiting the audience to Lutherans, Anglicans/Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, and United Methodist members. For the annual LARCUM Conference in December, that would be appropriate, however, for our summer event, we want to have it open to all comers, from all faith traditions. The main feature was evening prayer and a storytelling portion in place of the evening readings. One of the three storytellers is from 1st Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach.

Holy Apostles is again hosting the family homeless shelter beginning the week of June 29th. Holy Apostles was the first church in Virginia Beach to sign up to support this important ministry. We are fortunate to have Theresa Stanley, Nick and Kim Nichter, Barbara Kimpan, and a host of volunteers supporting this major Holy Apostles' effort.

Last year, our Adult Religious Education committee decided to "re-brand" its summer lawn chair lecture series and called it "Fire and Ice." The reason was the series was no longer being held outdoors with people bringing their lawn chairs and the group thought the symbolism of fire (the Holy Spirit coming down in fiery tongues at Pentecost – to enlighten) and ice (for the ice cream sundaes, that are supplied at the start of each presentation) was a more appropriate label. The major topic this summer is "Healing, Natural or Divine?" and will be looked at from four different perspectives by four separate speakers. Ice cream sundaes are served at 6:30, and the program starts shortly after. I hope to see you there!

Bless you all,
Deacon Gary

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July		3	10	17	24	31
Phone		K Nichter	B Gillis	M Noyes	J Flowers	K Nichter
Greeters		J Arnold / G Zamer	J Arnold / G Zamer	J Arnold / G Zamer	J Arnold / G Zamer	J Arnold / G Zamer
Acolytes		M Hatcher	M McDonald	M Hatcher	N McCready	M McDonald
Readers	Episcopal	K Whyte & B Hormuth	J Arnold & L Carpenter	A Cherwa & J Delaney	G Little & G Leighton	B Startt & C Hamilton
Readers	RC	L Brunick & T Frey	B Carpenter & J Flowers	A Delaney & J Franklin	F McGrath & N Ragland	G Zamer & J Lucas
Prayers	Episcopal	M Mac Donald	M Meehan	A Whyte	N Nichter	J Lucas
Prayers	RC	A Marzitello	D Mitchell	P Salisbury	C Mills	P VanHeest
Gifts & Euch. Min Epis		H Follies & A Cherwa	H & T Asalone	T Mitchell & N Ragland	J Franklin & J Tucker –Russo	J Arnold & A Whyte
Gift & Euch. Min RC		B Hormuth & E Keenan	A & J Delaney	C Hamilton & A Martin	M Franklin & M Meehan	J Blessing & N Nichter
Counters		K Nichter & L Startt	G Leighton & L Pace	M Cherwa & B Carpenter	S Stanley & P Russo	W McDaniel & M Meehan
Altar Guild		Arnold	Delaney	Startt	Franklin	Nichter
Fellowship		Delaney	Hale	Hodermarsky	Leighton & Lucas	Salisbury

August		7	14	21	28
Phone		J Flowers	B Gills	M Noyes	K Nichter
Greeters		J Arnold / G Zamer	J Arnold / G Zamer	J Arnold / G Zamer	J Arnold / G Zamer
Acolytes		N McCready	M Hatcher	M Mc Donald	N McCready
Readers	Episcopal	S Marzitello & N McCready	J Arnold & E Scholl-Iglecia	L Brunick & J Kremer	A Cherwa & P VanHeest
Readers	RC	G Little & M McCready	N Ragland & M Meehan	J Tucker & P Russo	G Zamer & J Lucas
Prayers	Episcopal	A Marzitello	B Startt	J Franklin	G Leighton
Prayers	RC	E Dickerson	L Startt	A Whyte	J Flowers
Gift & Euch. Min Episcopal		G Zamer & A Cherwa	H & T Asalone	J Arnold & B Startt	T Asalone & A Whyte
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Vestry Council 2015-2016

David Dickerson - Warden

Maria Mills - President

Administration/Maintenance/Stewardship - Jim Drews (2018) , Lee Startt (2017)
 Christian Formation - Beth Gillis (2016)
 Social Ministry - Jo-Anne Blessing (2017), Whitney McDaniel (2017)
 Fellowship - Maria Mills (2018) Joann Zamer (2016)
 Liturgy - Mike Cherwa (2016), David Dickerson (2018)
 Secretary - Holly Frey

Committee Co-Chairpersons 2015 - 2016

Stewardship: Joe Claunch, Annette Cherwa
 Administration and Maintenance: Anna Crosby, Brent McDaniel, Gene Zamer
 Adult Christian Formation: Lynne Larson
 Children's Christian Formation: Barbara and Nicholas Kimpan
 Fellowship: John Delaney, George Hodermarsky
 Liturgy: Norma Ragland, Jackie Lucas
 Social Ministry: Nick and Kim Nichter
 Christian Unity Council: Nicholas Kimpan, Charlie Mills
 Finance Council: Mike Meehan

Bishops

The Rt. Rev. Holly Hollerith and The Most Rev. Francis X. DiLorenzo

Staff

Episcopal Pastor: Open
 Roman Catholic Chaplain: The Rev. Rene Castillo
 Sr. Pastoral Associate: Deacon Gary Harmeyer
 Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Clifford Hatt
 Bookkeeper: Robert Martin
 Administrator: Dianne Marzec
 Nursery: Barbara Teske

Vestry Council members needed

At our annual Parish Meeting in September, we will elect 4 new members to Vestry Council; 2 Episcopal and 2 Roman Catholic. Please pray about how you might serve this congregation and ask any Vestry Council member about what's involved. **Informational brochures and nomination forms are on the Greeter's table.**

Discernment Committee has first meeting

The Discernment Committee met on Thursday, June 23. The 9 members are a cross section of our community and will help identify and interview candidates for the position of Episcopal co-pastor. The discernment process is under the guidance of a consultant from the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Information and updates will be coming soon.

Highlights from Vestry Council - June 13, 2016

- The agenda for the upcoming Vestry Council Meeting will be posted on the board in the Hallway. Once the minutes are approved for the previous month's meeting, the approved minutes will also be posted on the board. Highlights from each meeting will continue to be published in the Archive.
- The Discernment Committee will begin the search for a new Episcopal Priest. We are hoping an Interim Priest will be named soon.
- Painting the hallway is scheduled to begin on July 25.
- There is a sinkhole in the parking lot. It will be repaired soon. **Please be careful in the meantime.**
- Norma Ragland and Jackie Lucas will lead the new Aesthetics sub-committee. They will be addressing the worship service spaces so talk to either of them if you have ideas or recommendations.
- Holy Apostles will pay Fr. Mike's estate through June and for 3 additional months, July, Aug., and Sept. as stated in his contract. Vestry Council approved this and the check will be written and paid to Carolyn. We were so blessed to have Fr. Mike serve as our Episcopal Priest. We will miss you Fr. Mike.

July Birthdays

Charles McCready	1	Kayla Whyte	15
Lisabeth Leighton	3	Cheryl Noyes	16
Larry Donahue	9	Nicki Felton	31
Eileen Hodermarsky	9		



July Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin
July 25, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Koch
July 29, 1972



In Our Hearts, In Our Prayers

We ask for your continued prayers for our men and women in the Armed Forces, especially for members of our Holy Apostles family and friends of Holy Apostles who are serving in the Middle East and around the world.

Also please pray for Msgr. Ray Barton, Larry Donahue, The Ferguson family, Roger Fuller, Michele Gentry, Darlene Huckaby, Kyrie Hughes, Fr. Ven Ilano, Agatha Jenkins, Hans Kesny, Jean Koch, Becky Mabry, Mary Jane McCarthy, Mary Noyes, Bill O'Connor, Joe Pace, Dennis Stokers, Gregory Washburn Jr. May God heal them in body and soul giving peace in the their day.



Check out our new website and Facebook page

Bonnie Startt has updated our website. If you have any suggestions for improving the website, please contact Bonnie at bstartt@gmail.com. Visit our website at www.holyapostlesvb.org.



Erwin Thomas is our awesome Facebook administrator. Check out the Holy Apostles Facebook page. Friend us, Like us, and Share us with your friends.

Summer time on-line giving

We're still here while you're on vacation. Use Online Giving to schedule recurring or one time donations. Stay up-to-date on your giving. Donating to Holy Apostles on-line is a safe secure method to give and even earn credit card points. It is quick and easy to set up for a one time donation or regular offerings. Simply follow the Online Giving link on our website www.holyapostlesvb.org.

How Well Do You know The 12 Disciples?

Directions: Read the statements and questions then choose the disciple the best fits or answers the question.

PETER	PHILIP	JAMES (ol der)
JOHN	BARTHOLOMEW	THADDAEUS
JAMES (younger)	THOMAS	SIMON
ANDREW	MATTHEW	JUDAS Isc ar iot

1. This gentleman was a tax collector before he became a disciple of Jesus.

2. This disciple was the half brother of Jesus and a writer of one of the 66 books of the bible with the exception of Jude. _____
3. John was a disciple of Jesus and so was his brother. Who was John's brother?

4. Peter was the first disciple that Jesus called. Peter has a brother who was also a disciple and his name was _____.
5. Peter, Andrew, James and _____ were fishermen before they became disciples of Jesus.
6. The three disciples that wrote books of the bible were: Matthew, John and _____
7. This disciple was also known as Nathaniel. _____
8. Which Disciple hung himself for betraying Jesus? _____
9. This disciple was a brother of James (younger). _____
10. Which disciple would not believe Jesus was resurrected until he could see for himself? _____
11. Which three disciples witnessed the transfiguration? _____, _____, & _____
12. What disciple was beheaded for the gospel sake? _____
13. What disciple also known as Cephus cut off the right ear of the high priest's servant? _____
14. This disciple was also known as Lebbaeus. _____
15. This disciples name means "rock". _____

YOUR CHURCH HOME

Holy Apostles Name Tags and decals

Let people know who we are. Please wear your name tag during worship, Fellowship hour, and at outside meetings. And promote Holy Apostles by putting a decal on your car. Magnetic name tags are available to purchase for \$8.00 each. We need a minimum order of 15. There is a sign-up/order form on the wall near the name tag holder. Decals for your car are available for \$2 each, please see any member of the Vestry council to purchase your decal today.

Dr. Erwin Thomas Published his Devotional Keys of Faith

Erwin Thomas has published his devotional, *Keys of Faith: Fifty-Two Meditations for Living* (2016). It is now available at Amazon.com. It contains nine doors with spiritual keys to open hearts on meditations for living. Many facets of the American culture are focused on, with the belief that all lives matter. These writings do homage to biblical verses that support scriptural concepts, while national and international celebrities reflect on the grandiose, and omniscient nature of God.

Liturgy Committee Help Needed

The Liturgy Committee is in need of volunteers for Altar Guild, Telephone Duty for Sunday mornings, Acolytes and Youth Readers. Please prayerfully consider volunteering and then let Dianne or Norma know. Thanks for your consideration.

Sunday Hospitality Changes and Help Needed

We all enjoy refreshments after services on Sunday. We owe Carolyn Ferguson our gratitude for being a regular host and for coordinating the schedule of hosts for many years. Alice Hale has graciously agreed to assume the coordinator role starting in July. We encourage everyone to become hosts, to purchase the food, set up, make coffee, and clean-up. Drinks, plates, cups, napkins, etc., are provided by the Fellowship Committee and are in the kitchen. So that the Finance Committee can track the costs of Sunday Hospitality, Each host submits their receipts to the Bookkeeper (Bob Martin). The host may choose to be reimbursed or to donate their expenses. For more information please contact Alice Hale, zeuss85@msn.com, 420-2392, Text to 303-7410; or John Delaney, jfxad@aol.com, 748-1277.

Altar Servers/Acolytes of all ages Needed

If you are between age 6 and 99, you can serve at the altar. Adults who missed their opportunity as a youth or those who once served are encouraged to serve. Kelly and Brian Hornuth provide training for all ages and are available to answer your questions.

Parish Retreat on Saturday, October 1, 2016

Church of the Holy Apostles Parish Retreat with Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP

Fr. Tom is the Director of the Office of Interfaith & Ecumenical Relations in Washington, D.C. and the author of more than 15 books on spirituality. He was a speaker at the 2014 LARCUM conference in Norfolk and is excited to come to Holy Apostles. His e-mail to us: "Wonderful! I look forward to meeting and sharing faith with you all! Wishing you a grace-filled Lenten season. Wonderful to hear that your congregation is engaging with the Year of Mercy!"

Service of Healing on July 10th at 12 Noon in the Chapel

A **Service of Healing** will be held every 2nd Sunday at Noon in the Chapel. Please join us and invite your friends for this 20-minute service. The next service is July 10th.

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

Discretionary Fund Donations in memory of Fr. Mike

We have received many donations to the Discretionary Fund in memory of Fr. Mike. Fr. Mike taught us that "an essential part of our ministry is seeking to find and serve other members of God's family." He admired the good works done by this community to serve the hungry, the homeless, and the suffering.

In 2011, Fr. Mike began using the church's Discretionary Fund to provide Virginia Beach residence assistance with their water, electric, or other utility bills. He pledged \$50 once a year to hundreds of people who had "turn off" notices. Payments are made directly to the utility company. Last year, we helped 217 households with their water, gas, electricity or HRSD bills. The Discretionary Fund is audited annually and is replenished by generous donations from Holy Apostles members and friends. Fr. Mike's leadership and ministry here and in the community have been invaluable and will be truly missed.

We are grateful to Nick Nichter who volunteers each Wednesday from 1-3 PM to assist people with their utilities bills. Please give prayerful consideration to making periodic contributions to the Holy Apostles Discretionary Fund in memory of Fr. Mike. Your help and support are truly appreciated.

Manna Sunday on July 3rd

Sunday, July 3rd 2016 is Manna Sunday. This is the day we help restock the Manna pantry. At the current time the Manna Pantry is particularly in need of canned meats, canned fruits, Chef Boyardee, pasta sauce, taco kits, hamburger/tuna helper, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, salad dressings and mayo. Many families really need our help.

Mobile Food Pantry on July 11th

The Mobile Food Pantry will be here on the 2nd Monday of each month throughout 2016. Our next date is July 11th. As normal, volunteers should be at Holy Apostles at 9 AM and will distribute food supplies from 9:30 till 11:00 AM. Pray for a nice cool breeze.

Vacation Bible School July 18-22

Children from Pre K to age 12 are invited to attend bible school at St Francis Episcopal Church from July 18-22 from 6 pm to 8.30 pm. The theme is "surf shack : Catch the Wave of God's amazing love!". Dinner will be served from 6-6.30 pm for \$10 per person or \$30 per family. Registration forms are on the greeter's table.

Help Need with the Family Homeless Shelter

We will host the summer family homeless shelter **from June 29 - July 6**. Visit www.virtusonline.org to pre-register for live training. **Food donations may be dropped off on the counter in the back hallway by the Manna Pantry.** SIGN UP ON THE EASEL IN THE HALLWAY. Please contact Nick Nichter, Barbara Kimpan, or Teresa Stanley to find out how you can get involved.

Making a difference at The Crossings

Holy Apostles is making a difference in the lives of our neighbors. In addition to the monthly partnership with the foodbank of South-eastern Virginia, we have started a partnership with The Crossings at Independence, a new retirement community, to provide lay led chapel service and bible study. Thank you to everyone who is involved in these important ministries.

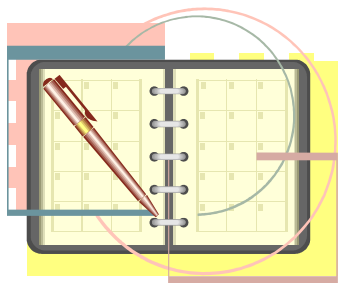
CHRISTIAN FORMATION

July Fire and Ice Features Healing: Natural or Divine

Join us each Wednesday in July at 6:30 p.m. for Ice-Cream and at 6:45 p.m. for a discussion on Divine Healing.

July 6:	The sacrament of Healing and Laying on of Hands	Dominick Hankle
July 13:	Insights into the Healing Ministry	The Rev. Nigel Mumford
July 20:	The Order of St. Luke	Tony Asalone
July 27:	Healings in Special Places such as. Lourdes	Deacon Gary Harmeyer

Mark Your Calendars



Sundays	10:00 a.m.	Episcopal Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Catholic Mass
	11:45 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Tuesdays	1:00 p.m.	Zumba Gold
Wednesdays		Bulletin Volunteer
	1-3 p.m.	Utility Assistance

Check out the Holy Apostles calendar on our new website!

June 29 - July 6

VBFEST Family Homeless Shelter

July 3	Youth Sunday, Manna Sunday	
July 4	Happy Independence Day!	Office closed
July 6,13,20,27	6:30 - 8 p.m.	Fire & Ice: Divine Healing
July 10	12 Noon	Healing Service in the Chapel
July 11-16	1 p.m.	Manna on Call
July 11	9-11 a.m.	Mobile Food Pantry
	6 p.m.	Finance Council
	7 p.m.	Vestry Council
July 17	9 a.m.	Social Ministry Committee meeting
July 18-22	Vacation Bible School at St. Francis Episcopal Church.	
July 19	ARChive deadline	

“Choosing love over division, unity over separation. Choosing Christ above all other things.”

We are a vibrant community with a strong future!

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.