

Membership Update

A new software program, Servant Keeper, for tracking membership information has been implemented in the office. If you have not completed an up-to-date family information form this year, please do so as soon as possible so that updates can be made in the new program. There are blank forms alongside the newsletters on the table outside the parish administrator's office. Or, you may email the office and a copy will be forwarded to you.

Thank you.

Look for new membership directories next month!



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FROM THE RECTOR

A few weeks ago, a man waiting for his child to finish WolfPAC activities at the church asked me if we could talk. What he really wanted was to build a bridge, to make a connection. He told me how he was at the church nearly every week, yet without making any contact with the community that worships there. He is Jewish, and an ardent student of Torah; and the outcome of our conversation was an invitation to come and join our monthly Bible Challenge group. He accepted, and I do hope he found the evening's discussion as enriching as I did.

Then the following poem came to my inbox from an Episcopal priest in Delaware. The Day of Pentecost is the next great feast that we celebrate in just a few more weeks. We remember and give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the power to share God's love with the whole world. Yes, I often issue reminders about our need to be diligent in that proclamation through every means at our disposal. But today I want to remind us to listen, to listen carefully, for God may indeed speak to us from unexpected sources. Perhaps the deepest and most important gift of the Spirit is not to speak God's word in every tongue, but to hear God's voice from every mouth!

Pentecost—by Rabbi David Zaslow
Passover and Easter: two moon linked sisters who long ago stopped speaking to one another: linked to the fullness of our hearts, and the fullness of God's grace.

The moon of Sister Miriam desires freedom - the rescue her people from the cruelty of Pharaoh, by the outstretched, mighty hand of the Lord: a hand of salvation reaching down from heaven, and passing through my nation, and down through

yours, and then to each and every one of us - so may it be!

The moon of Mother Mary desires to give her light so that each man and woman may know the power of the resurrection, and the soil of death that holds the seeds rebirth within: a resurrection reaching upward, passing through all nations and up to God Almighty!

Two celebrations: two women: Miriam and Mary, who don't even know they have the same name - one in Hebrew and one in Greek - yet inexorably linked to a single full moon.

And then we each begin to count: we both count to fifty — beyond the forty days of Moses on Mt. Sinai and Jesus in the wilderness. We go beyond, one cycle further: to fifty, Shavuot, the Pentecost. Ours to the revelation of Torah at Sinai. Yours to the revelation of the Holy Spirit.

Freedom and resurrection.
Revelation and revelation.

Twelve tribes and twelve disciples.
One moon, two traditions.
Two covenants, One God
Shavuot and Pentecost:
two cousins who have just begun to speak.

And King David is singing to us from his tomb today:
"Teach us to count our days
that we may open our hearts to Your
Wisdom."

Some of us, thank God, are listening!

Dennis+



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Sunday Worship Schedule

Holy Eucharist
8:30 a.m. - no music
10:00 a.m. - with music

Sunday School
10:00 a.m.
Choir Practice
9:00 a.m.

Parish News

Here was the final on the Lenten collection for the Sunday School after we deposited all the change the other day:

3/4 \$15.00

3/11 7.37

3/18 46.75

3/25 3.00

4/8 53.26

Total: \$125.38



Great job, kids!

WELCOME CHURCH...



takes place on the last Sunday every month at 3PM in **Logan Square**, across from Family Court. If you would like to journey down together, we meet at CHA at 2:00 p.m.

Please join us!

CHA'S PIZZA CHURCH

takes place on the **second Sunday** each month at **5:00 p.m.**

Join us!



Genuardi's Club Card

Make sure you are signed up for a Genuardi's Club Card. Every time you use the card, Genuardi's will give Holy Apostles 1%. You must first register with Genuardi's at their service desk or at www.escrip.com. And, you must re-register with them every fall.

Super Fresh Gift Certificates

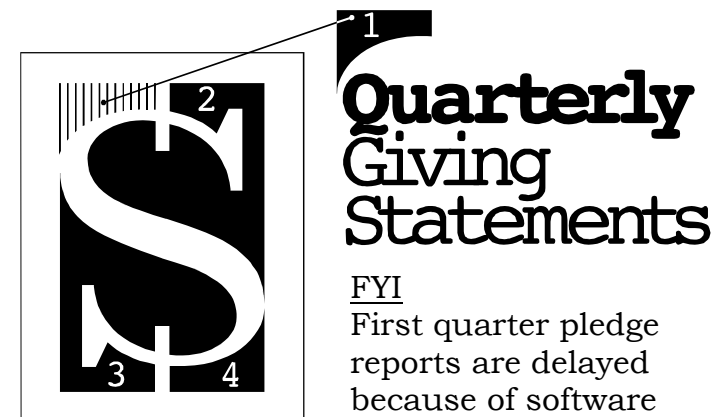
Super Fresh will give Holy Apostles 5% of each gift certificate sold. Please see J. T. Wertz to purchase gift certificates in \$50 or \$100 denominations. There are three families who currently participate on a regular basis netting CHA approx. \$1,000 per year. If we had greater participation, think of the possibilities!

Publishing Deadline: Articles for the parish newsletter are **due on the third Friday of each month** (unless otherwise noted) in order to allow enough time to compile, print, and collate. Please provide any items you would like published to the office by that day. Every effort will be made to include all appropriate articles, however, editing may be necessary due to space restrictions. Thank you.

Parish News

Parish Finance Committee

Are you interested in learning more about church finances? The Church of the Holy Apostles Finance Committee will be scheduling a meeting in May. Any parish members interested in joining the committee should contact Judi Kraft, Accounting Warden, at zorkraft@comcast.net. We are particularly interested in participation by members from the weekly rotation of counters.



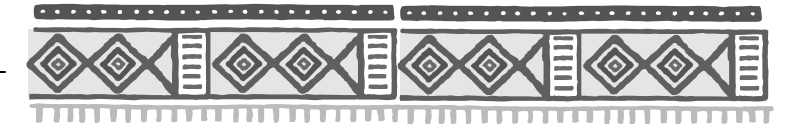
FYI First quarter pledge reports are delayed because of software issues. They will be provided as soon as the new software is up and running.

The Church Picnic

...will be held on Sunday, June 3rd immediately following the 10:00 AM church service. Sign up sheets for side dishes, desserts, set up and clean up will be posted soon. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend and would welcome a volunteer to make sure the event runs smoothly that day (although you are not in charge of weather!). I will have all necessary arrangements and supplies taken care of ahead of time. Come one, come all!!!

Patty Wertz
Fellowship

Jewelry from **African Team Ministries** will be on display and available for purchase **Sunday, April 29th and Sunday, May 6th.**



Excerpted from the Ardmore-Merion-Wynnewood Patch March 27, 2012
LMHS Teens To Build School In Haiti
by Amanda Mahnke

Fourteen days, 18 passionate kids, some bricks, and \$66,000: that's what it takes to change the lives of an entire community. In May, 18 Lower Merion High School students will travel to Les Cayes, Haiti, to build a schoolhouse in a rural village and immerse themselves in the culture of a developing country.

Charlotte Smith, an LMHS junior, participated in a similar program last year and traveled to Costa Rica to build roofs for village schools.

"Costa Rica is rich compared to a lot of other countries, but most of their schools didn't even have roofs. So if it rained, you couldn't have class, because the dirt floor would get all muddy and you'd be sitting in the rain in a pile of mud," Smith explained.

One child she met there, Aaron, made a strong impression on her. "It kind of got me thinking that if he goes to school in the rain and loves it, I can at least go to school here and love it—and probably do something else to help out kids like him who don't even have a roof or a school at all."

Across the board, the Trekkies shared similar motivations for embarking on this journey. Building schoolhouses and building relationships are two dual ambitions for the Trek, and the students are looking forward to both wholeheartedly.