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Sixth Annual Meeting

January 29, 2012

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Agenda

January 29, 2012

1:00 PM Annual Meeting called to order

- I. Opening Prayers and Necrology
- II. Treasurer Bob Bickerstaff - Financial Reports for 2011 & 2012 Budget
- III. Pastoral Assistant Roberta Tvenstrup
- IV. Youth Minister Roger Hall
- V. Diaconal Ministers
- VI. Elders
- VII. Superintendent Mark R. Galloway

Sixth Annual Meeting Adjournment

Seventh Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 27, 2013

CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes taken on January 30, 2011

The Fifth Annual Meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m. by Superintendent Mark Galloway.

Sixty five members of the Church of The Apostles were present.

Elder Nina Deuel led the group in prayer and Superintendent Galloway read the Necrology.

Treasurer Bob Bickerstaff Financial Report for 2010 and 2011 Budget:

Bob reviewed the financial status and highlighted the most important financial information from all the Financial Reports listed in the 2010 Annual Report. The Operating Budget for 2011 is based on what Bob anticipates as our total budget income of \$369,000.00 and total budget expenditures of \$379,308.00, with the tentative deficit being covered by any reimbursements received and by a withdrawal from the New Ministries Fund to help pay the salary of our Christian Education Minister. This budget was approved by the Church Council in December 2010, based on a budget proposal prepared by a Finance Committee consisting of Superintendent Galloway, Treasurer Bob Bickerstaff, Elder Chad Tvenstrup, Archdeacon Tom Bourn, Deacon Kathy Kettle, Financial Secretary Barbara Battey, and Active Members Beverly Brown and Roy Greene.

The overall financial picture of Church of The Apostles was significantly enhanced in 2010 through a bequest of \$85,250.15 from the estate of Russell Snow (who died in May 2006). Bob noted that none of the money from the bequest was used for normal operating expenses. Instead, ten percent of the total was allocated to our Outreach Fund, and more than 80 percent of the remaining balance was transferred into our savings funds for new ministries and for future capital expenditures. \$10,000 was applied to the principal on our mortgage, and the remainder was used to cover the fees involved in refinancing the mortgage to a lower interest rate, to pay off a long-term sewer loan, and to construct and furnish our new Elders' office.

Our reimbursements listed in the Checking Account Report list reimbursements of \$2076.96 for Ministerial/Conference which comes from money received by those attending our Annual Leadership Retreat in August. The Christian Education line item was partially funded by reimbursements of \$297.25 by those who attend Elder Nina Deuel's Precept Bible Study. Our Fellowship line item was partially funded by reimbursements of \$1,342.46 that comes from the Men's Breakfast and coffee money. And the Administrative and Office Expenses line item was partially funded by reimbursements and rebates of \$475.00.

Bob thanked Barbara Battey, our Church Administrator and Financial Secretary, for her work in managing the day-to-day finances of Church of The Apostles. In her duties as bookkeeper and financial records custodian, she diligently maintains our financial records and provides the Treasurer with the detailed information he needs in order to report the status of the church's finances to the Church Council and the Congregation. Bob also thanked the Sunday counters, especially our lead counter Sue Clarke and our substitute lead counter Joan Clarke. Our other counters are Beverly Brown, Dale Famiglietti, Linda Greco, Lynne Habershaw, Sue Pillsbury, Linda Quinn, JoAnn Ruppert, Jane Venditto, and Lois Whitman. Thank you to all our counters for their dedication to this important ministry!

Chairwoman Elect Beth Sexton Opened the Canterbury Mission Society Meeting:

Bob Bickerstaff explained that there was not much Financial Activity in 2010. Beth thanked the members for their successful dinner to benefit the Artic Mission and said that the Mission Society was able to donate to the Youth Group's Summer Mission Trip and to the United In Faith event. Beth was also happy to announce that Carol Kaminki has accepted our invitation for a conference in March 2011.

Outgoing Canterbury Mission Society Members:

Superintendent Mark Galloway thanked Bob Bickerstaff for his professionalism and Linda Jones for their work and dedication in the Canterbury Mission Society. Beth announced that Don Pillsbury has been elected Treasurer and Ed Farrell as a Director. Beth also announced that Donna Thompson, who had been a Director, will now fill the position of Secretary. Beth closed the Canterbury Mission Society Meeting.

Mark recapped Canterbury Mission Society:

Canterbury owns the building and we are the tenant. Mark is the President of CMS and a board member as well, and that we are all members of the Canterbury Mission Society.

Pastoral Assistant Roberta Tvenstrup:

Roberta gave all the Glory to God and praise for the six years that she has been called upon here when needed. She thanked the leadership at the church especially Mark who is on the front lines. Roberta has recently begun a 16 month Nouthetic Counseling course. Nouthetic counseling involves one Christian offering scriptural counsel to another Christian regarding how Christ can change his or her life to be more Christ-like (Jay Adams). Nouthetic counseling consists of lovingly confronting people out of deep concern in order to help them make those changes that God requires. Roberta looks forward to journeying with you and sharing her service and/or resources as needed. She may be contacted either at home or through the church office.

Youth Minister Roger Hall:

Reported that the Youth Group is a pleasure. All the things that we have been talking about with our youth have now been coming together and that the kids are growing and coming together as a group. He emphasized that when you are involved in Youth Ministry it is for the long haul. It is a joy to watch them find joy in the Lord.

Christian Ed Minister:

Chris thanked all who have made him feel so welcome during the last 6 month and said it truly has been a blessing to be part of this community. Chris also thanked all the Sunday School teachers for all of their dedication, time and talent to the Christian Education program. We are seeing God's light shine in these children thanks to your efforts.

Health & Wellness Minister:

Sharon thanked the church leadership and those in the Health & Wellness Committee. The Committee will be sending out a letter this year to those in the Congregation who are 65 years old and older, addressing any needs and providing the necessary resources available.

Superintendent Mark Galloway thanked the staff:

Mark thanked the church staff especially Marianne Salisbury for her willingness to work in the ministry and that she is a sweetheart. He also thanked JoAnn Ruppert for her work in the ministry and thanked all the Altar Guild for taking care of the Lord's Table. Mark thanked Jim Quinn for all the money he saves the church by his hard work and announced Michael Edwards as our new Sexton.

Deacon Harry Sacchetti:

Harry commented that with all the snow storms that we been having that our budget for Snow Plowing will go over our budget and the year just started! Harry thanked everyone for their support, Jim for his work on all the projects he has him working on. And thanked our former Sexton Ray Martin for his service of 20 years and Mike for joining us to replace Ray. His life has changed. God has blessed him with a godly wife and is still working on him. The building is our base where we can do great ministry and pointed out United In Faith and fellowship we have with other local churches and their members.

Deacon Kathy Kettle:

Stewardship Committee and your Church Council take their ministry very serious. They serve by being accountable to the people of this church and to God. Kathy thanked Bob Bickerstaff and Barbara Battey, and the Church Council for their work in the financial service. She thanked the Church Council for their prayers that led them to sponsor a young girl in Haiti named Laura. Kathy also thanked all those who help her in her ministry as Stewardship Deacon and thanked the speakers Barbara Battey, Don Pillsbury, Cindy Hall and Chris Lloyd who gave their own testimony on what stewardship has meant to them in their life during Stewardship Month.

Deacon Cathy Morgan:

Cathy thanked God for all he does in this church and she sees how God is working here and is amazed at the amount of Outreach that comes out of this church. God has knit the people together. Our newest ministry offers refreshment for body and soul to the residents of the Crossroads Family Center when we visit once a month, with snacks and fun family projects, sharing the message of Christ's love. The Lord continues to bless us with the ministries of giving blood through quarterly blood drives; providing stuffed backpacks for less fortunate children heading back to school in the fall; lovingly knitted warm hats, scarves and mittens for children and adults, distributed through the Artic Mission and Crossroads; the celebration of life and service for our veterans and members of the armed forces. Loaves & Fishes continues to provide home-cooked meals for our church family members when needed; Angel Wings provides rides for church members who cannot drive; food baskets were made available at Thanksgiving, and toys, volunteers and financial assistance were provided to the Artic Mission Toy Days where over 300 children were blessed. United In Faith has been exciting for her and is now self sustained. Cathy thanked all for their individual contributions to the Outreach Ministry and is honored to serve.

Deacon Bill Sexton:

Changing me Changing You – that is what its all about! He is an example that God changes us. Years ago he would have a hard time standing before you. He would be out of his comfort zone. What a blessing it was to hear God's Word exclaimed over and over and to see God's Grace guiding the thoughts and actions of our leadership and many volunteers. Bill is personally in awe of what God is doing in our midst. 2010 was, once again, a busy year. Visiting the sick and shut-ins is a primary focus for him. He really cherishes the time spent with our sisters and brothers, sharing our lives and most important, sharing God's gift of the Eucharist. The monthly men's breakfast continues to be a highlight of the month. Twenty or so men come together for food, fellowship and discussion. Some of the discussion topics for 2010 were Patience, Unlocking Your God Given Potential, Honesty, Lust and Prayer. He said he would be remiss if he didn't take this opportunity to thank the chefs who show up at 6 a.m. to prepare an always delicious and varied meal. They always have a number of men from other local churches attend which makes their time together even more of a blessing. Bill discussed that we are adopting a room in the Providence Rescue Mission. He has asked 6 people in this endeavor and all said yes.

First Diaconal Minister Tom Bourn:

Like Bill, Tom felt that he was out of his comfort zone. He ask the Lord to help him and that he needs to do more in evangelism as Jesus commands us to do to all around us. He sees a positive sign in His brother and Son just by His example. In Jesus' commission, we are told to make disciples of all nations. It seems we have much work to do. Tom said he enjoys a challenge and that he expects to be held accountable; therefore, he would encourage all of us to keep asking him what he has done for Christ as you talk with him over the next year and beyond. Tom reported that he has completed the first session in the series "Talking About Jesus," and that he has come away greatly enthused about efforts in our Church family to bring others to Christ. He was especially encouraged that so many people signed up for the series. He said he will be the first to admit that he has no special gift or charisma for evangelism, so he too is learning along with the other participants.

Elder Emeritus Conrad Ruppert, Jr.:

Because he is on the road so much he is not in the center of things here at the church. He looks forward coming back to be in fellowship with all and thanks God and feels truly blessed. Even though he is not here the church is in his heart.

Elder Rob Geoffrey:

Elder Rob pointed to the Psalms, thanking and praising God's inspired Words. He said he sees a picture of the Universal Church in Psalm 111, and the good news is that he also sees a picture of Church of The Apostles. True, our church is not perfect, but that is so because it is comprised of people with a fallen nature, not because God's template is faulty. But the very fact that we reflect Psalm 111 is encouraging. He said he is confident that this statement is true; and looked at our experience of the past year in light of the Psalm. When we see the blessings let us give thanks to the Lord. He thanked his fellow elders, Mark Galloway, Chad Tvenstrup, Nina Deuel and Conrad Ruppert for their constant encouragement and support. He also thanked our deacons, Tom Bourn, Bill Sexton, Cathy Morgan, Kathy Kettle and Harry Sacchetti for their tireless ministry to the Gospel. He said thank you to Barbara Battey and Barbara Bickerstaff, "your work makes my ministry not only easier, but possible." He was also thankful for all the ministers and their devotion, especially Chris Lloyd, Roberta Tvenstrup, Roger Hall, Sharon Galloway, Marianne Salisbury, JoAnn Ruppert, Jim Quinn and Susan Farrell. He said our Annual Meeting is a time to look back and a time to look forward. We have been given a vision and we are responsible and accountable to the warning to the church against evil. Live out the Word of Scripture to participate in God's Plan. Live our lives in submission to Christ. Rejoice in the work that the Lord has done.

Elder Nina Deuel:

Elder Nina wished to thank everyone for their prayers and cards and visits while she was recovering from surgery. It was a difficult time, but she knows that she is doing so well now because of all the love and support.

Elder Chad Tvenstrup:

Elder Tvenstrup express his thankfulness to Almighty God for all the Blessings received to him, his family and the church. Chad thanked his wife and family and his shepherding group. He is grateful to all the Elders and their strong unity with one another. Chad also thanked the deacons and the staff. Our Annual Retreat time in August was the most effective time we have had. God has a plan and future for this place: unify and discipline to one another. Chad also spoke of the important conference on February 19, 2011 on forgiveness, reconciliation and healing. God calls us in our journey to deal with these things. All the Glory and Praise goes to our Savior Jesus Christ.

Superintendent Mark Galloway:

*God knows what we need, in our hope & vision, we are being called by God to unify us as disciples in the church.

*In reflecting on the recent funeral of Richmond Robinson, Bishop Wolf was amazed that the priest in our church has come from our midst, and that we are so blessed by the power of the Holy Spirit that is working in us here at the Church of The Apostles.

*Mark thanked Debbie Adams and Donna Thompson for their work in the children's Nursery and all their volunteers. He also thanked the Ushers, Chalice Bearers, Readers, Acolytes.

*Our Conference on Forgiveness, Reconciliation and Healing will be a day to deal with stuff – hope we take the opportunity.

*God calls us to press the Gospel and evangelize the Gospel.

*Mark also mentioned that in the year 2003 if someone told him of all the stuff that has happened he would have said "you are out of your mind" but here we are changing you, changing me – God's plan is the perfect plan.

*Mark thanked Susan Farrell for her work serving the last two years as Church Council clerk. Mark is in prayer for a person to take Susan's place.

*Mark thanked God for all His blessings, for the ability to serve and thanked Him for holding him accountable.

*Mark thanked his wife and family and for all their support.

Superintendent Mark Galloway asked any business to be brought forward.

John Adams thanked all the leadership and Frank Sherman seconded that!

Don Pillsbury moved the meeting closed.

The Fifth Annual Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara Battey and Barbara Bickerstaff

2011 SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & OTHER SERVICES

Service Times		5:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am	Totals
Jan 2	Epiphany	18	47	107	172
Jan 9	Baptism of Our Lord	21	28	140	189
Jan 16	2 Epiphany	27	35	138	200
Jan 23	3 Epiphany	25	44	131	200
Jan 30	4 Epiphany	24	43	129	196
Feb 6	5 Epiphany	30	45	120	195
Feb 13	6 Epiphany	23	45	121	189
Feb 20	7 Epiphany	23	53	95	171
Feb 27	8 Epiphany	36	34	123	193
Mar 6	9 Last Epiphany	35	49	147	231
Total Attendance (10 weeks)		262	423	1251	1936
Average Attendance		26.2	42.3	125.1	193.6
Mar 13	1 Lent	33	38	124	195
Mar 20	2 Lent	23	49	116	188
Mar 27	3 Lent	23	46	123	192
Apr 3	4 Lent	54	32	125	211
Apr 10	5 Lent	20	51	137	208
Apr 17	Palm Sunday	23	44	126	193
Total Attendance (6 weeks)		176	260	751	1187
Average Attendance		29.3	43.3	125.2	197.8
Apr 24	Easter Sunday	105	78	148	331
May 1	2 Easter	27	49	115	191
May 8	3 Easter	25	48	140	213
May 15	4 Easter	23	48	105	176
May 22	5 Easter	27	42	121	190
May 29	6 Easter	19	37	174	230
Jun 5	7 Easter	22	38	145	205
Total Attendance (7 weeks)		248	340	948	1536
Average Attendance		35.4	48.6	135.4	219.4
Jun 12	Pentecost	29	46	135	210
Jun 19	Trinity	19	57	102	178
Summer Service Times		5:00 pm	8:00 am	10:00 am	
Jun 26	2 Pentecost	26	42	123	191
Jul 3	3 Pentecost	32	43	83	158
Jul 10	4 Pentecost	24	38	105	167
Total Attendance (5 weeks)		130	226	548	904
Average Attendance		26	45.2	109.6	180.8

Summer Service Times

5:00 pm 8:00 am 10:00 am

Totals

Jul 17	5 Pentecost	25	48	102	175
Jul 24	6 Pentecost	20	37	115	172
Jul 31	7 Pentecost	16	46	104	166
Aug 7	8 Pentecost	35	39	102	176
Aug 14	9 Pentecost	23	31	119	173
Aug 21	10 Pentecost	20	50	92	162
Aug 28	11 Pentecost	32	Hurricane 8	9	49
Sept 4	12 Pentecost	18	48	110	176

Service Times

5:00 pm 8:00 am 10:30 am

Sept 11	13 Pentecost	21	47	146	214
Sept 18	14 Pentecost	34	52	117	203
Sept 25	15 Pentecost	28	38	138	204

Total Attendance (11 weeks)

272 444 1154 1870

Average Attendance

24.7 40.4 104.9 170

Service Times

5:00 pm 8:00 am 10:30 am

Oct 2	16 Pentecost	40	41	107	188
Oct 9	17 Pentecost	22	45	114	181
Oct 16	18 Pentecost	29	53	128	210
Oct 23	19 Pentecost	29	53	114	196
Oct 30	20 Pentecost	19	34	118	171
Nov 6	All Saints'	33	56	114	203
Nov 13	22 Pentecost	25	50	138	213
Nov 20	Christ the King	23	47	123	193

Total Attendance (8 weeks)

220 379 956 1555

Average Attendance

27.5 47.4 119.5 194.4

Nov 27	1 Advent	26	42	136	204
Dec 4	2 Advent	16	60	121	197
Dec 11	3 Advent	27	45	130	202
Dec 18	4 Advent	20	55	124	199
Dec 25	Christmas	228	61 9:00 a.m.		289

Total Attendance (5 weeks)

317 263 511 1091

Average Attendance

63.4 52.6 102.2 218.2

Total Annual Sunday Attendance

1625 2335 6119 10079

Annual Average Sunday Attendance

31.2 44.9 117.7 193.8
 (52 weeks) (52 weeks) (52 weeks) (52 weeks)

Total Annual Sunday Attendance 2010	1516	1722	6069	9307
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OTHER SERVICES

Ash Wednesday: 16 9 am & 103 7 pm **Maundy Thursday:** 81 7 pm **Good Friday:** 27 noon & 65 7 pm
Thanksgiving Eve: 67 7 pm **Christmas Eve:** 228 5 pm **Christmas Day:** 61 9 am

SACRAMENTS & PASTORAL ACTS FOR 2011

REGISTER OF THE RITE OF BAPTISM

Kamden James McMahon
Luke Rocco Faiola
Jordan Michael Frisone

REGISTER OF THE COMPLETION OF HOLY EUCHARIST INSTRUCTIONS

William (Liam) Roy Tvenstrup

REGISTER OF THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION/REAFFIRMATION

Alison Roseann Geoffrey
Nicholas Carl Hoyer
Christina-Lee Galloway
Reaffirmation
Christine Hurtubise
Paul Hurtubise
Jack Ellison
Laurie Ellison
Paul Faiola
Tammy Faiola
Zachary Ellison

REGISTER OF THE RITE OF MARRIAGE

No Marriages in the year 2011

REGISTER OF THE RITE OF BURIAL

Adele Richmond
Richmond Robinson
Gloria S. Prignano
Mary Elizabeth Munslow
Connie Jacques
John J. McCullough, Sr.
Hope Marcia Anderson
Elsie L. Rudgers
Mary Tefft

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The mission of the Church of The Apostles is to obey,
follow and bear witness to Jesus Christ.

(CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, ARTICLE II.1)

The wider-Anglican tradition traces its roots back to the earliest Christian centuries. Because of this longevity, as “an autonomous Christian Congregation rooted in the confessional and ordered liturgical Anglican tradition” (PREAMBLE, CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS), we here at the Church of The Apostles (Evangelical Anglican) have the fullness of the Christian heritage available to us. Indeed, among the truly evangelical churches in Rhode Island, we stand in a unique position. We are a church that greatly benefits from the significant contributions of the sixteenth-century English Reformation, yet in faith and practice still remains a local expression of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church. However, for us the past is not an end in itself, rather our Evangelical Anglican ethos sets the course for a stable way forward. We are a church meeting the challenges of our present world by giving our community a consistent liturgical life centered in Word and Sacrament that simultaneously honors our ancient heritage and offers a holistic approach to living a life complete in Jesus Christ.

At the Church of The Apostles, our collective lives revolve around particular habits, rhythms, and occasions. In particular, there is a distinct rhythm to our daily lives, as we see reflected in the created order around us. The Evangelical Anglican tradition seeks to integrate the habits and rhythms of our lives with the life of the Congregation – her worship, prayers, and praise – so that the two are not compartmentalized, but form one historic life. This is the rationale behind the venerable Anglican tradition of Common Prayer that we live out week by week. As Evangelical Anglican Christians, we are faithful to this consistent liturgical life, and through this means we have stability and the simplicity of a life grounded in the scriptural truth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Our Evangelical Anglican liturgical and doctrinal heritage is an anchor in our present time. We look first to the Holy Scriptures for our faith and practice. We are dedicated to the truth of Jesus Christ, both in his Person and his teaching revealed in the Word of God. We also honor the apostolic doctrinal tradition of the Church Universal as codified in the Anglican confession – the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion – which further shapes our Congregation’s identity. Our classic Evangelical Anglican liturgical and confessional heritage embodies truth, beauty, and righteousness, which are precisely what we as believers endeavor to pursue. Through the use of these gifts we rest secure in Jesus Christ, “*the author and finisher of our faith*” (Hebrews 12:2).

A sacramental, charismatic, evangelical and biblical church

The calendar year 2011 was another year of God’s blessing upon our Congregation. In a culture in which the things of God are becoming more and more despised and in which many churches of various denominations are closing their doors for lack of membership and financial resources, 2011 weekly attendance at the Church of The Apostles rose 8.3 % from 2010 (178.9 to 193.8) and actual income rose 6.2% (\$345,187.43 to \$366,437.62). Why? Why the success in mission? Let me share with you four characteristics about the Church of The Apostles that I believe are foundational to her growth and which allow her members and visitors to truly encounter the Triune God, experience personal transformation, gain new insights about revealed truth, know that they are cared for, and share in “*the work of ministry*” (Ephesians 4:12).

We are a sacramental church. Our common life is purposely centered in our celebrations of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism, the two Sacraments that were instituted by Christ himself and which are outward and visible signs of God’s inward and spiritual grace. Specifically, we come together on the Lord’s Day to be nourished through the faithful preaching of the Word of God and through a grace filled partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, by which we give thanks to our Father for the great gift he has given us in Jesus.

We are a charismatic church. Through the power of the Holy Spirit the baptized are equipped to join in God's work of reconciliation, as he seeks to draw the whole world to himself. The Spirit working in us and through us, the entire "*royal priesthood*" of believers (1 Peter 2:9), unleashes the unique "*gifts*" Christ has given each of us (Ephesians 4:7), that we might use them to bring health and wellness to the sick, wholeness to the broken, hope to the downtrodden, and glory to his Name.

We are an evangelical church. We believe in the authority of the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which are the rule and ultimate standard of the Christian Faith and contain all things necessary for salvation. We recognize that the Scriptures point us to a personal conversion to Jesus Christ as the only means of being reconciled with God and receiving eternal life. We are obedient to our Lord Jesus Christ's command to "*Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you*" (Matthew 28:19-20). Our mission is to extend the Kingdom of God to people everywhere by so presenting Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit that all will come to put their trust in God through Christ, know him as Savior and serve him as Lord in the fellowship of a local church.

We are a biblical church. We understand that the natural outcome of a life lived for God is that the world around us will be positively impacted. Therefore, we are "committed to worship and prayer, evangelism, Christian education and discipleship, the Biblical principles of stewardship, and to providing a moral example and spiritual leadership to the lost" (CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, ARTICLE II.2). We seek to practically demonstrate the love and truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in every sector and structure of society. Our focus is both the local and the universal, with a special emphasis on meeting those who are oppressed, with the freedom of Christ.

Blessed to be a blessing

"I will bless you...so that you will be a blessing" (Genesis 12:2). In 2006, the Holy Spirit touched the members of our Congregation and a new work was birthed. Since then, we have grown and changed, but the Holy Spirit has continued to work powerfully in our hearts and lives. Indeed, we have been blessed by God so that we may be a blessing to others. We remain called to fulfill this calling by constantly being converted to Jesus Christ, converted to the Body of Christ, and converted to the ministry of Christ.

There are many things that are important to us here at the Church of The Apostles, but there are some "non-negotiable" – foundational values that we know we can't live without and still be true to what we are called to be as a church family. Our faith stands on the precious Passion, saving Death, mighty Resurrection and glorious Ascension of Jesus Christ. The Holy Scriptures promise that one day this same Christ will return in glory to establish his Kingdom for ever. The Church of The Apostles exists, therefore, to glorify God by growing in the Lord and making disciples of Jesus Christ. As we give God all the thanks and the glory for what he has done in and through us in 2011, let us continue to "*press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus*" (Philippians 3:14) in the year 2012.

I am, sincerely your servant in Christ,

The Reverend Mark R. Galloway

ELDER TVENSTRUP

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

(1Peter 2:9)

We have all seen and heard this quotation from the Apostle Peter many times over the course of our relatively short history here at the *Church of The Apostles*. And this past year the Elders have cast a vision to further our collective understanding of what it means exactly to be a member of the visible Church of Jesus Christ. As Peter writes, *every one of us* who has committed to being a disciple of our Lord and Savior is, in fact, a delegate of the royal priesthood. The priesthood as it is understood by many in our former tradition is a select group of people who wear the black suits and white collars. They perform special functions such as marrying, baptizing, pronouncing absolution and blessing, preaching, and presiding at the Holy Table. Despite the fact that we do have functioning Elders here at our Church (who wear collars and regularly perform all of those functions), we advocate a very different understanding of what it means to be a priest of God.

Our own comprehension (which is based on Biblical theology as it is espoused by the *Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion*) is rooted in the fact that God calls each and every one of us, his adopted children, to be his direct representatives here on earth. This fact is exactly what Peter is affirming in the verse above. Thus, we *all*, both individually and collectively, are priests of God. In fact, our only proper mediator between God and man is Jesus Christ himself. Our Elders here, then, simply serve a particular function in the body for the sake of the good order of the Church. Hence, we are not in any ontological way different from all of you.

And what, then, are the ramifications for this fact? First, we are all responsible to be Christ’s own witnesses in our lives both inside and (especially) outside these Church walls. At our annual leadership retreat these past couple of years, the Elders cast visions that demonstrate this very fact. For instance, in the year 2011, the Elders presented a vision for increased and rigorous unity and discipleship in the Congregation. We reformulated our services such that all members are both willing and able to form ever-increasing and maturing bonds among the priesthood. After all, a unified body (one where there is consistent, comprehensive, and intentional mentoring and discipleship) is always a most effective and growing body in the mission for the Gospel. I believe that we are demonstrating these very same qualities as we answer the call and faithfully travel the path of the vision and mission. Second, we committed ourselves to mid-week corporate prayer time (“Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting”), such that we may, as priests of God, bring our thanksgivings, petitions, intercessions, and praises *together* to the Lord. To those of you who have committed to attend regularly, I personally thank you. I see much growth and wonderful blessings in and through all of you, though, we still (always) have more road to travel. In this particular instance, we are in current need of a wider and more passionate participation in shared and conversational prayer among the membership here. As more of us make a commitment to corporate and intimate prayer, the stronger we will grow, and the closer we will come to the one whom we serve.

Coming out of the annual retreat this past summer, the Elders shifted this vision to include a specific concentration on evangelism. In essence, this new focus reinforces a personal responsibility that *each* of us has in proclaiming the Gospel to the ends of the earth. It is not only Rob’s, or Mark’s, or Chad’s, or Nina’s job to win souls for Jesus Christ. Rather, we the Elders are called to *equip* you, the laity, to evangelize the masses. We now know (after hearing it over and over and over again) that the battle for lost souls belongs to God alone. God is sovereign, and he is the ultimate determiner of the salvation of mankind. However, God always calls us to be his faithful representatives, that our light would shine upon and our salt would flavor the spiritual deadness of the world (see Matthew 5:13-16). St. Paul puts it this way in his second letter to the Church at Corinth: *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come... Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us”* (2 Corinthians 5:17, 20). According to Paul, then, as well as Peter, we possess the highest calling as priests (representatives, ambassadors) of the living God!

In our priesthood, we must be faithful to God's commands, particularly in wholeheartedly engaging in the Great Commission (see Matthew 28:19-20). We must personally answer the call, not counting on someone else in the fellowship to do *our* work. You see, the way that God designed his Church is such that each one of us possesses time, talent, and treasure that are unique to us alone. So when we neglect our calling, then the Body is missing something (much like a physical body is impaired without eyes or ears – I realize that I am borrowing from St. Paul here once again – see, for example, 1 Corinthians 12). Likewise, when we do not realize that *we* are the priests, it is easy for us to absolve ourselves of the important role and responsibility that we play in the mission. It is not the same exact role that those who wear the collars play, but it is no less significant!

I must say that as we begin a new year in the Lord, I am thoroughly impressed and pleased with the personal growth that so many of us have experienced. I enthusiastically believe that there is a genuine revival taking place in our midst. It is most exciting for me to observe people grasping the idea that they really are priests! And when we all do this jointly, there are no limits to the souls that we can impact for Christ. After all, that *is* what our calling is all about, isn't it? Winning lost souls for Jesus Christ? My prayer is for all of the lost people that we will impact for the King of Kings in the coming year, and that we boldly proclaim "*his excellencies, he who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.*" To God always be the glory! Now may "*the Lord bless you and keep you; may he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; and may he lift up his countenance upon you and grant you the blessings of hope, joy, and peace*" (Numbers 6:24-26) in the year of our Lord and Savior 2012.

Grant, Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
(The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, page 252)

The Reverend Chad W. Tvenstrup

ELDER DEUEL

The year 2011 has been a healing one for me. Physically, I have healed and learned to live with some new challenges. I am very grateful for this past year, and for the love and prayers of this Congregation. I often ask myself what life would be like without Jesus and the love of my brothers and sisters. To be honest, after this year I don't ever want to be in any situation without that love, and I am so grateful for God's grace and caring that is lived out in this church.

I was able to get back to leading the Precept Bible study, and the deep love that my sisters have showered me with is so incredible, again I have to ask how could any of us live without this wondrous love? Because of the love that I receive so freely, I am trying to see how God is calling me to give that love away to any and all who come into my path. Not easy, but I am trying.

I continue to pray for all of us to come ever closer to God. I think there is no other prayer that can possibly say what I am thinking and feeling as Saint Paul's prayer in Ephesians 1:17: *"that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope for which he has called you."*

May the year 2012 be a year we go deeper into His riches of love, and we come to know Him deeper in our lives. May we honor His Word and let it have it's way with us.

Faithfully,
Nina Deuel
Elder

ELDER GEOFFREY

This past Christmas, my wife Sharon and I received a gift from a dear sister in Christ that featured a Scripture verse artfully displayed in a wooden frame. I love this kind of gift because, compared to some other gifts such as socks, tools and money, it appeals to my heart as something I really need. Nothing has the life-giving power of Holy Scripture. The socks will wear out, the tools will probably get lost or broken, and you know what happens to money- but the Word is our very sustenance on our Christian journey.

The wood framed verses were from Saint Paul's Epistle to the Philippians. My sister's sentiment made me think of our experience at Church of The Apostles. If you are a parent, how does it feel to witness your child succeed in an effort that simultaneously edifies your child and exemplifies goodness? If you are an educator, how does it feel to see the reward of your efforts empower a young person for Christ? If you are an evangelist (and I hope you are), how does it feel when a soul stops to think about the things of heaven? If you have ever stood shoulder to shoulder with someone through trials for the Glory of God, how did it feel? Saint Paul in his Epistle describes this feeling as JOY!

The letter of Saint Paul to the Church in Philippi is replete with words of joy and camaraderie for those in the community he labored to form. And Saint Paul is diligent as he gives ultimate credit to God for glorifying himself by giving grace to sinners. In fact, the tone of the Epistle is set by these words: *"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you...because of your partnership in the Gospel. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion in the day of Jesus Christ"* (Philippians 1:3-6). God had begun a work in the Church of Philippi, and God was faithful to complete it for his purpose. Can you imagine the impact of Saint Paul's recognition of the Philippians in the light of eternal glory?

It had been years since the Apostle had set the Philippian Church on its own. During the ensuing years, she had functioned with autonomy, she had met the world on the ground and she had remained faithful to the teaching of the Spirit. Her reputation, according to The Apostle to the Gentiles, was laudable; her produce was joy. So far, the Philippian community had stood the test of time, proving her commitment to the Great Commission.

I remember the day, five and a half years ago, when our Superintendent asked me as a new congregant to give a testimony of what I had seen and experienced during the momentous time of our very birth as the new Church of The Apostles. As we parted, Saint Paul's words immediately came to mind: *"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion in the day of Jesus Christ."*

So here we are five and a half years later. It is as if Saint Paul was reviewing our status as he did with the Church in Philippi. I believe our progress is exemplified by what has happened this past year, A.D. 2011. There is proof that our Congregation's spiritual maturity has increased exponentially in the past months. The proof is in the people's conduct, priority and worldview. This year, our focus on the revival of an evangelistic mindset has taken hold in our hearts. The proclamation of the Gospel in a healthy and concise manner is the primary duty of the Church, and I see an ever-increasing confidence in this area.

Secondly, Jesus Christ is indeed head of the Church, and I think Saint Paul would nod with approval at the place that Christ is given in all of the endeavors at Church of The Apostles. Worship centers on Christ. Study and education centers on Christ. Outreach centers on Christ. Even our fellowship and meals center on Christ. The evidence of success is in the peace and *unity* among the saints. Glory to God for the changes his Spirit has wrought in his saints, both new and mature!

Thirdly, the lives of many have been changed such that their outward appearance differs from the worldly norm; it is in accord with the new creation inside. More and more, our people identify themselves with Christ, and for the first time, many have begun to look like Christians. The fruits of the Spirit are tangible and they are distinct from the ways of the world. Having been bought by the blood, they are owned by

Christ and they have become his herald. The lives of these Christians shed light into a dark world by word and deed. There is the beginning of a sea-change at Church of The Apostles, that is, increasingly more and more lives point to Christ.

Also, I have seen a greater desire for eternal things among the saints in 2011. Increasingly, sisters and brothers of all ages have set their minds upon the things of heaven. The comfort of the promises of God through Jesus Christ seems to be sinking in. Evidence of this is their will to persevere through challenges and trials- knowing that there will be rest, *“forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead”* (Philippians 3:13).

Lastly, there is one part of the life of the Church that could use improvement. Though we have made great strides in the ministry of prayer, I believe we still have a long road ahead of us. Thoughtful, regular, specific and diligent response to God, seeking his mind, is the duty of the healthy Church. An attitude of obedience to the Father is useless unless it is accompanied by a clear understanding of his will. My prayer for Church of The Apostles is for more prayer in the coming year, especially as we gather together in His presence.

The year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven has seen its challenges, its failures and its sorrows. But when I recall the movement of the hearts of my brothers and sisters toward Christ, it brings immeasurable joy and thanksgiving! My thanks is in the Lord for the courageous work of the Royal Priesthood of believers, for those who fill the pews on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays but then depart to fill the world with the Light of Christ. Thanks be to God for our staff, the backbone of Church of The Apostles. Glory to God for the ministry of the saints to our children, young people, shut-ins and the needy. Thanks be to God for the ministers who lead us in prayer through music. The Lord has given us grace through the ministry of Health and Wellness and through the unifying efforts of The Canterbury Mission Society.

2012 will mark the fifth anniversary of the Diaconate at Church of The Apostles, which as a body, perfectly fulfills the Biblical warrant of servant ministry. I thank the Lord for their calling and their diligence.

I thank the Lord for the legacy of the saints who have gone before us, for their contributions to our lives, our prayer books and commentaries.

God has blessed me beyond my imagination with a most intimate fellowship with my brothers and sister in the Eldership. I thank Him for their patience, love and edification.

Nearest to my heart is my deep gratitude to our most merciful God for the gift of my wife, Sharon, who, as flesh of my flesh, goes hand in hand with me every step of the way in my ministry. God has indeed ordained us as co-ministers of the Gospel in every walk of life.

Most of all, I thank the Living God for his grace and loving kindness through his Son, Jesus Christ. He has truly called out Church of The Apostles to be his herald in the Pawtuxet Valley. He has equipped us with all we need for effective ministry. May we be faithful to his calling in the year ahead.

Yours in Christ,

Elder Robert J. Geoffrey

FIRST DIACONAL MINISTER

“Let me ask you this: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? Did you suffer so many things in vain - if indeed it was in vain? Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by the works of the law, or by hearing with faith – just as Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness?”
(Galatians 3:2-6 ESV)

When we began our journey as an independent Church, we had nothing to rely on other than the faith of God’s Word in the Holy Scriptures. Is there any doubt that our faith has been misplaced? Our average attendance and our average giving have both been increased over 2011. While this is indeed good news for us I am quick to add that it is faith alone that has accounted for our blessings.

*“Trust in the LORD, and do good: dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.”*
(Psalm 37:3, 4 ESV)

As the Board of Servants (diakonate), we are about to begin our fifth year of service to God and his Church. We have grown together as a body and we have relied on each other to support us in our struggles and to praise each other in our successes. As with the entire Church Council, we have relied on prayer at every juncture of our journey and we know that the Lord has provided.

So who are these Deacon’s and what do they do? The Board of Servants is defined in Article X of our Church By-Laws; they are charged with caring for the temporal needs of the Congregation. There are normally five members of the Board and they serve in the following ministries: a Congregational Care Minister, ministering to the temporal needs of the congregation and visitors; a Stewardship Deacon, implementing the Biblical principles of stewardship; an Outreach Minister, administering the distribution of the Church’s time, talent, and treasure within and beyond the fellowship; a Building and Grounds minister who directs the care and maintenance of the Church’s property; and a Servant Evangelism Minister, who implements the ministry of making disciples of Christ, sharing the Gospel through education and good works. And finally, a First Diaconal Minister is chosen from the incumbent Diaconal Ministers and serves as a spokesperson for the diakonate, and as the Vice-President of the Corporation.

As the Servant Evangelism Deacon and the First Diaconal Minister, I will leave the other ministries to my fellow deacons to report, while I will report on my own ministries. Not unlike most of us, I have had no special revelation from the Holy Spirit to go and evangelize so therefore I felt this task belonged to others. But I know I have been growing in my faith and that the Deacon Stephen, was the first martyr for Christ (Acts 8). I reasoned that if a Deacon was chosen to evangelize then I had no excuse to refuse the mission.

As the Servant Evangelical Deacon I have been determined to pray, read, and listen to teachings in evangelism. From this I also began by leading a group in a series of “Six Steps to Talking About Jesus” in 2011. Through leading that group, I knew that I had to begin evangelizing in earnest. Needless to say “hundreds were added each day” did not happen as it did in Acts. But I kept reading and listening to others offering their wisdom and slowly I became comfortable that with God’s help I could do this. I had to dispel some false ideas such as, as the Servant Evangelical Deacon I am solely responsible for bringing people to faith in Christ. If I wasn’t leading the way how could I expect anyone else to do it?

Certainly I know that as a Christian I have an obligation to share my faith with others. I have been conscious of opportunities to do this and have tried to always move past the reluctance to begin sharing. We know that in Rhode Island there are many who haven’t heard the Gospel. *“The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few”* (Matthew 9:37). I have also sought opportunities to present courses to the membership. To that end, I will be leading a six session course in “Basic Christianity” beginning this

January. This course was taught previously in 2008, and is to help a new Christian learn the basis for their faith. This course is also designed for any Christian who has doubts about what he believes, or who believes but doesn't feel comfortable about stating their beliefs to others. I am looking forward to this offering.

More than evangelizing nonbelievers, I have been concerned about people who claim they are Christian but who base their belief solely on the fact that they were baptized, that they may have gone to church for some period of time, and who assert that they have read the Bible. The troubling aspect of this is that they believe that they already have been accounted as saved and need nothing more and are free to continue to live life as they are. I believe many of these people will be more difficult to bring to Christ than nonbelievers. These are the people I am trying to reach with God's help.

Servant Evangelism Deacon,

Tom Bourn
First Diaconal Minister

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTER

First I'd like to thank the elders and my fellow deacons for their dedication to all of us here at Church of The Apostles and beyond. In 2011, we have witnessed an increase in our membership and most importantly in spiritual growth as individuals and as the body of Christ. The fruits of great teaching, preaching, counseling and member participation are evident. God is good. He promises to be with us and to provide what we ask in His name and God delivers.

It is such a blessing for me to be part of this Congregation. It is always an awesome experience to worship and fellowship with you as a member of body of Christ and to participate in different ministries. My daily prayer time always includes a 'thank you' to God for our leadership and membership. *"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God"* (1 John 4:7).

I always look forward to my visits with members of our church who are shut-in or in the hospital. Sharing the Eucharist with each of them is a true blessing for me. The Saturday morning breakfast started its fourth year this past September. The discussions, on topics of concern to men, are always challenging and thought provoking and the food and fellowship are great. My thanks to the chefs who show up early to prepare a breakfast that's always awesome.

As you know, the theme that came out of the leadership retreat last August comes from 2 Chronicles 20:15. *"And he (Jahaziel) said, "Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the Lord to you, 'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's.'"* King Jehoshaphat and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem did what God had instructed through the prophet Jahaziel. It took unity and faith between the people for God's plan to be successful. So it must be with us, at Church of The Apostles, if we are to fulfill God's will.

Lastly, I encourage you to get involved (if you are not already) in a ministry (or ministries). We all have God-given gifts to share. *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace"* (1 Peter 4:10).

Yours in Christ,

Bill Sexton
Congregational Care Deacon

OUTREACH MINISTER

My dear friends in Christ,
“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”
(1 Corinthians 1:3)

What I have learned this year is this: all that God does in us is for His Name sake! “*He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name sake...*” (Psalm 23:3), and that God planned our lives for us even before we were conceived in our mother’s wombs: “*Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me when as yet there was none of them*” (Psalm 139:16).

What does all of this mean? It means that each and every one of us, no matter who we are, what our brokenness might be, or where we have come from, we ALL were created in the image of God. “*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them*” (Genesis 1:27). We just have to receive Him, as Adam, the first man, received God’s life giving breath. “*Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature*” (Genesis 2:7).

“*For we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us...so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies*” (2 Corinthians 4:7,10). Some of these jars may be broken or cracked, some old, some polished and shiny, some may be much worn, but however we come, Jesus fills us with his unfailing grace and sustaining life in the Holy Spirit to do the work he has given us to do. “*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*” (Philippians 4:13).

I am presently reading and rejoicing in a book, “Songs of Assent,” by Carla Waterman, a book about the feminine attributes of the Church as the Bride of Christ, using Mary, the mother of Jesus, as the model. I chuckled as I saw myself in a description Ms Waterman gives of herself: “*In time we offer these embodied gifts back to the world. But it’s a very tangible world. I need to go fill the bird feeders. It may be God who feeds my small congregation. But apparently His means of grace at this moment is a rather short woman standing on an old stepstool who spills as much seed on the ground as she gets into the containers.*”

One of my favorite hymns is I Sing a Song of the Saints of God. The last stanza goes like this:

*They lived not only in ages past,
There are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints
Who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
In church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
For the saints of God are just folk like me,
And I mean to be one too.*

Praise God, for the Holy Spirit has breathed His life giving breath on Church of The Apostles! The Saints of God are Reaching Out... by making monthly visits to Crossroads and taking precious photographs for homeless families; through United In Faith, and in planning blood drives; by volunteering at the Artic Mission, and building and decorating a room at the Providence Rescue Mission’s new woman’s shelter; by creating inspiring bookmarks, and organizing Christmas caroling with a sister church; by making warm hats and scarves for people who are cold, providing generous donations for our missionaries going to Haiti, and supporting the CareNet Pregnancy Center of R. I.; and by providing meals on a short-term basis to families or individuals due to medical conditions through the Loaves and Fishes ministry. Because of generous and faithful giving for the Kingdom, outreach has distributed over 250 bibles in English and in Spanish, has made donations to various Christian charities and has provided assistance to families in need inside and outside of the church.

There is no question that we have a rare blessing here at Church of The Apostles. It is truly an honor and a privilege for me to work alongside my fellow brothers and sister in the Diakonate, with the Eldership and the Staff who serve with integrity and sincere hearts for the Lord, as well as with all in the congregation who lend their time and talents to make God's Word living and active.

As we thank God for the grace and blessings he bestowed on us at Church of The Apostles in the year 2011 and move into the new year with unlimited expectations of what God can do in and through us in 2012, I pray this prayer for us, a prayer Saint Paul so lovingly prayed for the church at Ephesus and for us so many years ago: *"...that according to the riches of his glory God may grant [us] to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in [our] inner being, so that Christ may dwell in [our] hearts through faith – that [we], being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge that [we] may be filled with all the fullness of God"* (Ephesians 3:16-19).

Therefore, brothers and sisters let us go forth in the name of Christ, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your servant in Christ,

Cathryn Morgan
Outreach Minister

STEWARDSHIP DIACONAL MINISTER

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve each other, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”
(1 Peter 4:10)

There are many ways that members of Church of The Apostles are involved in stewardship and the willingness, enthusiasm and selflessness of our Congregation is a visual testimony to the dedication people have to being good stewards of all that God has given them. The numerous and creative gifts of the Congregation are shown clearly in the outreach, congregational care, building and grounds and various other ministries that are in place and emerging at Church of The Apostles. Guided by the Holy Spirit we come together as one body recognizing Jesus Christ as the head.

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”
(1 Corinthians 10:31)

God is providing what is needed for God’s work to be done and as you see throughout this Annual Report the members of Church of The Apostles embrace the blessings of God for the work in his Kingdom. Our actions are evidence that when we pray: *“thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and forever,”* we understand what is being proclaimed.

A review of the financial report for 2011 shows that giving at Church of The Apostles continues to be on an upward trend... a remarkable fact considering the economic times. The completeness of the data is testimony of the commitment of our treasurer Bob Bickerstaff to keep the reporting of revenue detailed and transparent and as you assess the numbers it becomes apparent that Church of The Apostles is using the funds to fulfill the commission of making disciples.

The mission statement of Church of The Apostles is what directs us and our vision *“To obey, bear witness and follow Jesus Christ”* is being fulfilled through sound teaching and acknowledging the Holy Spirit as our guide. Through preaching the Word, Christian Education and numerous Bible study opportunities the Congregation is embracing and showing the fruit of this teaching.

I would like to thank the four members of our Congregation who gave testimonies on what stewardship meant to them. Edward Farrell, Bob Bickerstaff, Donna Thompson and Cheryl Bethel may be at different stages in their faith journey but what was clear in each of their testimonies is a commitment to the Gospel and recognition of Jesus Christ as their sovereign Lord. I would also like to recognize our church administrator Barbara Battey and communications officer Barbara Bickerstaff for their guidance and willingness to help when needed.

God has given us a tremendous privilege to serve Him in His Kingdom and at Church of The Apostles. I pray that we continue to embrace this honor as people who know *“that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose”* (Romans 8:28). It is my honor to serve Him and this Congregation and *to Him be all the glory forever and ever.*

I am, respectfully your servant in Christ,

Deacon Kathleen Kettle

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DIACONAL MINISTER

“For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

(1 Corinthians 3:9-11)

On January 9th of this year I was blessed to celebrate one year as property Deacon, a wonderful year full of challenges both in the ministry and with my health. It has been an honor and privilege to work side by side with my fellow deacons, working as a team and one unit to further God’s mission here at Church of The Apostles. Last year brought both an increase in attendance and in support, as a surplus was realized. This will allow the Church to further God’s message into the community and ultimately, in bringing our neighbors to Christ.

This past year was fruitful and full of God’s blessings as we completed many projects. The New Year began with the painting and updating of the church hall as the ceiling and walls were painted. New installations included higher watt light bulbs, cove molding, a new coffee table with back splash. Additionally, lighter tables were purchased. This project took many weeks and would not have been completed without the hard work of Jim Quinn and Ed Farrell and the generosity of Mark Teller and Chuck Donnelly who supplied staging.

The Sunday school wing was also refreshed with the help and direction of our new Christian Education Director, Linda Jones. We share the same philosophy of “When in doubt, throw it out”. An inventory of Sunday school and church property identified many items (read junk) that we were able to part with. This included inoperable vacuums and a box for a stool purchased in 1982 (the box lasted longer than the stool it once contained). Classrooms were spruced up as floors were refinished, new rugs and tables were purchased and a new room for the senior high class and adult education classes were configured.

Throughout the building other projects were undertaken. The Superintendent’s Office was redone this past year as the walls were painted, a new wood floor was installed and new furniture and a rug were added. Also, a new floor was installed in the men’s room, the church offices were repainted, and old exit lights were replaced. The exterior of the building was included as a rotted sill at the main entrance of the building was replaced.

Many people came forward during the course of the year to clean both inside the property and participate outside in the two yard clean ups. During the Lenten season several volunteers participated in cleaning projects.

I would like to take the time to thank Jim Quinn and Mike Edwards for their work and dedication over the last year to help make our building an attractive and functioning place of worship, education and fellowship. Jim has been part of the many updates over the last year and he never knew what I was going to throw at him next.

I express my thanks and gratitude to Barbara Battey and Barbara Bickerstaff for their help and support throughout the year. I also thank those who have come forward over the last year to volunteer their time to make our church a better place; I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I would also like to at this time thank our committee members: John Adams, Dewayne Jacobs, Jim Quinn, Rob Geoffrey, Bob Singleton, Donna Thompson, Barbara Battey, Bob Bickerstaff, and Mark Tellier for their exceptional work this past year. I extend my gratitude also to all the unnamed who have come forward for work parties and projects. Finally, I would like to thank my wonderful and godly wife, Dianne, who has been by my side with her support and advice as I began and continue in this ministry.

Our ongoing commitment to the preservation of the Church building and grounds promotes worship and evangelization. It is truly an honor to serve in this ministry, made possible only through His grace and blessing and the support of the saints of the Church of The Apostles.

You're Servant in Christ,

Deacon Harry E. Sacchetti
Building and Grounds Minister

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

“To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”
(Ephesians 4:12-13)

“*Unity in the faith*” building up the faithful, the hearts of the believers, that is what we see and hear at the Church of The Apostles, just look at the way we celebrate all the feasts and holy days of the church calendar with clarity and truth. Our leadership teaches us every week the true meaning of the Scripture readings being offered and the journey the church calendar takes us. With each passing week our lives are being enriched in the Scripture, building layer upon layer towards God’s kingdom.

But it is not only worship and studying the Bible that will help us grow in our journey, we also need to answer the call of service in using the gifts God has given us “*and become mature*” bringing the Church of Jesus Christ outside our doors. Our leadership has already done the work “*to equip*” us for our journey. God wants us to take action, to be His disciples in the life He has graciously given us.

When I post the contributions and attendance on Monday mornings I see firsthand how we have grown in our giving and in the way we eagerly give to other ministries in this church. I have also noticed how everyone, no matter what age is participating in using their time, talents and treasure for the growth of our church.

Every year at our Annual Leadership Retreat I walk away being encouraged and regenerated. There are pictures from our retreat posted on the office bulletin board that I wanted to share with you. There are pictures of our time of worship and thanksgiving, our time of study and our time of fellowship and we were challenged to go out into the world proclaiming God’s Word and love. I was blessed with the encouragement from God’s Word and encouraged by this retreat to seek out to those who are lonely, and failing in age, which led me to form a Nursing Home Ministry. The Nursing Home Ministry is about sharing Christian Fellowship, reading Scripture and singing hymns to nursing home residents for about one hour twice a month. I am happy to say that 14 volunteers from Church of The Apostles have answered the call “*for works of service*” to this ministry.

Connected In Prayer ministry reaches out to the folks (not from our church) that are placed on our prayer list by members of our flock. Cheryl Bethel and Jodie Antonelli who came forward to mail out cards to these folks letting them know that we at the Church of The Apostles are praying for them.

I would like to sincerely thank all those who serve the church office and believe me there are many who use their own gifts in special ways. To Jim Quinn who gave the church office a fresh coat of paint and is always there to help fix things. To Barbara Bickerstaff who always seems to know when I need her help. To Linda Jones who sends out birthday cards to members of our church and who is such a help with labels, folding and stuffing. To Bob Bickerstaff for his dedication and support in our financial day to day work duties and to Harry Sacchetti who does too much to list.

I am blessed, we are blessed so let us continue to give thanks to God by glorifying and praising His Name!

Your sister In Christ,

Barbara Battey
Church Administrator and Financial Secretary

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

“This is the LORD’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.”
(Psalm 118:23)

With each passing year it becomes increasingly clear to me that the Triune God we worship, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, is at work in this place we call Church of The Apostles. The evidence is everywhere: increased Sunday attendance; an increasing budget; a thriving Christian education program with more opportunities for Bible study and adult education; new and flourishing ministries; community outreach and mission work; the list goes on and on. God has blessed us!

From my vantage point as Communications Officer, I see God’s blessings evidenced in the work that comes across my desk for publication. In the almost seven years that I have worked in this position, I have watched our main teaching tool, the *Apostles Journal*, evolve from our former publication, *The Messenger*, which was primarily the work of the Superintendent, to a fifty plus page magazine that is truly the collective voice of the Eldership. *“But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine”* (Titus 2:1). Always rooted in the Word of God and both educational and informative, the quality of information and quantity of work that goes into this publication is staggering. God reminds us, *“The word that goes forth from my mouth; it will not return to me empty”* (Isaiah 55:11). *This is the LORD’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

The actualization of the work of ministry abounds in *Church Notes*. For postage reasons, it has been my personal challenge to contain the news, events, and notes of interest in this monthly publication to a sixteen page limit. Increasingly, over the past year, this has not been possible. New and ongoing ministries continue to thrive, both at the hands of the Diakonate and the laity. In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), Jesus tells the story of a master who entrusted his servants with his property while he was away. *“To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability”* (v. 15). Upon his return, the master called the servants together to give an accounting of his property. The servant *“who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more... His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over little; I will set you over much’”* (vs. 20-22). As the faithful servant was rewarded for his good work, so our Master continues to richly bless the efforts of the good and faithful servants at Church of The Apostles. With each new blessing, however, comes more responsibility, for *“from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more”* (Luke 12:48). *This is the LORD’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

It is indeed an honor for me to work alongside the leadership and laity of this Congregation and watch God’s plan for us unfold. As always, so much of the production work that comes out of this office is accomplished through the time and efforts of many hands. Thank you to my friend and fellow laborer Barbara Battey and the office volunteers who “pitch-in” each week to get the job done. *This is the LORD’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

Barbara A. Bickerstaff
Communications Officer

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

2011 brought about several changes at Church of The Apostles. Due to an overcrowding in the Little Lights (ages 3-6), a new class was created: the Pathfinders (kindergarten- grade 1). With this new class came a need for two new teachers, and it didn't take long for Jessica Tellier and Laurie Ellison to eagerly step forth to teach. What a gift!

Secondly, Chris Lloyd (Minister of Christian Education) resigned in June to pursue a teaching career which led to another vacancy to be filled. Superintendent Mark asked if I would be interested, and after much prayer my answer was "here I am". Now what was needed to be done in June to prepare for September?

Our third change was how do you make room for a high school class with at least 14 bodies and 2 teachers? And where can you find a more soundproof room for our Pathfinders so their "joyful noise" doesn't interrupt Adult Education? Many thanks go to Harry Sacchetti and Jim Quinn for solving these situations. After rearranging several classrooms, applying new paint, scraping off old stickers, moving furniture, buying new rugs and furniture, adding bulletin boards and white boards, installing shelves for a new TV/DVD, the classes were ready, and the men were ready for a vacation!

Next came two hall closets filled with outdated material dating back to 1980. We're so blessed to have a dumpster close by. Now, we have a somewhat organized area to see what supplies we have or need.

Our first undertaking was to create a pictorial to let new families know what goes on in our classrooms. Many thanks go to Barbara Battey, Matt Felice, and Kerri McMahon for their encouragement, photography skills and expertise in creating this new directory titled, "Why We Are Here".

Our Advent season was filled with collecting toys for the Artic Mission, creating beautiful Christmas cards and ornaments for soldiers, residents at the nursing home, and members of our Congregation. Our new mission was to join members of Riverpoint Advent Christian Church in singing carols in the village. Lastly, the children filled tiny boxes with their gifts to Jesus, placing them beneath a tiny CHRISTMAS tree.

I would like to thank our faithful, most dedicated Sunday school staff: Debbie Glynn, Scarlett St. Martin, Melissa Felice, Laurie Ellison, Jessica Tellier, Beth Sexton, Donna Stomberg, Doug Stomberg, Kathy Kettle, Dianne Sacchetti, Roberta Tvenstrup, Roger Hall, Matt Felice, Elder Chad Tvenstrup, Elder Rob Geoffrey, Superintendent Mark Galloway, elder-in- training Mark Tellier, and Elder Emeritus Conrad Ruppert. Many thanks to our parents who faithfully bring their children to Church and through the gifts of our teachers you can see our students growing in their faith.

We've had a blessed year- 2011.

"When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Feed my lambs!'" (John 21:15).

This new year, 2012, let's continue God's work – to nourish our lambs.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in our hearts to God" (Colossians. 3:16).

Your sister in Christ,

Linda Jones

PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Once again I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for another year of service as your Pastoral Assistant. I believe that sharing in God's immeasurable love, helping to bring others to a place of godly living, instilling a sense of hope, forgiveness, and joy through His Word, and growing in the faith are only but some of the many attributes of my role here. As I reflect back on the year of our Lord 2011 and the many opportunities I have had to serve you, I cannot recall one instance when my time with all of you was not blessed by the power of the Holy Spirit. I continue to praise God, and give Him all the glory for my being an instrument of His strength, wisdom, courage, and love. I am ever grateful for His presence directing my path and my ministry.

I must admit that my role as the Pastoral Assistant is a challenging one, particularly in the culture in which we live. The issues and problems that come across my desk reflect a sinful world, one where the devil seems to have the upper hand. But we must always remember that when Christ went to the Cross, he defeated the devil once for all. His sacrifice for our sin allows us now to reject his temptations and instead choose the path of righteousness. We must always put our trust in God, and especially in his Word. For in the Scriptures are found all of the answers to our trials and tribulations.

This past year I continued engaging in the Nouthetic Counseling courses that I began last year. Though I was unable to complete all of the classes due to a hectic home schedule, the coursework has still been helpful in supplementing my traditional training in the field of social work, especially for my work here at the Church. I feel much more confident in directing my clients to the Word, as well as utilizing my gifts (granted to me by the Holy Spirit) in listening and counsel.

I am happy to report that the Strengthening Marriages Ministry (Holy Couples) is still going strong after the better part of a decade. There are now close to thirty couples participating, and we rotate through three different groups every six months. This coming year we are planning another retreat (hopefully in March), which has proven to be an awesome blessing to all who can attend. My husband and I believe that this ministry is an extremely powerful one, especially in reaching unbelievers for Jesus Christ. Hence, we have begun a new group that is made up of couples who are not yet part of our Church family. The group is progressing very well so far, as it has been very well received by our neighbors and friends. We encourage others in our Church to do the same, as this ministry is a wonderful opportunity to reach unchurched married couples both young and old.

These past six months we have been using a series entitled "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" done by Pastor Mark Gungor. Besides being very funny and entertaining, Gungor is extremely introspective concerning the bond of Holy Matrimony. He helps us all understand how we can have a healthy and faithful marital relationship. Chad and I are currently exploring further curriculum options for the coming months. We certainly have plenty of options available!

Throughout 2012 I will continue to make myself readily available to anyone in the Body in need of my counseling services. I am so grateful for the work that I do here, as I grow in the Lord each and every time I meet with any of you. Likewise, I am always honored to walk along side of you in any situation. In the words of St. Paul: "*That I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established, that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me*" (Romans 1:11-12). I praise God for all the wonderful blessings in my life, and in the life of our Church. I commit myself to another year in your service. Thank you once again for all of your prayers for me and for my family. May God's blessings be upon all of you in the year ahead.

I am graciously yours in Christ,

Roberta L. Tvenstrup, LICSW
Pastoral Assistant

YOUTH GROUP MINISTER

JAMIM' YOUTH GROUP

Our JAMIM' 2010-2011 calendar was packed with meetings, events, and fundraisers. Our biweekly Friday night meetings were filled with games, discussion topics and lots of pizza! We are very grateful for the church's strong support of our many fundraisers which fund our annual mission trip. We would like to thank Harry Sacchetti for his patience and guidance in organizing very successful flower sales for Valentine's Day, Easter and Mother's Day. We would also like to thank Debby Glynn who graciously donated all of the monies earned from her Pandora-style bead sales to our summer mission's fund. Additional funds were raised through car washes, M&M fundraisers and a teen auction. We have been blessed to have a committed core group of students who have been part of youth group for the past four years. Strong bonds of friendship continue to be developed and strengthened within our group as we work together. We look forward to expanding our group and adding new members. The growth and accomplishments of the youth at Church of The Apostles are a credit to their parents, our Christian Education program and all those who influence their lives.

The capstone event of 2011 was our Summer Missions trip to Manassas, VA on July 17-22, 2011. Twelve teens and adult leaders from Church of The Apostles spent a week working with other youth groups from all over the country serving the needy. Our teens and leaders served at housing projects, inner city youth camps, food pantries, painting projects and assisted at a camp for disabled children. Group Work Camps provided both morning and evening programs which included singing, games, skits and a message that was very relevant to teens today. Each evening we had devotions with our youth group which gave us an opportunity to talk about what we had learned. We worked hard, expanded our horizons and learned more about how God would have us to serve. Our teens comment each year that this experience is the highlight of their summer. They continue to grow in God's love and exemplify the true meaning of a servant's heart.

We praise God for all that He has done for our youth group this year! We want to thank all of you for your steadfast support of our teens! We would especially like to thank Donna Stomberg for continuing to serve with us as an adult youth group leader and Roberta Tvenstrup for being a wonderful adult leader on our summer mission trip! And, of course, we want to thank every one of our truly AWESOME teens!

Roger C. Hall
Youth Group Minister

HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTER

The mission of the Health & Wellness Ministry is to provide for the physical, emotional, mental, and social needs of our members. Much of this is done through health promotion activities. Health promotion refers to education and activities that promote health and well-being to individuals, groups, families, and communities, like our church family. The overall goal of health promotion is to help each and every one of us to live to our fullest by motivating individuals to adopt healthy lifestyles, encourage preventive measures, enable members to increase control over, and to improve health and to embrace the interdependent relationship between health and worship. As Christians we are to *“present your (our) bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God”* (Romans 12:11).

This ministry understands how the relationship between health ministries and faith members influences the physical, emotional, and spiritual aspects of members’ lives. There are many roles that members of this ministry engage in including educator, counselor, resource person, advocate, and prayer partner. A special thanks to the members of the Health & Wellness Ministry: Debbie Adams, Jodie Antonelli, Karen Gudas, Cindy Hall, Kathy Kettle, JoAnn Ruppert, Beth Sexton, and Roberta Tvenstrup.

This past year saw many opportunities to participate in health promotion activities such as a flu clinic (by Phusion Pharmacy, Coventry, RI), CPR course, monthly health-related articles, and the Race Across American initiative. Currently we are preparing for a Nutrition Workshop on February 4th with the support of Anna Bertonelli, RD from Hasbro Children’s Hospital. And yes, coming February 12th we will be embarking on none other than the “The Biggest Loser.” What has become a popular “reality series”, will now be our reality. As we look into the near future we hope to address the needs (mind, body, and spirit) of our members. Ideas in the making include: holding a “Health Fair” for our senior members, holding a workshop for our tweens and teens, providing first aid training, holding a Cooking 101 course, addressing emotional and mental health, continuing monthly health-related articles, providing resources in our center, improving our community networking and understanding of available resources, and expanding our programs to other local faith communities. We ask that you also continue to bring your needs to members of the health and wellness ministry.

Sharon Galloway, RN, MSN

Health & Wellness Ministry Chair

ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR

The Church of The Apostles continues to praise God with an active Music Ministry. We are grateful for the time and talent given by our many musicians.

Debbie Adams with her violin has now joined instrumentalists Harrison Smiley and Sara Oliveira in playing with the organ at the 10:30 Sunday Service. Others are always welcome either with similar or different instruments.

The Men's Chorus has participated in numerous Sunday Services, plus several special events. Many thanks to the men, to those who have assisted them, and particularly to Ed Farrell who handles all the details for this group.

Our Praise Band "Spirit & Truth," under the leadership of Sharon Galloway and Sara Oliveira, continues to lead us in inspirational music at worship services and many other programs. We appreciate the time and talent given by the members of the Praise Band.

The Handbell Choir has lost several of its veteran ringers to other Church ministries. However, our remaining ringers will continue to present their music on a limited basis while encouraging others to join them.

Thank you to Sarah Bethel and Roger Hall who continue to inspire us with their wonderful solo renditions. Also, many thanks to our several guitarists, and to Conrad Ruppert on the keyboard, for the music they provide on numerous occasions. A very special thank you to Harry Sacchetti who makes much of the above possible through his finesse with the amplifying system.

In closing I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to everyone in our Congregations who have participated by raising their voices in song to praise God. You truly have made a joyful sound unto the Lord here at the Church of The Apostles.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne H. Salisbury
Organist & Music Director

SACRISTY MINISTER

Altar Guild

As I handle holy things, grant that my whole life may be illuminated and blessed by You, in whose honor I prepare them, and grant the people who shall be blessed by their use, may find their lives drawn closer to Him, who is our hope and our strength, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Altar Guild has the privilege of preparing the Lord's table each week with care and reverence. We are blessed to have a committed group of women here at Church of The Apostles, who serve faithfully on the Altar Guild. I thank them for their commitment to this ministry. The Altar Guild consists of four teams who take responsibility for all the services of a given week on a rotating basis.

Over the past year, several Altar Guild members and non-members alike have helped with cleaning the sanctuary and preparing for the feasts of Easter and Christmas. I thank everyone for all their help over the past year. It truly is a blessing to have so many people willing to offer their assistance and talents.

The Altar Guild always welcomes new members. If you would like to serve the Lord in this ministry, please see the Sacristy Minister, JoAnn Ruppert.

Flower Guild

The mission of the Flower Guild is to provide floral arrangements each Sunday, as well as to work with the Altar Guild to prepare the church for the celebrations of Christmas and Easter.

We operate on a rotating schedule, with each member taking responsibility for procuring and arranging the flowers for a particular week. We have used flowers from various local stores/shops as well as supplementing from our own gardens. Several members have spent extra hours making special floral arrangements at Christmas and Easter time.

I thank all the members of the guild for their participation and commitment to this ministry. Each week I look forward to see the artistry and creativity that each one brings forth in their service to the church. I am blessed by your dedication and willingness to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Ruppert
Sacristy Minister

*Our Mission is to
Obey, Follow and Bear Witness to Jesus Christ*

2011
Ministries

Acolytes	Kitchen Ministry
Adult Education	Lay Readers
Altar Guild	Lay Visitation Ministry
Angel Wings	Loaves & Fishes Ministry
Blood Bank Drive	Men's Breakfast
Buildings & Grounds Committee	Men's Choir
CD Ministry	Nursery & Children's Chapel
Chalice Bearers	Nursing Home Ministry
Christian Education	Office Volunteers
Counters	Outreach Committee
Financial Counseling	Praise Band
Flower Guild	Precept Bible Study
Food Bank Drive	Property Committee
Hand Bell Choir	Shepherd's Table
Health & Wellness Ministry	Sunday Brunch Ministry
Holy Couples	The Truth Project
Instrumentalist (10:30 Service)	United In Faith
Intercessions Prayer Group	Ushers
Joyful Women's Bible Study	Youth Group (JAMIM)

Treasurer's Report

Once again God has blessed us with a year of favorable finances at Church of The Apostles. By mid December, it was clear that we would end the year with a substantial budget surplus, and the Church Council decided to use the majority of the extra money to provide additional funding for our Outreach Fund and our Capital Reserve Savings Fund. After transferring an extra \$3,000.00 into each of those funds, we were still left with a General Fund surplus of \$1,588.68 to carry forward into 2012. Thank you for your commitment to being good stewards of what God has given to you, and praise God for all that He is doing in our midst.

The Operating Budget for 2012 anticipates total budget income of \$382,000.00 and total budget expenditures of \$381,372.00. The Church Council approved this budget on November 17, 2011, accepting without change the budget proposal prepared by a Finance Committee consisting of Superintendent Galloway, Treasurer Bob Bickerstaff, Elder Rob Geoffrey, Archdeacon Tom Bourn, Deacon Cathy Morgan, Financial Secretary Barbara Battey, and Active Members Jodie Antonelli and Linda Quinn. The budget projects that income from pledges and weekly offerings in 2012 will be \$360,000.00, an increase of about 5.5 percent over what was received in 2011. That projection appears to be quite realistic since the increase from 2010 to 2011 was 6.36 percent and the increase from 2009 to 2010 was 5.49 percent. I believe that these increases reflect that we are growing in our trust of God, and I am confident that this spiritual growth in us will continue. Of particular note in the 2012 budget is an emphasis on savings. The budget includes \$5,000.00 for the Capital Reserve Savings Fund and \$12,000.00 for the New Ministries Savings Fund. Saving for the future is an important part of good stewardship, and there will come a time when substantial funds are required for major building repairs or projects and for beginning new ministries or expanding existing ministries.

As always, I want to acknowledge Barbara Battey, our Church Administrator and Financial Secretary, for her work in managing the day-to-day finances of Church of The Apostles. Among her other duties, Barbara functions as our bookkeeper and financial records custodian, and in those capacities she diligently maintains our financial records and provides me with the detailed information I need in order to report the status of the church's finances to the Church Council and the Congregation. Thank you Barbara for all your hard work!

I would also like to thank our Sunday counters, especially our lead counter Sue Clarke. Our other counters are Beverly Brown, Joan Clarke, Linda Greco, Lynne Habershaw, Sue Pillsbury, Linda Quinn, JoAnn Ruppert, Jane Venditto, and Lois Whitman. Thank you to all our counters for their dedication to this important ministry!

The next several pages contain a detailed look at our 2011 financial history and the 2012 budget. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with questions, comments, or concerns about the finances or financial reports of the church.

Bob Bickerstaff
Treasurer

Financial Summary Report

January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2011		\$103,880.58
Checking Account Balance	\$8,574.37	
Savings Account Balance	<u>\$95,306.21</u>	
Total	\$103,880.58	
Balance of Designated Funds in Checking Account	\$8,221.33	
Balance of Designated Funds in Savings Account	\$95,306.21	
General Fund Balance	<u>\$353.04</u>	
Total	\$103,880.58	
Receipts		
Offerings & Donations	\$366,414.12	
Reimbursements	\$4,852.26	
Checking Account Interest	\$23.50	
Savings Account Interest	\$648.37	
Designated Fund Income/Receipts	<u>\$30,359.95</u>	
Total		\$402,298.20
Disbursements		
General Fund/Operating Expenses	\$370,054.24	
Operating Expenses Transferred to Designated Funds	(\$45,643.76)	
Designated Fund Expenses/Disbursements	<u>\$66,101.17</u>	
Total		<u>(\$390,511.65)</u>
Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2011		\$115,667.13
Checking Account Balance	\$18,212.55	
Savings Account Balance	<u>\$97,454.58</u>	
Total	\$115,667.13	
Balance of Designated Funds in Checking Account	\$16,623.87	
Balance of Designated Funds in Savings Account	\$97,454.58	
General Fund Balance	<u>\$1,588.68</u>	
Total	\$115,667.13	
Indebtedness		
Mortgage Loan from Centreville Bank (6/1/2010)		\$586,000.00
Principal Balance as of January 1, 2011		\$577,142.31
Payments during 2011: \$56,682.32		
Applied to Interest	\$26,776.93	
Applied to Principal	<u>\$29,905.39</u>	
Total	\$56,682.32	
Principal Balance as of December 31, 2011		\$547,236.92

Checking Account Report

January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2011 **\$8,574.37**

General Fund/Operating Income

Weekly Offerings and Pledges	\$341,063.22
Loose Offerings	\$2,804.95
Initial Offerings	\$345.00
Birthday Offerings	\$825.00
Ash Wednesday Offerings	\$1,078.00
Maundy Thursday Offerings	\$812.00
Good Friday Offerings	\$877.00
Lenten Offerings	\$860.00
Easter Offerings	\$6,363.00
Thanksgiving Offerings	\$1,251.00
Advent Offerings	\$659.00
Christmas Offerings	\$6,220.00
Special Offerings	\$1,310.00
Youth Offerings	\$1,175.95
Group Donations	\$770.00
Checking Account Interest	<u>\$23.50</u>
Total	<u>\$366,437.62</u>

Reimbursements to General Fund/Operating Expenses

For Ministerial/Conference Expenses	\$3,079.00
For Christian Education Expenses	\$340.00
For Fellowship Expenses	\$983.26
For Administrative and Office Expenses	<u>\$450.00</u>
Total	\$4,852.26

Income/Receipts for Designated Funds

See Fund Balances Report for Details \$30,359.95

Transfers in from Savings Account

For Outreach Fund \$3,500.00

Total Receipts into Checking Account **\$405,149.83**

General Fund/Operating Expenses

Outreach (Transferred to Designated Fund) *	\$39,643.76
Capital Reserve Savings (Transferred to Designated Fund) *	\$6,000.00
Superintendent's Salary & Housing	\$83,343.00
Church Administrator's Salary	\$24,206.00
Communications Officer's Salary	\$19,344.00
Christian Education Minister's Salary	\$15,600.00
Pastoral Assistant's Salary	\$6,058.00
Property Maintenance Technician's Salary	\$13,078.00

Checking Account Report (Continued)

General Fund/Operating Expenses (Continued)

Organist's Salary	\$8,971.00
Sexton's Salary	\$7,228.00
Staff Pensions	\$6,344.00
Payroll Taxes	\$7,812.76
Superintendent's Business Expenses	\$1,396.16
Leadership Continuing Education	\$1,474.05
Ministerial/Conference Expenses (See Note 1)	\$9,044.68
Worship Supplies	\$1,435.28
Music Ministry	\$1,283.97
Christian Education (See Note 2)	\$5,901.42
Youth Ministry	\$67.77
Fellowship (See Note 3)	\$6,038.34
Administrative and Office Expenses (See Note 4)	\$12,094.99
Postage Expenses	\$2,584.27
Telephone and Internet Service	\$1,968.30
Property Expenses	\$14,370.38
Snow Plowing	\$5,770.00
Gas (Heat & Hot Water)	\$6,354.03
Electric	\$4,470.51
Mortgage	\$48,182.32
Insurance	<u>\$9,989.25</u>
Total Expenses	\$370,054.24
* Total Transferred into Designated Funds	<u>(\$45,643.76)</u>
Expenses Disbursed from Checking Account	\$324,410.48

Disbursements from Designated Funds

See Fund Balances Report for Details \$66,101.17

Transfers out to Savings Account

From Capital Reserve Savings Fund	\$2,000.00
From Memorial Fund	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
Total	\$5,000.00

Total Disbursements from Checking Account

(\$395,511.65)

Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2011

\$18,212.55

Notes to Checking Account Report:

- 1 The Ministerial/Conference Expenses line item was partially funded by reimbursements of \$3,079.00.
- 2 The Christian Education line item was partially funded by reimbursements of \$340.00.
- 3 The Fellowship line item was partially funded by reimbursements of \$983.26.
- 4 The Administrative and Office Expenses line item was partially funded by reimbursements and rebates of \$450.00.

Savings Account Report

January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2011		\$95,306.21
Balance in Money Market Deposit Account	\$35,306.21	
Balance in Certificate of Deposit Account	<u>\$60,000.00</u>	
Total	\$95,306.21	
Outreach Fund Balance	\$13,676.15	
Capital Reserve Savings Fund Balance	\$22,226.22	
New Ministries Fund Balance	\$50,437.07	
Altar Guild Fund Balance	\$1,193.00	
Memorial Fund Balance	\$6,701.16	
Ann Livsey Fund Balance	<u>\$1,072.61</u>	
Total	\$95,306.21	
Interest Income		
Applied to Outreach Fund	\$89.21	
Applied to Capital Reserve Savings Fund	\$155.70	
Applied to New Ministries Fund	\$331.74	
Applied to Altar Guild Fund	\$6.49	
Applied to Memorial Fund	\$58.76	
Applied to Ann Livsey Fund	<u>\$6.47</u>	
Total		\$648.37
Transfers in from Checking Account		
For Capital Reserve Savings Fund	\$2,000.00	
For Memorial Fund	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	
Total		\$5,000.00
Transfers out to Checking Account		
From Outreach Fund	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	
Total		<u>(\$3,500.00)</u>
Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2011		\$97,454.58
Balance in Money Market Deposit Account	\$37,454.58	
Balance in Certificate of Deposit Account	<u>\$60,000.00</u>	
Total	\$97,454.58	
Outreach Fund Balance	\$10,265.36	
Capital Reserve Savings Fund Balance	\$24,381.92	
New Ministries Fund Balance	\$50,768.81	
Altar Guild Fund Balance	\$1,199.49	
Memorial Fund Balance	\$9,759.92	
Ann Livsey Fund Balance	<u>\$1,079.08</u>	
Total	\$97,454.58	

Fund Balances in Checking Account

January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

Fund Name	Balance 1/1/2011	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance 12/31/2011
Outreach Fund *	<u>\$2,562.03</u>	\$0.00	<u>\$39,682.67</u>	
Transfers from General Fund		\$39,643.76		
Transfers from Savings Account		<u>\$3,500.00</u>		
Outreach Fund Totals	\$2,562.03	\$43,143.76	\$39,682.67	\$6,023.12
Capital Reserve Savings Fund	<u>\$1,960.00</u>	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Transfers from General Fund		<u>\$6,000.00</u>		
Transfers to Savings Account			<u>\$2,000.00</u>	
Capital Reserve Savings Fund Totals	\$1,960.00	\$6,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,960.00
Memorial Fund *	<u>\$714.65</u>	<u>\$2,741.60</u>	\$0.00	
Transfers to Savings Account			<u>\$3,000.00</u>	
Memorial Fund Totals	\$714.65	\$2,741.60	\$3,000.00	\$456.25
New Ministries Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Altar Guild Fund *	\$918.64	\$2,595.00	\$2,311.95	\$1,201.69
Superintendent's Discretionary Fund	\$0.00	\$2,157.00	\$2,157.00	\$0.00
Youth Group Fund *	\$1,483.40	\$8,194.57	\$6,842.58	\$2,835.39
Designated Offerings Fund *	\$194.80	\$10,094.57	\$10,141.95	\$147.42
Miscellaneous Fund *	<u>\$387.81</u>	<u>\$4,577.21</u>	<u>\$4,965.02</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Designated Fund Totals	\$8,221.33	\$79,503.71	\$71,101.17	\$16,623.87
Transfers from General Fund		(\$45,643.76)		
Transfers from Savings		<u>(\$3,500.00)</u>		
Transfers to Savings			<u>(\$5,000.00)</u>	
Totals Excluding Transfers		\$30,359.95	\$66,101.17	
General Fund	<u>\$353.04</u>			
Income and Reimbursements		<u>\$371,289.88</u>		
Expenses Paid Out			\$324,410.48	
Transfers to Designated Funds			<u>\$45,643.76</u>	
General Fund Totals	<u>\$353.04</u>	\$371,289.88	\$370,054.24	<u>\$1,588.68</u>
Checking Account Balances	\$8,574.37			\$18,212.55

* See Separate Report

Outreach Financial Report

January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

Outreach Fund Balance as of January 1, 2011 **\$16,238.18**

Outreach Fund Balance in Checking Account	\$2,562.03
Outreach Fund Balance in Savings Account	<u>\$13,676.15</u>
Total	\$16,238.18

Receipts

Monthly Transfers from General Fund Outreach Line Item	\$36,643.76	
Special Transfer from General Fund Outreach Line Item	\$3,000.00	
Savings Account Interest	<u>\$89.21</u>	
Total		\$39,732.97

Disbursements

Conservative Congregational Christian Conference	\$14,000.00	
Outreach Discretionary Account *	\$12,908.11	
Superintendent's Discretionary Account **	\$5,532.06	
Providence Rescue Mission	\$2,700.00	
Haiti Mission Trip Expenses	\$2,700.00	
Haiti Orphan Support	\$500.00	
Individual and Family Assistance	\$625.00	
Ashland United Methodist Church, Ashland, NH	\$400.00	
Ministry Gifts	\$302.50	
Donation to "Truth for Life"	<u>\$15.00</u>	
Total		<u>(\$39,682.67)</u>

Outreach Fund Balance as of December 31, 2011 **\$16,288.48**

Outreach Fund Balance in Checking Account	\$6,023.12
Outreach Fund Balance in Savings Account	<u>\$10,265.36</u>
Total	\$16,288.48

* Thirty-five (35) percent of each month's Outreach Fund income is transferred (after the first of the next month) to the Outreach Discretionary Account, to be administered by the Outreach Deacon at her discretion. See separate financial report.

** Fifteen (15) percent of each month's Outreach Fund income is transferred (after the first of the next month) to the Superintendent's Discretionary Account, to be administered by the Superintendent at his discretion. See separate financial report.

Altar Guild Financial Report

January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

Altar Guild Fund Balance as of January 1, 2011 **\$2,111.64**

Altar Guild Fund Balance in Checking Account	\$918.64
Altar Guild Fund Balance in Savings Account	<u>\$1,193.00</u>
Total	\$2,111.64

Receipts

Offerings for Flowers and Sanctuary Lamp Candles	\$975.00	
Offerings for Easter Plants and Flowers	\$800.00	
Offerings for Christmas Plants, Flowers, and Greens	\$820.00	
Savings Account Interest	<u>\$6.49</u>	
Total		\$2,601.49

Disbursements

Christmas Plants, Flowers, and Greens (2010)	\$575.12	
Easter Plants and Flowers	\$793.84	
Christmas Plants and Greens (2011)	\$430.74	
Altar Flowers	\$162.56	
Sanctuary Lamp Candles	\$228.95	
Communion Wine	\$54.54	
Palms	<u>\$66.20</u>	
Total		<u>(\$2,311.95)</u>

Altar Guild Fund Balance as of December 31, 2011 **\$2,401.18**

Altar Guild Fund Balance in Checking Account	\$1,201.69
Altar Guild Fund Balance in Savings Account	<u>\$1,199.49</u>
Total	\$2,401.18

Youth Group Financial Report

January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

Youth Group Fund Balance as of January 1, 2011 **\$1,483.40**

Receipts

General Donations	\$1,300.00	
Valentine's Day Flower Sale Proceeds	\$723.55	
Pancake Supper Proceeds	\$230.00	
Uno Chicago Grill Fundraiser Proceeds	\$206.22	
Turkey Dinner Proceeds	\$879.00	
M&M Fundraiser Donations	\$1,174.42	
Easter Plant Sale Proceeds	\$740.00	
Mother's Day Flower Sale Proceeds	\$497.50	
Teen Auction Donations	\$475.00	
Car Wash Proceeds	\$479.00	
Donation from Canterbury Mission Society	\$700.00	
Guideposts Fundraiser Proceeds	\$104.88	
Bead Sales Proceeds	<u>\$685.00</u>	
Total		\$8,194.57

Disbursements

Payments toward 2011 Summer Mission Trip	\$2,604.00	
Summer Mission Trip Expenses	\$1,856.01	
November 2010 Calendar/Cookbook Sale Expenses	\$311.25	
Valentine's Day Flower Sale Expenses	\$384.06	
Turkey Dinner Expenses	\$227.30	
Easter Plant Sale Expenses	\$439.08	
Mother's Day Flower Sale Expenses	\$352.96	
Guideposts Fundraiser Expenses	\$67.92	
Deposit for 2012 Mission Trip	<u>\$600.00</u>	
Total		<u>(\$6,842.58)</u>

Youth Group Fund Balance as of December 31, 2011 **\$2,835.39**

Designated Offerings Financial Report

January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

Designated Offerings Fund Balance as of January 1, 2011 **\$194.80**

Balance Available for Haiti Orphan Support	\$144.80	
Balance Available for Handbell Choir	<u>\$50.00</u>	
Total	\$194.80	

Receipts

Donations for Mortgage Principal	\$8,500.00	
Donations for Haiti Orphan Support	\$602.62	
Donations for Haiti Mission Trip	\$275.00	
Donations for Backpack Project	\$120.00	
Donations for Unspecified Outreach Projects	\$300.00	
Donations for The Artic Mission	\$236.95	
Donations for CD Ministry	<u>\$60.00</u>	
Total		\$10,094.57

Disbursements

Mortgage Principal Payments	\$8,500.00	
Haiti Orphan Support Payments	\$700.00	
To Canterbury Mission Society for Haiti Mission Trip	\$275.00	
To Outreach Discretionary Account for Backpacks	\$120.00	
Purchases for Providence Rescue Mission	\$192.07	
To Outreach Discretionary Account for Outreach Projects	\$57.93	
Check to The Artic Mission	\$236.95	
CD Ministry Purchases	<u>\$60.00</u>	
Total		<u>(\$10,141.95)</u>

Designated Offerings Fund Balance as of December 31, 2011 **\$147.42**

Balance Remaining for Haiti Orphan Support	\$47.42	
Balance Remaining for Handbell Choir	\$50.00	
Balance Remaining for Outreach Projects	<u>\$50.00</u>	
	\$147.42	

Miscellaneous Fund Financial Report

January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

Miscellaneous Fund Balance as of January 1, 2011 **\$387.81**

Receipts

Reimbursements from Outreach Discretionary Account	\$1,996.02	
Reimbursements from United In Faith	\$154.68	
Reimbursements from Canterbury Mission Society	\$384.22	
Reimbursements from Superintendent's Discretionary Acct	\$35.55	
Miscellaneous Reimbursements	\$1,211.74	
Payments for Marc Dobson CD's	\$125.00	
Event Receipts for United In Faith	\$50.00	
Event Receipts for Canterbury Mission Society	\$610.00	
Refund for Returned Merchandise	\$24.99	
Payment for Apostles T-Shirt	<u>\$10.00</u>	
Total		\$4,602.20

Disbursements

Purchases for Outreach Discretionary Account	\$2,032.86	
Purchases for United In Faith	\$154.68	
Purchases for Canterbury Mission Society	\$384.22	
Purchases for Superintendent's Discretionary Account	\$335.55	
Miscellaneous Purchases	\$1,262.71	
To Superintendent's Discretionary Account	\$125.00	
To United In Faith	\$50.00	
To Canterbury Mission Society	\$610.00	
To Outreach Discretionary Account	<u>\$34.99</u>	
Total		<u>(\$4,990.01)</u>

Miscellaneous Fund Balance as of December 31, 2011 **\$0.00**

Memorial Fund Financial Report January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

Memorial Fund Balance as of January 1, 2011		\$7,415.81
Memorial Fund Balance in Checking Account	\$714.65	
Memorial Fund Balance in Savings Account	<u>\$6,701.16</u>	
Total	\$7,415.81	
Receipts		
Donations in Memory of Rick Robinson	\$2,741.60	
Savings Account Interest	<u>\$58.76</u>	
Total		\$2,800.36
Disbursements		
Total		<u>\$0.00</u>
Memorial Fund Balance as of December 31, 2011		\$10,216.17
Memorial Fund Balance in Checking Account	\$456.25	
Memorial Fund Balance in Savings Account	<u>\$9,759.92</u>	
Total	\$10,216.17	

Superintendent's Discretionary Account Report January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2011		\$1,009.92
Receipts		
From Outreach Fund	\$5,532.06	
Individual Contributions	\$2,157.00	
From Outreach Discretionary Account	\$1,500.00	
Receipt for Funeral	\$150.00	
Payments for Marc Dobson CD's	<u>\$125.00</u>	
Total		\$9,464.06
Disbursements		
Individual and Family Assistance	\$4,095.55	
Ministry Expenses	\$1,022.65	
Ministry Gifts	\$2,605.42	
Donations to Outside Organizations/Ministries	\$1,750.00	
Payment to Organist	\$150.00	
Payment to Marc Dobson for Purchased CD's	<u>\$185.00</u>	
Total		<u>(\$9,808.62)</u>
Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2011		\$665.36

Outreach Discretionary Account Report

January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2011 **\$3,053.71**

Receipts

From Outreach Fund	\$12,908.11	
Backpack Project Donations	\$120.00	
Outreach Project Donations	\$57.93	
Sale of "Church of The Apostles" T-Shirts	\$10.00	
Refund for Returned Merchandise	\$24.99	
Reimbursements from United In Faith Account	\$135.03	
Redeposit of Cash Not Used	\$8.14	
Bank Adjustment (to Correct Bank Error)	<u>\$0.50</u>	
Total		\$13,264.70

Disbursements

Individual and Family Assistance	\$6,754.00	
Donations to The Artic Mission	\$1,650.00	
Donations to CareNet RI	\$1,100.00	
Donation to Faith Family Chapel Youth Project	\$50.00	
To Superintendent's Discretionary Account	\$1,500.00	
Expenses for Visits to Crossroads Family Shelter	\$1,031.57	
Expenses for 2010 New Year's Eve Dinner	\$614.39	
Expenses for Progressive Dinner	\$260.95	
Music Expense for 2011 New Year's Eve Dinner	\$100.00	
Purchases for Providence Rescue Mission	\$306.44	
Purchases for Backpack Project	\$111.86	
Purchase for Health & Wellness Ministry	\$221.40	
Purchase of Laminating Machine and Supplies	\$212.96	
Contribution toward Camera Purchase	\$64.66	
Listing in "The Good News Today" for 1 Year	\$240.00	
Web Site Development	\$120.00	
Ministry Gifts	\$26.97	
Cost of Returned Merchandise	\$24.99	
Purchases for United In Faith Account (Reimbursed)	\$135.03	
Cash Withdrawn But Not Used (Redeposited)	\$8.14	
Bank Encoding Error	<u>\$0.50</u>	
Total		<u>(\$14,533.86)</u>

Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2011 **\$1,784.55**

United In Faith Financial Report

January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2011 **\$60.31**

Receipts

Donations from Churches and Organizations	\$300.00	
Receipts from 2010 New Year's Eve Celebration	\$875.26	
Receipts from Progressive Dinner	\$760.00	
Receipts from First Benefit Concert	\$453.75	
Receipts from Second Benefit Concert	\$341.01	
T-Shirt Sales at Benefit Lawn Concerts	\$66.00	
Receipts from 2011 New Year's Eve Celebration	\$20.00	
Reimbursement from Outreach Discretionary Acct.	<u>\$42.00</u>	
Total		\$2,858.02

Disbursements

New Year's Eve 2010 - Music Expense	\$150.00	
First Benefit Concert - Food Sales Expenses	\$92.18	
Second Benefit Concert - Food Sales Expenses	\$62.50	
Festival Posters	\$124.23	
Ad in "The Good News Today"	\$200.00	
Cost of T-Shirts	\$693.75	
Mailing Expenses	\$66.77	
Miscellaneous Supplies and Expenses	\$29.60	
Return of Donation	\$250.00	
Purchase for Outreach Discretionary Acct (Reimbursed)	<u>\$42.00</u>	
Total		<u>(\$1,711.03)</u>

Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2011 **\$1,207.30**

Operating Budget for 2012 With Comparison to 2011

	2011 Budget	2011 Actual	2012 Budget
Income			
Weekly Offerings/Pledges	\$350,000.00	\$341,063.22	\$360,000.00
Other Offerings and Donations	\$18,980.00	\$25,350.90	\$21,985.00
Other Sources (Bank Interest)	<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>\$23.50</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
Total Budget Income	\$369,000.00	\$366,437.62	\$382,000.00
Expenses			
Outreach	\$36,900.00	\$39,643.76	\$38,200.00
Capital Reserve Savings	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00
New Ministries Savings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
Superintendent's Salary & Housing	\$83,343.00	\$83,343.00	\$85,852.00
Church Administrator's Salary	\$24,206.00	\$24,206.00	\$24,934.00
Communications Officer's Salary	\$19,344.00	\$19,344.00	\$19,929.00
Christian Education Minister's Salary	\$27,040.00	\$15,600.00	\$0.00
Pastoral Assistant's Salary	\$6,058.00	\$6,058.00	\$6,240.00
Property Maintenance Technician's Salary	\$13,078.00	\$13,078.00	\$13,611.00
Organist's Salary	\$9,071.00	\$8,971.00	\$9,392.00
Sexton's Salary	\$7,228.00	\$7,228.00	\$7,527.00
Staff Pensions	\$6,344.00	\$6,344.00	\$6,552.00
Payroll Taxes	\$8,696.00	\$7,812.76	\$6,835.00
Superintendent's Business Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,396.16	\$2,000.00
Leadership Continuing Education	\$3,500.00	\$1,474.05	\$3,500.00
Ministerial/Conference Expenses *	\$7,000.00	\$9,044.68	\$12,000.00
Worship Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$1,435.28	\$2,000.00
Music Ministry	\$1,500.00	\$1,283.97	\$1,500.00
Christian Education *	\$7,000.00	\$5,901.42	\$7,000.00
Youth Ministry	\$2,500.00	\$67.77	\$2,500.00
Fellowship *	\$5,000.00	\$6,038.34	\$6,000.00
Administrative and Office Expenses *	\$12,000.00	\$12,094.99	\$12,000.00
Postage	\$2,500.00	\$2,584.27	\$2,800.00
Telephone and Internet Service	\$2,000.00	\$1,968.30	\$2,000.00
Property Expenses	\$13,000.00	\$14,370.38	\$14,500.00
Snow Plowing	\$2,500.00	\$5,770.00	\$5,000.00
Gas (Heat & Hot Water)	\$9,000.00	\$6,354.03	\$9,000.00
Electric	\$6,000.00	\$4,470.51	\$5,500.00
Mortgage	\$48,000.00	\$48,182.32	\$48,000.00
Insurance	<u>\$9,500.00</u>	<u>\$9,989.25</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$379,308.00	\$370,054.24	\$381,372.00
Tentative Budget Surplus (Deficit)	(\$10,308.00)	(\$3,616.62)	\$628.00
Reimbursements Received/Anticipated	<u>\$11,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,852.26</u>	
Actual Budget Surplus	\$692.00	\$1,235.64	
Surplus (Deficit) from Prior Years	\$353.04	<u>\$353.04</u>	
Surplus (Deficit) to Carry Forward		\$1,588.68	

* See Notes to Checking Account Report regarding reimbursements to these line items in 2011

CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES

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The Holy Eucharist	Saturday 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Christian Education	Sunday 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Brunch	Sunday 11:45 a.m.
Evening Prayer Meeting	Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Morning Prayer	Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.

Church Staff

Superintendent	The Reverend Mark R. Galloway
Church Administrator	Barbara Battey
Communications Officer	Barbara A. Bickerstaff
Director of Christian Education	Linda Jones
Pastoral Assistant (MSW, LICSW)	Roberta Tvenstrup
Youth Minister	Roger Hall
Health & Wellness Minister (RN, MED, MSN)	Sharon Galloway
Organist and Music Director	Marianne Salisbury
Sacristy Minister	JoAnn Ruppert
Property Maintenance Technician	Jim Quinn
Sexton	Michael Edwards
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