

# Church Notes

News, Events,  
and  
Notes of Interest

*for the week ending*  
January 7, 2011



**CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES**  
170 Fairview Avenue  
Coventry, Rhode Island 02816

# CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES

*Evangelical Anglican*



(John 8:32)

*We are Christians proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ who worship in the Anglican tradition. Church of The Apostles is a member of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference.*

The Annual Meeting  
of the  
Corporation

The Fourth Sunday after  
the Epiphany

January 30, 2011  
1:00 p.m.

(In the Church Sanctuary following Sunday Brunch)

The Annual Meeting of  
The Canterbury Mission Society  
is also scheduled for January 30, 2011,  
at 1:00 p.m., and will coincide with  
The Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

*The Ministry of the Laity*

“The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ’s work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.”

(An Outline of the Faith  
commonly called the Catechism  
*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 855)

## *A Note from the Treasurer*

God has continued to bless us with favorable finances at Church of The Apostles. The operating income for 2010 was \$345,187.43, and the operating expenses totaled \$348,798.98. Since we also received expense reimbursements of \$4,191.67, we ended the year with a budget surplus of \$580.12. Your church leadership thanks you for your committed giving to the church, but primarily it is God whom we must praise and thank for His faithfulness to us.

## **The Budget for 2011**

The 2011 operating budget for Church of The Apostles, approved by the Church Council on December 15th, is presented below. It is based on a budget proposal prepared in October 2010 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 budget projects a pledged income of \$350,000.00, an amount which our church leadership believes is a realistic goal for our Congregation. If you have any questions or comments about the budget, please contact Bob Bickerstaff (828-7216), and be sure to attend the Annual Meeting to hear the budget presentation.

	<b>Actual for 2010</b>	<b>Budget for 2011</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Weekly Offerings/Pledges	\$320,665.88	\$350,000.00
Other Offerings and Donations	\$24,475.85	\$18,980.00
Other Sources (Bank Interest)	<u>\$45.70</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
<b>Total Budget Income</b>	<b>\$345,187.43</b>	<b>\$369,000.00</b>

	<b>Actual for 2010</b>	<b>Budget for 2011</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Outreach	\$34,518.75	\$36,900.00
Capital Reserve Savings	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00
New Ministries Savings	\$5,000.00	
Superintendent's Salary & Housing	\$81,673.00	\$83,343.00
Church Administrator's Salary	\$22,843.00	\$24,206.00
Communications Officer's Salary	\$17,914.00	\$19,344.00
Christian Education Director's Salary	\$4,437.00	
Christian Education Minister's Salary	\$13,000.00	\$27,040.00
Pastoral Assistant's Salary	\$5,989.00	\$6,058.00
Property Maintenance Technician's Salary	\$12,932.00	\$13,078.00
Organist's Salary	\$8,637.00	\$9,071.00
Sexton's Salary	\$6,307.00	\$7,228.00
Staff Pensions	\$6,148.00	\$6,344.00
Payroll Taxes	\$7,562.67	\$8,696.00
Superintendent's Business Expenses	\$540.30	\$2,000.00
Leadership Continuing Education	\$1,448.06	\$3,500.00
Ministerial/Conference Expenses	\$6,440.30	\$7,000.00
Worship Supplies	\$1,480.73	\$2,000.00
Music Ministry	\$1,669.97	\$1,500.00
Christian Education	\$4,076.09	\$7,000.00
Youth Ministry	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Fellowship	\$4,364.07	\$5,000.00
Administrative and Office Expenses	\$11,609.66	\$12,000.00
Postage	\$2,500.02	\$2,500.00
Telephone and Internet Service	\$1,950.96	\$2,000.00
Property Expenses	\$13,597.88	\$13,000.00
Snow Plowing	\$2,570.00	\$2,500.00
Gas (Heat & Hot Water)	\$7,948.98	\$9,000.00
Electric	\$5,065.73	\$6,000.00
Water & Sewer	\$220.09	
Mortgage	\$42,239.22	\$48,000.00
Insurance	\$9,115.50	\$9,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$348,798.98</b>	<b>\$379,308.00</b>
Tentative Budget Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,611.55)	(\$10,308.00)
Reimbursements Received/Anticipated	\$4,191.67	\$11,000.00
<b>Actual Budget Surplus</b>	<b>\$580.12</b>	<b>\$692.00</b>
Surplus (Deficit) from Prior Years	(\$227.08)	\$353.04
Surplus (Deficit) to Carry Forward	\$353.04	

## *The Baptism of our Lord*

“Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him ... And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’”

(Matthew 3:13, 16-17)



Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water  
and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful  
to our calling as your adopted children.

(Common Worship, p. 383)

## A Winter Reflection

*“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”*  
(Isaiah 55:10-11)

Anticipation. As we leave the season of Advent this word should remain lingering in our minds. Even as we celebrated the birth of Jesus on Christmas, Advent is about waiting in eager anticipation of His Triumphant Return. Yet in another sense, during this winter season we are presented with altogether different kind of anticipation.

As frustrating as winter blizzards, shorter days, mounds of snow to be shoveled, frozen windshields to scrape off, ice to melt and annoyingly high heating bills might be, we endure them in eager anticipation of what the proceeding seasons might bring. Rain and snow do not return to heaven but *“water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater.”* When we view the seasons as all part of God’s grand design, the cold, dreary months seem much more bearable. The transformation they bring to the earth and the beauty that comes with Spring makes them worth enduring.

As snow and rain bring with them the promise that they will fulfill that for which God has purposed (i.e. bringing forth new life), so too through the Prophet Isaiah we hear the promise that God’s Word shall do the same. As Christians called to teach His Word to the generations before us, this is quite a comforting thought. Just as the snow and the rain do not fall to the earth without purpose, God’s Word does not go forth in vain but with a promise that it will accomplish God’s purposes. We can teach

our children God's Truths while resting on the promise that they will "*succeed in the thing for which He sent it*": that hearts and minds will be transformed and conformed into His likeness; that our children will grow up with hearts on fire for Him and His Truths.

It is with this promise in mind that we go forth into a new year. Let us be strengthened by the knowledge that we serve a God who does not break promises. We have here an awesome promise, that all of our efforts to teach and preach God's Word are not in vain. Let us go forward with a renewed commitment to being ambassadors for Him, in word and in deed. And let us not be..too..bothered by the snow, as with it comes the promise of new life. It might take a few months of patience, but it will come. I wish you all a Happy New Year. May 2011 bring new joys to you all.

In Christ,  
Chris Lloyd  
Minister of Christian Education

## Youth Group News

Youth Group Meeting  
Friday, January 14th  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Youth and their parents are ***strongly encouraged*** to attend this ***important*** meeting as we evaluate what works best for the group and plan for the future!!

For further information, please speak with Roger or Cindy Hall (783-9948).

## Let Us Pray for the Church ...

January 18th, the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter, marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which ends on January 25th, the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. Please take a few moments this week to pray for Christ's Church.

### The Collect for the Confession of Saint Peter

Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God:

*Peter*  Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*(The Book of Common Prayer, p. 238)*

### The Collect for the Conversion of Saint Paul

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever. Amen.



*(The Book of Common Prayer, p. 238)*

### The Collect for the Unity of the Church

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*(The Book of Common Prayer, p. 255)*



## RING IN THE NEW YEAR 2011!

It is not often that God's people come together in such a way, but at Church of The Apostles on December 31, 2010, 15 churches of all different denominations from the Pawtuxet Valley came together, as believers, on a pagan holiday, to worship the One True God, His Son, Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit!

*“Then you will say on that day,  
I will give thanks to Thee, O LORD...  
Behold, God is my salvation,  
I will trust and not be afraid;  
For the LORD GOD is my strength and song,  
And he has become my salvation,  
Therefore you will joyously draw water  
From the springs of salvation  
And in that day you will say,  
Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name  
Make known his deeds among the peoples;  
Make them remember that his name is exalted.  
Praise the LORD in song, for he has done excellent things;  
Let this be known throughout the earth.  
Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
For great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.”*

(Isaiah 12:1a, 2-6)

We gathered as brothers and sisters in Christ to praise our God and to sing joyously for *“he has done excellent things”* (v.5)! And, *“in our midst (was) the Holy One of Israel”* (v.6). I cannot think of a better way to spend New Year's Eve, can you?

I believe that God has called Church of The Apostles, through United In Faith, to this mighty task of bringing God's people together, and that none of this would be possible without His grace and His blessings upon our wonderful church and church family. I am so grateful for all the gifts God has bestowed upon us and for the way that you, God's people, so freely share them with others.

A verse that captured my heart this Advent season was Isaiah 33:6, “*The fear of the Lord is his [my] treasure.*” And, as Oswald Chambers in *My Utmost for His Highest* says “Let the attitude of the life be a continual ‘going out’ in dependence upon God, and your life will have an ineffable charm about it which is a satisfaction to Jesus.”

May the fear of the Lord be our treasure this year so that our lives may always be a satisfaction to Jesus!

In Christ’s Holy Name I pray,



Deacon Cathy Morgan

## Outreach News ...

### ***Crossroads Ministry***

*“...remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”*

(Ephesians 2:12,13)

Our Crossroads ministry continues in 2011 on Friday, January 21st. For those interested in joining us as we bring the Good News of hope in Christ and fellowship to our brothers and sisters at the Crossroads Family Shelter. Please meet us at the church at 6:00 p.m. or at the shelter located at 754 Broad Street, in Providence, by 7:00 p.m. We will also be bringing refreshments. Please sign up on the sheet available in the Narthex to participate or to provide snacks. If you have any questions about the ministry please contact Deacon Morgan at 499-3918 or Erin Swanson at 523-5009.

**The Next *Blood Drive*** at Church of The Apostles  
is scheduled for Sunday, February 27th.

## *Study Opportunities ...*

**A new Precepts Bible Study** will start on Wednesday, January 12th. We will be doing the second half of Matthew, but any woman may join us even if you did not do the first part of Matthew. There is a homework commitment and a weekly commitment. Please speak with Elder Nina Deuel (789 3837) if you have any questions.

***Talking About Jesus:*** A six session course designed to help all Christians share their faith with family, friends and acquaintances who do not know Jesus. The course comprises six two hour sessions to be held on the second and fourth Thursdays, from January 13th, through March 24th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. For information contact Deacon Tom Bourn at 401-294-4186. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

***The Truth Project*** is a 12 week program meeting two hours per week where we will explore what is truth and do we truly believe what we say we believe. The Truth Project helps us in developing a Biblical worldview rather than a relative worldview. In the past year over 50 members of Church of The Apostles have participated in The Truth Project and several members have expressed interest in attending session during the day. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for a day-time session. If you would like more information please contact Deacon Kathy Kettle (573-0773).

***Mark your Calendar!!*** The Canterbury Mission Society is sponsoring a one-day **Old Testament Conference** on Saturday, **March 19, 2011** at Church of The Apostles. The conference will feature Carol M. Kaminski, Ph.D. (University of Cambridge), an Associate Professor of Old Testament Studies and Acting Dean of Faculty at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Massachusetts. She holds an M.A. in Old Testament and an M.A. in Religion from Gordon-Conwell and has been on the faculty at Gordon-Conwell since 2002. She teaches Old Testament and Hebrew language courses. Watch for more details!

*Please join us for ...*

an all day conference

**Forgiveness  
Reconciliation  
and  
Healing**

Saturday, February 19th

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

(lunch will be served)

Leaders: Superintendent Mark Galloway and  
the Elders of Church of The Apostles

Special Music: The Reverend Marc Dobson



**Marc Dobson**

in Concert at  
Church of The Apostles

Sunday, February 20th

6:00 p.m.

Father Marc Dobson, a gifted, preacher, teacher and musician, will feature original music from his latest recording *Take the Land*. This new CD represents a spiritual journey that he has traveled over the past five years. Through this music you can follow Father Marc through the failures and disappointments of life and then stand with him as he chooses to follow Christ in spite of his brokenness.

*“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.”*

(Lamentations 3:22-23)

Give me a good digestion, Lord,  
And also something to digest  
Give me a healthy body, Lord,  
With sense to keep it at its best.

Give me a healthy mind, O Lord,  
To keep the good and pure in sight  
Which seeing wrong is not appalled  
But finds a way to put it right.

Give me a mind that is not bored,  
That does not whimper, whine or sigh.  
Don't let me worry overmuch,  
About that fussy thing call, 'I.'

Give me a sense of humour, Lord,  
Give me the grace to see a joke,  
To get some happiness from life  
And pass it on to other folk.

An Ancient Prayer from Glastonbury Abbey

*Blessings on your journey!*  
*The Health and Wellness Ministry*

## Mark your Calendar ...

### **January**

Monday, Jan 10	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday, Jan 12	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Meeting
Thursday, Jan 13	7:00 p.m.	<i>Talking About Jesus</i>
Friday, Jan 14	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting
Saturday, Jan 15	8:00 a.m.	<i>Joyful Women</i>
Monday, Jan 17	Office Closed: Martin Luther King	
Wednesday, Jan 19	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Meeting
Thursday, Jan 20	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Friday, Jan 21	Annual Reports Due	
Friday, Jan 21	6:00 p.m.	Crossroads Ministry
Saturday, Jan 22	6:30 p.m.	<i>Holy Couples</i>
Monday, Jan 24	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday, Jan 26	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Meeting
Thursday, Jan 27	7:00 p.m.	<i>Talking About Jesus</i>
Sunday, Jan 30	1:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting

### **February**

Wednesday, Feb 2	5:15 p.m.	Shepherd's Table
Wednesday, Feb 2	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Meeting
Saturday, Feb 5	8:00 a.m.	<i>Joyful Women</i>
Monday, Feb 7	7:00 p.m.	Hand Bell Rehearsal
Wednesday, Feb 9	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Meeting
Thursday, Feb 10	7:00 p.m.	<i>Talking About Jesus</i>
Saturday, Feb 12	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Monday, Feb 14	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday, Feb 16	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Meeting
Saturday, Feb 19	9:00 a.m.	Conference
Sunday, Feb 20	6:00 p.m.	Marc Dobson in Concert
Sunday, Feb 27	9:00 a.m.	Blood Drive

## Notices ...

### **A Warm Welcome to Michael Edwards!**

Superintendent Galloway is pleased to announce that Michael Edwards has joined the Church Staff in the position of Sexton. Michael and his wife Susan are a members of Church of The Apostles and usually worship at the 5:00 p.m. or 8:00 a.m. Service along with their daughter Holly Minuto and her family. Superintendent Galloway is thrilled to have another confessed believer as a member of his staff!

**Redeemer's Child:** As you are aware, Church of the Apostles is sponsoring a child through the Monadnock Bible Conference. Laura is four years old and resides at Redeemer's Child Orphanage in Port au Prince, Haiti. If you check the website ([www.monadnockbible.org](http://www.monadnockbible.org)) you will see that the Monadnock organization has had a presence in Haiti since 1983 with the mission of spreading the Good News of Salvation through Jesus Christ and physical relief to the poor.

At the last council meeting it was decided that the monies we collect for coffee during Sunday's services would be earmarked for our adopted child Laura. We thank god for blessing this congregation with the ability to share our wealth and giving us the honor to go beyond our doors to help the poor.

*"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." (James 1:27)*

***Just a couple of reminders...*** from your Buildings and Grounds Minister and Church Administrator: If you are planning to use the building for a ministry meeting or event, please remember to notify the Church Administrator. This insures that all meetings/ events are listed on the office calendar and helps to avoid conflicts. Also if you borrow church tables and chairs please make sure that you contact either Deacon Harry Sacchetti or Barbara Battey. Thank you!!!

**2011 Offering Envelopes:** 2011 Offering Envelopes are located in the Narthex. If you do not find a set with your name on it please speak to Church Administrator Barbara Battey. Youth offering envelopes are available as requested. Please toss away any remaining 2010 offering envelopes that you have not used. Remember, using offering envelopes makes the task of counting much easier and more efficient for our volunteers.

The new schedules for **Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Candle,** and **Communion Wine** for 2011 are on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you would like to offer one of these as a memorial or in thanksgiving for a special occasion, please sign-up next to the appropriate date. Note that there are instructions at the bottom of each chart. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office.

The ***Race Across America*** continues! As of January 2, 2011



Team Moses is building a substantial lead! The results are posted on the map in the Fellowship Hall. If you have not submitted your miles please do so. The next tally of the miles will be on the weekend of January 16th.

**The CCCC Women's Retreat** will be offered at the Days Hotel & Conference Center, Methuen, MA, **March 11-12, 2011.** The conference speaker is Jane Pedersen. Jane serves the Lord through Community Bible Study as a core leader and as a Stephen Ministries minister. Her topic is "*Listening to God, Listening to Others.*" Registrations are due by February 15th. Forms and further information are available on the table in the Narthex.

**Sunday Brunch** is served each week at noon following the Christian Education classes. This is a potluck lunch. There is no sign up, just bring your favorite dish and leave it in the kitchen before the 9:30 a.m. service. For further information, or to help in the kitchen, please speak with Barbara Bickerstaff (828-7216) or JoAnn Ruppert (826-8623).

**Sermons on CD:** Each week's Sunday sermon and now the Bible teaching from the Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting are available on CD. The *Ring In the New Year* homily is also available. If you missed a sermon or teaching or would like a copy to give to a friend, please sign up on the appropriate sheet in the Narthex. The recordings will be available the following week. Extra copies of the recordings are available in the green file box on the table.

**Food Donations** are collected each week in the baskets located in the entry ways to the Narthex and the Church Office. The food is delivered alternately to Coventry Health and Human Services and the West Warwick Assistance Agency. Among the items suggested by the food closets are **tuna, canned meats, soup, and canned fruit**. Thank you (!!) to all those who faithfully support this ongoing outreach ministry to those in need in our community.

## Church Register

### Burials

October 24, 2010  
Stanley Munslow

November 22, 2010  
John Raffensperger

January 6, 2011  
Adele Richmond

January 7, 2011  
Richmond Robinson

*"I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth."  
(Job 19:25)*

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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 Bickerstaff
Christian Education Minister	Chris Lloyd
Pastoral Assistant (MSW, LICSW)	Roberta Tvenstrup
Youth Minister	Roger Hall
Health and Wellness Minister	Sharon Galloway, RN
Organist and Music Director	Marianne Salisbury
Sacristy Minister	JoAnn Ruppert
Property Maintenance Technician	Jim Quinn
Sexton	Michael Edwards
Treasurer	Bob Bickerstaff
Clerk	Susan Farrell

## Board of Elders

Elder Chad Tvenstrup	385-9958
Elder Nina Deuel	789-3837
Elder Rob Geoffrey	943-4661
Elder <i>Emeritus</i> Conrad Ruppert	

## Board of Servants

Archdeacon Tom Bourn	<i>Servant Evangelism Minister</i>	294-4186
Deacon Bill Sexton	<i>Congregational Care Minister</i>	726-4549
Deacon Cathy Morgan	<i>Outreach Minister</i>	781-8577
Deacon Kathy Kettle	<i>Stewardship Minister</i>	822-2460
Deacon Harry Sacchetti	<i>Buildings &amp; Grounds Minister</i>	374-4273

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