



The Acts



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Mark Your Calendar:

- Dec. 1: Manly Movie Night
- Dec. 3: Saints Alive!
- Dec. 4: EYC & Club 56 Angel Tree Shopping
- Dec. 18: Pageant Practice
- Dec. 18: EYC & Club 56 Laser Tag
- Dec. 20: Reading with the Rector
- Dec. 24: Children's Christmas Pageant

Exciting News for Holy Apostles

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce that Bishop Johnson has assigned Dorothy Wells to be Curate at Holy Apostles beginning in 2012. Many of you know Dorothy from her time as our Seminary Intern. Pending the completion of her Canonical Requirements, and God Willing, Dorothy will be ordained in June of 2012, at which time she will be a Transitional Deacon before being ordained to the Priesthood. Once her start date is determined, I will give you more details on her role and responsibilities. Dorothy brings a wonderful set of gifts for ministry including her teaching, preaching and pastoral care abilities. Her position is being funded jointly by the Diocese and by Holy Apostles. For that we are grateful to Bishop Johnson and the Diocese. Peace, John+



Dorothy Wells

Collierville Food Pantry, Volunteers and Donations Needed

Church of the Holy Apostles will once again be volunteering at the Collierville Food Pantry during the month of December, for the seventh year running. Our volunteers will be responsible for helping unload and sort donations, and fill grocery bags of the donated items to be distributed to those in need. The Pantry is open on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. We will need 3 to 4 volunteers each Thursday of the month:

December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stephanie Tancredi at tancredis@comcast.net or 861-1759.

In addition, food items are



being collected to donate to the Food Pantry. Items needed especially at Christmas time include: stuffing mix, pie mix, pie filling, canned cranberry, canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, broth, canned yams or sweet potato, and cream soups. Of course any food is always welcome! In addition, clothing store bags (not grocery bags) are needed. Please place your donated items in the boxes provided in the hallway.

Christmas Schedule of Services

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th

- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Children's Christmas Pageant*
- 10:30 p.m. Music for the Season
- 11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th

- 5:15 p.m. Bluegrass Christmas

First Sunday after Christmas, January 1st The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ

- 10:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist *
- 5:15 p.m. Bluegrass Mass

*Nursery Provided.



RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS**The Rev. John P. Leach**

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen

This is an Advent prayer attributed to Henri Nouwen who was a priest, author and director of a community for disabled adults. Through his writings, he serves as one of my spiritual guides.

In this season of Advent, as we prepare for the birth of Jesus, may we take a few minutes to offer this prayer to God, and to ourselves. In prayer, we can acknowledge our need for Christ's presence in our lives and in our world. During Advent, we can anticipate Christmas with prayer and worship with the same enthusiasm, if not more, that we devote to shopping, parties, parades and pageants.

Therefore, I encourage you to use this prayer, to attend to your spiritual life, to participate in the worshipping life of Holy Apostles as our liturgy anticipates Christ's birth and celebrates God's presence given birth in this world on Christmas. May each day of this season of expectation give us pause to see those places where God's love can bring new hope, new life and joy to us and to all those who long to experience such.

Peace, John+

NOTES FROM THE CHOIRMASTER**Kristin Lensch**

Advent greetings! This is my favorite season of the church year, namely because of all the great Advent hymns we sing. It is our only chance to sing this rich body of hymnody with its imagery of light, forthcoming glory, and promise of salvation. It is a season of anticipation, and often becomes a season of frenzy as we "get ready" for so many other celebrations. For many of us, the only time to carve out moments of peace with God is the hour we spend in the nave on Sundays. I encourage you to use that time, and to begin to see your entrance into the nave as an entrance into holy space. Come early, so that you may sit or pray for a moment before the service starts. I will choose preludes accordingly, to invoke a quiet sense of the sacred and ethereal. Use that time to prepare your hearts for worship and to invite Christ to enter. When we do that, Christmas means so much more.

This Christmas, we will look forward to singing so many favorite carols. The Boys and Girls Choir and a trumpet will help lead the singing at the 5:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. A string quartet will provide music of the season at the later service, along with the Adult Choir. Our extended prelude begins at 10:30 p.m., and the service will begin at 11:00 p.m.

**Organ Recitals in the New Year**

In celebration of our recently expanded instrument, two recitals will be given. On Friday, January 20th, at 7:30 p.m., organist-choirmaster Kristin Lensch will play a program of organ favorites around the world and through the centuries, featuring composers of Germany, France, and America.

Then, in March, together with colleague and friend, Colleen Kelsey Hicks, organist at Dauphin Way United Methodist Church in Mobile, AL, a program on the Stations of the Cross will be presented. This will feature images of art through the ages, readings of poetry by Paul Claudel inspired by the stations, and the huge work by French composer Marcel Dupré, composed in response to Claudel's poetry.

Sunday School Teacher Feature

Our new column, Teacher Feature, will highlight one of our Sunday School Teachers each month. This month we start with Teresa Davis. Teresa leads the 3rd/4th grade *Weaving God's Promises* class. The following are Teresa's answers to our inquiring minds.

Tell us five things about yourself:

1. I love the snow.
2. I graduated from the University of Alaska.
3. I love doing anything with Katie & Randy.
4. I was once chased by a pack of wolves.
5. If I weren't terrified of sharks, I would love surfing.

What's your favorite flavor of ice cream and why?

Blue Bell Homemade Vanilla, because it tastes just

EYC December Schedule:

December 4th: Jr.'s & Sr.'s We are going Angel Tree Shopping! Meet at Church at 4:30 p.m. We will head to Target to shop, then return to Church for dinner, Hot Cocoa and wrapping! Please bring \$10 to contribute. Pick-up at Holy Apostles is at 7:00 p.m.

December 11th: Jr.'s & Sr.'s Get ready for a Get-To-Know-Your-Church-Scavenger-Hunt! Meet at Church from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Common Meal Provided.

December 18th: Jr.'s & Sr.'s It's Putt-Putt Time! Meet at Church at 5:00 p.m. and we will head to Putt-Putt together for Laser Tag! Bring \$20 to play. Pick-up at Holy Apostles is at 8:00 p.m.

December 25th: No EYC, Merry Christmas! Remember: Friends are always welcome at all events!

Christmas Pageant

This year's Pageant will be Christmas Eve, at the 5:00 p.m. Service. There are parts for all ages! We will have a brief practice, December 18th, between the two services in the Nave. Afterwards we will head to the classrooms for costuming. We will have a Dress Rehearsal on December 24th, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., then head to the PLC to get ready! If you cannot make practice, but still want to participate Christmas Eve, don't worry! Just arrive for dress rehearsal and we will get you a costume and a part! Please contact Penny Goldberg at penny@holypostle.net, and let her know if your child plans to participate

like my mother's homemade ice cream.

If you had a whole day to yourself with no responsibilities, what would you do?

I would spend the whole day in my PJs watching movies, writing, sewing, painting, and/or anything else crafty.

What was your Sunday School experience like growing up?

I grew up in tiny church with an outstanding Sunday school teacher. She loved being silly, and was the first person to show me that learning can be fun.

What is your favorite thing about teaching Sunday school at Holy Apostles?

The kids! We have incredibly fun and intelligent children.

Club 56 Schedule:

December 4th: Club 56 will join EYC to shop for our Angel Tree Child. See details at left.

December 18th: Club 56 will join EYC for Laser Tag. See details at left.

Club 56 Trick or Treat Outreach

Thank you to all those who participated in our Annual Trick-Or-Treat Outreach! We collected over 300 pounds of food for the Collierville Food Pantry! A special thank-you to our hosts, the Leslie Family, Almadale Farms Subdivision and Cary Mayfield and Courtney Dukes for tagging along! You're the best!



CHILDREN & YOUTH



Sunday School Teacher,
Teresa Davis

EYC Meals: Thank you to all those families that hosted meals for EYC in the Fall! Keep an eye out for a Winter/Spring *Sign-up Genius* email shortly!



MIFA: EYC sorted, organized, packed and wrapped more than 40 bags for MIFA's Birthday Bags for their Meals on Wheels program. A special Thank You to Sally Barron for delivering them and those that donated items!

Bishop's Bash

The Bishop's Bash will be held Friday through Sunday, January 13th through 15th, 2012, at St. Columba Conference Center. It is open to all youth in grades 9 through 12. For more information, follow the link at the Holy Apostles website, www.holypostle.net/youth.

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CHILDREN & YOUTH
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**Basketball Concession Stand
Benefitting our Youth!**

Beginning Saturday, December 3rd, we will host a Concession Stand from our kitchen window during Saturday basketball games, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Holy Apostles Youth and will be used

to off-set the cost of future trips and pilgrimages. You don't have to have a youth in our program to help. If you love to work Concession stands, and would like to support our youth, we would love to have you! To sign up, just follow the link at the Holy Apostles website, www.holyapostlesth.net/youth.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

Rector's Forum in December

Theology of Perfection

December 4th, 11th, and 18th

In December we will continue with the remaining three installments of our four part series, Theology of Perfection. Many of us are motivated by the desire to be successful, and in many cases, our drive for success equates with the goal of being perfect, or at least being the best. Incorporating the best of Anglicanism, i.e. Scripture, Tradition and Reason, we will discuss how success and perfection influence our spiritual and

religious lives. We will ask how can we acknowledge our failures as a vital part of our faith journey?

Scheduled for this Series:

December 4th: Treating Perfection

December 11th: Bill Taylor and John Leach

December 18th: The Rev. Katherine Bush,
Chaplain, St. Mary's Episcopal School

FELLOWSHIP

ECW Out to Dinner Group

The Out to Dinner group of ECW met at Mister B's in November. In addition to enjoying wonderful food and conversation, the seven women brought a favorite saying or scripture to exchange, and each went home with a new thought for the evening. We will not meet in December but will resume in January. Please contact Bonnie Barnes at bonnie.barnes@musowls.org if you would like more information about this group.

**Men's Group Movie Night,
Thursday, December 1st**

"Manly Movie Night" for the Men's Group takes place on the first Thursday of each month at the Malco Theater in Collierville. If Glenn Hopper does not have your correct email address, please forward it to him at glennhopper@bellsouth.net or call him at 461-5152.

Reading with the Rector is taking a holiday this month, and will return in January.

Men's Group Completes Pergola, Near Playground

The Pergola building project is complete! I want to offer a special "thank you" to all who helped to build it and to the donor who made it possible. This was truly a team effort by the Men's Group with at least a dozen people contributing

expertise and labor. It is a great feeling for us all, knowing that many parishioners and guests will get great use and enjoyment out of the pergola for several years to come.

Glenn Hopper

Saints Alive!, Saturday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m.

Saints Alive! is a wonderful opportunity for the adults of Holy Apostles to gather for good food, great fun and meaningful fellowship. Join us for some holiday cheer with Lisa and John Leach at their home at 2013 Goodview Drive in Germantown. The hosts will provide

paper products and soft drinks. Guests are asked to bring a heavy appetizer or dessert and choice of beverage. Please email Courtney Dukes at csdukes@live.com with any questions. We hope to see you there!



"All Saints Open" Charity Tennis Tournament

It was a beautiful afternoon at the Michael A. Lightman Tennis Center at St. George's Independent School on Sunday, November 6th. Parishioners, friends and guests gathered for a friendly tennis round robin to benefit the sports ministry at Emmanuel Episcopal Center. Congratulations to Tasha Kawell and Bill Taylor as first place winners of the highly coveted "All Saints Cup," a personalized Tervis Tum-

bler. Second place winners, Kimberly Georgi and George Kawell, received a one-hour private lesson compliments of Mark Bran, head teaching professional at St. George's. The Tournament raised approximately \$350 for EEC. Many thanks to all who participated, especially the children of the parish who donated their time as ball kids.

Courtney Dukas



Tasha Kawell and Bill Taylor
Tournament Champions!



Holy Home Cookin' Whips Up Another Success!

Thank you to all the parishioners who baked, cooked, or prepared their specialty food items for the Holy Home Cookin' sale, held on November 13th. Thank you also, to all who purchased these delicious creations! Every single item was sold, earning over \$1,000 for ECW to give to the Emmanuel Episcopal Center. This is \$200 over what we made last year. Our parishioners continue to amaze us with their generosity!

Lee Carpenter & Marianne Walshysak



Holy Home Cookin' Table

More Than a Meal Christmas Special Request

Holy Apostles is scheduled to serve at the More Than a Meal program at Grace-St. Luke's on Christmas Day at 3:30 p.m. We would like to make this a very special day for the guests who come to receive a meal and share a table of fel-

lowship. We are asking that everyone bring travel size hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, soap) as an offering on Sunday, December 11th, then join us to pack individual bags on Saturday, December 17th at 11:00 a.m.

Troop Support

Holy Apostles outreach volunteers traveled to Southaven, Mississippi, twice during the month of October to help the Mississippi Project Package group with stuffing, taping, and addressing boxes to service personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan. They also assembled boxes and helped organize items which had been donated by other

groups. Many thanks to Mike Baldrige, Donna Baldrige, Suzanne Hieserman, Laura Lutrick, Pat Wasilik, Tasha Kawell, Marti Kruchten, Gaylann Hicks, Ellen Barry, Lesley Cullen, Maggie Beason, and Pamela Douglas for their outstanding participation. It is amazing how much a group of enthusiastic Apostles can accomplish in a labor-intensive three hour shift!

Angel Tree Program

The Outreach Committee received names of 25 children from the Emmanuel Center's Operation Joy this year. Donors were able to select angel ornaments with the children's names from the Advent Festival's Angel Tree. Those who selected a name should bring

their wrapped gifts, using the instructions and nametags provided, to the Parish Life Center by Sunday, December 4th. Anyone who wishes to donate money to this cause may also earmark a check for the Angel Tree and put it in the collection plate. If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Barnes bonnie.barnes@musowls.org or

Jane Harris at janeharris@aol.com.



**Samaritan
Counseling
Centers of the
Mid-South**

**providing services at
Holy Apostles.** Samaritan Counseling Centers is a non-profit, interfaith organization, which offers counseling and crisis intervention services to individuals, families, couples and groups. Holy Apostles has opened its doors to this organization to use our facility to see clients by appointment. Sue Banister, L.P.C. with the clinical staff of Samaritan Counseling, will provide counseling services here. If you would like more information regarding Samaritan Counseling, please call them at 729-3900

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars:

The Right Reverend Don Johnson will visit Holy Apostles on January 29th, for Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation.

Baptism: January 8th and January 15th

The next dates for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at Holy Apostles will be on January 8th and 15th. If you are interested in being baptized or having a child baptized, please contact the church office at 937-3830 or The Rev. John Leach at john@holypostlestin.net.

Please Remember, the Annual Parish Meeting will be on January 22nd.

FINANCIAL



Remember to have your 2011 pledges postmarked by Friday, December 30th to receive tax credit for 2011.



Welcome New Members, The Bull Family

Chris and Cullen moved here from Birmingham, Alabama, in December 2010. Chris grew up in Memphis, attending Central High School. Cullen's family lives in South Carolina, where they visit at least a couple of times a year. Chris and Cullen own Revolving Butler, LLC, which is a commercial property maintenance company. Chris runs the business and also works with his father at Bull Roofing and Sheetmetal, Inc. Cullen works in sales for ALTEC Industries, Inc., a manufacturer of utility equipment. One of the main reasons for moving back to the Memphis area was to be closer to family.



Chris is a graduate of the University of Alabama, Cullen from Clemson University, and in their spare time they enjoy going to college football games at their alma maters. They have two beautiful children, Sophia, 3, who enjoys playing with her dolls and Patrick, 2, who enjoys "throwing things".

They will be transferring their membership from All Saints Episcopal Church in Birmingham, where they were married and baptized both children.

Holy Apostles nursery welcomes three new staff members and bids a fond farewell to two

We welcome Nishelle Smith who is a recent graduate of Raleigh-Egypt High School in Memphis and is currently pursuing an Early Childhood Education degree at Christian Brothers University.

We welcome Caitlin Wiles who is a 2010 graduate of Collierville High School and is pursuing an Early Childhood Education degree at Southwest Tennessee Community College.

We also welcome Evelyn Allen who comes to us with a great deal of personal childcare experience and is eager to get to know our youngest parishioners and to care for them.

We bid farewell to Adrienne Alexander and Nikkole Duda this month. Both Adrienne and Nikkole have accepted other employment opportunities which require more of their time and do not allow time to work weekends in our nursery. We will miss Adrienne and Nikkole; they have been great additions to our staff and we wish both of them the best in their endeavors.

2012 Vestry Nominations

Holy Apostles is seeking nominees for four Vestry positions, to be elected at the annual parish meeting on January 22, 2012. The Vestry has three primary responsibilities: choose parishioners for leadership positions, stewardship of parish finances, and management and maintenance of parish grounds. Our vestry is instrumental in

articulating the vision, mission and ministries in which we all participate. Each Vestry member serves a three-year term. Nominations are due by December 4th, and should be submitted using the Vestry Nomination Form (you may pick up a copy in the hallway, office or usher's table).

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Reynolds, current Senior Warden at kevreyn@comcast.net or 850-0963.

Stewardship Campaign Update We have received 114 pledge cards, 20 of which are new pledges, for a total commitment of \$463,975.

Financial Update: October 2011

	Month	Year-to-Date	Budget Y-T-D
Plate:	\$5,986	\$52,676	\$50,000
Pledge:	49,434	369,801	407,500
Prepaid Pledge:	15,000	16,500	0
Church Home Grant:	<u>3,509</u>	<u>33,684</u>	<u>31,995</u>
Revenue Total:	\$73,929	\$472,660	\$489,495
Operating Expenses:	\$49,155	\$457,244	\$500,602

Grocery Card Fund Balance

The balance for the grocery card program is \$4,913.99. Don't forget to use your Kroger grocery cards!

The vestry and staff thank you for your continued generosity and giving toward the mission and ministry of Holy Apostles.



November 2011 Bulletin

Prayer List

Michael Ballard
 The Bigger Family
 Tony Brown
 Rekessia Burks
 Kevin Carpenter
 Sue Cliner
 Alli Crandell
 Evans Culpepper
 Harshitha
 Lisa Hetterick
 Joyce McCown
 Phillip Newman
 Mary Riis
 Elizabeth Rinker
 Anna Roberts
 Sarah
 Joshua
 Paul
 Chuck Sertich
 McKindree Walker

As Christians in a faith community, we invite you to share names of those who are in need of prayer. We offer these concerns in weekly worship, in individual times of prayer and through the Intercessory Prayer group. We also do our best to maintain the prayer list and ask for your cooperation in doing so. Typically, we will keep someone on the list for one month unless otherwise requested. You may call the office, or email Linda at linda@holypostle.net. If you need to speak with Fr. John about any pastoral concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email him.

December Birthdays

Chelsea Kotara	2
Dan Barron	3
Julie Farrell	3
Courtney Dukes	3
Mac McCarroll	3
John Wasilik	4
B. G. Oates	4
Billy O'Bar	6
Caroline Reynolds	6
Carson Kavin	6
Marti Kahn	7
Phillip Cockrell	7
Nikkole Duda	8
Aimee Christian	9
Kimberly Jordan	9
Brandon Brittain	9
Tom Cullen	11
Anna Underwood	11
Henry Adkins	12
Lisa Klesges	13
Chris Squillacioti	13
Katie O'Bar	14
Kimberly Georgi	15
Kristin Lensch	16
Beverly Cianciola	18
Karen Blakley	18
Thomas Drake	18
Ronnie Botti	19
Jeanette Maddox	19
Mary Francis Mangum	19
Lynn Fauser	21
Mark Harris	21
Holly McDaniel	22
Anne Cook Burrus	24
John Paul Kavin	24
Kristy Myers	27
Kristie Roberts	28
Jane Harris	29
Randy Davis	29
Sam Williams	29
Matt Wingfield	30
Ellen Barry	31
Penny Goldberg	31

December Anniversaries

Betsy & Rupert Leslie	1
Terena & Edward Robert	7
MimStokes-Brown & Buck Brown	10
Jane & West Hornor	10
Elizabeth & Rick Ferguson	27
Judy & Frank Potter	28
Val & Kevin Carpenter	28
Marianne & George Waszilycsak	29
Mary Ann & James Thompson	30
Zoe & Mike Marshall	31
Karen & Don Peterson	31

☞ Honored & Remembered ☞

In honor of Tasha Kawell

Mr. and Mrs. John Wasilik

In memory of Hudson Atkins

Hunter Seabrook Family

In memory of Sally Ellis Studebaker

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bates

Ms. Joanne Sellers

Ms. Phyllis Tamm

Nancy, Jimmy and Scott Tashie

Altar Flowers & Outreach

When you purchase altar flowers for a particular occasion, you not only beautify the church for worship, but you also are helping the Altar Guild outreach, Our Little Roses, a home for children. If you would like to honor someone or remember a special event, you may order flowers by completing the order envelope in the hallway.

Attendance

October 30	Pentecost 20	253
November 6	Pentecost 21	297
November 13	Pentecost 22	262
November 20	Last Pentecost	305
November 27	Advent 1	214

Transitions

Baptisms:

Sarah Elizabeth Allen
 Wade Brennan Byars
 Eva Marie Sappington

Burials:

Walter Greer Haynes



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To provide a welcoming community
in which all can, with open hearts
and open minds, receive God's
grace through worship, fellowship,
learning and outreach to others.



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