



The Acts



Holy Apostles' Annual Parish Meeting

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On Sunday, January 23, at the Annual Parish Meeting the following parishioners were elected as new Vestry members: Bob Abney, Dan Barron, Carole Capra and Courtney Dukes. Congratulations to them and thank you to all who stood for election.

In the Vestry meeting which followed, Kevin Reynolds was elected Senior Warden; Walter Dunn was elected as Junior Warden; Cary Barnes was elected Treasurer; and Jenny Boals was elected as Clerk.

Longtime parishioner Phil Irish was given the Brian Pecon Lay Ministry Award for his faithful service to Holy Apostles, including his current ministry as chair of the Building and Grounds Committee. Congratulations are extended to Phil, and we owe him a hearty thanks for all he does in making Holy Apostles a welcoming place.

Outgoing Vestry members Gayle Bennett, Guy See, Dwight Waller and Stacey Hopper were recognized for their service.

Stacey Hopper, outgoing Treasurer, presented the year-end financial report stating that because pledge and plate revenue was solid and expenses were under budget, the fiscal year ended with a small surplus. Don Peterson, finance committee chair, presented the 2011 budget, which reflects an increase in pledging and an increase in ministry opportunities especially through outreach and fellowship events.

Mark Your Calendar:

- February 6:
Scout Sunday; MIFA
Souper Bowl Sunday
of Caring
- February 12:
ECW Meeting with guest
speaker Karen Carson
- February 12:
Saints' Alive! at the
home of Carol & Ben
Wingfield
- February 27:
University of Memphis
University Singers
Concert at Holy
Apostles

Saints' Alive! on February 12

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the next gathering on Saturday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. We'll celebrate an early Valentines Day with all your favorite loved ones at Holy Apostles! Carol and Ben Wingfield have graciously invited us to their home at 2380 Kempton 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!

Pastoral Care and God's Love



The Rev. John P. Leach

Betsy Leslie cares about people. She works in a demanding job at International Paper using her training as an engineer and her skills of leadership and problem solving. The paper business is nothing new to Betsy as her grandfather was instrumental in the modernization of the paper-making process. She “grew up” at the mill. Betsy is also a wife and mother of four boys which in and of itself is a full-time job. She is involved in many aspects of Holy Apostles, most notably as the Coordinator for Pastoral Care.

In all of her roles, Betsy relies on her sense of humor, her goodness, her intellect and her compassion for others. Coordinating pastoral care at Holy Apostles is no small task. Betsy has organized volunteers into three teams who send cards and notes, arrange visits, provide meals for those who experience life's challenging times—illness, childbirth, death, surgeries, to name a few. This requires organization and a significant time commitment. Many of us have benefited from Betsy's efforts and those of her team. All I have to do is to send Betsy an email regarding a need and she puts the process into motion.

Recently, Betsy had emergency appendectomy surgery and was in the hospital for several days. Without any prompting and without missing a beat, the pastoral care team responded with great love and good food when she arrived home. Betsy told me that her experience, not as a caregiver, but as a receiver of care, reaffirmed her sense that, “we have really good pastoral care.”

Caring for one another, whether through the pastoral care team or simply by reaching out to others in need without being asked, is a hallmark of the spirit of Holy Apostles. People who receive love and support from others in this parish regularly tell me how important it was to be prayed for, to be cared for and to know that they were loved. Each time we do this, we are an expression and manifestation of God's love.

For all of you who care for others in this parish and in this community through your prayers and your presence, thank you. If you ever have a need, please do not hesitate to let us know. If you ever want to help with pastoral care, please do not hesitate to let us know. Love is a gift to be shared and we are definitely good stewards of that gift.

Peace,

Choirmaster's Corner

OUTSTANDING CHOIR COMES TO HOLY APOSTLES, FEBRUARY 27

On Sunday, February 27, at 3:00 p.m., we are privileged to host in concert the University Singers of the Rudi B. Scheidt School of Music of the University of Memphis. The “first stop” on their Spring 2011 European tour, they will offer a program of American *a cappella* music, featuring music of well-known composers Morton Lauridsen, Eric Whitacre, Rene Clausen, and beloved Moses Hogan arrangements of spirituals. The Singers are directed by Dr. Lawrence Edwards and graduate assistant Jeremy Warner. In addition to choral groups at the Scheidt School, Dr. Edwards also conducts the Memphis Symphony Chorus. You will not want to miss this! Have brunch after church, and come back for an afternoon musical feast for your ears.

If you'd like a sample of their work, go to:



Kristin Lensch

Upcoming Lenten Food Drive

Once again, Holy Apostles will collect items for the Collierville Food Bank during Lent. Traditionally, the season of Lent has been marked by penitential prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, in preparation of celebrating Easter. Collierville Food Bank currently serves over 1,000 local families, providing them with much-needed food and supplies. Look for more details in the March edition of *The Acts* and plan on supporting this outreach project as part of your Lenten discipline.

MIFA Souper Bowl of Caring on February 6

The MIFA Souper Bowl of Caring is a fundraising event that raises money for MIFA Meals on Wheels, which delivers hot lunches to Mid-South seniors each weekday. On Super Bowl Sunday, youth groups across the community, including our own Holy Apostles kids, take up special collections to help in the battle against hunger.

In 2010, \$10 million was collected by Souper Bowl of Caring participants for local charities. All proceeds will go to support the ministry of MIFA. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring program began in 1990, more than \$71 million has gone to help Mid-Southerners in need.



Update: West TN Haiti Partnership

Holy Apostles parishioner Diane Reddoch has been a participant in the West Tennessee Haiti Partnership mission trips. Most recently, she traveled to Haiti in December with several Episcopalians from the Diocese of West Tennessee. Here is one of her reflections during that time:

On a warm December afternoon, I had the privilege to know that it feels like to be part of "Dancing with the Stars." Precious Dieumene asked me if I could dance, I said sure and she then asked me to teach her a dance. I first did a little of the Charleston, but quickly decided that was not the dance for us. I chose the waltz, and as I placed my hands on her shoulder I began to count, "One, two, three, one, two, three." She picked it up quickly and soon I was humming the Blue Danube waltz! We even tried a tairl!! Her sense of rhythm and eagerness to dance made this a joy. There we were, following one another's lead, and having a wonderful time. We used the parts God gave each of us, and we became one. I'll always cherish this opportunity, especially since I didn't get to know her well the year before.

Another special memory was playing "bat the balloon" with Samuel. We tapped this half filled balloon all over the room and laughed out loud at the sudden moves of the other person. It was like tennis/ badminton/ volleyball all rolled into one. After a long time, I noticed Yolene smiling and indicating that she wanted something. I tried several things unsuccessfully and then finally sat down next to her and placed a small plastic toy in her hand. Her eyes lit up! She let it slip through her fingers onto the bed. I picked it up, placed it in her hands and she repeated the drop. She and I were doing what I had done with Samuel, only tailor-made for her. She loved it! As we played, I saw her happiness blossom and my heart overflowed with joy. We were sharing something just between us. Her smile said it all. I'm so glad I didn't miss this chance to be fully engaged with her. Miracles like that don't come along very often! I was in the right place at the right time and hold this memory close to my heart.



Diane Reddoch

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CHILDREN & YOUTH

Look for us on Facebook:

Church of the Holy
Apostles Youth.

We're always posting cool
stuff and awesome pictures!

**EYC at Feast of Lights**

Club 56 News & Events

Club 56 started the New Year with a bang. They gathered for *Minute to Win It* on January 19 and had a great time. There were a variety of challenges that our contestants tried to complete in under a minute. Don't forget—Club 56 will gather in the PLC on Sunday, February 20, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. for Wiffle Ball. Batter Up!

Youth News & Events

The Diocesan Youth Council hosted the annual Feast of Light Celebration at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, January 9. We got there early enough for fun and fellowship, but unfortunately, had to leave early when the snow began to fall. It was a winter wonderland, but made for a long drive back to the church. January 16 marked the first meeting of the Youth Leadership Council.

February promises to bring lots of fun in the new year. We'll do a little bit of everything this month—a Super Bowl party to open the month and serve at More Than a Meal to close the month. On February 6, we'll hold soup pots at the church doors to collect money for MIFA's Souper Bowl of Caring.

Schedule of Events:

- February 6: MIFA Souper Bowl of Caring; EYC Super Bowl Party
- February 11-13: Happening # 49
- February 13: Jr. EYC only; Kelly's Night
- February 17: Children & Youth Formation Committee Meeting
- February 20: Jr. & Sr. EYC Wiffle Ball
- February 27: Jr. & Sr. EYC at More Than a Meal

Children's Sunday School

Last month, our Sunday Schoolers took a field trip to the Nave to visit the font and learn about Baptism. They were led by Stephanie Tancredi, learned a lot and had a good time.





Koinonia 2011

The groups of Koinonia are beginning to wrap up for 2010. With almost 50 families participating, the experience has included great fellowship and food. Many of the groups invited additional families to their dinners, expanding their groups and reaching out to others. What a wonderful way to connect and get to know others in our growing congregation! If you missed the opportunity to share this experience or wanting to keep going, now is the time to start signing up again for February through May. A brief description of our different groups:

GATHERING OF GROWNUPS: Join this group for that relaxed dinner atmosphere in the comfort of someone's home. Make this your monthly outing, leaving your children and grandchildren home, getting out for adult fellowship and great food. Participate in one of the best ways to make new friends at Holy Apostles. Open to all ages of adults who want to share a meal at home.

NEED A SITTER? NO NEED HERE: Join this group if you want more of a family atmosphere with children and grandchildren always invited, but never required. Enjoy the company of others and delicious food while in the comfort of someone's home. This is a perfect way to get out monthly with others and to meet our upcoming members of Holy Apostles. You will find your family in Christ here! All ages encouraged and having children is not a requirement!

DATE NIGHT OUT!: Just want to get out and have fellowship with the family of Holy Apostles? Join this group and meet monthly at a variety of restaurants. Avoid the mess and cleanup. Or maybe you are not the best cook? Discover new restaurants! This is a great way for adults to gather and get to know one another in Christ.

Contact Tasha Karvell as soon as possible for more information regarding Koinonia groups, gshotarget@aol.com. Don't wait—the deadline is approaching!

ECW

We had an outstanding turnout for our trip to Bangkok Alley on January 13! Sixteen women attended, and we missed several who weren't able to come. Both the food and conversations were enriching. For Thursday, February 10, we have the upstairs area of Salsa (Poplar & Shady Grove, Regalia shopping center) reserved for 6:30. Please RSVP to Bonnie Barnes—however, last minute additions are also welcome. There will be plenty of room for all, so invite a friend.

ECW will also hold a meeting on Saturday, February 12, at 1:00 p.m. in the PLC. Karen Carson will be the featured guest speaker. Carson, a schoolteacher for 43 years and member of All Saints' and ECW, is a 30-year member and current president of the Memphis Dyslexia Foundation. She became interested in learning disabilities when both of her children were diagnosed with dyslexia at a time when treatment and resources were limited.



Karen Carson

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FEATURED NEWCOMERS

We welcome the Dlabach family



Jeff and Elaine

Our featured newcomers for February are the Dlabach family—Jeff, Elaine and children Isabel, Nicholas and Reese. The Dlabachs have come to us from Faith Lutheran in Collierville. They've lived in Memphis for almost 15 years—Jeff, a Tulsa native, is an orthopedic surgeon with OrthoOne and Elaine, from Fort Smith, Arkansas, is an attorney with FedEx.

Their three children—Isabel (9), Nicholas (7) and Reese (6)—attend St. George's School and love riding horses, playing football and performing. They're also involved in Holy Apostles youth events. Family time includes watching football and travel. Jeff and Elaine enjoy a break from their busy schedules with an occasional date night. Elaine has jumped right into Holy Apostles' community and joined our Hospitality team. Next Sunday, say hello to any one of the Dlabachs and welcome them to our Holy Apostles family!

West Tennessee Goes Green



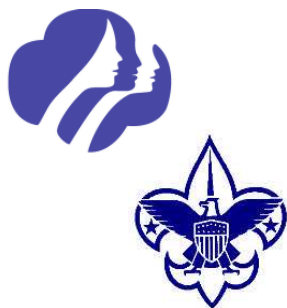
The Rev. Fletcher Harper

The 30th Annual Diocesan Convention, *It's Not Easy Being Green*, will be held March 3-5, 2011, at St. George's, Germantown, 2425 S. Germantown Rd. This year's keynote speaker and workshop presenter is the Rev. Fletcher Harper, an Episcopal priest who is Executive Director of GreenFaith. Under his leadership, GreenFaith has developed innovative programs linking religious belief and practice to the environment. We are delighted he can join us to share his insights about the moral and spiritual basis for environmental stewardship.

Holy Apostles Vestry elected the following parishioners to serve as delegates to the convention: Carole Capra, Walter Dunn, Curtis Finn and Colin McEntee. The convention schedule can be found at www.episwtn.org. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Scout Sunday on February 6

On this day we will honor all those who currently participate in Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts at any level or age. All are invited to wear their uniforms to church. We will recognize the Scouts at both services, and offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their commitment and participation.





February 2011 Bulletin

Prayer List

Hudson Atkins
 Emmanuel Bailey
 Jeanne Baldrige
 Phil Bockhold
 Bob Boelte
 Amanda Carmichael
 Sue Clinker
 Judy Cobb
 Carrie Fegley
 Jennifer Fegley
 Katie Flynn
 Helen Gordon
 Tomi Hall
 Jeff Hawthorne
 Katherine Huffman
 Samantha Kimmer
 Jon Maio
 Janice McNaughton
 Phillip Newman
 Sue Nichols
 Ralph Peterson
 Paul Rebella
 Anna Roberts
 Melanie Sleeman
 Joseph Theodore
 Warrillow Family
 Matthew Vlasblom

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 fill out a prayer request card found in the pews. If you need to speak with Fr. John about any pastoral concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email him.

Birthdays

Virginia Barron February 3
 Grant Bales February 4
 Harold Finn February 4
 David Fang February 6
 Adam Stone February 6
 Matthew Adkins February 7
 Kaavya Robert February 7
 Brian Pecon February 8
 Jackson Litvin February 8
 Heather Blakley February 9
 Will Loftin February 9
 James Schafer February 11
 Andrew Chang February 11
 Bob Abney February 15
 Bob Capra February 16
 Martha Morris February 16
 Martha Crook February 17
 Nita Dunn February 17
 Mary McCarroll February 17
 Dwight Waller February 19
 Meredith Kahn February 20
 Cameron Kawell February 20
 Bill Thompson February 21
 Lindsay Long February 21
 Maddie McCann February 23
 Mark Blakley February 24
 Adeline Brown February 24
 Phuong Fang February 26
 Matt Stone February 26
 Percy Mokros February 27
 Teresa Davis February 27
 Max Raynor February 28
 Lance Hepner February 29

Anniversaries

Donna & Mike Baldrige February 2
 Laura & Jeff Adkins February 5
 Emily & Hans Bjorkman February 12
 Carla & Don Myers February 17

Transfers In

Mary Honey and Michael Dean Honey

Baptisms

John Kettig Beasley will be baptized on February 20, 2011.

Weddings

Kate Metcalf and Tav Cooke will be married on February 26, 2011.

☞ Remembered & Honored ☞

*In memory of Charles Huffman
 Ms. Betty Troutman*

*In memory of Bob Rosenlof
 Mr. Douglas Van Treeck and Family
 Mr. Gerald Van Treeck and Family
 Mr. Glenn Van Treeck and Family
 Mr. Michael Van Treeck and Family*

*In memory of Sue & Stephen Thompson
 Mr. & Mrs. Mike Thompson and Children*

Grocery Card Fund Balance

The balance for the grocery card program is \$4,298.71. Don't forget to use your Kroger and Schnucks grocery cards!

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.

Financials, as of December 2010

	Month	Year to Date	Budget
Pledge:	32,786	392,847	432,264
Plate:	21,603	70,046	50,004
Church Home Grant:	3,740	47,790	50,004
Revenue:	68,936	532,286	532,272
Operating Expenses:	\$49,168	\$513,319	\$530,761

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Our Mission:

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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