



# The Acts



## EYC Pilgrimage 2011

By Jay Biedenharn

*"Ob the stars at night are big and bright..."*

These lyrics from the popular 1940's tune "Deep in the Heart of Texas" capture the spirit that lingers in our 2011 pilgrims. As we loaded up and headed West, there was sense of excitement that continued to build as we struck out on our way. We stopped for the night at Saint Andrews Episcopal Church in Amarillo, TX, but not before dinner at the Big Texan Cafe. No one was brave enough to take the 72 ounce steak challenge, but Kelly Gillean was brave enough to stand in her chair and serenade the dining hall with these words from that old song that everyone seems to know: *"Ob the stars at night are big and bright..."* Believe it or not several other diners joined her in singing.

In many ways dinner that first night set the tone for the entire trip. From our astronomy tour of the night sky out on a high desert ridge with the lights of Santa Fe and Albuquerque glowing in the distance, to our pilgrimage to Santuario de Chimayo where the presence of the Divine is felt, to the miles upon miles spent together in the two white vans, our youth were growing in community together all the while fostering a growing relationship with God. We started our time at Camp Stoney

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## CHURCHMEN OF HOLY APOSTLES

**The 65th Annual Layman's Conference will be held August 12th through 14th at the DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle, TN**

*The theme of this year's conference is: "For the beauty of the earth."*

Do not miss the meditations, the speakers and all the activities: BBQ cooking contest, blue grass jam, choir, road cycling, mountain biking, golf, hiking, power napping, skeet shooting, swimming, tennis, walking and running.

This year's speakers are **The Rev. Woody Bartlett**, retired priest and author; **Bill Landry**, host/narrator and co-producer of The Heartland Series on BWIR-TV; and **The Rev. Fletcher Harper**, Executive Director of GreenFaith (and speaker at our Diocesan Convention in March).

Fees range from \$110 to \$150 and are refundable without penalty prior to July 30. Cabin rental is \$32 - \$48 and paid separately. You may register on-line at [www.episcopalchurchmen.net](http://www.episcopalchurchmen.net). For more information contact Glenn Hopper at 461-5152 or [glennhopper@bellsouth.net](mailto:glennhopper@bellsouth.net).

### Mark Your Calendar:

- July 2nd: Young Adults to Red-birds Game
- July 15th: 12-Step Eucharist
- July 26th: Donations for Operation Backpack Due
- July 28th: Classroom Clean-up
- July 29th: Directory Updates Due



**RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS**

The Rev. John P. Leach

## Sacred Spaces

On a pilgrimage to the island of Iona, for many the birthplace of Celtic Christianity, I stood in the ruins of the Abbey Church. The walls were standing with vacant gothic arched windows, but there were no pews, no altar and no roof. Despite the term “ruins,” I was filled with the presence of God as I might be in a well maintained and well used church. As I sat on the grass, where a chair or pew might have been, I was deeply aware of how close God might be to me in that moment.

Theologians and historians refer to such places as “thin places.” These are places where the distance between God and humanity feels ever so thin and almost indiscernible. This image of thin places brings to mind the great privilege that I have as a priest to be with so many of you in your “thin places” or to put it another way in the sacred spaces of your lives. Some of those “thin places” are the occasions when I am invited to be in the sacred spaces of your lives to share in the celebration of marriage, birth, baptism, joy and laughter or in the grief of divorce, illness, death, anxiety and feelings of guilt and doubt. In these spaces of your lives, we seek to find the sacred, the holy and the grace of God’s hope for each one of us.

I am grateful for the sacred spaces in your lives that you share. Despite whatever may lead us there, I am ever mindful of God’s love for you and for me. Like those ruins of the Abbey Church, we can see the foundation of faith in such moments and experiences. We can have confidence in the presence of the Divine. We can have faith that our lives cannot be reduced to a shell of despair and hopelessness. Rather, no matter the occasion or experience, God occupies the spaces of our lives with compassion as the Spirit consoles, comforts and celebrates with us.

Ralph Vaughan Williams ends his hymn, “Come down, O Love divine,” with the following, “And so let the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.” May our sacred spaces continue to be places of Love wherein we affirm the dwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Peace, John+

NOTES FROM THE  
CHOIR MASTER

Kristin Lensch

## Summer Renewal

Summer greetings from the music department! I'm writing this while at the Association of Anglican Musicians conference in Greenville, South Carolina. I'm surrounded by 220 colleagues from all over the nation, and we are singing, worshiping, listening, and talking together non-stop. The choir is lucky to be on break and not be subjected to a rehearsal led by a stimulated choirmaster just returned from a great conference! While the choir is on summer respite, musicians from inside and outside the parish will provide anthems and voluntaries.

I have many ideas for the musical life of this parish that I hope to explore, in the areas of choir development, children's choir, and a concert series. I look forward to bouncing these ideas off many of you during the hospitality hour this summer, and also hearing about your summer travel and adventures.

Kristin



## EYC Pilgrimage

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on the high ropes course. Our first day together we spent developing a sense of teamwork and trust amongst our group. We also whitewater rafted the Racecourse section of the Rio Grande, we toured the historic churches of downtown Santa Fe, we walked through the Santa Fe Plaza as street musicians sang songs in Spanish, and we even witnessed a movie being filmed.



When asked about her favorite part of the trip Tracey McDaniel said: "I really enjoyed the white-water rafting, but the old churches in Santa Fe were amazing. I'd never seen anything like the stairs in the Loretto Chapel." Virginia Barron described her feeling at the Santuario de Chimayo as a "profound peace." We spent our last morning in Santa Fe saying goodbye to the beauty of high desert renewed spiritually by the holy places that we visited. Prior to our final departure, the Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande, the Right Reverend Michael Vono celebrated Holy Eucharist with our youth in the Outdoor Chapel on the grounds of Camp Stoney. We stopped overnight at Saint Paul's Cathedral in downtown Oklahoma City. Prior to getting back on the road for the last leg of our pilgrimage, we walked the two blocks to the OKC Bombing Memorial. Formed by the spiritual experiences we shared, many of the youth found the memorial deeply moving. All in all was a wonderful trip. Thank you for your support in the many fund raising events that the EYC has hosted over the past several years. Thank you for your prayer during our travels. Father John has asked that our youth share their experiences with Holy Apostles during a Rector's Forum this Fall. We look forward to telling you all about our amazing pilgrimage.



## Thank You from Jay and Penny!

Thank you for your generous and thoughtful gift! It is our honor to work with your children and teens.

## Classroom & Storage Clean Up Day

*Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., lunch provided*

If you like to clean, organize, and throw away the old to get ready for the new year then we would love your help! Whether you can help for 30 minutes or the entire time, we would love to have you. Please contact Penny Goldberg and let her know you can attend! penny@holypostle.net

## Sunday School Schedule

*Sunday School begins August 27<sup>th</sup> between the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services.*

- PreK(4) & Kindergarten will meet in the Children's Chapel Room in the main hallway
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> will meet in Classroom D
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> will meet in Classroom A
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> will meet in the Club 56 Room/Classroom B
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> will meet in the Conference Room
- 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> will meet in the Youth Room/Classroom C



## Remaining EYC

### Summer Schedule:

*Sun., July 10<sup>th</sup> - 11:30 a.m.*

EYC Lunch Bunch

*Wed., July 13<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m.*

"Bible and Breakfast" Bible Study

*Sun., July 24<sup>th</sup> - 11:30 a.m.*

EYC Lunch Bunch

*Wed., July 27<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m.*

"Bible and Breakfast" Bible Study

### Thank You Vacation Bible School Helpers

VBS was a great success! We had over 45 people help during VBS. From leading groups to setting-up, from bringing supplies to teaching a class, from cleaning up to bringing food and everything in-between. Thank you to all those who helped make it possible!

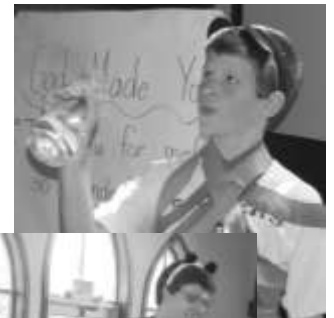


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 Fr. John Leach  
 Jay Biedenbarn  
 Laura Adkins  
 Leslie Bindbeutel  
 Alex Bindbeutel  
 Donna Baldridge  
 Jessica Stone  
 Thomas Carpenter  
 Michael Carpenter

Cameron Kawell  
 George Kawell  
 Jennifer Parr  
 Angela Reynolds  
 Terena Robert  
 Kristen Litvin  
 Maggie Beason  
 Mary Layne Beason  
 Alex Beason  
 Katharine Terry  
 Tracey McDaniel  
 Katie McDaniel  
 Chapman Finn

Mason Goldberg  
 Jack Mayfield  
 Parker Mayfield  
 Henry Adkins  
 Rachel Cummings  
 Arielle Carpenter  
 Hannah Carpenter  
 Meagan Miller  
 Walker Dukes  
 Courtney Dukes  
 Lee Carpenter  
 Karen Blakley  
 Heather Blakley

Virginia Barron  
 Thayer Leslie  
 Laura Beasley  
 Susan Squillacioti  
 Jean Morris  
 Elizabeth Ferguson  
**Billy O'Bar**  
 Vic McDaniel  
 Marianne Waszilycsak  
 Matt Stone  
 Phil Irish  
 Sally Barron  
 Nancy Walczyk



### VBS Collection for Gifts For Life

We collected \$153.23 for The Episcopal Relief and Development's Gifts For Life program. Gifts for Life is a valuable way you can help Episcopal Relief & Development make a lasting difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you to all those who contributed.

### Young Adults out to the Redbirds game, Saturday, July 2nd



Play Ball! On Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Young Adults of Holy Apostles will gather once again for fun and fellowship. We will meet downtown, at AutoZone Park at 6:05 p.m. to watch our Memphis Redbirds take on the visiting Oklahoma City RedHawks. The Redbirds are only a half game out of first place so plan on joining us

to cheer on our hometown team. We will stick around for the Fireworks Show after the game. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other young adults at Holy Apostles. Contact Jay Biedenbarn (jay@holypostlestn.net) to reserve at ticket.



### Operation Backpack

It is the middle of summer vacation and already time to think about back-to-school. Each year Holy Apostles' Operation Backpack works to support the school supply needs of both the Emmanuel Episcopal Center (EEC) and Collierville Elementary School.

We will be collecting monetary donations for EEC through July 26th. Please make checks payable to Holy Apostles with "Operation Backpack" noted in the memo line. These donations may be sent to the office or placed in the offertory

plate. We will be filling backpacks for EEC on July 31st. Lasts year we were able to fill over 300 backpacks.

We will be collecting school supplies for Collierville Elementary School. Please leave any donated supplies in the bin in hall at church. Supplies needed are listed at right. These supplies will be delivered to Collierville Elementary around August 8th. If you have any questions, please contact Tasha Kawell at gshotarget@aol.com.



Supply list for CES:

- 25 count crayons
  - Glue sticks
  - Scissors
  - Pencils
  - Dry erase markers
  - Tissue boxes
  - Hand wipes
  - Disinfecting wipes
- Kindergarten (2)
  - Third Grade (1)
  - Fourth Grade (2)
  - Fifth Grade (1)
- Girls:
- Second Grade (1)
  - Third Grade (1)
  - Fourth Grade (1)
  - Fifth Grade (1)

### Helping Hands Breakfast

The Helping Hands mentoring group and their family members attended a special breakfast meeting at Holy Apostles on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> where we worked to build relationships with the parents of the mentees and discuss ways to partner with the students' teachers and principals. The mentors have struggled to achieve an impact on the grades of the students. The group hopes that communication directly with schools will allow them to stay informed on current topics of study and grades and thereby improve their ability to help students increase their GPAs. All mentors felt the breakfast meeting was a success and are optimistic that positive changes will take place in the upcoming school year. One change has already taken effect in the form of summer tutoring sessions for the students at the Emmanuel Center two days per week.

Helping Hands currently has one-on-one mentoring, with each mentor developing a close relationship with his or her mentee. We will have the ability to take more students if we have more committed mentors. Mentors must commit to two Saturdays per month during the school year and occasional Fridays and Saturdays during the summer. This is a long term commitment as we hope to follow the students through high school.

The ECW provided a fabulous breakfast served on Holy Apostles finest china! The group enjoyed eating hot casseroles, fruit and assorted pastries while sitting at beautifully decorated tables. The Helping Hands group truly appreciates the ECW - they went above and beyond the call of duty in making this a memorable experience for all.



### Parish Retreat 2011 at St. Columba

The Holy Apostles parish retreat June 17th through 19th at St. Columba Retreat and Conference Center in Bartlett provided a wonderful weekend of fellowship, fun and activities for nearly 50 parishioners, adults and youth alike. The weekend began with a Trivia DJ, where teams of adults learned more about each other as they competed on trivia questions, all vying for bragging rights and memorable prizes. While the children and young people had age appropriate activities, the adults discussed the role of faith in their lives and its importance in the parish formation process. Saturday afternoon activities included golf lessons, fishing, swimming, boating, flower arranging, knitting and mixed media art. In the evening, participants enjoyed a bonfire and smores. The retreat concluded with an outdoor Bluegrass Mass at the St. Francis Chapel overlooking the lake which made for a perfect setting. Plans are being made for the next retreat which we hope you will attend.



### FELLOWSHIP



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Dates!

Rally Day &  
Ministry Fair:  
*Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>*

Christian Education  
for all ages begins:  
*Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>*



## Vestry News

Franny Kavin has been elected by the Vestry to fulfill the unexpired term of Jennifer Warrillow who has moved to North Carolina. We will miss Jennifer, but look forward to Franny's ministry on the Vestry. Franny was one of the nominees for the Vestry in January and will serve until January 2013. Franny is married to John Paul and they have one child, Carson.

## 2011 Parish Directory Updates

We will be publishing a non-pictorial directory this summer and ask that all parishioners send any updated contact information for their households to holly@holypostlestn.net. The office will assume it is permissible to publish cell phone numbers and e-mail information of all adults unless otherwise advised. If you would prefer this information not be published in the directory please be sure to let Holly know via e-mail. All changes should be sent to Holly no later than Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Recovery Celebration: 12-Step Eucharist *Friday, July 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.*

The Eucharist is a full worship service incorporating the 12 steps of recovery adapted into the Holy Eucharist from the Book of Common Prayer. The Recovery Commission invites all recovering people to experience 12-Step recovery in an entirely different way, through the celebration of communion within the Episcopal recovery community.

All Are Welcome! Sponsored by The Addiction and Recovery Commission of the Diocese of West Tennessee. For more information please contact Lauren Beyer at 901-428-4023 or Mary Honey at 901-412-0044

## Page Robbins Cookout set for Friday August 5th

Holy Apostles is sponsoring a "cookout" at the Page Robbins center on Friday, August 5th at 11:15 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve food, clean up, make desserts, and visit with the residents. Contact Claudia Sims at csims0403@aol.com or 751-0221 if you can participate.

## Welcome Linda Obradovic - Assistant for Communications

We welcome Linda Obradovic as our new Assistant for Communications. Linda was born and raised in Royal Oak, MI. She received her Bachelors of Science in Chemical Engineering from Tulane University in New Orleans, and worked in the environmental consulting field performing hazardous waste remediation. She and husband Mitch relocated to Memphis in 1997 where Mitch accepted a position with W.R. Grace & Co. He is currently their Global Environmental Program Manager.

Linda has been a stay-at-home mom for children Nikola, 16 and Mia, 12. She has been an active volunteer in her children's schools, her church, and in the

community. Both of her children are involved in band and scouting activities. Linda currently serves as a Girl Scout Leader and is the volunteer coordinator for the Sunday School program at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. She enjoys soccer and plays with the Memphis Women's Soccer Association and the Christian Soccer Association. She also fits in a love of cooking and reading into her busy schedule. Her position at Holy Apostles allows her to enjoy another interest - working with the computer.

Please stop by the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays to welcome Linda! You can email her for your publishing needs at linda@holypostlestn.net.

## FINANCIAL



## Financial Update: May 2011

	Month	Year to Date	Budget:
Pledge:	\$34,545	\$188,412	\$206,250
Prepaid Pledge:	\$ 0	\$ 1,500	\$ 0
Plate:	\$ 4,898	\$ 25,574	\$ 25,000
Church Home Grant:	<u>\$ 4,878</u>	<u>\$ 21,594</u>	<u>\$ 15,998</u>
Revenue Total	\$44,321	\$237,080	\$247,248
Operating Expenses:	\$46,100	\$221,146	\$241,946

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

## Grocery Card Fund Balance

The balance for the grocery card program is **\$4,630.55**. Don't forget to use your Kroger and Schnucks grocery cards!



# July 2011 Bulletin

## Prayer List

Hudson Atkins  
 Bigger Family  
 Dori Brown  
 Carol Brundle  
 Sue Cliner  
 Noah Crowe  
 Jim Davis  
 Chet Felts  
 Ed Gonyea  
 Hank Gregory  
 Greer Haynes  
 Myra Hazard  
 Joshua Jackson  
 Lucy Krull  
 Joyce McCown  
 Mike McMaster  
 Michael Montalto  
 Peggy Moore  
 Etta Morris  
 Phillip Newman  
 Stephan Orlovich  
 Gayle Schafer  
 Lucille Stock  
 Mary Stock  
 Paul Sykes  
 Ed Thomas

*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@holypostlesth.net](mailto:linda@holypostlesth.net). If you need to speak with Fr. John about any pastoral concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email him.*

## Transitions

Baptism: Olivia Keri Bjorkman  
 Burial: Emma Grace LaCroix  
 Transfers:  
 Patti and David Wilder  
 Jan and Cliff Ewing  
 Cindy and Robert Allen with Craig

## Birthdays

Trisha Thompson July 3  
 Val Carpenter July 3  
 Bill Schwindt July 5  
 Lee Carpenter July 5  
 Jennifer Warrillow July 7  
 Louis Britt July 8  
 Dan Overheim July 8  
 Mary Layne Beason July 8  
 Michael Squillacioti July 9  
 Mimi McCarrroll July 9  
 Mason Goldberg July 10  
 George Underwood July 11  
 Eugene Tarjan July 13  
 Linda Obradovic July 14  
 Adrienne Alexander July 14  
 Ross Hepner July 15  
 Mitch Byars July 16  
 Cameron Bennett July 16  
 Davis Moore July 16  
 Ellen Warrillow July 16  
 Gaylann Hicks July 17  
 Carey Mayfield July 17  
 Lynne Kissell July 19  
 Elisabeth Squillacioti July 20  
 Ted Beason July 24  
 John Anderson July 25  
 Max Long July 25  
 Tom Kissell July 26  
 Sloan Tate July 26  
 Laura Beasley July 27  
 Joy McKenna July 29  
 Jennifer Taylor July 30  
 Linda Robinson July 31  
 Angela Reynolds July 31  
 Forbes Harris July 31

## Anniversaries

Laura & Taylor Beasley July 1  
 Julie & Jake Farrell July 5  
 Percy Mokros & Ronnie Botti July 5  
 Holly & Vic McDaniel July 7  
 Claudia & John Sims July 7  
 Mary & Mac McCarrroll July 17  
 David & Barbara Olive July 23  
 Cindy & Robert Allen July 28

### 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.

### Remembered

*In memory of John Abraham*  
 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morris

*In memory of Emma LaCroix*  
 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morris  
 Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Morris

*In memory of Margie McCrory*  
 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morris

## Attendance

May 29	Easter 6	189
June 5	Easter 7	203
June 12	Pentecost	274
June 19	Pentecost 2	187
June 26	Pentecost 3	213



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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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## 2011 Vestry

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