



The Acts



Holy Week Schedule 2011

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Palm Sunday, April 17
 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Blessing of the Palms and Procession
 Holy Eucharist*
 5:15 p.m. Bluegrass Mass

Maundy Thursday, April 21
 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Footwashing*
 8:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil

Good Friday, April 22
 12:00 & 6:30 p.m.* Liturgy for Good Friday

Holy Saturday, April 23
 1:00 p.m. Family Egg Hunt (see page 4 for details)
 7:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter*
 Holy Eucharist and Baptism

Easter Sunday, April 24
 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Festive Holy Eucharist, Flowering of the Cross*
 No Bluegrass Mass

*Nursery available

Please mark your calendars now for the Bishop's visit on May 1, 2011. The Rt. Rev. Don E. Johnson will visit Holy Apostles for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation. Youth Sunday will be May 8.



Mark Your Calendar:

- April 14:
ECW Out to Dinner Group
- April 17: Book Club
- April 23:
Family Egg Hunt at the home of Julie & Jake Farrell
- April 25: Parish office closed
- May 1: Bishop's Visit for Confirmation

Parish Retreat in June

We are thrilled to announce the return of the Holy Apostles Parish Retreat, June 17-19, at St. Columba Episcopal Conference and Retreat Center in Bartlett. St. Columba sits on 145 wooded acres and includes a lake, trails and wonderful atmosphere. The retreat is designed for people of all ages and all interests with activities outdoors and inside. The retreat

begins Friday evening and will end with an outdoor Eucharist on Sunday morning.

Please watch your emails and upcoming bulletins for registration forms. To learn more about St. Columba, check out stcmemphis.org. Contact Courtney Dukes at csdukes@live.com with any questions.



The Rev. John P. Leach

New Growth, New Life

As I write this, a landscape crew surrounds the church cutting the lawn for the first time this spring. I cannot believe spring has arrived. Many of us have experienced that first full day in the yard, taking advantage of the changing weather, to pull weeds, to plant flowers, to spread mulch, to get ready for a new season of growth. All this is happening as we continue our Lenten journey preparing for Easter, a season of new growth.

That nature and our spiritual lives run parallel does not surprise us, especially when we acknowledge the presence of God in the totality of Creation, creation which includes nature and humanity inextricably connected as manifestations of God's love. I do not enjoy pulling the weeds in my flower beds any more than I enjoy removing the weeds from my spiritual and emotional life. Weeds, those ideas, thoughts and emotions that out of nowhere compete and overtake grateful and beautiful thoughts and feelings.

One of my favorite poets, Wendell Berry captures this idea in his poem, "April Woods: Morning": (From Collected Poems, Wendell Berry. Northpoint Press, New York. 1987)

Birth of color
out of night and the ground.

Luminous the gatherings
of bloodroot

newly risen, green leaf
white flower

in the sun, the dark
grown absent.

Our hearts and our souls need care and attention as do our gardens. We can clear away all things that make new growth and new life challenging. We can make the soil of our soul fertile and ready for the beauty that diligent "gardening" produces. We are moving from the idle time of winter's darkness to the emerging light of spring; from Lent to Easter.

Choirmaster's Corner

The courtyard is bursting with vibrant spring color (of which I get a lovely view from my office, the choir room!), and your organist-choirmaster is bursting with good news. First, we will celebrate Christ's resurrection this month with trumpets and timpani, and glorious choral music. Secondly, the music department gratefully received two gifts this spring: a mirror for the organ console, beautifully designed and crafted by Allan Klodzinski, and a new digital piano given by Mike and Zoe Marshall and an anonymous donor.

Thirdly, my doctoral studies are progressing very well. Many of you are aware that when I was hired, I asked to serve a reduced number of hours so that I could continue making good progress toward the Doctorate of Performing Arts at the University of Memphis. I will be finishing my coursework this spring – thanks be to God! The University of Memphis, Rudi E. Sheidt School of Music faculty has bestowed a nice award upon me; this month I will be receiving the Graduate Performance Award, an award given to a graduate student who exhibits a high quality performance standard.

My performance schedule this spring is a little heavier than usual. On Sunday, April 10, I will be in Mobile, AL, performing a joint recital with a colleague from my Indiana University graduate days. We will present Marcel Dupré's *Stations of the Cross*. On Tuesday, May 3, I will present my second (of three) doctoral recitals at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Memphis. Please come, if you like! The recital will be at 7:30pm and open to the public. Holy Trinity is located at 3745 Kimball Ave.



Kristin Lensch

Holy Apostles Supports Our Troops

The first Sunday in May will mark the beginning of our collecting once again for Soldier Appreciation Packages. This project is sponsored by a group in Southaven, Mississippi, that also coordinates the actual packing and mailing of these gifts. Not only will Holy Apostles be donating needed items, but we will also need volunteers to deliver our donations and assist in the packaging. We hope that we can include a letter from individual parishioners in each package which will express appreciation for the sense of duty and sacrifice exhibited by these young men and women.

The following items are suggested for your donations beginning May 1:

- Crossword and Sudoku books
- Military/history related paperback novels
- Peanut packages (1-3 ounces)
- Decks of cards
- Hard candy - individually wrapped
- Cookies packages (about 2 oz. package containing 6 cookies)
- Lifesavers, Tic-tacs, Mentos
- Cereal/granola bars
- Magazines
- Disposable razors
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Other small toiletries
- Gum

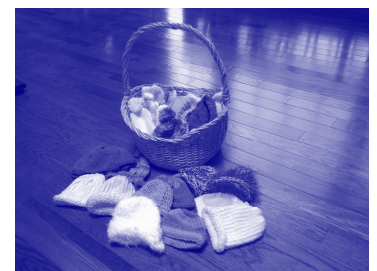
Please contact Bryce Smith (bsmith5@bellsouth.net) with any questions.



Continuing to Warm Up America

Warm Up America! project of the Outreach Committee progress: Sixteen parishioners and friends worked together in January and February to enjoy knitting, crocheting, and fellowship. Several learned for the first time, and many were experienced crafters. We produced several dozen infants' and children's hats and four blankets, which were given to Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, Germantown Methodist Hospital, and Church Health Center. Warm Up America! encourages community needle crafting for the needy; our local projects vary from year to year.

While we usually meet each winter after the holidays, we have extended our activities this year. A group meets at Teresa Davis's home on the first Wednesday of each month, to continue this fun, charitable work. Please join us! All skill levels are welcome. Contact Teresa at tjbdavis@me.com.



Lenten Food Drive through Palm Sunday

Don't forget! Holy Apostles will be accepting non-perishable items for the Lenten Food Drive, to benefit the Collierville Food Pantry, through Palm Sunday, April 17. Check the poster in the hall for a list of most needed items, and put your contributions in the bin in the hallway to the Parish Life Center.





Don't forget! Continue to fill your UTO boxes and return them by Thursday, April 14.



*Look for us on Facebook:
Church of the Holy
Apostles Youth.
We're always posting cool
stuff and awesome pictures!*

News & Events

Each Sunday evening of March, our EYC met and discussed the United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church. Through interactive activities designed to engage the youth in meaningful ways, we explored the work of UTO in various countries throughout the world. As a Lenten discipline, the EYC have made small daily donations to be gathered and donated to UTO at Lent's end. The mission of UTO is to "expand the circle of thankful people." Our EYC would also like to thank everyone for their support of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We had a great turnout, a lot of fun and served up a few pounds of tasty flapjacks.

April will be a busy month at Holy Apostles. Our Youth will continue the Interactive UTO Lenten Series on Sunday evenings and our Wednesday Night Lenten Series will wrap up on April 13 with a Youth-led Stations of the Cross. The Youth Leadership Council is scheduled to meet on the first Sunday afternoon of the month, April 3, at 4:00. And mark your calendar for our Annual Family Egg Hunt, so our youth will be busy Saturday, April 23, helping prepare for the festivities. We're looking forward to our Summer Trip, May 29- June 4 to beautiful Santa Fe, New Mexico!

EYC Schedule:

April 3: Youth Leadership Council meeting, 4:00 p.m.; EYC Interactive UTO Series
 April 6: Wednesday Lenten Series: "I Once was Blind"
 April 10: EYC Interactive UTO Series
 April 13: Final Wednesday Lenten Series: Stations of the Cross
 April 17: EYC UTO InGathering
 April 23: Family Egg Hunt, 1:00 p.m.
 April 24: Easter Sunday (No EYC)

Club 56 Schedule:

April 6: Wednesday Night Lenten Series
 April 10: Club 56 will meet in the PLC, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
 April 13: Final Wednesday Night Lenten Series, Stations of the Cross
 April 23: Annual Family Egg Hunt, 1:00 p.m.

Children's News & Events

Children's Lenten Series Continues Children in grades PreK(4) through grade 4 will continue to meet after dinner from 6:30pm-7:30pm in classrooms A and D for their Lenten Series. Each week we discuss a particular theme from the Episcopal Relief and Development's *The Abundant Life Garden Project*. April 4: Harvest; April 13: Stations of the Cross.

Palm Sunday Procession On Sunday, April 17, we will process into Church holding our palms while following the Sicilian burro at the 9:00 a.m. service. All are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes early to greet her!

Children's Stations of the Cross For our last Lenten Series, April 13, children of all ages are welcome to join us in the Nave for an age-appropriate, multi-sensory, hands-on Stations of the Cross. We will begin after dinner; from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Children will make and take home a Stations Box.

Family Egg Hunt on April 23 at 1:00pm We will have our Annual Family Egg Hunt at the Farrell's Home, located at 2642 Forest Hill Irene Road, Germantown. Bring a basket to collect eggs! In the event of bad weather, please check our website for possible weather related cancellations.

ECW Out to Dinner on April 14

Our ECW Out to Dinner group met for dinner at Firebirds on March 10. The turnout, food, and conversations were excellent, and the twelve of us were able to get to know each other better.

For April, we'll meet at Mary's German Restaurant in Collierville on Thursday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. All women are welcome. We hope to see a big group there!



New Nursery Staff Member

We are excited to welcome our newest staff member to Holy Apostles, Nikkole Duda. Nikkole is a transplant from Champaign, IL, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Education at Eastern Illinois University. She and her husband recently transferred to

Memphis, and Nikkole currently teaches for Memphis City Schools. We are excited to have her in our nursery and we encourage you to stop by and welcome her to our community.

Holy Apostles welcomes the Honey family

Please welcome Mary Honey and her son, Michael, to Holy Apostles! Mary originally joined Holy Communion in 1998, when Michael was five years old, in a desire to become more involved in a church. In December, Mary and Michael joined Holy Apostles.

Mary currently works for Memphis Recovery Centers, a Level 3 DCS alcohol and drug treatment facility for youth ages 14-17. She loves her job because, she says, "there is hope" and she believes in the importance of a 12-step program. Mary also participates in

a home step group, Pathfinders, adding, "It helps me accept life on life's terms!" Last, but not least, she enjoys singing in the choir under Kristin Lensch's leadership.

Michael Honey is currently a senior at White Station High School and staying busy with AP courses. He is active with Boy Scouts and working towards his Eagle Scout rank.

The next time you see Mary and Michael, please say hello and welcome them to Holy Apostles.



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Save the Date: Vacation Bible School

This year's Vacation Bible School will be June 13-16, with a closing celebration on the evening of the 16th! Children three years old (who are completely potty-trained) through rising fourth graders and their friends are invited to attend! Please check next month's

newsletter and our website for the Registration Form. Rising fifth graders through adults who are interested in volunteering for this fun week please contact Penny Goldberg (penny@holypostlestn.net).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Report from Diocesan Convention

The 30th Diocesan Convention was held at St. George's Germantown on March 3-5. Holy Apostles was represented by delegates Carole Capra, Walter Dunn, Curtis Finn and Colin McEntee along with The Rev. John P. Leach. In the course of Convention, the Diocesan Budget was passed. Additionally Resolutions on the following subjects were passed:

- Support of Bishop Johnson's Sabbatical
- Future Annual Conventions of The Diocese Of West Tennessee will be held in the fourth quarter of the year, rather than in the first. The next convention will be November 19, 2011.
- The 10-10-10 rule for stewardship was clarified. For parish purposes, it is now defined as 10% of the Normal Operating Income from Line A of the most recently filed Parochial Report at the time of asking.
- Support of the Diocesan Visioning Team's Report

Holy Apostles is well represented in the leadership of the Diocese of West Tennessee. The following serve in these ministries:

- Finance Committee: Kevin Reynolds
- Commission on Ministry: Tom Carpenter
- Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music: Kristin Lensch
- Vice-Chancellor Of The Diocese: Lisa Leach, Esq.
- Deputy to General Convention: The Reverend John P. Leach
- Diocesan Benefits Committee: Mike Marshall, Esq.
- Standing Committee: The Reverend John P. Leach
- Bishop and Council: Christina See
- St. Columba Conference Center Board: The Reverend John P. Leach & Brian Pecon

Mark your Summer Calendars

Beginning on May 22, the Sunday Schedule will be:

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (spoken service)
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 5:15 p.m. Bluegrass Mass

Financials, as of February 2011

	Month	Year to Date	Budget
Pledge:	31,861	73,841	82,500
Prepaid Pledge	1,500	1,500	0
Plate:	4,845	9,019	10,000
Church Home Grant:	<u>4,334</u>	<u>8,570</u>	<u>6,399</u>
Revenue:	42,540	92,930	89,899
Operating Expenses:	\$39,386	\$85,370	\$94,485



April 2011 Bulletin

Prayer List

Hudson Atkins
 Amanda Carmichael
 Sue Clinker
 Noah Crowe
 Marilyn Faithful
 Frances Farrell
 Carrie Fegley
 Jennifer Fegley
 Chet Felts
 Katie Flynn
 Hank Gregory
 Caitlin Griffith
 Haynes Greer
 Tomi Hall
 Alicia Johnson
 Lucy Krull
 Barry McCrory
 Phillip Newman
 Bryan Peddy
 Ralph Peterson
 Paul Rebella
 Anna Roberts
 Chuck Sertich
 Melanie Sleeman
 Joseph Theodore
 Lydel Turner
 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 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.

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.

Anniversaries

Martha & Hal Crook April 15
 Bonnie & Cary Barnes April 17
 Susan & Billy O'Bar April 20
 Kimberly & Trey Jordan April 22
 Mary & Phil Irish April 25

Transfers In

Laura & Taylor Beasley with William & John
 Phillip Austin & Marvin Townsend with Oscar

Baptism

John Kettig Beasley

☞ Remembered & Honored ☞

Gifts Received

Medco Health Solutions
 Leadership Collierville

*In memory of Joseph Woodward, Jr.
 Ms. Kaye Bryant*

Grocery Card Fund Balance

The balance for the grocery card program is \$4,413.73. Don't forget to use your Kroger and Schnucks grocery cards!

Attendance

March 8	Last Epiphany	284
March 9	Ash Wednesday	168
March 13	Lent I	173
March 20	Lent II	243
March 27	Lent III	264

Birthdays

Adam Parr	April 1
Lucy Underwood	April 1
Ned Segar	April 2
Lydel Turner	April 3
Claudia Sims	April 3
Franny Kavin	April 3
Dan McKenna	April 3
Angela Papachristou	April 4
Tom Haynes	April 5
Bill Barnes	April 6
Terena Robert	April 7
Judy Potter	April 9
Michael Honey	April 9
Harrison Marshall	April 10
Cate Dukes	April 13
Elizabeth Quarles	April 14
Blake Scofield	April 15
Nathan Haynes	April 16
Mary Morgan Barron	April 17
Allan Klodzinski	April 20
Steven Overheim	April 20
Jeff Hickman	April 21
Emma Jordan	April 21
Jared Thomas	April 22
Don Myers	April 23
Arielle Carpenter	April 23
Tammy Risch	April 24
Will Adkins	April 24
Madison See	April 29
George Kawell	April 30

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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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