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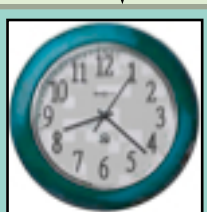
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NOVEMBER 6

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November is stewardship month at Holy Apostles' Church. It is also a time when we brace for the holiday season beginning with Thanksgiving. I know that many would like to visit these two events as separate items, however, I think we must take them together. It is a time to be thankful for the abundance we receive, and we look to God who gives all of this to us through His love and mercy. It is not that we deserve the things that we have and yet so many think this is the case. Most feel they have worked hard to enjoy the harvest of goods that we make use of each and every day.

I would ask that we all pause and think about this. God has given us the ability to make money or obtain things that we think we need to survive in this age of technology. Where did the job come from? Where do our skills come from? We would like to think we had something to do with this and yet it is a loving Father who gives us the gifts and abilities to make it all a reality.

One of my joys is watching Barbara bring about a work of art. She spends time waiting for the idea to come into her being so she can begin to create. She knows where this gift originate Lenten program on "Prayer as Art," she reminded each of us that God wants us to participate in creation with Him. He invites us in using whatever gifts we need to make that a reality. What an exciting time it is when we can see the fruits of our creation.

God doesn't ask for much in return. He only wants all of us. He desires us to be faithful to His word and His call upon our lives. He wants us to fully participate in His creation which includes the building up of the body of Christ. That means He would ask us to take from the gifts He gives us and return a portion to the work of the church. I sometimes wonder what it would be like if Holy Apostles Church were no longer active in ministry in Satellite Beach. Would we be missed? Would any of you miss sharing in the fellowship and teaching on a Sunday morning? Would we miss the ministry of the church and the various meetings and functions we enjoy each year? The only way to keep this ministry alive is to support the ministry as God gives us the ability. Sometimes it is through our time, sometimes it is through our talent and yes, it includes our tithes. The church doesn't run without the people. The church is, in fact, the people. We must each seek our heart and ask how we can better support the ministry of Holy Apostles Church so that those who will come after us may continue to serve God in this place.

Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away. Our stewardship pledges are days from now. May we show what thankful hearts we have by giving back to the landlord of our lives what is truly His. I pray you have a rich and blessed holiday season this year. Let us pause to show our Thanksgiving to the one who gives us everything we have.

Fr. Normt, fnorman@holyapostles-sbfl.org



Sarah's Circle/ECW is up and running under our new leadership program. A different member has signed up to prepare and preside over a meeting each month. In preparing the October agenda, I was amazed that it was not only fun and interesting, but very informative. What a great way for each of us to have a working knowledge of all ECW activities and who handles what. I look forward to taking my turn again in the next rotation. It may be, ladies, that we have stumbled onto the "secret of success."

Some dates to mark on your calendar include:

- November 6 – UTO Fall Ingathering, look for info in the bulletins and envelopes in the pews
- November 20 – ECW Holiday Pie Sale
- December 7 – ECW Christmas luncheon at the Lobster Shanty. Look for the poster in the parish hall for sign up info and menu selection. We will have the Yankee Gift Swap again this year, it really was fun last year
- December 11 – The annual Christmas Bake sale.

The Adopt-a-Unit program has been very successful. We have adopted two units in the far reaches of Afghanistan: one has five women and two men, and the other has nine men. Twenty-four boxes were shipped, and some have already been received and gratefully acknowledged by both units. ECW plans to send more boxes to arrive before Christmas.

ECW will sponsor three local families at Thanksgiving with gift cards to Publix. We plan to support each family at Christmas with small gifts to the children as the Lion's Club will be supplying food baskets to each.

The October 12th meeting was very fruitful with discussions for current and future activities and outreach programs. There were seven ladies present. ECW is open to all Holy Apostles' ladies. Please know that you are invited to attend the November 9th meeting, which will be chaired by Myrna Jenkins. Watch for info in the Sunday bulletins.

Beverly Gallup



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SPACE COAST POPS ORCHESTRA

26TH HOLIDAY GIFT CONCERT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5; 2:30 PM

Free admission*

First Baptist Church Merritt Island

140 Magnolia Ave

Those attending are asked to bring in dry or canned provisions for the **Central Brevard Sharing Center**. The concert will feature both spiritual & patriotic selections plus classical numbers; the "Armed Forces Medley," "God Bless America," and a sing along to "Sleigh Ride."

*admission is free, but tickets are required for the concert; call 632-7445

SEPTEMBER 2011

INCOME	\$15,574.48	\$16,989.17	(\$1,414.69)
EXPENSE	<u>\$21,353.96</u>	<u>\$18,867.93</u>	<u>(\$2,486.03)</u>
VARIANCE	(\$ 5,779.48)	(\$ 1,878.76)	(\$3,900.72)

YEAR-TO-DATE

INCOME	\$150,596.51	\$152,902.53	(\$ 2,306.02)
EXPENSES	<u>\$151,035.77</u>	<u>\$156,442.62</u>	<u>\$ 5,406.85</u>
VARIANCE	(\$ 439.26)	(\$ 3,540.09)	\$3,100.83

Income for September is negative by \$5,779.48 and negative by \$439.26 for the year to date. The monthly expenses were over budget by the “timing” of some expenses. The parish hall A/C repair is one such expense, and this is the month in which we are billed 35% of the new insurance policy for 2012. The new policy was increased some in overall coverage and the premium went up by \$606.00. With the stewardship program about to start, I am still reeling from Fr. Norman’s sermon on “paying our rent.” I liked his presentation and hope you did, too. Pledge envelopes will be sent out soon or placed in the Narthex for you to pick up – watch for details. Quarterly statements were sent out showing pledges through September 30. Please check to see if your records agree with ours. The stewardship program will be coming up soon so watch for details. In the meantime, if anyone has a question regarding their current pledge, please give me a call or check with Deanna in the office. A full financial report is available upon request.

Thanks for your support.

God Bless

Beverly Gallup, Treasurer

THE ORIGIN OF M&MS®: A SOLDIER’S TALE

The Mars candy company was founded in 1920 as a family owned business. When Forrest Mars, Sr., son of the founder, enlisted to fight the fascists in the Spanish Civil War, he had a candy epiphany. The mothers of Spanish and French soldiers had gone to their local chocolate purveyors and asked them to produce something they could send to the troops at the front that wouldn’t melt. Mars saw so many soldiers eating chocolate pellets with a hard shell surrounding the inside, preventing the candies from melting, that he applied for his own patent after returning to the U.S. When the U.S. entered World War II, he took on a partner—Bruce Murrie, son of the president of the Hershey Chocolate Company—with a 20% interest. This allowed the M&M’s (Mars & Murrie) to be produced at the Hershey factory, which had total control of the rationed chocolate for the duration of the war. During WWII, M&M’s were sold exclusively to active U.S. military. Following the war, Forrest Mars bought out Murrie’s interest and built his own factory. Mars is still family owned and is the world’s largest confectioner. M&M’s are now sold in over 100 countries, and have annual sales in the U.S. alone of over \$2 billion.

So when you see on the list of items to send our service men and women in Afghanistan, “chocolate that won’t melt,” you know what to get.

– Joanna Haas



If there is a Sunday meeting it will be Nov. 6th at 9:15. It has been a bit difficult getting everyone together, and so easy to send the members emails when something comes up. We are a small but mighty group and things run smoothly. We are always looking for new members and those considering joining.

Some of you have asked if you can sign up for flowers/candles if someone has already done so, and the answer is YES. There are many Sundays when no one signs up for one or both so the extra \$20 for flowers or \$2.50 for candles off-sets those Sundays. If you are unsure if you have paid, check the charts in the narthex because I mark them when payments are made.

It won't be long before there will be a chart posted for Christmas flower donations. We would like a minimum of \$10.

Mickie Solari, Directress



*Make two homes for thyself . . . One actual home . . . and another spiritual home,
which thou art to carry with thee always.*

— Saint Catherine of Siena

November is upon us so we will soon have a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall for 10 volunteers needed to serve at the Daily Bread. This is the last time this year to help out with this ministry, so please sign up.

Then, in the beginning of December it will be time to ring the bells for the Salvation Army. I am hoping we will be able to serve two days this year, most likely at the Publix in Satellite Beach. I will be getting definite dates and times in the next week or so.

Shortly after Thanksgiving a "Giving Tree" will be placed in the Parish Hall. This will be an outreach project to help 10 of the lowest income individuals at the Cocoa Westminster Asbury retirement community. Forty angels will be placed on the tree, so there will be four gifts per person. If you have any questions, see Karen Smith or Sheri Strength.

Joe Elmer will be doing Toys for Tots again this year. Watch for those sales and get your shopping in early. Hopefully, we can make this Christmas a special one for the children.

Thanks to all who help make all the outreach projects and ministries we get involved in a success.

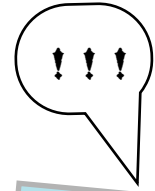
May the Lord continue to bless us all that we may continue to be a blessing to others.

Sheri Strength, Outreach Chair



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2nd, Polly Jordan
- 4th, Geraldine Baiter
- 4th, Barbara Hamilton
- 8th, Bob Reynolds
- 12th, Charles Scott Jr.
- 15th, Brian Nemeth
- 17th, Marjorie Emery
- 18th, Marlene Fellows
- 18th, Myrna Jenkins
- 21st, Elmer Helms
- 23rd, Nick Spurlock
- 24th, Kay Helms
- 25th, Scottie Scott
- 27th, Dick Tillman
- 29th, Kenneth Ketterer
- 29th, Josselyn Ruwe



A BLESSED ANNIVERSARY

11th, Joe & Ginny Elmer

Holy Apostles' Ladies'

Christmas Luncheon

NOON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

**LOBSTER SHANTY
COCOA BEACH**

Look for a sign-up sheet in the parish hall.

All ladies of Holy Apostles are considered members of the ECW and are encouraged to attend this once a year event. Please bring a wrapped gift for the exchange, a gently used, not- so-wanted- anymore item that could use a new life elsewhere. It's a fun exchange and encourages recycling rather than spending.



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October was a busy, fun month for the Youth at Holy Apostles. On October 6th we combined youth groups with St. John's Episcopal Church. The youth walked to Long Doggers where they played corn hole and had dinner. From Long Doggers we walked to the beach. It was great fun fellowshiping with another youth group, and we look forward to joining our groups together again.

On October 9th the youth hosted their First Annual Pie Contest. The support of so many parishioners, and their willingness to bake bring, and buy pies made this a great fund raising event for the youth group. The pie contest raised \$170.00. Part of the money will be spent buying animals for a third world country (such as rabbits and guinea pigs) through a world wide organization that Mary Gerlach suggested. The rest of the money will go into the youth program.

On October 16th the youth group enjoyed leftovers from the church picnic, and then we celebrated Marc Spurlock's 14th birthday with a red velvet cake. We later discussed the future and what the youth would like to accomplish with the remaining months of 2011.

On Sunday, October 23rd, we had movie

night from 6:00 to 8:30. We didn't have dinner; however, popcorn, moonpies and RC cola were served while we enjoyed watching "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

Mark your calendars for these events scheduled for November 20th:

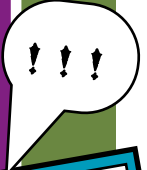
1. The youth group will be hosting a bake sale after both services to raise money for the youth group and outreach.
2. The youth are excited about the opportunity to once again help beautify the grounds of Holy Apostles for the holiday and Christmas season. Last year this project took over three weekends, and we are hoping to complete the mulching this year in one day. For this to be able to happen, we are going to need volunteers that own pick up trucks and would be willing to follow us to the dump and load up their truck beds with mulch. We are also looking for volunteers to help rake up old mulch and/or spread the new mulch. We will begin after the 10:15 service, and we are hoping to have all the old mulch raked out by the time the volunteers return with the new mulch. Upon the arrival of the mulch, lunch will be served and the mulch spreading will begin. The youth group

planned on spending a bit of the money they raised at the pie contest to buy some indigenous plants and flowers to plant around the office and church; however, donations would be appreciated as well as any plants you may have already that will grow easily in partly sunny to sunny areas. This is a great way for senior high students to earn some community service points.

Our youth group attendance averages seven on Sunday evenings and three for Tuesday night Bible Study. We are small but mighty and want very much to be a more visible entity within the church family of Holy Apostles. This is an incredible group of young people that enjoy spending time together, serving God, and are really trying to make a difference.

REMEMBER WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US ON NOVEMBER 20th. Also we could use a few volunteers to help serve lunch. Please contact me at 321-480-4090 if you have any questions.

Martha, Youth Director, 321-480-4090



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Holy Apostles has contracts with people and businesses that, for the most part, work behind the scenes. We don't see them very often and would like to recognize them for all of their hard work.

- *Flowers Turf & Pest Management* sprays the lawn around the church and parish hall.
- *Personal Touch Cleaning* cleans the inside of our buildings.
- *Space Coast Pest & Termite* sprays the inside of the buildings and around the foundations.
- *Brian Esmond Lawn Service* handles all of the lawn maintenance as well as pruning. Brian is our newest "contractee," and he is doing a super job.

Thanks to all of you who are always willing to supply food for funeral/memorial receptions and who help set up and clean up. The recent receptions for "Stan" Stanley and John Bauman were exceptional. Families are always appreciative of what we can do for them.

Yours in Christ,

Mickie Solari, Chair



November 6th is the Fall UTO Ingathering Sunday. Envelopes will be in the pews for three Sundays. One hundred percent of the funds collected is used (through grants) for projects in the Episcopal Church/ Anglican Communion around the world. Please make your check payable to Holy Apostles/UTO if you want your canceled check back in a timely manner; otherwise, it may be as long as three months before it clears.

Mickie Solari, Chair

On Tuesday, August 30, nine member of the Holy Apostles congregation volunteered to serve lunch at the Daily Bread. The crew consisted of Sheri Strength (coordinator), Marie Gerlach, Mickie Solari, Eddy Rader, Shirley Hyatt, Meg Scott, Fr. Norm, Roslyn Bates, and Wendy Sindelar.

Sheri has set this up as one of our Outreach services and we did the serving again in October.

It was a humbling experience and truly brought home the feeling of "there but for the grace of God, go I." We served about 245 people that afternoon. With the temperature running in the 90's and the humidity just as high, gallons upon gallons of iced tea were downed. The clients were allowed all of the water or tea that they wanted AND they could have a second dessert. The administrator kept track of the main course, however, and each person could only go through once for the meal. Everyone had to check in before they went through the line.

I'm sure that I'll volunteer again if my schedule permits. As I've said before, I've rarely been so tired, but so fulfilled.

Meg Scott



BISHOP – 14 NOV 1784 BESTOWAL OF THE AMERICAN EPISCOPATE

A crucial date for members of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America is the consecration of the first Bishop of the Anglican Communion in the United States. During the colonial era, there had been no Anglican bishops in the New World; and persons seeking to be ordained as clergy had had to travel to England for the purpose. After the achievement of American

independence, it was important for the Church in the United States to have its own bishops, and an assembly of Connecticut clergy chose Samuel Seabury to go to England and there seek to be consecrated as a bishop.

However, the English bishops were forbidden by law to consecrate anyone who would not take an oath of allegiance to the British Crown. He accordingly turned to the Episcopal Church of Scotland. When the Roman Catholic king James II was deposed in 1688, some of the Anglican clergy (including some who had been imprisoned by James for defying him on religious issues) said that, having sworn allegiance to James as King, they could not during his lifetime swear allegiance to the new monarchs William and Mary. Those who took this position were known as non-Jurors (non-swearers), and they included almost all the bishops and clergy of the Episcopal Church in Scotland. Accordingly, the monarchs and Parliament declared that thenceforth the official church in Scotland should be the Presbyterian Church. The Episcopal Church of Scotland thereafter had no recognition by the government, and for some time operated under serious legal disabilities. However, since it had no connection with the government, it was free to consecrate Seabury without government permission, and it did. This is why you see a Cross of St. Andrew on the Episcopal Church flag.

In Aberdeen, 14 November 1784, Samuel Seabury was consecrated to the Episcopate by the Bishop and the Bishop Coadjutor of Aberdeen and the Bishop of Ross and Caithness. He thus became part of the unbroken chain of bishops that links the Church today with the Church of the Apostles.

In return, he promised them that he would do his best to persuade the American Church to use as its Prayer of Consecration (blessing of the bread and wine at the Lord's Supper) the Scottish prayer, taken largely unchanged from the 1549 Prayer Book, rather than the much shorter one in use in England. The aforesaid prayer, adopted by the American Church with a few modifications, has been widely regarded as one of the greatest treasures of the Church in this country.

by James Kiefer

http://satucket.com/lectionary/Consecration_Seabury.htm

The deadline for *The Epistle* for December is the third Wednesday of the month.

Wednesday, November 16th.

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Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 70; 1
Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

NOVEMBER 13

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12; 1
Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

NOVEMBER 20

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a;
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

NOVEMBER 27

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; 1
Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

DECEMBER 4

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter
3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

DECEMBER 11

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1
Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

DECEMBER 18

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26;
Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

DECEMBER 24

(both services)

Isaiah 62:6-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7)
8-20; Psalm 97

DECEMBER 25

Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12); John
1:1-14; Psalm 98

<http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

