

**THE WEEK AHEAD**– See the [Calendar](#) on the last page.

### **From the Executive Minister**

I hope you have already made plans to attend the 187th Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Churches. We will gather for registration at 6:30 pm and begin our session at 7:00 pm as we enjoy the hospitality of Calvary Baptist Church, Providence.

As I peruse the reports of your good work in God's Mission during 2012 I am excited about the future for American Baptists in Rhode Island. I know that your presence on Monday evening will enlighten and encourage one another. To be sure, there are challenges ahead; however, this good work is worthy of the challenges.

If you have not made plans to attend. . .stop right now, get out your calendar, notebook, computer, or smart phone and write in your plans. You are needed and wanted in both the conversation and good work ahead. In addition, I look forward to meeting you face-to-face.

In the meantime, I am excited that my wife, Linda, will be joining me in Rhode Island this weekend. It will be her first exposure to Rhode Island weather and hospitality. Although she must return to Nebraska on Tuesday, I pray that she takes with her a great joy and anticipation of our move to this marvelous place.

Blessings+

Tom

### **Come Meet Tom and Linda Wiles**

We thought you may want to take the opportunity to meet our new Executive Minister and his wife, Tom & Linda Wiles.

We (Dan & Reppa Cottrell) are holding an open house this Sunday between 3 pm - 6 pm so that ABCORI & Friends can meet Linda (she is only here for this weekend and will be moving after the end of school) and share with her and Rev. Wiles informally.

Our home is 2525 Harkney Hill Road (which is route 118) in Coventry. The road that connects Route 3 and Route 102. I hope to have balloons on the entrance. We are the last house on the long drive - just keep going until you have to stop. If need help - our home phone is 401-647-0042.

Drop in when you can and leave when you must. :-) If you want to bring a finger food, it would be welcomed but NOT necessary.

If you would like to add to the "Linda Flight Fund" - once again you will have that opportunity but no pressure there either.

Let's give these Westerners a warm, bright, fun filled welcome to New England.

Hope to see you sometime on Sunday.

### **From Eldercare Ministries**

The Forum on Aging is holding a Caregivers Conference at the Johnston Senior Center. This is going to be a very informative event for all those who are caring for loved ones. This [flyer](#) gives the details.

### **Annual Business Meeting**

The Annual Business Meeting of the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island (ABCORI) will be held **Monday, March 4, 2013, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., at Calvary Baptist Church, 747 Broad St., Providence. Registration starts at 6:30 p.m.** Delegates selected by your church are expected to attend and guests are welcome. Parking is in a secure lot next to the church. Download the agenda [here](#)

### **Around Our Churches**

**Sabbath Day, February 9th has now been scheduled for Saturday, March 9th.** If you have not already registered there is still time and room for more. We will gather in Shaub Lodge to a cozy fire – note change of venue.

**Meet the ABCORI Executive Minister. All are invited to come and** meet the Rev. Tom Wiles, Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island. Stop by and welcome Tom and Linda Wiles at the home of Dan and Reppa Cottrell at 2525 Harney Hill Road, Coventry, RI on Sunday afternoon February 24th anytime between 3:00 – 6:00 pm.

**Patrick Destoop will be at the Mt. Pleasant coffeehouse** on Friday March 8 at 7:30PM. For more info call the church office at 401-351-2347.

**Mar. 17 4PM Deacon & Deaconess Day Olney Street Baptist Church**

**The First Baptist Church in Swansea, the 3rd oldest Baptist congregation** in the Americas, the oldest in Massachusetts, is sponsoring a tour to Baptist heritage sites in Wales. John Myles, our founding pastor, founded the first Baptist congregations in Wales beginning in 1649. The tour is led by the Rev. Dr. Charles K. Hartman as a part of our congregation's 350th celebration. The tour is scheduled for June 12-20, 2013 and will visit Cardif, Swansea, Oxford and London. Brochures with registration form and other information available from Charlie Hartman ([revdochart@gmail.com](mailto:revdochart@gmail.com)). Some brochures will be available in ABCORI office.

**First Baptist @ Quonnie, 5073 Old Post Road, Charlestown (RI) Contact the pastor at (401)**

862 3133 Available at no cost: 1973 Traditional (Model 632) Conn Organ - two keyboards, 26 pedal notes, 44 stops, good condition

**“Reach out to support the friends and family of Sandy Hook Elementary by adopting a prayer bear.** There are 55 bears left to reach the goal for the second delivery of bears to the Newtown United Methodist Church. Bears are \$10 each and are hand stuffed and prayed over. Adopters can name their bear and include a note of condolence and encouragement if they desire. Please contact First Baptist Church in Wickford for more information. 401.294.4595 or [office@wickfordbaptist.org](mailto:office@wickfordbaptist.org)

**First Baptist Church of Pawtucket April 13, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.** Ham & Bean Supper with entertainment.

**The Congregational Life Team announces All church Worship Sunday** to be held on April 28, 3 pm, at First in America. Watch enotes for further details.

**Looking for that old hymn you love? Check out the Motter Resource Center** at Canonicus. There are 60 different hymnals in the reference section. Also, while there, go downstairs and check out the "free" table and other "for sale" items. All books are still 75% off the internet price.

## **Interfaith Power and Light Conference**

ABCORI churches encouraged to attend Interfaith Conference on Climate Change

On Thursday, March 7th, Rhode Island Interfaith Power and Light will hold its sixth annual conference at the Roger Williams Park Casino in Providence from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This year's conference, titled ***ECO: Inspired Solutions for a Sustainable Future***, will explore climate-change solutions from an economic and ecological perspective.

A dinner speaking program, interactive table discussions, and other opportunities to network will allow participants to transform inspiring words into concrete action—to become better stewards of the planet while also being better managers of their faith community's financial resources.

Panelists from diverse faith communities and exhibitors on green technologies will explore the moral and financial benefits of engaging climate change locally and globally. Rev. Dr. Donald Anderson will moderate the discussion. Program flyer [here](#).

Tickets prices range from \$15 - \$50 with assistance available for those who need it. The price includes conference participation, access to the faith leaders and experts in green and energy efficient technologies, and dinner. For more information, call 401-261-3426 or email [info@ri-ipl.org](mailto:info@ri-ipl.org). Pre-registration required and available at [www.ri-ipl.org](http://www.ri-ipl.org).

## **2013 LENTEN SCHEDULE: A Journey With Faith in Jesus**

*North & West Providence Cluster of American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island*

Services are on Wednesday evenings during Lent and on Good Friday at 7 p.m. All services are followed by refreshments. Attendees are invited to bring a nonperishable food item for the Emergency Food Pantry at Church of the Master. The monetary offering received during these services will be given to the Good Neighbor Heating Fund, and the James Children's home in India that was founded by Rev. Dr. Paul Lawrence that supports 12 girls. Funds are being raised to complete the building, and will house a total of 24 girls who range in age from 5 years old to 16 years old. \*\*In case of inclement weather please contact the hosting church or check your local news broadcasts to see if services are cancelled.

<u>Date</u> <u>Preacher</u>	<u>Place</u> <u>Reader</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	
Feb. 13 Emmanuel (Ash Wed.)	Georgiaville	2 Timothy 4:1-8	Rev. Rebecca Law
Feb 20 Marr	Church of the Master Church of the Master	Acts 26:12-18	Rev. John
Feb 27 Henrochin	Graniteville Georgiaville	Romans 10:17-21	Rev. Angie
March 6 Gaete	Allendale Graniteville	1 John 2:1-2	Rev. Alex
March 13 Lawrence	Georgiaville Mount Pleasant	1 Timothy 6:11-16	Rev. Dr. Paul
March 20	Mount Pleasant Allendale	Romans 3:21-26	Rev. Jim Miller
March 29 (TBA)	Emmanuel (Good Friday) Georgiaville	Galatians 2:20	

**\*\*\*During the Lenten series each weekly offering is to be split in half. A check for one half can be sent to Mount Pleasant Baptist Church with "James Children's Home" in the memo line, and the other half can be sent to Georgiaville Baptist Church with "Heating Fund" in the memo line.**

Graniteville Baptist Church

Rev. Rebecca Law

82 Serrel Sweet Rd.

Johnston, RI 02919

231-6542

Allendale Baptist Church

Rev. Angie Henrichon

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Paul Lawrence

262 Academy Ave

Providence, RI 02908

351-2347

Georgiaville Baptist Church

Rev. John Marr

545 Woonasquatucket Ave  
North Providence, RI 02911  
231-7669

100 Farnum Pike  
Smithfield, RI 02917  
232-5925

Emmanuel Baptist Church  
Rev. Jim Miller  
529 Charles Street  
Providence, RI 02904  
861-1061

Church of the Master  
Rev. Alex Gaete  
15 Valley Street  
Providence, RI 02909  
861-5568

### **Around Our State**

**Support Local Artists Facing Homelessness and other Challenges:** The 7th Annual "From the Heart" art show sponsored by McAuley House takes place on Thursday, February 7th from 5-7 pm at McAuley House, 622 Elmwood Ave. in Providence RI. The show, which is free and open to the public, features the artwork of women and men facing challenges such as homelessness, poverty, addiction and mental illness. Come celebrate them as they heal, create, grow and give back. The sale of artwork benefits the artists and McAuley House programming.

### **SPNM**

**Want to share a van?** South Providence Neighborhood Ministries would like to explore options with a church or group that owns a van and would consider sharing it. SPNM willing to share costs. SPNM needs the van on weekday afternoons for its afterschool program, and possible options for some summer day use as well. SPNM wants to explore options that are mutually beneficial. Contact Yvette Kenner, Ex Dir, at 401-461-7509 or Whitney Bancroft at 401-783-4231.

**SPNM looking for volunteers.** Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks at South Providence Neighborhood Ministries. Working with the kids after-school (play games, do a craft, do a science experiment, cook) can be done one time, a couple days one week, one day a week for several weeks, for 1-2 hours. Make your own schedule! Call Amy at 461-7509. Also needed is a team to clean the hardwood floor and paint walls in the back hallway. This is probably 2 half days of work for 2-4 people. Call Yvette at 461-7509..

### **Search for Executive Minister for ABC of Dakota**

Dear Colleagues:

I wanted you to know that the search for a new executive minister for ABC of the Dakotas has officially opened. Dr. Riley Walker announced his retirement at the fall 2012 ABC of Dakotas meeting and has agreed to continue to serve while the search committee discerns the next leader for this region.

Thank you in advance for letting others know of this opportunity. Please feel free to forward this announcement and region profile. All nominations and applications should be sent to Bob Weiss via email: [baweissquy@yahoo.com](mailto:baweissquy@yahoo.com).

Jeff Woods

[ABCD Executive Minister Proposed Announcement.docx](#)  
[ABC of the Dakota's Regional Fact Sheet and Profile-final.docx](#)

## **CONFERENCE FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS**

The Conference for Church Musicians will be held July 13-20, 2013 at the Green Lake Conference Center. This will be 49th annual conference planned by The Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians. Conferees of all ages have the opportunity to work with nationally and internationally renowned clinicians in both ensemble and workshop settings. Workshops are designed to further educate and train those involved in church music leadership. In addition to daytime activities, the conference has six evening concert programs. The 2013 clinicians include: Marty Haugen-worship; Robert Hobby-adult choir; Timothy Waugh-youth choir; Vicki Hancock Wright-children's choir; Anna Laura Page-Handbells; Ernest Gross-instrumental; Jeremy Bankson-organ; Jan Corrothers-piano. Further information regarding the conference and registration is available on our website at [www.fabm.com](http://www.fabm.com) or by calling (812) 371-5390.

## **Baptist Peacemakers**

The next meeting of the Baptist Peacemakers of RI will be held on Sunday, March 10, at Lime Rock Baptist Church in Lincoln, RI, at 2:00 pm. We welcome all to join us.

Also 100 scholarships (first come first served) are available to people of color for the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America 2013 Summer Conference at Gonzaga University, Spokane Washington. If interested call the BPFNA office at 1-704-521-6051 and ask to speak to LeDayne.

## **MissionWorks 2013**

If you missed MissionWorks 2012 you missed an exciting and inspiring time with our missionaries. The food, speakers, accommodations, workshops, fun and fellowship with brothers and sisters passionate about mission was outstanding. But I have some good news MissionWorks 2013 planning is already underway and the team is very excited about this year's theme and program.

You will want to save the date October 18-19, 2013 at the Sheraton Four Points, Leominster, MA. Remember to mark your calendar today and look for more information to follow in the coming weeks.

### **Mission Opportunity**

Mission Opportunity: Warwick Central Baptist Church is organizing a trip back to the Murrow Indian Orphanage in Muskogee, Oklahoma. The dates are August 10 to 17, 2013. The cost will be about \$1200 per person depending on air fare. This includes lodging, food, car rental, and funds for the mission project. We are restricted by housing as to how many can go. There are about 6 slots open. This is a great opportunity to see what mission work is all about. For more information, contact Lori Bergman at [lori-Bergman@cox.net](mailto:lori-Bergman@cox.net), or 738-0901.

### **Church Buildings Available for Rent**

Graniteville Baptist Church Johnston, RI is offering the use of the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday afternoons and evenings, as well as weekdays/evenings as needed. The rental fee will be \$150 per week, or a monthly fee of \$500. Please call the church at 231-6572 or email [granitevillebaptist@cox.net](mailto:granitevillebaptist@cox.net)

2 chapels ( upstairs chapels seats 150 and downstairs 50), Rear Parking  
 Rent \$250.00 for 2 hours for 20 people. Rent will increase based on number of people.  
 Call Mrs. Richard E Whitney  
 Church address: 1568 Lonsdale Ave. Lincoln RI 02865.

## **The ABCORI Calendar 2012**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>2013</b>			
March 4	7pm	Annual Business Meeting	Calvary Baptist Church
March 9		Sabbath Time Retreat	Canonicus
March 17	4pm	Deacon & Deaconess Day	Onley Street Baptisy Church
April 8	6:30 pm	AB Women's Ministries Board	Lakewood Baptist
April 13	6pm	Ham & Bean Supper	First Baptist Church Pawtucket
April 13	4 pm	Baptist Peacemakers of RI Concert	Community Church of Providence
April 20		AB Women's Ministries Spring Gathering	FBC, Hope Valley

April 28	3pm	All Church Worship Sunday	First Baptist Church in America
April 27		Sabbath Time Retreat	Canonicus
June 14-15		Annual Conference for Women and Girls	Canonicus
June 21-23		Amer. Baptist Mission Summit/Biennial	Overland Park/Kansas City
July 3	6:30 pm	AB Women's Ministries Board	Lakewood Baptist

**If you have something for The E-notes, please send it to [info@abcori.org](mailto:info@abcori.org).**

**Please use Arial 10pt font – Thank you**