

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

### **From the Desk of Operations Manager**

Greetings

Praise God! As of today's date, we have raised \$505 towards \$500 Love Gift for Linda goal and are eligible to receive a matching anonymous \$500 Love Gift. Many thanks to all who contributed to this ministry project and a special thank you to the anonymous matching donor. Each of you have helped the Region fulfill its mission to support "healthy pastors and healthy churches" and to that I say, to God be the Glory!

Blessings,  
Rev. Nikita McCalister

### **Around Our Churches**

**The Olney Street Baptist Church is in need of a small communion table for our First Sunday Worship. If there are any American Baptist Churches in our region please contact the church at 401-272-1024.**

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

**11th Annual Palm Sunday RI Food Bank Benefit Concert. A great evening** of music to begin Holy Week! March 24, 2013, 6:30 P.M., Lakewood Baptist Church, 255 Atlantic Ave., Warwick, RI. Admission: At least One Non-Perishable Food Item. A free will offering will also be taken. Click here for the [flier](#).

**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

**Central Baptist Church of Westerly will host a Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction** to benefit the Central Baptist Church Mission Team for their trip to Mexicali, Mexico at the end of April. The event will be held on Saturday, April 6 from 4 PM to 7 PM at Central Baptist Church, 16 Elm Street, Westerly, RI. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Children under 12 are \$5.00. For more information, please call the church office at 596-4929.

**Married Couples Ministry Spring Brunch and Movie Matinee** Saturday, April 6, 2013 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen your marriage and minister to your spouse your a romantic CATERED fellowship brunch, powerful workshops and viewing a powerful Movie. Please take time to invest in your marriage! Share this with your family and friends and be sure

to invite them to attend. You may also sponsor another couple. Note: This event is for engaged couples as well. The cost of the brunch \$20.00 per couple. You may pre-register with payment via our Pay Pal link on [www.calbaptist.org](http://www.calbaptist.org) or send a check or Money Order made out to Calvary Baptist Church, 747 Broad St., Providence, RI 02907.

Thank you,

Rev. Jabulani McCalister, LMSW, SSW, MDIV  
Senior Pastor  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Providence Rhode, Island

**The Congregation of the Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church** is honored to invite you to join us as we celebrate, give thanks and rejoice in welcoming our new pastor, The Reverend Barbara DaCosta, Sunday, April 7, 2013 at 3:00pm, 229 Wilbur Avenue, Cranston, RI. Reception to follow. If possible, rsvp at 401-944-0864

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

**This year, the First Baptist Church in America, is observing the 375th anniversary** of its founding in 1638 with a series of special preaching events. Dr. Walter Shurden kicked off the year-long series back on Reformation Sunday in 2012, and the next speaker will be the award-winning Dr. Carolyn Blivens preaching on "Being Woman, Being Baptist," on Sunday April 14 at 11 a.m. She will be joined by her husband, Dr. William Blivens, chair of the Religion Department of Carson-Newman University, who will lead the Sunday Adult Forum at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited and welcome to enjoy these presentations. On Sundays there is plenty of free parking on the streets and parking lots around the Meeting House at 75 No. Main Street, Providence.

**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 downstaire and check out the "free" table and other "for sale" items. All books are still 75% off the internet price.

## **Annual Reports**

Time is needed to prepare the ABCORI Yearbook and Directory so if you have not already emailed your annual reports to Colleen Tolhurst ([colleen@abcori.org](mailto:colleen@abcori.org)) please do so by **March 18th**.

## **Beaver Days At Canonicus**

On three special Saturdays help open Camp Canonicus for the upcoming summer camp and conferencing season. Each day runs from 9m to 3pm with lunch provided.

**April 13** - Volunteers will focus on Storm clean-up and opening up the camp water system

**May 11** - Volunteers will open up and clean program areas throughout Canonicus

**June 8** - Volunteers will make the final preparations for the first day of Camp and Staff Training

Although each day has its own focus there will be many projects for all skill levels. If there is a particular project that you or your group is looking to do we please let us know and we make the appropriate arrangements. Click [here for a flyer](#)

**Advance registration is helpful!**

Contact Matt Black ~ 294-6318 x107~ 215-4089 (cell)

email: [matt@abcori.org](mailto:matt@abcori.org)

**From ABNS**

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 3/14/13)—In recognition of National Women's History Month, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) proudly announces a podcast featuring retired Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Lorraine K. Potter, the first female chaplain to serve in the U.S. *Air Force.*  
*Lorraine is a former ABCORI member*  
([Click to read more](#))

**America for Christ Offering**

Hello Brothers and Sisters!

First, please take a moment to watch this 3 and 1/2 minute video from this summer at Immerse. The amazing testimonies and stories are personally breathtaking and shows how God worked this summer: <http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=4035792581670>

As a board member of American Baptist Home Mission Societies, I am writing to churches in our region to encourage them to support the America for Christ (AFC) Offering 2013. Our AFC offering window is January through March. The theme this year is "Building Communities of Hope" based on Matthew 5:13-16. This scripture is a vital reminder that we are to be "salt and light" in the world. We are to live out an incarnational practice that makes a difference in our churches and communities.

Please consider promoting the America for Christ Offering 2013 and generously supporting the wonderful and transformational mission and ministry being accomplished in the United States and Puerto Rico. Your generous gifts are making a difference in the lives of people and communities that need to experience the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

It is my pleasure to support home missions, and I hope you will join me in giving to Christ-centered ministries that touch lives and transform people. Together we can make a difference for the cause of Christ by supporting the America for Christ Offering 2012.

Please visit the America for Christ website at [www.abhms.org/afc](http://www.abhms.org/afc) for more information or contact the Rev. Eddie Cruz in the Development Office at 1-800-222-3872, Ext. 2423. Thank You!

With Eternal Hope,

Antonio Lombardi  
 Norwood Baptist Church, Warwick, RI  
 ABHMS Board of Directors

**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	Allendale 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

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Paul Lawrence

262 Academy Ave

Providence, RI 02908

351-2347

Allendale Baptist Church

Rev. Angie Henrichon

545 Woonasquatucket Ave

North Providence, RI 02911

231-7669

Georgiaville Baptist Church

Rev. John Marr

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

## **SPNM**

South Providence Neighborhood Ministries is seeking candidates for membership on its Board of Directors. Persons who may be interested in serving a two-year term as an active board member to guide the work of this challenging inner city ministry are invited to contact Executive Director Yvette Kenner at [Yvette@spnm.org](mailto:Yvette@spnm.org) to receive additional information and an application form.

## **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**

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.

The Baptist Peacemakers of RI are seeking sponsors for our Peace Notes Concert on April 13th. Individuals, businesses or churches who would like to be sponsors will have their names listed in the concert program. The proceeds of the concert will go to sending one or two ABCORI people who have never been to a Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America Summer Conference to Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA, from July 13 to 18. If we have sufficient funds, the BPRI would like to offer a Conflict Transformation Training weekend by BPFNA staff. If you choose to be a sponsor, kindly make a check out to American Baptist Churches of RI with Baptist Peacemakers of RI in the memo section. Checks may be mailed to Janet Davies, 108 Mason Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910-5427.

### **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 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 9	10 am	Annual Blessing of the Animals Service	Liberty Baptist Church
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**