

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

Around Our Churches

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church: John Polce will be playing at the coffeehouse on Friday May 10 at 7:30PM. For more info call 401-351-2347

Sheldon Street Church will hold its annual, all you can eat, May Breakfast on May 11, 2013 between 8 and 11am.
Adults \$6.00 and Children under 12 \$3.00. Menu: Ham, Sausage, Home Fries, Eggs, Baked Beans, Coffee, Juice and other favorites.

The Trustees of Spring Green Memorial Church located at 1350 Warwick Ave. Warwick invite you to attend our annual Spring Sale on Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11 from 9:00am-4:00pm. A variety of used saleable items are reasonably priced along with baked goods and clothing. Complimentary coffee and donuts will be provided on Friday and the Café is open on Saturday for lunch and snacks. There is ample parking and the church is handicap accessible.

MAY BREAKFAST at First Baptist Church of North Kingstown, May 11, 6:30-10 a.m. What a delightful way to celebrate Mother's Day. Prices are unchanged from last year ... so come and enjoy breakfast, featuring johnny cakes home fries, ham, eggs, muffins, juice, coffee, and tea. Colorful May Baskets filled with delicious fudge and homemade candy are available for purchase. See attached [flyer](#) for details.

The Choirs of Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church will present a Spring Concert, "Songs From the Heart", on Friday, May 24, 2013 at 7:00 PM in our sanctuary. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children 10 and under. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

Camp Pastor Openings

We still have openings on three weeks of camp this year. They are the following: July 7-12, July 14-19, and July 21-26. If you can help, please call Colleen Tolhurst, 294-6318 ext. 110 and let her know which week you are available. This is a wonderful ministry opportunity for you to connect with our campers and camp staff and have fun too!

From Eldercare Ministries

From Eldercare. As of January 2014 everyone who is not on Medicare or Medicaid will have to make a decision about health care. The Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships is offering free webinars on various aspects of the new law. See more [here](#).

There is 40 hour position available for the Director of Spiritual Care at Norwood Hospital in Norwood Mass. Please direct questions and inquiries to:

Gerry Paciello
Director of Good Samaritan Hospital
Brockton, Mass.
W: 508-427-3027

Baptist History and Heritage Course

Join up to learn about the special link Rhode Island Baptists have with Baptist history! Get a better understanding of the principles that guide our practices! Gain a better appreciation of how we're organized both in Rhode Island and nationally. There will be 3 sessions in the fall of 2013. - September 28; October 26 and November 30. The registration deadline is August 15, 2013.

This course has been designed for participation by both laity and those seeking ordination. It has been approved by the Standing Committees on the Ministry of ABCORI and TABCOM and meets requirements in Baptist history and polity. For those seeking ordination, the cost is \$300 and requires participation in all sessions of the course. For others the cost is \$50 per session or all three for \$100. Scholarship assistance is available. For enrollment and information about readings and the location of the sessions contact: Dr. J. Stanley Lemons at jslemons@cox.net.

Church Secretaries: Please color print and post this [flyer](#). Thank you!

AB Women's Ministries Spring Conference

Calling ALL Women...To our Annual Women's Spring Conference at Meadowwood at Canonicus on June 14-15. Join us for inspiration, new ideas, Bible study, fellowship, an ice cream social and more! Our keynote speaker is Lois Olmstead from Montana, a nationally known author, humorist and inspirational leader. See the attached [flyer](#) and [registration form](#).

The Rhode Island Interfaith Coalition Fifth Annual Conference to Reduce Poverty With Faith

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR - This Year's Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty Conference at Rhode Island College, Donovan Dining Center, Providence, RI on Monday, May 13, 2013 from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM with an additional optional 2 luncheon session on pressing legislative issues that relate to poverty. You can order your tickets by going to riinterfaithpovertyconference.eventbrite.com

Please contact your state representative and senator and ask them to lower the PAYDAY lending rate from 260% to 36%. To learn more go to www.ripayday.org.

Free Cleaning Services to Cancer Patients

Cleaning for a Reason

If you know any woman currently undergoing Chemo, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - 1 time per month for 4 months while she is in treatment.

All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service.

<http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>

Please pass this information on to bless a woman going through Breast Cancer treatment. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along.

Ministers Council Retreat

RI Ministers Council Annual Block Island Retreat ... Tuesday and Wednesday May 14-15. If you'd like an extra day of R&R, you may also register for Monday May 13. We are excited that Rev. Debora Jackson, National Ministers Council President, will lead our retreat this year. Register early. The "season" starts on May 15, and we want to be sure you have rooms.

[Registration Form](#)

Baptist Peacemakers

The Baptist Peacemakers of RI will meet on Sunday, May 19, 2013, at Community Church of Providence at 2:00 pm. Come join us for refreshments to learn about the scholarship programs available for the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America Summer Conference at Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA. The BPFNA summer conferences provide education, fellowship, fun and a desire to work for peace and justice both at home and abroad. Pastors and laity alike who seek support and renewal are encouraged to attend.

Beaver Days At Canonicus

Our first Beaver Day was held April 11 and was attended by 28 participants from 11 churches. I would like to thank all the attendees for the hard work of moving, cutting and chipping trees and branches from the winter storms. Their help has made the maintenance crew's job that much easier and we are grateful. If you missed this Beaver Day don't worry there are still two more to come. I hope to see you there.

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

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 or by calling (812) 371-5390.

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.

The ABCORI Calendar 2012

Date	Time	Event	Location
2013			
May 13th	7:00 pm	Baptist Home Board	FBEG
May 23	7pm	Board of Ministries	Canonicus
June 2	3pm - 4pm	Canonicus Open House	Canonicus
June 3	6:30 pm	AB Women's Ministries Board	Lakewood Baptist
June 9	10 am	Annual Blessing of the Animals Service	Liberty Baptist Church
June 11	12pm	Theological Circle	FBEG
June 11	7pm	Board of Ministries	Sumit Baptist Church
June 14-15		Annual Conference for Women and Girls	Canonicus
June 21-23		Amer. Baptist Mission Summit/Biennial	Overland Park/Kansas City
June 25	4pm	Operations Meeting	Church of The Master
June 26	4pm	Consultants Meeting	Canonicus

If you have something for The E-notes, please send it to info@abcori.org.

Please use Arial 10pt font – Thank you!