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**ABCORI Bi-Weekly E-Notes**

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**— this information is in the [Calendar](#) on the last page.

**The ABCORI office is closed Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day**

### **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

The family of Howard Angell, who passed away on May 10. Over his many years at Phillips Memorial Church, Howie served as a Trustee, Deacon, and choir member.

Carol and Cliff Hockensmith. Carol's father passed away, this week and they are traveling to PA to be with her family.

### **FROM LILIANA'S DESK**

Today I want to talk about stewardship. It may not be a very popular topic, but I believe we all need to learn about it. Stewardship is the art of managing what we have according to God's purpose: everything we have. When we count our blessings, we realize we have more than we think. We have a home, a job, a car, a family, some degree of health, and so much more... We have air to breathe, water to drink, trees to love, laughter to enjoy, music, works of art, and many relationships.

Being a disciple of Jesus Christ is to follow Him and learn to become more like Him through obeying all His teachings. Stewardship is one of the first steps to become a disciple; it is a spiritual discipline. When we make decisions about the air we breathe and the water we drink, the energy we use and the relationships we have, the things we support and the things we oppose, we are exercising the spiritual discipline of stewardship as we follow Jesus' teachings about life and creation.

The same principle applies to the survival of our churches. We are not in the business to close churches, yet in the face of decline and decrease, we are not faithful to obey God's precepts about tithing. Some believe tithing is an old concept; so is salvation and we still want it. Think about the possibility of giving to God what God requires from us and you will experience spiritual renewal, church growth and unspeakable joy. Not in vain does God say, "Test me in this." (Malachi 3:8-10)

### **OPEN MEETING INVITATION**

The Evangelistic Witness Ministries of ABCORI invite you to participate in a conversation about the Honduras Mission Explosion. This meeting has the purpose of further strategize our support to the work in Honduras and organize the raising of funds. If you are interested, please come on June 14 from 9 to 11 am to the ABCORI office at Canonicus. If you embrace it, this can be your ministry. Please pass the word.

### **PASTORAL CHANGES**

Rev. Pat Harrison is leaving Harbor Church as of June 1, 2008. She will be available for pulpit supply beginning in July, and can be reached at 401-829-6063.

Rev. Dr. Lynne Holden will be Interim Pastor at Harbor Church beginning July 1, 2008.

### **FOR GRANDPARENTS**

According to Dr. Arthur Kornhaber, author of *The Grandparent Guide: a Definitive Guide to Coping with the Challenges of Modern Grandparenting*, undivided time and attention are the greatest gifts that grandparents can give to their grandchildren. A great opportunity for spending quality time with grandchildren is available this summer during our annual Grandparents Camp. From July 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, grandparents and grandkids will spend the week together at Canonicus, enjoying camp activities and staying in the comfortable retreat lodges. Programs include one-on-one time for fishing, swimming, archery and boating as well as group activities such as arts & crafts, woodworking, stream hiking, campfires and vespers. Two off-site activities are a trip to the beach and an evening at the Big Apple Circus. Accommodations, meals, program and transportation are all included in the \$250 per person registration fee. Camperships are available for all who apply. For more information, call Kathy Black at (401)294-6318, ext. 102 or go to [www.canonicus.org](http://www.canonicus.org). Church secretaries: please click on [Poster](#) for a colorful display for your church bulletin board.

### **CAR WASH TO COLORADO**

If you are by Calvary Baptist Church this Saturday, May 24, the Youth are having a carwash from 10 to 5pm, for only \$3.00 donations, to raise funds for the conference in Colorado.

## **JUNE IS ALMOST HERE!**

ABWM of RI is reminding all women and girls (ages 9+) to register now for our June Conference at Canonicus Camp & Conference Center. Deadline extended to May 26; mail or call Shirley Morris at 463-7040. Friday, June 6 starting at 5:30 p.m. with registration and 6:00 p.m. cookout. Campfire, singing and S'mores Friday night. We've heard awesome things about our guest speaker Rev. Mayra Castaneda, so be prepared for a wonderful message. We have several workshops planned including bible study, yoga and a Crossroads RI program; don't forget your bags of personal hygiene items for the Crossroads Women's Shelter. To download form click [Registration](#). Call Sue Maiocchi, President at 567-8841 if you have any questions. Bring your daughters and/or bring a friend.

## **PLEASE HELP SOUTH PROVIDENCE NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES:**

Summer Camp Camperships: SPNM is receiving registration forms at an alarming rate this summer! We have over 100 already. Unfortunately, most parents are unable to pay the suggested contribution of \$25/week. SPNM has arranged for 14 of our girls to go to Summer Camp in Maine for 10 days. In addition, many of our kids will attend the Boy Scouts camps. There will still be a significant number who will not have any opportunities without our help! Times are tough for many families, but please consider, if you are able to help, our important summer program in any way!

Our greatest needs are for **tuition help/camperships, volunteers, snacks and juice**, \$75 – 1 week sponsorship; \$750 – 10 week summer sponsorship for SPNM Happy Days Summer Camp June 23rd – August 29, Mon – Fri, 8am-5:30pm 52 children ages 5-16 Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Snack. For more information, please call SPNM (401)461-7509

## **“UNBINDING THE GOSPEL”–Evangelism II – June 7, 8:30 am to 12:30, Norwood Baptist**

Forget your soapbox on the downtown corner. Dispense with the old "fire & brimstone" idea. Put away your fears that only preachers or "really religious" people can evangelize. The bible tells us that we all should share the good news of Christ's love. And yes, YOU CAN DO IT.

We will share with you how, regardless of what your personality is, there are ways to use who you are to turn others to Christ. Through this workshop, you will learn to use your own style to help others find the Lord. You will learn that there is no one, perfect way to evangelize. Using the gifts God has given, you will become effective in setting others on a path toward Jesus Christ.

This workshop incorporates a simple, personality-based, person focused, process driven format. We hope to empower you to hear the Lord and listen to him as he guides you on an incredible journey that is faith based, love filled and led by the power of the Holy Spirit. Please confirm your attendance with [Sandy@abcori.org](mailto:Sandy@abcori.org) or 294-6348 x 111. Thank you. Ron Provencal and Liliana DaValle, facilitators.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

The Co-operative Vacation Bible School (formerly South County VBS Co-operative) will hold their 5-day program at Canonicus from Monday, July 21 thru Friday, July 25. Jennifer Vazquez, from New Hope Chapel and Tina Perry, from Wakefield Baptist, are preparing for "A Thrilling Ride with Jesus". Children completing K-10 are invited to attend. The cost is \$35/child, for M-F 9am-2:30pm and includes bible study, camp activities, swim/or water play, daily snacks and a cookout on Friday. For more information, please contact Tina at 294-6318 x-140, or email [tina@abcori.org](mailto:tina@abcori.org). Please do not delay as we hope to order materials the first week of June.

## **VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 05/16/08) — ANDREW JAYNE**

Web master/communications specialist in Mission Resource Development, will leave his position on June 9. He has accepted a position as Intranet Coordinator for Transfield Services in Philadelphia, Pa. "Andy has done a remarkable job for ABCUSA with his technological skills and dedication to the denomination," said Roy Medley, general secretary. "He has been a tremendous resource to us, combining his technical and writing abilities to meet the demands of his job. He established strong relationships with many persons across the denomination and represented us well in professional settings external to us. To his distinction, he was recently made Commander of his Engineer Company in the U.S. Army Reserve." ([Click to read more](#))

## **JOY**

Thanks so much to all who sent cards, thoughts and prayers for my daughter Brianna after a terrible car accident on May 3. I am happy to report she is doing well, returning to work on a part-time basis, and in the process of working with her professors to arrange for make-up exams. ER staff and EMT's at the scene all report what her parents have always known: "She is a walking miracle!" Amy Thomas, Youth Program Coordinator SPNM

## **THANK YOU**

"On behalf of my family, let me thank the Property Committee for their good works regarding our move from Cedarholm into Breezmyere. Together, we stripped wallpaper, repainted walls, wood floors

were sanded and finished; downstairs the bathroom toilet and sink/vanity were replaced; in the kitchen the faucet fixture and under-counter microwave were replaced. Dan will be tiling the lower half of the downstairs bathroom walls, and with some organizational support, I will take on sanding/repainting the stairs, to be finished with carpet squares. We are extremely blessed by the additional living space and I have been able to spend valuable time with my extended family. Thank you again for your time and energy expended seeing to the maintaining and upkeep of this beautiful property. God Bless you all.”  
Peace, Tina Perry, Hospitality Coordinator

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS from Liz Lussier, Director of Administration**

***Have you visited Canonicus lately? If not, when you come by you will be in for a treat!***

You'll be surprised to see all the capital improvements completed within the last year! In the area known as Colonial Village, the exterior of **Tefft Chapel** has been completely re-shingled; this will be stained within the next month. Tefft Chapel is a welcoming place for intimate retreats, weddings, and small group usage. The interior and exterior of **Breezumere** has been repainted and renovated, including new gutters, bathroom upgrades and new flooring. This building serves as home for our Hospitality Coordinator and family. **Cedarholm** interior is being remodeled and will be used by our camp pastors this summer. During the other months, it will be utilized for additional ABCORI meeting space and will be available for small group retreat rentals. Using Cedarholm for these purposes will allow **Motter Pastoral Retreat Center** to be used as intended as dedicated space for respite and renewal for those in ministry.

When you visit the property & buildings around Shaub Lodge and Lake Adams, you will notice that **The Hansen Trading Post** is complete and ready for the opening of camp! The double A-frame Trading Post is now a user-friendly space for both campers and staff! The expanded building also allows more room for displaying goods for sale and adds much needed storage space. **Snell Lodge**, which has an exceptional view overlooking Lake Adams, is completely redone. The remodel includes an insulated roof, new interior redesign of the bathroom & kitchen areas, 3 bedrooms, new lighting, flooring and painting in every room, and features additional closet space. We are in need of a small wood burning stove to complete the remodel. **Snell Lodge** will be utilized for camp in the summer. Beginning this fall, **Snell** will be available for rent by ABCORI families and other small retreat groups. **Churchill-Cary Health Lodge** is undergoing its own interior upgrades by the folks at North Scituate Baptist. The new flooring, painting and fixtures will be ready in time for the 2008 camp season. **Lake Adams** features an entire new dock system in the 'deep end' swim area and new ladders in both ends, thanks to grants from the Lawton Trust. The old **Lake Adams Dam** has been completely rebuilt with heavy riprap & crushed stone, concrete and stabilizing fabric. It is a thing of beauty! A new 'annex' is being built the back of Shaub Lodge to replace the old extension. Lastly, **Meadowwood Conference Center** will undergo a thorough exterior cleaning, staining and painting.

***You might be asking, "How is all of this accomplished?"*** Our capital improvements are made possible through the **faithful stewardship of MANY!** This includes dedicated & talented volunteers & staff; thoughtful donors, churches and individuals who have adopted buildings & projects; and those who make bequests on behalf of the ministries offered by ABCORI at Canonicus.

**If you are inspired by any of the aforementioned projects and would like to join others in securing the future ministries at Canonicus, please consider making a restricted donation for capital projects at Canonicus.** The next project slated for this spring is the installation of an energy efficient, hot air heating system in Shaub Lodge. This system will replace the old, noisy overhead heating units and will include heat for the Shaub kitchen. This will allow us to utilize fully Shaub Lodge & its adjacent kitchen for year-round conference groups, offering a quiet, welcoming meeting place with food served from a heated kitchen area. Cost including new hot water heater = \$28,000. Please contact Liz Lussier x100 or [Liz@abcori.org](mailto:Liz@abcori.org) for more details about this capital project.

<b>The ABCORI <u>Calendar</u></b>			
<b>Items highlighted in yellow indicate additions or changes to the calendar</b>			
May 24	8:30-12:30 p.m.	Evangelism Training "Prayer and Hospitality"	Norwood Baptist
May 25	4:00 p.m.	Crosswords Quintet in concert	Spring Green Memorial
<b>May 26</b>		<b>ABCORI OFFICES CLOSED</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>
May 30	7:00 p.m.	Spring Music Concert	Oak Lawn Baptist
May 31	9-3:00 p.m.	Beaver Day	Canonicus
June 5		Ministers Council - SCOM	Lawrence
June 6 & 7		ABWM June Conference	Canonicus
June 7	8:30-12:30 p.m.	Evangelism Training "Unbinding the Gospel"	Norwood Baptist
June 7	5:00 p.m.	Spring Buffet - Reservations <i>Call 397 7356</i>	Summit Baptist Church
June 8	3:00 p.m.	Ordination and Installation Geneva Urquhart	First, West Warwick
June 9	2:00 p.m.	Properties Committee	Lawrence Building

June 12	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	Community, Providence
June 14	9 – 11:00 a.m.	Evangelistic Ministries Mission Explosion	Lawrence Building
June 14	11 – 2:00 p.m.	Clam Cakes and Chowder Feed the Spirit	Peoples, Cranston
June 17		S & A	N. Scituate
June 18	9:30– 11 a.m	Personnel	Lawrence
June 21	8:30-12:30 p.m.	Evangelism Training “Small Groups”	Norwood Baptist
June 22		Week One of Camp	Canonicus
June 22	4:30 p.m.	ABCORI Celebration of Faith	Calvary Baptist Church
June 23	5:30 –7:30p.m.	ABWM Executive Board	TBA
<b>June 25</b>	9 – 1:30 p.m.	June Festival	Central, Jamestown
July 3	11:00	Ministers council & SCOM	Lawrence
July 4		<b>ABCORI OFFICES CLOSED</b>	Fourth of July
July 6- 11		Grandparents Camp	Canonicus
July 10	12: p.m.	Baptist Heritage Society	Canonicus - Meadowwood
July 15	4:00 p.m.	S&A	N. Scituate
July 17		TIM Group; All Staff	
August 23	8:30 - 2 p.m.	ABWM Executive Board Retreat	Rathbun, Canonicus
Sept. 4		SCOM	Lawrence
Sept. 4	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	N. Scituate
Sept 19-21		ABCUSA World Mission Conf.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Baptist–Suffield CT
Sept. 29	6:00 p.m.	Mission Celebration – ABCORI	Greenville Baptist
Oct. 4		Crop Walk	Goddard State Park Warwick
Oct. 13		Fall Festival	Canonicus
Oct. 18		SPNM Chocoholic Frolic & Silent Auction	Canonicus
Oct. 25	2:30 – 8 p.m.	ABW Fall Mission Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> N. Kingstown
Nov. 4	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	1 <sup>st</sup> N. Kingstown
Nov. 8		Baptist Women’s Day of Prayer	
<b>2009</b>			
Jan. 6	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	TBA
Jan. 30 & 31	5:30 p.m. Fri.- 4:00 p.m. Sat.	Spiritual Retreat ABWM	Meadowwood
Feb. 24	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	North Foster
<b>March 2</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Annual Business Meeting (Session A)</b>	<b>First, East Greenwich</b>
April 14	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	North Scituate
<b>April 25</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. -</b>	<b>Annual Gathering (Session B)</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<a href="#">CALENDAR ON LINE</a>			