You Are Welcome Here!

We invite you to learn more about our church by chatting with members after the service, by browsing our website www.ChurchoftheApostles.org, or by giving us a call during the week at 703-591-1974, Monday-Friday, from 9:00am-4:30pm. We’re happy to answer any questions you may have about our church, the Bible, or the Christian faith. God is doing amazing things in and through the lives of the people here at Church of the Apostles. We’d love for you to be a part of it!

Typical Order of Service

The three great streams of Christian tradition are represented in our worship services: the Catholic, which experiences God through liturgy and sacrament; the Evangelical, which upholds and proclaims Scripture; and the Pentecostal, emphasizing the power, presence, and gifts of the Holy Spirit in the context of freedom and high expectation. While the atmosphere at Church of the Apostles is casual, we are confident in the One who saves us and convinced that His unchanging Word is true! Our worship is primarily participatory, and all texts can be found on the screens and our readings are printed on a separate page in this bulletin.

Welcome
Songs of Praise
Sunday Children's Focus
The Lessons
The Sermon
Post-Sermon Worship
Prayers of The People
The Confession
The Peace
The Offertory
The Eucharist
The Recessional

Church of the Apostles is a Congregation of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic in the Anglican Church in North America. We are also a Parish within the Convocation of Anglicans in North America.

The Most Rev. Robert Duncan, Archbishop and Primate of ACNA
The Rt. Rev. John Guernsey, Bishop of DOMA
The Rt. Rev. Martyn Minns, Missionary Bishop of CANA
The Rt. Rev. Julian Dobbs, Suffragan Bishop of CANA
The Rev. Brenda Dobbs, CANA Staff
The Rev. Harry Zeiders, CANA Chief of Staff

Growing in the knowledge and love of God, becoming more like Jesus, and bearing the fruit of the Kingdom to make visible the power of God’s Love so all will come to know Christ!
This Week

Our schedule is subject to change. Unless noted otherwise, all events are held at the church. For more information call the contact listed, or the church office at 703-591-1974, weekdays from 9:00am - 4:30pm.

Saturday - Dec. 24
Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion, 7:00pm

Sunday - Dec. 25
Worship Service with Holy Communion, 10:00am

No Altared

The meeting that had been scheduled for Sunday, December 18 with our Rector, David Harper has been postponed until Sunday, January 8.

Monday - Dec. 26
Offices are closed for the holiday.

Tuesday — Dec. 27
All donations for the New Year's Blessing should be dropped off no later than today. Thank you for your help!

Wednesday - Dec. 28
Guys Wednesday Bible Study
Guys meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm.
See Details in Student Ministry News.

Thursday - Dec. 29
No Praise Band Rehearsals.

College-Age Christmas Party - from 8:00-11:pm. See Details in Young Adult Ministry News.

Friday - Dec. 30
Ski & Snowboard Trip for College-Age/Twenty-Somethings - Friday, Dec. 30, 7:30am - 11pm. See Details in Student Ministry News.

Saturday - Dec. 31
No 5:00 pm Worship Service.

New Year's Blessings for the Homeless of Fairfax

Sunday - Jan. 1
Worship Celebration with Holy Communion, 10 am.

Events & Notices

Holiday Schedule — Our offices will be closed on Dec. 26 and on Jan. 2.

New Year’s Blessing for the Homeless of Fairfax (December 31, 1-4pm) The Local Outreach Committee will be hosting an initiative to bless the homeless who are presently living in the woods of Fairfax City with a very special time of Prayer Ministry. The event will be held on New Year’s Eve day to bless their coming year. The Committee needs your help to make it successful. This event is designed to bless the homeless with light refreshments and a small gift (consisting of a pair of new warm socks stuffed with travel-size toiletries), conversation, but most importantly, with prayer ministry to bless their 2012 and to bring the power of Christ into their midst.

Donations for the small gift such as men’s new warm socks, small Gideon Bibles, hand lotion, chapstick, hand warmers, travel toothbrushes and toothpaste, razors and mints are welcome. They can be dropped off no later than Tuesday, December 27, 2011. Please place them in the stairwell hall at the church. If you would like to help with food or prayer ministry or have any questions, please contact Adrienne.

Stay tuned for more opportunities to serve our Homeless Community.

Parents’ Morning of Prayer (Saturday, Jan. 7, 8:00am-Noon) Whether the children in your life are newborns or newly-weds, praying for our children makes all the difference in the world. Our new resource is Prayer Saturated Kids. For more information contact Kristin at KColligan@ChurchoftheApostles.org.
In Loving Memory of

Uncle Harden, Faith & Fiona McDonnell
Helen & Edwin Gavlak, Dale Gavlak
Pete & Virginia Donohue and Gus & Margie Nystrom, the loving parents of Sue & Loren Nystrom
Pete Buck, husband of Alice Buck
Bob Day, husband of Barbara Day
Prudy Alexander Harrell, mother of Steve Harrell
Alfred & Margaret Campbell, Jane Campbell
Veronica & Dolores Maddox, sisters of Tamara Otten
James W. Tisdale, Jr. & James W. Tisdale, III, father and brother of Jeannette Tisdale
Duane L. Heisinger, husband of Judith Heisinger
Joseph Kokalas & Bonnie Jean Wiebe, husband and daughter of Nancy Kokalas
Ed Fuller, father of Dick Fuller
Angelo & Luigia Saladini, Sr., Angelo Saladini, Jr.
Frank & Rose Benedetto, Jean Hamilton
Gail Hall, Gladys Godwin
Gabino (Al) Carrillo, Velma Carrillo
Grant & Galina Pendill, George & Gretchen Keitt
Gail Hall & Ron MacDuff, Mary Converse
John H. Jordan, Mary Nance Jordan

In Thanksgiving For

Deborah Dilly, Leo Torres
Carolyn & Charlie Baldwin and Jan & Phil Rooney, Valerie Arnakis
Jennifer & Rob, Barbara Day
Family & Friends & COA Family, Jeannette Tisdale
Shannon & Barbara & so many friends, Nancy Kokalas
My Church of the Apostles family, Gladys Godwin
Annie Rothgeb & Brian Smith, Mary & Phil Edwards and Robert
Our children & grandchildren, John and Gloria Uehlinger
God’s continual faithfulness and mercy to our family, the Prybyla family
The Davis family—Ward, Betty, Summer, Kaila, and Wesley, All COA
Annie Rothgeb & Brian Smith, Gayle Fischer

Served in Uniform

John B. Pope, Warren & Dolores Johnston, John & Pierre Pope

Young Adult Ministry News

Ski Trip rescheduled to Dec. 30 - The College-age (and twenty-somethings) Ski Trip originally planned for Wed., Dec. 21 has been rescheduled to Friday, Dec. 30. (There wasn’t enough snow for the ski resort to open!) We hope you and your friends can join us for this day of fun at Whitetail Ski Resort! We’ll leave COA at 8am and return around 11pm. Cost is $45 for transportation and lift ticket (bring your own equipment); or $70 for transportation, lift ticket, and rental equipment. (Plus money for food.) Jody Kopach will lead the trip. To sign up contact Janet Kirby at JKirby@churchoftheapostles.org or call/text her at 703-966-5606.

College-Age Christmas Party - Thurs. Dec. 29, 8-11pm We like to welcome home our college students each Christmas and give an opportunity to connect with each other and others in the area. We hope all our college-age friends (age 18-25) can join us for a Christmas Party on Thurs. Dec. 29 at John Kirby’s farmhouse (11924 Braddock Rd, Fairfax). There will be lots of food, friends, fun and a bonfire (weather permitting). Please bring an appetizer to share. (Chicken wings, cheese and crackers, chips & dip, fruit, etc) Questions? Contact John at 703-944-4287 or Janet Kirby at 703-966-5606.
Student Ministry News

John Kirby and Chris Rothgeb, Student Ministry Directors
JohnKirby@ChurchoftheApostles.org
CRothgeb@ChurchoftheApostles.org

Altared & Small Groups, Sundays 5:07-8:00pm - an evening of worship, teaching, dinner together, small group and games. We hope you can join us!

Note: Altared will not be held on Sun, Dec. 25, but will return on Sun, Jan. 1 for an easy-going evening of hanging out together, praying for the new year, and whatever else God has planned!

Guys’ Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:70-9:00pm —
Jr. and Sr. High guys are invited to a weekly Bible study at John Kirby's farmhouse, 11924 Braddock Rd, Fairfax. (Remember to close the gate as you enter and exit the farm.) If you can't make it every week, that’s okay—just come whenever you can!

Winter Retreat We’re doing an in-house Winter Retreat, Fri, Jan. 27-Sat, Jan. 28. We’ll stay here at the church and have all the awesome aspects of a retreat -- great teaching, awesome worship, small groups, and time to play and hang out with friends, plus some time to serve the community, too! And the cost is only $40! More details to come, but save the date!

Year-End Giving Guidelines — Per IRS regulations, any contribution that is received or postmarked after Dec. 31, 2011, will be recorded for the 2012 tax year.

Direct Debit: An Option for Convenient Giving — We are pleased to be able to offer you an option that will allow you to authorize your bank to transmit regularly scheduled debits from your checking or savings account payable to the Church of the Apostles account with PNC Bank. Brochures in the lobby contain more details, the necessary authorization form, and instructions.

If you have any questions, please contact our Treasurer, Phil Rooney at 703-591-1974, ext 3004, or PRooney@ChurchoftheApostles.org.

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+ Please help us keep you informed by letting us know of any changes in your address, phone, or e-mail, by using the form in your bulletin or calling the office.
+ Comments and suggestions will be received with grace and held in confidence. In the spirit of loving and accountable Christian communication, we regret that anonymous submissions cannot be considered. We encourage you to share your thoughts in writing by using the Multipurpose Mailbox, next to the Front Office. Phone calls and e-mails are also welcome.

Rector, David Harper
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Vestry Liaison, Malcolm Phillips
AskVestry@ChurchoftheApostles.org

Total giving to date: $1,281,209
Total Budget to date: $1,484,78
Shortfall: $203,572

Helpful Information

+ Nursery Care (Saturday: infants–age 5; Sunday: infants–age 4). Each child is registered. Parents of infants and younger toddlers will be given a silent pager that will alert you should your child need you during the service.
+ Sunday School classes for children age 4/5 through Grade 8 meet during our services after a brief Children’s Focus in the Sanctuary. Children meet in the classrooms for worship, biblical teaching, prayer, and fun with friends. They return to the service in time to celebrate Communion with their families. (On Third Sundays, children in Grade 7 and older remain in the service to worship with their families.)
+ Prayer Ministry is available following Communion at both services. Commissioned prayer ministers will pray with you at the front of the sanctuary (at the left on Saturday and at the right on Sunday). Ministry will continue until everyone in line has received prayer.
+ Our Confidential Prayer Tree is available by emailing Prayer@ChurchoftheApostles.org. Urgent requests can be received by calling the church office, weekdays from 9:00am-4:30pm, at 703-591-1974.
+ To arrange for a hospital visit or request the Eucharist for the sick and home-bound, please call the church office, weekdays from 9:00am-4:30pm, at 703-591-1974.
+ If you would like to know more about Baptism, Confirmation, or becoming a member of Church of the Apostles, please call the church office, weekdays from 9:00am-4:30pm, at 703-591-1974.

Bulletin Submission Deadline: Tuesday NOON!

Info@ChurchoftheApostles.org

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