

Siasconset Union Chapel

Chapel Reaches Out to Others In Need

Protestant Services
Sunday 10:30am
June 9-September 15

Eucharist Healing
Service Thursday 8am

The Rev. Doctor V.
Bruce Rigdon

Roman Catholic
Services
Sunday 8:45am

June 30-September 1

Father Marcel
Brouchard

The Outreach Program has grown over the years to become one of the most important activities in the life of the Chapel. Although we are a summer congregation and are closed in the off season, the Chapel remains an integral part of the Nantucket community throughout the year supporting the needs of human service organizations across the island and beyond the island shores.

The Board of Trustees agreed last summer to target spending \$30,000 for Outreach using designated funds, individual gifts specified for Outreach, interest from The Stanley Fund and monies from the Christmas appeal.

Working with The Community Foundation for Nantucket, we have given \$16,000 in grants for specific purposes to 10 island human services organizations including A Safe Place, Hope Dementia & Alzheimers Services (CARES and Arts and Conversation Programs), Nantucket Aids Network, Nantucket Community Sailing, Nantucket Family Planning, Nantucket Food Pantry, Nantucket Rental Assistance Program, Nantucket STAR, Nantucket Visiting Nurse Association and Palliative & Supportive Care of Nantucket.

We allocated \$2000 for a winter emergency fund to meet unexpected and unfunded needs used this year to help an elderly resident of the village to meet basic needs. Our minister Dr. Rigdon was allocated \$1000 for his Ministers Fund which he uses to respond to individuals in crises. Looking outside of the island, we allocated funds for the Pilgrims of Ibillin Mar Elias Schools in Israel and the EFAC Education for All Children in Kenya to sponsor scholarships.

The remaining funds, providing we meet our goal of \$30,000, will be used to respond where there is urgent need when brought to our attention wherever it occurs but not necessarily on Nantucket.

We always are grateful for contributions to our Outreach Fund from members of the community and thank everyone for past support.

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Dear Members and Friends:

When you attend our first Sunday service on June 9th, I know you will be pleased with the recent results of our Preservation Project funded by the CPC and Goldman Sachs grants. Under the direction of our Preservation Committee and the management of Brian Pfeiffer, much has been accomplished.

You will see that the front doors have been rehabilitated and painted, the entire Chapel floor refinished with a new runner installed, the benches and pews repainted, rust spots on the tin walls removed, and all stained glass windows glazed and repaired. The exterior work includes resetting the wooden gutters as well as repairing and painting the railings on the west stoop.

This summer will be one of the busiest ever. The Search Committee will invite four or five candidates to visit in order to preach and be interviewed for the ministry position that begins in 2014. Bruce Rigdon will continue to lead Sunday worship services as well as memorial , baptism and wedding services. Many musical and cultural events including the annual picnic are planned.

This is Bruce's last summer as our Pastor. A farewell party on August 25th is being planned to show the Chapel's appreciation for Bruce and his wife Mary's dedicated and loving service.

Best Regards and Blessings,
Jeff Lockhart

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Endowment And Budget News

As the result of contributions made to the Behold Campaign and growth in investments the Chapel's endowment has had its best year ever. The total endowment now exceeds \$1.3 million.

Within the endowment there are six separate funds consistent with the restrictions placed on them by the donors. These are: maintenance of the columbarium, maintenance of the chapel, outreach, chapel services, music program and youth programs. The funds are managed in the aggregate by a committee of trustees. The committee

has adopted a conservative investment policy consistent with preserving and protecting the permanent financial assets so we can draw on these assets for the benefit of the annual operating and capital expenses. The committee uses a variety of mutual funds to achieve this strategy. The endowment grew by \$250,000 as the result of pledges to the Behold Campaign and by more than \$115,000 from interest, dividends and asset appreciation. Naturally, we hope we can continue to achieve positive investment results in the future.

In 2012, our operating expenses were just under \$100,000 and largely covered from revenues derived from annual gifts, plate offerings and wedding fees. The Chapel's significant outreach efforts are funded from our endowment withdrawals at a rate of approximately 2.0%.

Our expenses this years will be higher due to the search for a new minister and increases in our special events programming which can be funded by slightly higher endowment withdrawals and additional member support.

Minister's Message

Dear Friends:

Summer is around the corner and it will not be long before we experience glad reunions with old friends and opportunities to make new ones once the Chapel doors are open again. This summer promises to be another busy one, filled with programs and events. Among these will be the opportunity to meet and listen to several pastors who have been chosen to visit and preach as candidates to succeed me as the next minister of the Chapel. Your opinions and responses will be welcomed by the Search Committee and the Board as summer progresses.

As has been true for the past 130 years, worship will continue to be the center of our life and mission. In addition to Sunday services, there will be celebrations of Holy Communion every Thursday at 8am beginning June 27 followed by an expanded opportunity for Bible study and discussion. Holy Communion will be celebrated at two Sunday morning services as well.

The Chapel will continue to be the venue for baptisms, weddings and memorial services. In all of these occasions, this will be a summer to remember the blessings of the past, to give thanks for God's grace and to imagine the promises and possibilities of the future. This is my final summer as your minister and pastor and I look forward to serving you in any way I can. It continues to be one of the privileges and great joys of my life that you called me to serve God and all of you in the ministry during the past nine years. May God continue to bless the work of the Chapel and all of you.

Faithfully yours,
Bruce
The Rev. Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon

Do you want to be on our email or mailing list? Has your address or email changed recently?

Please send your updated information to catonisland@hotmail.com and we will update our records.

Our newsletter is on the website too!



MUSICAL NOTES

Mollie Glazer returns for her second year as our Music Director. An accomplished cellist and pianist, she also serves as the Artistic Director of the Nantucket Community Music Center. Expect to hear great music every Sunday!

Last year the Chapel's Board held a retreat graciously hosted by Sheila Daume. One of its purposes was to create a declaration to help us focus on our responsibilities as caretakers of the chapel. The declaration that emerged as a result was : "The Sconset Chapel is an historic sacred place, offering a spiritual home to all, and as such provides an opportunity for all to worship, celebrate, learn, mourn and serve together in the Christian tradition."

A Sconset Prayer

Thank you Lord, for this precious place,
Its Peace and beauty, its defining grace.
For our times together, smiles and tears,
For love that binds us, our hopes and
fears. Please help us grow, embrace and
cherish Our children whom we seek to
nourish In body, soul, in mind and spirit.
This sad world needs their joy within it.
Thank you for the eastern sunrise The

cookouts, beach times, smiling blue
eyes, Brown eyes too—laughter cool
waters, Our handsome sons, and vibrant
daughters. Our chapel, dearest place of
all. We listen there to hear your call For
justice, peace and loving care Of all our
"neighbors"—everywhere.

Amen

C.Saynor

Minister Search Report

The search for a successor to the Rev. Bruce Rigdon as minister is moving apace. A new minister should be chosen by summer's end. The Search Committee, chaired by Robert Longley, has identified a distinguished group of clergy people from several denominations from whom the Board ultimately will choose Bruce's successor.

The Search Committee is composed of discerning and hard-working members of the congregation. Each has played a major role in interviewing, checking references and giving advice and counsel to each other as we make judgments about the candidates.

Members of the congregation responded well to the parish survey we sent at the beginning of the search. Their guidance has been most useful in selecting the kinds of ministerial talents the congregation said they wanted. We are grateful for the support of the Board and the congregation as we work toward a successful conclusion.

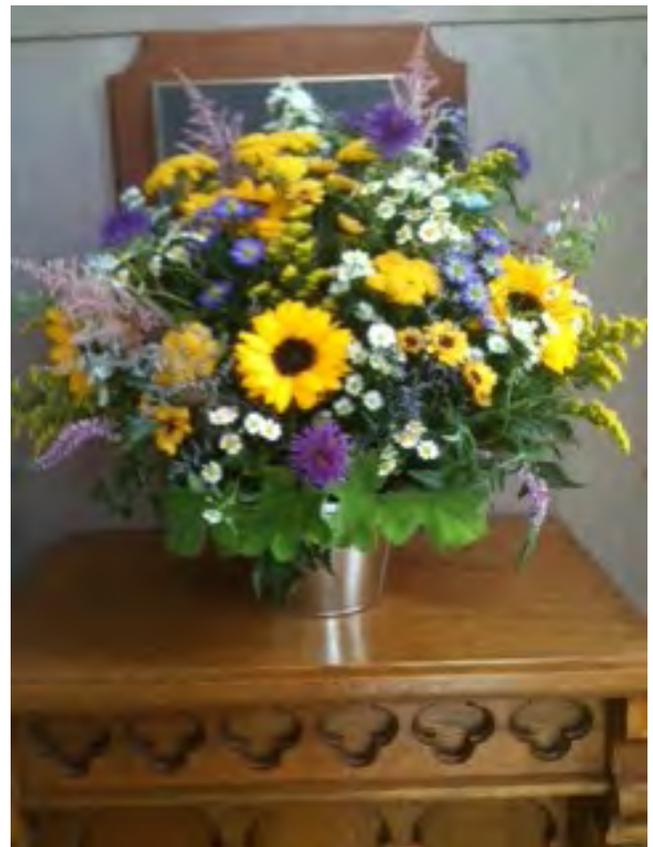


Thank you to all for gave to the Christmas appeal letter. This annual request for gifts helps us to determine how much we can spend in outreach efforts on the island and beyond. Our budget relies heavily on the summer plate collection but an annual gift makes planning for expenses and programs easier.

Columbarium

The two memorial gardens provide a tranquil and beautiful final resting place next to the Chapel. A niche may be requested in writing by an individual, or for a deceased partner, parent or child. Applicants must be 40 years of age, a worshipper at the Chapel and/or a past or present 'Sconset resident (summer or year round). Upon acceptance of a request, the current cost is \$2,500 per person (1/2 niche). An additional fee (currently \$1,000) includes the required urn, plaque and opening/ resealing of the flagstone at the time of internment. An acknowledgement letter of the reserved niche will be sent for the applicant's records.

The new pet columbarium in the west garden is also available with the recommended fee of \$150. With approval from the Chapel, the ashes of a pet may be scattered in this separate garden and a memory log will be kept. Please contact Marianne Felch mhfelch@aol.com or write to her at the Chapel Post Office Box 339, Siasconset, MA 02564.



Meet Mary—Our EFAC sponsored scholar

As part of the Chapel outreach, we are sponsoring the education of a student named Mary Njuguna Wambui studying at the Naivasha Girls School in Kenya under the auspices of the group Education for All Children. In its fourth year of operations, EFAC offers sponsorship for 167 secondary school students and 45 post-secondary students who have grown up in extreme poverty. These students come from all over the country and are carefully selected for their ability to achieve academically and become future leaders in their community and country. Please log onto www.educationforallchildren.org for more information.



Annual Picnic August 11th at 5pm

Please join us for a fun family evening of potluck and fellowship. Drinks, fried chicken and dessert provided but bring your favorite salad or side dish. Look forward to seeing neighbors and enjoy a surprise performance. Sign ups are available after church services.



SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR SUMMER—Save the Date!

Our mission is to increase and coordinate the chapel's presence in the cultural and social life of the village. Join us for a series of hour-long Sunday afternoon concerts and lectures open to all with no admission charges. All events will begin at 5pm.

- July 7: Tom Meehan, Tony and Emmy Award winning writer, is best known as the author of *Annie*, *The Producers* and *Hairspray*. A longtime contributor to *The New Yorker*, he is a Sconset summer resident.
- July 28: 'Sconset Jazz and Friends performance with Mollie Glazer, cello and vocal; Nigel Goss, bass; and Andy Bullington, guitar, among others
- August 4: Dan Yergin, Pulitzer Prize winner and author and well known energy guru, will speak about the revolution in oil and gas extraction and the waning power of the Petro states in the Middle East
- August 25: Celebration honoring the Mary and Bruce Rigdon

Check the chapel website for more information.

Buy a Christmas ornament for \$75 or work the canvas yourself for \$45. Also the special book BEHOLD detailing the history of the Chapel and its needlepoint kneelers is still a perfect gift for family and friends at \$75. Please contact Sheila Daume at P.O. Box 604 Sconset 02564.



Volunteers Needed

The Chapel is open every weekday from 10:30 to 12:30pm for visitors to enjoy the beautiful architecture and needlepoint kneelers. If you are interested in being a docent, please email ISEEMAN45@gmail.com with your preferred day of the week, your length of availability and your phone/ mailing address soon so the schedule for the summer can be set. This is a rewarding way to contribute to the Chapel.

If you are interested in helping with meals, transportation of errands for members in need, please contact Lynn Stroud at rstroud@cinci.rr.com.

Ushers, greeters and readers are also needed for Sunday services. Please email Catherine Saynor at Irishpoet@aol.com

Chapel Weddings

The Chapel is one of the most beautiful settings on the island for a wedding. Information on having a wedding at the Chapel can be found on our website www.SiasconsetUnionChapel.org or by contacting Elaine Boehm at 508-257-9868 to reserve a date. The cost for weddings in the Chapel is \$2,500 with proceeds directed toward building and the garden maintenance.



IN MEMORIAM

Barbara Bartlet	Lewis McCreary
David Bentley	Willard Overlock
Weedie Block	Donald Porter
Trip Cassells	Richard Tevebaugh
William Felch	Dorothy Todd
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Erica Wilson Kagan	

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Calendar of Events

June 2013

- 9 Protestant Services begin
- 27 Prayers for Healing begin
- 30 Catholic Services begin

July 2013

- 4 Games on the Lawn/
Sconset Trust
- 7 Tom Meehan 5pm
- 28 "Sconset Jazz 5pm

August 2013

- 4 Dan Yergin 5pm
- 11 Church Picnic
- 25 Rigdon Celebration
- 29 Last Healing Service

September 2013

- 1 Last Catholic Service
- 15 Last Protestant Service