



# Siasconset Union Chapel

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The Behold Campaign committee has remained busy this winter, continuing to make calls on donors and planning for the summer of 2011. As you may know from the Chapel's website ([www.sconsetchapel.org](http://www.sconsetchapel.org)), we've nearly reached the halfway mark toward our \$3MM goal! We sincerely appreciate the 74 Chapel summer members and friends who have supported the campaign thus far. However, there are still scores of summer members and friends who haven't yet made a commitment to the campaign. As we continue the campaign through 2012, in order to reach our goal, we need everyone's help.

The Behold Campaign's success will mean that the Chapel will have a secure future. We will never again have to worry about maintenance or restoration of our beautiful, historic, 128 year old building. We will never again have to worry about upkeep for the grounds and gardens and landscaping. And we'll know that the Columbarium will be well-maintained for generations to come.

In addition to being the religious focus for Sconset, the Chapel will once again assume its role as a true cultural center for the village, filling weekday evenings with lectures, concerts, recitals, educational activities, and films. And our on-island outreach will grow as we continue to help our year-round island neighbors through financial aid to the food pantry and heating and rental assistance programs.

If you haven't already done so, please consider a gift to the campaign. We will once again be hosting a series of gatherings this summer to further acquaint you with the need for the Behold Campaign and how you can personally support the Chapel's future needs. You can help with cash gifts, pledges, gifts of appreciated stock, bequests, or planned gifts. Our contact information is listed below should you like to discuss the campaign with us.

A gift to the Behold Campaign of Sconset Chapel is one of the best investments you can make in the future of Nantucket, the future of Sconset, and most importantly, the future of Sconset Chapel. We hope to hear from you soon.

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*The Cobbletones serenade the picnickers at the July 2010 picnic in the Chapel garden and the kick-off of the BEHOLD CAMPAIGN*

## **BEHOLD Campaign Exceeds First Year Goal**

The Siasconset Union Chapel's Behold Capital Campaign in its first year exceeded its goals and produced pledges and donations exceeding \$1.4 million, according to Co-Chairmen Laurance Guido and Joe Hale, Jr. This was outstanding support by 74 donors who pledged or donated to provide our historic Chapel with financial security for years to come. Pledges and donations were in cash, securities or estate bequest.

The highlights of the campaign in 2010 were enhanced by the leadership shown by the challenge pledge of \$250,000 made anonymously and was matched by other pledges. The Behold Committee was encouraged by the response the Chapel received in a period of depressed economic conditions.

The Behold Committee thanks the following for their pledges or donations in 2010.

### **CHALLENGE PLEDGE AND AWARD**

Anonymous  
"CPC" Community Preservation  
Committee

### **LEADERSHIP PLEDGES**

Joe and Linda Hale\*  
Matthew and Samantha  
Freemont-Smith  
John and Catherine Saynor\*  
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### **MAJOR PLEDGES**

Randy and Betsy Boe\*  
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Peter O'Brien\*  
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Mark and Lynn Filipski  
Paul and Mary Ann Judy

### **UNITY PLEDGES**

Lesley Blanchard  
Chip and Kathy Cruice  
Ken and Marilyn Fahrman  
Larry and Jane Guido  
Jeff and Patty Haines  
Bill and Julia Hobart  
Jeff and Donna Lockhart\*  
Don and Joan Porter  
Bruce and Mary Rigdon  
Jay and Gretchen Riley  
Bob and Lynn Stroud

### **SUPPORT PLEDGES**

Don and Lou Bixler  
Ray and Helen Dubois  
Cynthia Fowler  
Jim and Dee Haslam  
Mary Heller  
Bob and Nan Longley  
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John and Helen Ong  
Peter and Nancy Rodts  
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### **PRIMARY PLEDGES**

Eileen Allen  
Roger and Weedie Block  
Bill and Maureen Crispin  
Sheila Daume  
Bob and Marianne Felch  
John and June Foster  
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Linda MacKay  
Sconset Civic Association  
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Mark and Amy Tercek  
Mimi Young  
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### **MEMBER PLEDGES**

Eleanor Dickson  
John Herdon  
Ben and Barbara Jesser  
John and Daphne McCarthy  
Barbara Novak  
Caroline O'Connell  
John and Deborah Osborn  
Nancy Pasley  
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Mary Louise and Malcolm Perry  
Phil Raneri  
Fred and Elizabeth Singer  
Edmund and Ruth Swanberg  
Jane Todd  
Joe and Marcia Welch  
Walter and Joanne Wilson  
Exxon

*\*includes bequest*



# President's Report

Dear Members & Friends of the Union Chapel,

The Union Chapel plans to continue the progress made last year. Our newly shingled roof and columbarium expansion of 75 niches plus a pet columbarium are ready for the summer season. I am pleased that much progress has been made on the painting of Amen and the newly installed exit signs in the Chapel. The CPC (Community Preservation Committee) has recently approved a \$175,000 grant for the preservation of the Chapel building. The funding will be used for deferred maintenance including structural, masonry, drainage, & window sash restoration.

An Investment Policy Statement (IPS) was approved by the Board in 2010. The Investment Committee has begun a new program to invest our endowment for maximum preservation of capital and appreciation. With the success of the Behold Campaign, the endowment will continue to grow and its income will give increased support to the Chapel's operations. The operating budget includes fixed expenses as well as outreach to the needs of the greater Nantucket community. Our gifts to the Nantucket Community Foundation have been a significant addition to their Human Services Program.

I want to thank our Board of Trustees, our committees, and volunteers for their unfailing support. Thanks to the Rev Bruce Rigdon for his pastoral leadership and a special thanks to our Behold chairmen and cabinet who have raised over \$1 million (\$1,375,000) towards our \$3 million goal. Their vital work is much appreciated. Thanks also to our Christmas Appeal Committee and the many generous donors who responded.

Let the Union Chapel continue to be a shining light illuminating our path to His Peace.

We ask for the Lord's blessings on our endeavors.

Best Regards,  
*Jeff Lockhart*

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**“Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.”**

## *A Letter From our Minister*

Dear Members and Friends of the Siasconset Union Chapel,

With the welcoming signs of spring, it is time to turn our attention once again to the summer program at the Chapel. We anticipate a very active and rewarding program for everyone who would like to join us.

As always, worship will be at the center of all that we do. Our opening service will take place at 10:30am on Sunday morning, June 12th. Our worship will include special music each Sunday, two celebrations of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, one in July and the other in August, and weekly preaching based on the lectionary readings for the day.

On Thursday mornings at 8:00am everyone is invited to participate in a service of the Eucharist with anointing and prayers for healing. The small informal group that gathers each week to share in this experience has found it a significant time of fellowship, friendship, support and prayer. If there is sufficient interest this summer we may add a Bible study open to everyone following the service.

I also am willing to offer a course or seminar in July and/or August for those who would like to reflect on some aspect of Christian faith, belief and practice. I confess that I have not yet decided what that will be, so if some of you have suggestions, I would be very glad to receive them.

For fun and fellowship this summer we are returning to a practice of many years ago which we are bringing back in response to popular request. We plan to gather some Sunday evenings for a spirited hymn-sing, refreshments and time for informal conversation. This will give us time and space for reunions with old friends and the opportunity to welcome newcomers to our fellowship.

Picnics have now become special features of life at the Chapel. They are special for many reasons including occasions for our two congregations, Roman Catholic and Protestant, to celebrate together and get to know one another better. Expect two spectacular ones this summer, one in July and the other in August. The celebration of the 4th of July will once again include the traditional bike parade and the fun and games for children on the Chapel lawn. We are happy to be of service to all of our neighbors in Sconset and visitors to the island.

On Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm we will continue to feature a variety of outstanding films from the past. Be sure to look over the season's list to find old favorites or to have an opportunity to see a film that you have heard about for years. It has even been known to happen that a star in one or another film actually showed up in the Chapel to meet and talk with members of the audience! There is no charge apart from a free will offering which is used in our community outreach program.

This summer the Chapel also will sponsor some very special musical events which will include both local talent and musicians whom we will bring to the island. The range will extend from classical to jazz, from vocal to instrumental. Stay tuned for further word about these musical events, most of which will be scheduled for late Sunday afternoon performances in the Chapel. We also are working on possibilities for special lectures on topics of current interest. We will continue to cooperate with our friends in On The Isle this summer as they plan to engage our village in making a silent film which will commemorate an important part of Sconset's theatrical history.

We will be seeking ways this summer to increase our already significant funding for urgently important programs for people in need in Nantucket and beyond. This winter was an especially difficult one for many of our island's permanent residents and the Chapel made a difference for many of them through its support of programs for assistance with food, rent, heat and counseling.

I am grateful for the hard work of our Board and for your generous support of the work of the Chapel. I truly look forward to welcoming you back to our village and to the Chapel this summer.

God's blessing be with you.

Blessings,  
*Bruce*

## *Report from the Building Committee*

You may have heard that our application to the Community Preservation Committee, initiated by Jeff Lockhart, was accepted and funds were granted to the Chapel at the town meeting in early April. We are anticipating doing most of the work starting after season this fall.

One of the items to be completed is the restoration and repair of the Vestibule. The only problem is we don't know what it "used to look like". Anyone who has any knowledge, photo's or anything that could help us to know what it looked like we'd love to hear from you. We can make it similar to the rest of the Chapel, but we would love some guidance to try to make it "as it was".

Other than that project, we are preparing for restoration work that will restore and protect the Chapel for many years to come, from a fresh coat of paint – (it was last painted inside for the 100th. anniversary) to refinished floors, replacing walkways and steps, restoration and repair of stained glass windows, - to solving drainage problems and many other items.

## *Columbarium*

The Columbarium consists of two memorial gardens with serpentine walls designed to hold urns. The gardens provide a tranquil and beautiful final resting place next to the Chapel. The landscaping and construction of the east columbarium was begun in 1982. A west garden with walls was created in 1993 and five years later, a major extension added 82 niches. This past fall, the columbarium reached full capacity and David and Ben Champoux again designed and extended the west columbarium creating 75 additional niches. The extension is truly wonderful and blends right into the existing garden.

The Columbarium Chair is Marianne Felch (508-257-4348; mhfelch@aol.com). Applicants must be 40 years of age and be a past or present (summer or year round) resident of 'Sconset or past/present worshiper at the Chapel. The current cost is \$2,500 per person (1/2 niche). The interment fee may not be pre-paid and includes the required urn, plaque and opening & resealing of the niche. At present, this fee is \$1,000.

### *Pet Columbarium and Garden*

A little beyond the west columbarium, in the rear garden area of Amen, there is a new pet columbarium. The ashes of beloved animal companions will be co-mingled around a large carved stone which reads: *All Things Bright and beautiful, All Creatures Great and Small, All things Wise and Wonderful, The Lord God Made Them All*. The fee will be determined by the board.

# Siasconset Union Chapel 2011

## 2011 Chairpersons of Chapel Committees

Behold Campaign	Joe Hale & Larry Guido
Columbarium and Memorial Gardens	Marianne Felch
Chapel Administration	Elaine Boehm
Communications	Pam Merriman & Lynn Filipski
Buildings	Dan Bixler
Grounds	Gretchen Riley
Finance	Chip Cruice
Docents	Gay Dorn
Flowers	Sheila Daume
Hospitality	Sallye Stephensen
Investment	Chip Cruice
Music	Mary Warren Moffett
Outreach	Mimi Young
Preservation	Jeff Lockhart
Special Events	Mary Heller
Worship	Lynn Stroud

### *Come Relive Some 'Sconset History!*

In 1899, when funds were needed to build the Casino for "social, athletic and other entertainment or amusement," a benefit concert was held at the Chapel presenting a variety of talent from the community.

On the evening of Wednesday, July 28, On the Isle will present an evening of entertainment to commemorate that benefit concert: HOW THINGS NEVER CHANGE will involve both children and adults. Directed by Carl Schmehl and Doni Criberi, this marvelous musical recital will be offered free of charge.

### *Wednesday Night Films*

How exciting it is that the summer of 2011 will be the 4th year that Movie Night has taken place. This community activity has been a tremendous success. Each Wednesday night, Bruce Rigdon or Ted Merriman has faithfully set up and run the projector to show a film. Classic old films will continue to be shown from late June until early September. From comedies and mysteries to tragedies and melodramas and silent films, there is bound to be something of interest for everyone. Do plan to attend these popular admission-free showings. Free-will offerings are, however, collected and the monies benefit Island causes. Last year John Shea, an actor who lives in 'Sconset, gave an introduction to the film *Missing*, in which he acted. We hope that he is able to join us again. The following films are tentatively planned:

*Windy City*  
*Murder on the Orient Express*  
*12 Angry Men*

#### **Projectionist for Movie Nights**

Looking for a responsible teen or college student to set up and run the projector on Wednesday Movie Nights. Previous experience not mandatory. Please contact Bruce Rigdon at 508-257-6616 if you are interested in helping out.

## Outreach

Outreach over the years has become one of the most important activities of the Chapel. Although we are a summer congregation and our doors are closed for many months of the year, the presence of the Sconset Chapel remains throughout the year an integral part of the Nantucket community supporting the needs of the human service organizations across the island. Through the congregation's generosity over the years, we have given financial support to island organizations and individuals who are not recipients of funds from the many fundraisers and benefits which take place during the season. Our focus has always been to help those island needs which have little or no other sources of funding.

Over the past 3 years we have taken a new approach to identifying island needs by working with the Community Foundation for Nantucket. We established a \$15,000 Fund with the Foundation and they interviewed and recommended to us programs which applied for specific grants for specific programs involved with health and human services. In 2010 we supported 5 programs, 2 of which we have supported for a number of years, Nantucket Emergency Food Pantry and Nantucket Rental Assistance Program. This year because of unemployment and a rising cost of living on the island the demands on these programs has increased dramatically. We supported A Safe Place's program for Crisis Intervention and Support created to address family problems arising from the stress of difficult times. We also funded Big Brothers and Big Sisters on Nantucket for a program providing one on one mentoring for children in need and STAR (Sports Therapeutic Accessible Recreation) which helps developmentally handicapped children to find a sense of confidence in their own abilities to function in today's world.

From our Outreach Program we provide a discretionary fund to our minister, Bruce Rigdon to be used to meet the needs of many individuals who come to him for help in emergency situations and looking beyond the shores of the island we gave a \$5000 grant to the Pilgrims of Ibillin supporting a school in Israel providing education for Christians, Jews and Muslims peacefully together.

The Chapel is not immune to financial difficulties in today's economy and we have not always been able to reach our \$30,000 goal for Outreach. The outlook on the island this winter has been grim with a larger than usual rise in unemployment, home foreclosures and rapidly rising costs for food, home heating fuel and gasoline. There is another Nantucket that many of us do not see where there are families and individuals who can't find decent affordable housing, where there are people who dread the onset of cold weather because the cost of keeping warm is prohibitive and where choices have to be made between food and medical care and meeting the special needs of children. As Christians we must be prepared to help. The Chapel stands as a helping hand to this Nantucket thanks to the generous support of our summer congregation which we hope and pray will continue in the coming year.

*Mimi Young*

### News at St. Mary's

Last year Fr. Marcel Bouchard was assigned to St. Mary's and was welcomed to preach at the Chapel. Fr. Marcel has made a big impression on the parishioners with his interest and involvement in activities on Nantucket especially with the Faith Formation Program for our children. We all look forward to seeing him and celebrating Mass at the Chapel again this summer.

### Save the Date

Picnics on the Chapel green will take place Sunday, July 10 and Sunday, August 7. We're planning two congregation-wide pitch-in picnics this summer, complete with fried chicken, ice cream and island entertainment. There will also be activities for the children. Please mark your calendars now for our summer picnics on Sunday evening, July 10th and Sunday evening, August 7th.

## Chapel Holiday Appeal – Congregation Response

One of the missions of the Chapel is to care for the needs of the people in our community. To help us do that the 2010 Annual Holiday mailing proved again that we can depend on the very generous congregations we have at the Chapel. The response this year was a record \$25,520 donated by 71 families. We are grateful for all who responded to our appeal this year.

We would like to share with you a note we received with a donation. It read: "This Christmas we made a decision, for the Thirteenth year, to forgo gifts for each other, our family and our friends. We wanted to eliminate what we think is the excess of the holiday season commercialism. This has allowed us to donate our Christmas money to your worthy organization. We selected you because you are committed to supporting local efforts that provide services to clients or our community. Furthermore, we believe that you practice conservation in administration costs; and therefore more money is put directly into community services. Keep up the good work in this ever-growing time of need. We need you in our community". *Mission accomplished!*

### Worship Committee

The new Order of Worship Guide for our Chapel Services (designed by Lynn Stroud) proved to be an invaluable tool for following Sunday services and finding the proper pages for prayers and readings. The Guides are laminated and placed in the Chapel racks with the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal.

As always, if you would like to be a morning greeter, usher or participate in readings during any Sunday, please let Lynn Stroud know your availability at [rstroud@cinci.rr.com](mailto:rstroud@cinci.rr.com). Our first service is June 12th and we conclude summer services on September 18th.

### Chapel Music

On our opening day and for our summer services, we will once again have the leadership of our Musical Director, Diane Lehman, who has a lineup of soloists for our summer Sundays that we will all welcome and enjoy. Among these talented soloists, we look forward to the Charness Family, Mollie Glazer playing the cello and Mary Keller playing the harp. It is this exceptional music that adds so much to our Sunday mornings.

### Chapel Weddings 2011

The desire to have a wedding in our Chapel continues to be strong as we have booked 8 weddings for the 2011 season, according to Elaine Boehm in charge of this activity for **all** wedding use of the Chapel.

Weddings at the Chapel present a memorable event and beautiful setting for the ceremony and also make an important contribution to the Chapel in revenue. Information on having a wedding at the Chapel is easily obtained on our web site: [www.sconsetchapel.org](http://www.sconsetchapel.org) or by contacting Elaine at 508-257-9868 or Box 400, Siasconset, MA 02564.

The cost for weddings in the Chapel will continue at \$2500 this year.

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*Calendar of Events*

Be sure to check our fabulous website that is periodically updated to include popular events that will take place during the summer months.

*From The Sconset Chapel Needlework Committee*

BEHOLD! The Needlepoint Committee has made a charming Christmas ornament featuring the Chapel and its stained glass window. You may still purchase a canvas that can be worked or buy a completed ornament (\$40 and \$75 respectively) if you missed purchasing one last year. Also, the special book BEHOLD detailing the history of the Chapel and its needlepoint kneelers is still the perfect gift for family and friends at \$75. If you are interested, please contact Sheila Daume, Box 604, Sconset, for either the ornament or the book.



*Sunday School Position Open*

In order to help parents of young children attend worship, we are looking for a high school or college student to help organize a Sunday morning program for the late service (approximately 10:30 to noon) for children mostly two to eight years old. Previous experience supervising or babysitting children required and creativity or musical talents a plus. Please contact Bruce Rigdon or Catherine Valez, as below.

*Chapel Hires Data Base Expert*

In this age of technology, the Chapel has moved forward and hired, on a part time basis, an experienced person to manage its data base operation and the related activities of Chapel mailings and web communications. Catherine Valez comes to us from the Nantucket Cottage Hospital Foundation where she managed their 15000 name data base and was part of the Development office. With her background in non-profit fund raising she will also assist in the Behold campaign development program.

Catherine has been on Nantucket full time for the past ten years with summer visits for ten before. Prior experience was on Wall Street as a broker with ShearsonLehmanHutton. Another asset in her new role.

We welcome Catherine to our Chapel community. She can be reached at [catonisland@hotmail.com](mailto:catonisland@hotmail.com).

We would like to know who you are. Kindly complete the information below and leave it with an Usher at a Chapel Service or email it to: [catonisland@hotmail.com](mailto:catonisland@hotmail.com).

Please be sure to also let us know if there are any changes to your contact information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address in Nantucket \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Would you like to receive information about the Chapel in future mailings?*

\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no



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## Service Worship Schedule at the Chapel

Protestant Services will be held on Sundays at 10:30 AM  
from June 12 to September 18, 2011

The Rev. Doctor V. Bruce Rigdon      Phone: 508-257-6616

Eucharist Healing Services – Thursday Mornings at 8:00 AM

Roman Catholic Services will be held at 8:45 AM  
from July 3 to September 4, 2011  
Father Marcel Bouchard