



Church of Our Saviour

The Vision

Jesus, Lover of my soul!

February, 2007

What's love got to do with it?

- Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.—*MLK, jr.*
- That person who lets love have full and proper expression will be enriched by friendship and relationship.—*C. Neil Straight.*
- Love is the river of life in the world.—*Henry Ward Beecher*
- There is a net of love by which you can catch souls.—*Mother Teresa*
- If you love God most, you will love other s more.—*Ray Hamilton*
- We build up the body with nutrition and exercise, but how do we build up the body of Christ? Through fellowship, training, and service in love.—*A. Aronis*

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Lenten Kneeling

By: Fr. Birch Rambo

“I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.”

Because we share the service with our Lutheran brothers and sisters, we don’t often hear these words from the Book of Common Prayer Ash Wednesday service. They remind us that Lent is a time of preparation for the crucifixion of our Lord and for our resurrection with him. They remind us that preparation means work – prayer, fasting, self-denial etc. These words also exhort Christian souls to kneel before the Lord.

In our new church building, we have kneelers all over the place. Some choose to use them on Sunday mornings while some prefer to stand. During Lent, though, whatever our physical position, whatever our bodies and minds might be doing, as we sing in the canticle (*Kyrie Pantokrator*, BCP 90), we bend the knee of our heart. Work-

ing, sleeping, eating, playing – all are to be done with the realization that we have sinned and owe everything to God.

We kneel spiritually by doing all those things the invitation to a holy Lent exhorts us to do. In our prayers, we remember that we are God’s and we kneel before him. In fasting, we remind ourselves that we live only by God’s ongoing providence, and we kneel in thanks. In self-denial, we kneel down to share those good gifts we have with those who have fallen. In meditating on God’s Word, we bend our knees and acknowledge and give thanks for God’s authority, grace, and love. But we don’t kneel to grovel and cower. We kneel in sure and certain hope. “And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, and make my appeal sure of your gracious goodness.” We bend our knees at the name of Christ not to beg for forgiveness, but because in Christ we already have forgiveness.



Schedule of Events

- **Each Sunday**—Holy Eucharist, 8:30 and 11AM. S.S., 9:30AM
- **2/8**—DOK meeting, Daily office prayer group, each at 7PM. At the church.
- **2/10**—Men's breakfast, 8:30AM.
- **2/11**—Fellowship lunch, after services. Omega teen session.
- **2/18**—Bishop's Committee meeting.
- **2/20**—Pancake supper
- **2/22-24**—Diocesan Convention.
- **Each 1st, 3rd Thursday**—Berea College Holy Eucharist and fellowship.
- **Each 2nd, 4th Tuesday**—EKU student gathering.
- **Each Monday evening**—Men's dinner and Bible study, 6:30 and 7PM.
- **Each Tuesday evening**—Women's Bible study

February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Men's study	6 Women's study	7	8 DOK Prayer group	9	10 Men's breakfast
11 Omega	12 Men's study	13 Women's study	14	15	16	17
18 BC meeting	19 Men's study	20 Pancake Supper	21	22 Convention	23 Convention	24 Convention
25	26 Men's study	27 Women's study	28			

Financial Report—By: Laura Melius

OPERATING FUNDS

12/31/2006	Checking Account Balance	\$ 755.51
12/31/2006	Reserves - Hilliard Lyons Investment Account*	\$ 15,808.15
	Sub-total	\$ 16,563.66
	*Includes \$4,656 in pledges for 2006	
12/31/2006	Accounts Payable & Designated Payables 2006	
	Designated - Youth Mission Trip	\$ 223.00
	Designated - Building Fund	\$ -
	Designated - Chairs	\$ -
	Designated - Youth	\$ 386.89
	Designated - Music	\$ 149.00
	Designated - Hispanic Ministry	\$ (249.13)
	Designated - Altar/Flowers	\$ (45.00)
	Episcopal Relief & Development Fund	\$ -
	ECW	\$ 30.00
	Men's Group	\$ 1,150.54
	Memorial Garden	\$ 100.00
	MacSwords Memorial Fund	\$ 1,375.00
	Sub-total	\$ 3,120.30
12/31/2006	Net Operating Fund Balance	\$ 13,443.36
	BUILDING FUND	
12/31/2006	Hilliard Lyons Building Fund Account	\$ 11,065.94
8/1/2005	Endowment Fund at Diocese (Estimate)	\$ 16,000.00
	Building Fund Balance	\$ 27,065.94
	Loan From Diocese	\$(180,000.00)
12/31/2006	Building Fund	\$ (152,934.06)

Serving Schedule for February

Teams	<i>February 4</i>	<i>February 11</i>	<i>February 18</i>	<i>February 25</i>
Acolytes	Angie Rice Louise Locke	Wallace Arthur Louise, Micah	Rusty MacSwords Cheri Tolle	Wallace A. Louise, Micah
Altar Guild	Sally, Louise	Sally, Louise	Marilyn, Pat	Marilyn, Pat
Greeter	Sandra Plant	James A.	Stephan L.	Sandra P.
Lectors	Laura Melius			
Tellers	Charlie, Danny	Louise, Sandra	Don W., Sally	Anna, Charlie
Ushers	James	Don Y.	Sandra	James
Scripture	Psalm 85:7-13	Psalm 1	Psalm 99	Psalm 91:9-15
Readings	Judges 6:11-24a 1 Corin. 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11	Jeremiah 17:5-10 1 Corin. 15:12-20 Luke 6;17-26	Exodus 34:29-35 1 Corin. 12:27-13:13 Luke 9:28-36	Deut. 26:1-11 Romans 10:5-13 Luke 4:1-13

A Note From Your New Jr. Warden

Hello Everyone. Having just been chosen Junior Warden, I don't have a lot to tell you all. But, I did want to let you know that I will be asking you as a congregation and, sometimes, individu-

ally for your help throughout the year. We will probably try to have monthly project days to get things done around the property and buildings. Working together it should be easy. If you

have any comments or concerns, please contact me or any Bishop's Committee member.

Thank you all, Greg Uber

Bits 'N Pieces

The **Daughters of the King** will meet on Thursday, February 8, at 7pm in the Parish House. We need to work on plans for the Assembly we are hosting on March 10.

Donations of food will go to the Salvation Army this month. Please place your gifts in the basket in the narthex.

Wanted for the **Sunday School**: Does anyone have media cart they are no longer using? The Sunday School occasionally uses a video, but right now we have the TV set up on a chair! If you have a cart to donate, please let the office know. Small is good! We'll have someone come pick it up, if you wish.

Men's breakfast will be February 10th 8:30am.

The men will also be hosting a **Pancake Supper** on Shrove Tuesday., February 20th. 5:30-8PM at the Parish Hall. Suggested donation is \$3 per person, \$5 per couple, \$7 per family. Feel free to donate more, as all collected funds will go to Home Meals Delivery, a wonderful community outreach that Our Saviour supports.

The **Diocesan Convention** is February 22-24 at Cumberland Falls. Our representatives for 2007 are Becky Arthur and Tom Bryan, along with Fr. Birch. If interested in attending, please see Fr. Birch. As of this writing, the group will be driving down and back each day. Representatives for the 2008 convention will be chosen at next years' annual meeting.

Workshop on Reducing Hunger and Poverty By: Grace Sears

An opportunity to learn more about reducing hunger and poverty through targeting federal legislation will be available in our area. An upcoming workshop in Lexington, sponsored by Bread for the World and the One Campaign*, will prepare local churches and individuals to participate in Bread for the World's 2007 Offering of Letters Campaign. This campaign focuses on the Farm Bill, which Congress will consider for the first time in five years. Many Farm Bill provisions--federal nutrition programs, farm payments, conservation and rural development programs, and policies that affect farmers in other nations--have an impact on hungry people in the US and abroad. The key materials for organizing letter-writing events will be available, and representatives of Bread for the World and

the One Campaign will be available to explain how the Farm bill can be a tool to reduce hunger and extreme poverty--two of the Millennium Development Goals. The workshop is being held on Saturday, February 17, from 9am to 3pm, at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church on Tates Creek Road in Lexington. It costs \$5, including lunch, payable at the door. You may find out more and register online at <http://ga4.org/Bread/events/lexington/details.tcl>.

*You may have read about Bono's backing for the One Campaign, which has formed alliances among groups working towards the Millennium Development Goals.

Planning for a Hymn Sing – is your favorite there?

The Dentist's Hymn
Crown Him with Many Crowns
 The Weatherman's Hymn
There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
 The Contractor's Hymn
The Church's One Foundation
 The Tailor's Hymn
Holy, Holy, Holy
 The Golfer's Hymn
There Is A Green Hill Far Away
 The Politician's Hymn
Standing on the Promises
 The Optometrist's Hymn
Open My Eyes That I Might See
 The IRS Agent's Hymn
I Surrender All
 The Gossip's Hymn
Pass It On

The Electrician's Hymn
Send The Light
 The Shopper's Hymn
Sweet By and By
 The Realtor's Hymn
I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
 The Massage Therapist's Hymn
He Touched Me
 The Doctor's Hymn
The Great Physician
 And for you motorists
 45 mph ***God Will Take Care of You***
 55 mph ***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah***
 65 mph ***Nearer My God To Thee***
 75 mph ***Nearer Still Nearer***
 85 mph ***This World Is Not My Home***
 95 mph ***Lord, I'm Coming Home***
 Over 100 mph ***Precious Memories***

Annual Meeting Update By: Fr. Birch Rambo

For those who missed the annual meeting, several things of note happened. Anna Haug, Charlie Hoffman, and Don Wiesmann were elected to fill the Bishop's Committee slots previously held by Becky Arthur, Becky Kingsley, and Angie Rice. Becky Arthur and Tom Bryan were elected as deputies to our diocesan convention this February. Most notably, we also adopted new by-laws which will govern the particular workings of Our Saviour in the future. Among other things, the new by-laws establish three standing committees: Evangelism, Outreach, and Worship. Additionally, the Annual Meeting requested the formation of a Policy and Procedure committee to examine how things have been done, record standing procedures, and propose improvements. In the next weeks, the Priest-in-charge will be appointing people to serve on these committees. If you are interested in serving please call the church office.

Welcome to 2007!

This is our inaugural edition of 'The Vision' posted on-line. We hope it is convenient for you as you read our monthly news. We are also trying this format to be more aware of paper usage in the parish office. At present, we are sending 9 hard copies of the newsletter to those who requested it. We would like your feedback. How do you like reading your newsletter on line? If you are reading this from a paper copy and would like to receive it electronically, please get your email address to us.



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***Diocesan Convention—
Feb. 22-24***

Birthdays and Anniversaries In February

Birthdays ~

Emma Barnes—7th

Millie Albert—11th

Kathy Zoldak—11th

Michelle Miller—19th

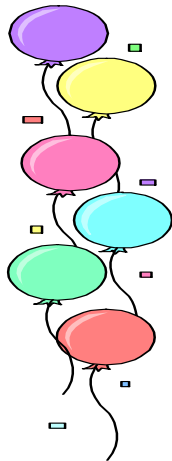
Lucas Rambo—19th

Melissa Kingsley—26th

Anniversaries ~

Philip & Carol Dismukes—14th

Ed & Mary Lou Boss—28th



Lent is almost here!

This year, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 21st. Lent has been observed by Christians since the fourth century. It is a time of reflection, penitence and spiritual renewal before Easter. Lent ends at midnight on Holy Saturday, the night before Easter Sunday. During Lent some Christians focus on giving up something. Is it absolutely necessary for the observation of Lent to give up a delicacy or a bad habit or an hour of sleep in order to pray? Who can truly say? What one does during the Lenten period should be a matter between a Christian and God. Some may decide to do something extra for their spiritual growth. Others may indeed 'give up' something that's a hindrance to the spiritual life. Some may make a special sacrifice of some sort. And some may decide to improve their communication and fellowship with God by having special times of prayer throughout the day, or vow to worship in the church at every service held. What's important is to make Lent a special time, a memorable and meaningful time.