



## Church of Our Saviour

# The Vision

The Season of Lent ~

March, 2007

### Points to Ponder

\*All the kings in history sent their people out to die for them. Jesus was the only king who died for his people.

\*The nearer we come to Christ, the nearer we come together.

\*We don't GO to church, we ARE the church.

\*The only things some people give up for Lent are their New Year's Resolutions.

\*Prayer is a practice that blesses. Worship is a habit that refreshes. Love is a gift that expresses.

\*The straight and narrow path wouldn't be so narrow if more people walked on it.

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## Love makes the world go 'round, but money greases the gears. By: Fr. Birch Rambo

At the end of January we had only \$94 in our checking account. This means that we are having problems with cash flow. Checks must be held and a few bills have been paid late. You can help with this by being sure your pledge is paid in a timely manner. If you are kept from attending, please mail your check to the church office.

Cash flow, unfortunately, is not the only difficulty we are facing. Unlike in previous years with deficit budgets, this year we have already had to dip heavily into savings. As I write, Our Saviour (the church) has a little more than \$6500 (about one month of budgeted income) on hand including both checking and savings. Furthermore, All Saints' in Lexington, my second job, will soon close and the church will no longer have that income stream, which was budgeted at about \$13,500 for the year. At the current rates of giving and spending, Our Saviour will run out of funds in about six months.

So the question is, "What will we do about it this time?" The congregation is already very generous, and I'm sure you are giving what you are able, so this isn't the part where I say, "Dig a little deeper and give 'til it hurts." I am confident that you are doing that al-

ready. Nor is this the part where I suggest trimming fat from the budget. There are simply no more cuts that can be made without cutting staff. The only response we are left with is the same one that has gotten us through in past years – Prayer. Our Saviour (the man, not the church) is the master of 'the cattle of a thousand hills' and he is generous with his gifts. Please continue to pray with me that we may be shown a way forward.

On a more painful note, I cannot afford to stay until the coffers are dry. It takes time to find employment in the church, and clergy are not eligible for unemployment benefits. I have said several times before, I have no desire to leave Our Saviour (the church or the man). Exciting things are happening, and I would dearly love to remain a part of them. It may soon be clear, though, that the best way for me to serve the church is to remove my substantial upkeep from the budget. This Lent, I will be engaged in much prayer and discernment about the future of my family and how I can best serve the church. There is no community I would rather have with me in difficulty and uncertainty than Our Saviour (both man and church). Please keep me in your prayers.

## Bits 'N Pieces

All are invited!

We're so glad to welcome Jim and Leslie Farris to Church of Our Saviour! In a few short months, they have become an important part of the ministries of the Parish.

After getting settled in to their new home, they have scheduled an **Open House/House Blessing** on March 18th from 4-7PM. All are invited to share in their thankfulness. The Farris family lives at 136 Stevie's Way in Berea. Their

phone is #228-0277. To get to their home from Richmond, take 421 just past Pilot Knob Church. Turn left to Pinewoods, then right on to Stevie's Way. They are at the very end of the cul-de-sac. From Berea, take 21 to Big Hill. Turn left on to 421. Pinewoods is on the right after Red Lick Road.

**Bishop Sauls** will be visiting Our Saviour on March 4th. There will be one 10AM service that morning. After that service, we will have our monthly

fellowship pot-luck lunch. We hope that you will plan to stay and visit with the Bishop, as well as your church family.

Weekly **Taize' services** during the Season of Lent will begin at 6PM every Wednesday with a light meal. The service will start at 6:45PM. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you'd like to bring items for the supper. Taize' will be offered each Wednesday in March and on April 4th.

### Financial Report—By: Laura Melius

<b>OPERATING FUNDS</b>		
1/31/207	Checking Account Balance	\$ 93.95
1/31/207	Reserves - Hilliard Lyons Investment Account*	\$ 15,850.53
	Sub-total	<b>\$ 15,944.48</b>
1/31/207	<b>Accounts Payable &amp; Designated Payables 2006</b>	
	Designated - Youth Mission Trip	\$ 223.00
	Designated - Building Fund	\$ 450.00
	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	<b>\$ 3,570.30</b>
1/31/207	<b>Net Operating Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 12,374.18</b>
<b>BUILDING FUND</b>		
1/31/207	Hilliard Lyons Building Fund Account	\$ 13,816.29
8/1/2005	Endowment Fund at Diocese (Estimate)	\$ 16,000.00
	Building Fund Balance	<b>\$ 29,816.29</b>
	Loan From Diocese	<u>\$(180,000.00)</u>
1/31/207	<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$(150,183.71)</b>

# DOK Annual Assembly Meets at Our Saviour

## By: Grace Sears

On Saturday, March 10, the Mary Magdalene Chapter of the Daughters of the King will host the Annual Assembly of all the Daughters in the Lexington Diocese in our new church building. This is the first time we have had adequate space to offer hospitality. The event will begin at 9AM with registration and coffee, and end around 2:00PM. Bishop Sauls will be with us to celebrate the Eucharist, and Fr. Birch will be our keynote speaker. Lunch will be served

in the parish house, with expenses covered by the \$6.00 registration. All women of Our Saviour are welcome to attend.

Among our guests will be several members of the first Roman Catholic Chapter in the Order, at Holy Family Church in Ashland. In December they celebrated their 20th anniversary as a chapter.

*Whether you're a member of the DOK or not, this event is open to all women of Our Saviour. All are invited!*

## More Bits 'N Pieces

The Salvation Army Thrift Store on Main is in desperate need of **donated items**. Household goods, drapes, children's toys and clothes will all be gratefully accepted. You may bring to church and have Melissa Wiesmann take to the Army if that is easier for you!

Don't forget to **sign up to**

**bring soup, bread or vegetables** to our Wednesday services during Lent. There are still MANY open slots. The sign up sheet is in the narthex.

Because of slow sign-ups for **fellowship hour**, the Bishop's Committee has voted to discontinue the present format.

There WILL be fellowship hour

each week, though, with coffee and donuts. If you'd like to help pick up the donuts, see Fr. Birch or call the church office.

Save the date! April 21st is **St. George's Day at the Domain**. This Diocesan event is a fun family day for all.

## Examination of one's heart during Lent

If God sees that heart corroded with the rust of cares, riddled in caverns...by the worms of ambition and greed, then your heart is as God sees it, for God sees things as they are. And one day you will be compelled to see, nay, to feel your heart as God sees it.

-George MacDonald (1824-1905)

### Schedule of Events

- **March 4**—Bishop's Visit and fellowship pot-luck lunch
- **March 8**—DOK Meeting
- **March 10**—DOK area assembly
- **March 17**—Youth sponsored St. Pat's dinner
- **March 18**—Farris open house/ house blessing
- **March 18**—Bishop's Committee meeting
- **Each Monday evening**—Men's dinner and Bible study, 6PM.
- **Each Tuesday evening**—Women's Bible study, 7PM.
- **Each Wednesday evening**—light dinner and Taize' service, 6PM.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 choir rehearsal	2	3
4 Bishop's visit	5 Men's Bible st.	6 Women's Bible study	7 Taize'	8 DOK	9	10 DOK assembly
11	12 Men's B. S.	13 Women's Bible study	14 Taize'	15	16	17 St. Pat's Dinner
18 Farris open house	19 Men's B. S.	20 Women's Bible study	21 Taize'	22	23	24
25	26 Men's B. S.	27 Women's Bible study	28 Taize'	29	30	31

## Youth News—By: Carol Ruppel

The youth group celebrated the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Pig, on Sunday, February 18, by getting together to cook a Chinese meal and watch a Jackie Chan movie. The event was started off with much chopping of vegetables – now we appreciate the cooks in our favorite Chinese restaurants! We chopped spinach and pork to boil for dumplings in our wonton soup, then chopped cabbage and other goodies to wrap up for egg rolls. Finally, we made shrimp and pork fried rice. Most of it turned out well! Finally, we had almond cookies and ice cream while we settled down to watch the movie.

### Chicago Hope 9

The group that will be going to Chicago had their first official meeting last week. Plans are firming up to head to Chicago the second week of June. Please keep this group in your prayers as they prepare spiritually for their trip.

In addition, some Saturday in the spring, we will host a "Rent-a-kid" fundraiser to earn money for the trip. Please keep an eye open for jobs that 2-3 kids could do around your house and yard. We will have people sign up for jobs they'd like done beforehand so we can schedule the kids. Thanks to all our wonderful supporters!

## Serving Schedule for March

	<b>March 4</b>	<b>March 11</b>	<b>March 18</b>	<b>March 25</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Angie Rice Louise	Wallace Arthur Louise, Micah	Rusty M. Cheri Tolle	Wallace A. Louise, Micah
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Angie Rice Becky Kingsley	Becky Arthur Peggy Stanaland	Becky Arthur Peggy Stanaland	Sally Evans Louise Locke
<b>Greeter</b>	Stephan Locke	Sandra Plant	James Anderson	Grace Sears
<b>Lector</b>	Jim Farris	James Anderson	Sandra Plant	Carrie Kline
<b>Tellers</b>	Danny, Louise	Sandra, Greg	Don W., Sally	Anna, Charlie
<b>Usher</b>	Don Yow	Sandra Plant	Carrie Kline	James Anderson
<b>Readings</b>	Psalm 27: 10-18 Gen. 15:1-18 Phil. 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:22-35	Psalm 103:1-11 Exodus 3:1-15 1 Corin. 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	Psalm 34:1-8 Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corin. 5:17-21 Luke 2:41-52	Psalm 126 Isaiah 43:43:16-21 Phil. 3:8-14 Luke 20:9-19

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries In March

### Birthdays—

Ed Boss—8th

Louise Locke—16th

### Anniversaries—

Robert & Marilyn McMillan—18th



## Missing the Obvious

Years ago I was reading a humorous book called *The Gospel Blimp*, about a group of Christians who rent a blimp to fly over their neighborhood and drop tracts telling their neighbors about Jesus. I had just read the part about a tract falling into a neighbor's glass of beer as he sat in the back yard when the bell rang and my landlord came to fix a faulty electrical outlet. This man was a nonstop talker if you gave him the chance, so I disengaged. I kept my nose in the book hoping he wouldn't begin a conversation. Only later, amazed and in disbelief that I could have so blatantly missed the point of the book, did I ask God to forgive me. God had given me an opportunity to get to know my neighbor, and I blew it. He was working around me, and I didn't notice. Have you missed the obvious?

Ronald E. Wilson, from *Stretching the Soul*