

Church of Our Saviour

The Vision

The Season of Lent

March, 2009

Points to Ponder

- God made the world round so that each of us would be equally close to him.
- One of the proofs of the divinity of our gospel is the preaching it has survived.— Woodrow Wilson
- It is not the body's posture, but the heart's attitude, that counts when we pray.
- Some folks in this world spend their whole time hunting after righteousness and can't find time to practice it.
- A valuable friend is one who will tell you what you should be told even if it momentarily offends you.
- You don't necessarily observe the Sabbath because you have on a new suit or hat.

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Diocesan Convention Looks to Future Leadership to Come for the Laity

The theme of the 113th Convention of the Diocese of Lexington was "Uplifting the Laity." Both Bishop Sauls and the convention keynoter, the Rev. Howard Anderson, spoke of the many ways that lay leadership is integral to the church in the 21st century.

The convention was held in Covington, Ky., Feb. 19 – 21. The Episcopal Churches of Northern Kentucky hosted the event. The very moving Opening Eucharist was celebrated at historic Trinity Church in Covington.

In the Bishop's address, he spoke of the need for trained and committed spiritual leaders to emerge from within congregations and communities. He welcomed the idea of professionals in other fields to become ordained and to serve as non-stipendiary priests in small to mid-size churches in the Diocese.

The Rev. Anderson, who is rector of St. Matthew's church in Pacific Palisades, Calif., emphasized that the church is not about the clergy. "It is about the lay people, loving and caring for one another, participating in worship and going out into the community to serve those who need to know of a loving God not bound by the restraints imposed by some of our more fundamentalist brothers and sisters."

The delegation from the Church of Our Saviour brought home a CD containing the Rev. Anderson's powerful sermon at the Opening Eucharist and the Bishop's address the following day. The Bishop's Committee of Our Saviour will schedule a time for the congregation to view both presentations.

The report of the Cathedral Domain emphasized that the camping and spiritual formation offered on that beautiful mountain site is the best thing the Diocese has going for our youth. But there remains a huge financial need to support the maintenance of the property, especially upgrading the swimming pool to meet new federal standards.

There were no contentious resolutions at this year's convention and the budget items and financial reports drew keen interest but no controversy.

Elections for new members to the Diocesan Standing Committee saw the Rev. Donovan Cain, rector, St. Peter's, Paris, elected as the clergy member and Kevin Shoupe of St. Andrew's, Fort Thomas, as the lay member, both for three-year terms.

Balloting for clergy positions on the Executive Council resulted in three-year terms for the Rev. Mark Furlow, rector, Church of the Holy Trinity in Georgetown, and the Rev. Michael Henderson, rector, Church of the Nativity in Maysville.

Members of the laity elected to Executive Council are Barbara Crain, St. Phillip's, Harrodsburg; Steve Gabbard, St. Andrew's, Fort Thomas; Carla Van Meter, Emmanuel, Winchester; and Maggie Miles, St. Alban's, Morehead.

The Deputies who attended the convention to represent the Church of Our Saviour were Becky Arthur and Sandra Plant. When illness in his family prevented Tom Bryan from serving as alternate, Anna Haug served in his stead. — Sandra Plant

Let's Go to St. George's Day at the Domain on April 25th

This year, the Diocesan Spring Festival and St. George's Day is set for April 25 at the Episcopal Domain on a beautiful mountain top near Irvine. This is a wonderful way to spend a day in fellowship with family, friends and fellow Episcopalians – hiking, playing games, eating and worshipping together.

As an added opportunity, families and singles from Our Saviour are all invited to plan ahead, make reservations and spend the

week end at the Domain.

The Diocesan Youth Commission and Youth Rally, grades 7 – 12, will be gathering for the week end at the Domain on Friday, April 24, at 7 p.m. Families and other adults who want to stay for the week end will be checking in on Friday as well.

The schedule for St. George's Day includes all kinds of booths, all kinds of outdoor activities and several great meals, includ-

ing a pig roast. Those who have not worshiped at the Cathedral of St. George the Martyr at the Domain will gain a sense of joy in our faith during the Festive Eucharist at 3:30 p.m.

A flyer with full information is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish House.

Let's Have a Blessed Lent!

Lenten Worship Schedule – Let us fellowship and worship together with our brothers and sisters at St. Thomas Lutheran each Wednesday through April 1st. We are invited to meet at St. Thomas for a simple meal of soup, sandwiches and bread each Wednesday during Lent at 6 pm. At 7 p.m. we will have a service of lessons and hymns appropriate for the Lenten season.

The congregation of St. Thomas will provide the simple meal on March 4 and March 11. And we thank them for the meal they provided on Feb. 25 before our joint Ash Wednesday service.

Members and friends of the Church of Our Saviour will pro-

vide the simple meal on March 18th, 25th, and April 1st. There will not be a meal or combined worship service on April 8th, Holy Week. There is a sign up sheet in the Parish House for those who are willing to make soup, bring sandwiches or bread on the three weeks that Our Saviour will provide the meal.

Various members of both congregations will be called on to read the lessons and assist with the services. We thank Pastor Andy Rutrough and the people of St. Thomas for inviting us to join them in fellowship and worship this Lenten season.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Services – At St. Thomas each week, 7PM, with meal at 6PM. March 6th, 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st

NO Wednesday service on April 8th.

Maundy Thursday service – at Church of Our Saviour, 7PM, April 9th

Good Friday service – at St. Thomas, 7PM, April 10th.

Easter Vigil service – TBA.

Easter day at Our Saviour – One combined worship at 11AM.

DOK News—By: Grace Sears

***DOK Assembly in Danville
The annual Diocesan Assembly of the Daughters of the King will take place on Saturday, March 14, between 9:30 and 2pm at Trinity Episcopal Church in Danville, and at least one carload of Daughters from Our Saviour will be going. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. The keynote speaker is the Rev. Robert Sloan, the rector at Trinity, whose wife is a Daughter. Officers for the next three years will be elected. There is a \$6 charge for lunch. Call or e-mail Grace Sears if you would like a ride or directions.

***In March the Mary Magdalene chapter will hold a meeting for prayer and meditation on Monday, March 9, in the church. On Tuesday, March 24, we will meet in the Parish House for study and discussion of women of the Bible. The chapter recently voted to give \$100 to the Order's Self Denial Fund, which makes grants to mission projects, in honor of the late Joan Millard. Joan was a long time member of Christ Church Cathedral and founding member of their chapter, and later became province president and national president (2000-2003).

***There is a box to receive prayer requests on the table in the narthex that is checked weekly by the Daughters of the King, and those requests are added to their intercessions for a month after the request is received or renewed. If a need for prayer is sudden and urgent, please call Marilyn McMillan at 623-2319, and she will start the prayer chain for the chapter.

Financial Report—By: Laura Melius

OPERATING FUNDS		
1/31/2009	Checking Account Balance	\$ 17,445.59
1/31/2009	Reserves - Hilliard Lyons Investment Account*	\$ 4,505.54
	Sub-total	\$ 21,951.13
1/31/2009	Accounts Payable & Designated Payables 2009	
	Designated - Youth Mission Trip	\$ -
	Designated - Building Fund	\$ 250.00
	Designated - Youth	\$ 386.89
	Designated - Music	\$ 749.00
	Designated - Altar/Flowers	\$ 69.80
	Episcopal Relief & Development Fund	\$ -
	ECW	\$ 520.60
	Men's Group	\$ 1,150.54
	MacSwords Memorial Fund	\$ 139.31
	Reading Camp	\$ -
	UTO	\$ -
	Sub-total	\$ 3,266.14
1/31/2009	Net Operating Fund Balance	\$ 18,684.99
BUILDING FUND		
1/31/2009	Hilliard Lyons Building Fund Account	\$ 17,941.81
6/30/2008	Endowment Fund at Diocese	\$ 16,866.82
	Building Fund Balance	\$ 34,808.63
	Loan From Diocese	(\$180,000.00)
	Interest Accrual Year 1 (10/1/2006)	(\$11,700.00)
	Interest Accrual Year 2 (10/1/2007)	(\$12,460.50)
1/31/2009	Building Fund	\$(169,351.87)

Notes from the BC

By: Leslie Farris

The new Bishop’s Committee had their first meeting on Sunday, February 15th. Don Wiesmann will continue as Sr. Warden. Charles Hoffman will be our new Junior Warden. Leslie Farris will remain Clerk, and Laura Melius as treasurer. The Bishop Committee appointed Phil Dismukes to fill the rest of Doug Chaney’s term. Doug has had several career challenges the past few months, and has not been able to serve as he would have wished.

According to the church by-laws, the committees are reformed each year, giving us each the opportunity to serve as our hearts calls us. BC members serve on committees, but are not the chairs of the committees. Becky Arthur will serve on the Worship Committee, Sandra Plant on Evangelism, Anna Haug on Outreach, Elvin McCormick on Parish Life, and Don Wisemann, Charlie Hoffman and Leslie Farris on Finance.

Financially the church is doing well at this time. We are paying our bills and our interest payments on the mortgage.

In the coming weeks the Bishops Committee will be working on the committee formation, the Parochial Report and a Pastoral Care committee, which will be headed up by Sandra Plant. There are also plans to continue on the yard clean up as well as repairing the swing set, and moving it closer to the parish house. Watch for changes to the road frontage as work will be beginning on the widening of the street. And of course, we continue to work with the Bishop on our search for a new priest.

Thanks be to God!
Leslie Farris, Clerk



Special Note – The Meet Our Members series will continue in April with a special article about Clarence and Eva Miller. If you have a suggestion for members of Our Saviour to be included in this profile series, please contact Sandra Plant at (859) 624-5960.

If you need Pastoral Care.....

If you have a need for pastoral care please be sure to let your church family know of your need. We may not always hear about illness, emergencies or deaths, so please call Senior Warden Don Wiesmann or Sandra Plant, a member of the Bishop’s Committee.

If you are ill or disabled and unable to partake of the Eucharist at church, we have a dedicated group of li-

censed Lay Eucharistic Ministers who can bring the consecrated elements to your home, hospital or health care facility. For situations where ordained clergy is required, we will arrange it. Don Wiesmann can be reached at (859) 626-3413 or by e-mail at donw@protowizard.com. Sandra Plant can be reached at home at (859) 624-5960 or by cell phone at (859) 626-2483 or by e-mail at plantsw@bellsouth.net..

Thank-you to Feb. adult forum leaders

On his last Sunday with us, the Rev. John Dawes commented on the outstanding quality and variety of the Adult Forum topics while he was serving as supply priest at Our Saviour. We have many people to thank for Fr. John's kind remarks. We are most grateful to Jane Rainey for a two-part series on the religion clauses of the U.S. Constitution. And we thank Charlie Hoffman for his presentation on Paul Rusch, a lay Episcopalian from Kentucky whose life made a real impact on positive relations between Japan and the United States.

We also thank Megan Hoffman, who gave us much to think about during her presentation on Science and Religion. And finally, Patrick Tuck returned to help us gain a better understanding of the fugue portions of Brahms's German Requiem. We are blessed indeed with very smart people in our congregation!

Adult Forum Classes for March Lined Up!

Please come and bring a friend to the Adult Forum sessions held every Sunday during March at 9:45 a.m.

During the five Sundays in March, we have another great series of Adult Forum topics. Some of the dates are still being nailed down, but you are sure to enjoy the presentations.

In the religious travel category, both James Anderson and Sandra Plant will show slides and discuss recent travels and the religious aspects of their trips. James Anderson's session will cover his and Emily's recent travels in Scotland, the Scottish involvement in the Protestant Reformation and the role of the Church of Scotland in the history of the Episcopal Church in the United States.

Sandra Plant will show slides of a recent trip to Spain and Gibraltar. She will share her experiences of worshiping in an Anglican chapel in a predominately Roman Catholic country. She will share information about how the Anglican communion coordinates its ministry in this part of the world.

In response to several requests about ways that the Church of Our Saviour can be a help during times of community emergency, such as the recent ice storm, Leslie Farris has arranged for Carol Gilliam with the Preparedness Team for the Madison County Health De-

partment and the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) to speak about personal and church preparedness during emergencies, as well as opportunities for involvement in the MRC.

We will also have our friend, Carolyn Howard, the new director of St. Agnes House, come and speak to us about this significant and historic ministry of the Diocese of Lexington.

On March 15 - The Rev. Stephen Ambury, a United Church of Canada minister from Kingston, Ontario, Canada, will meet with the Adult Forum to discuss the discernment process and how two churches in his care determined their purpose and identity which led to growth and involvement. The Rev. Ambury and our own Patrick Tuck were classmates during their undergraduate study of music at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario. He is godfather to Olivia Tuck and will be visiting the Tucks in Richmond on March 14 -15.

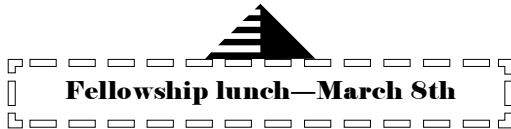
March 29 - Jane Rainey, PhD, returns to talk about Civil Religion as it relates to the U.S. Constitution. This will be the fourth session Jane has done for Adult Forum this year and we all look forward to her presentations that relate current events so well to the foundations of the U.S. Constitution. Jane is our organist, a long-time member of Our Saviour and also professor of political science at Eastern Kentucky University.

*The Adult Forum classes at
Our Saviour are not to be
missed!*

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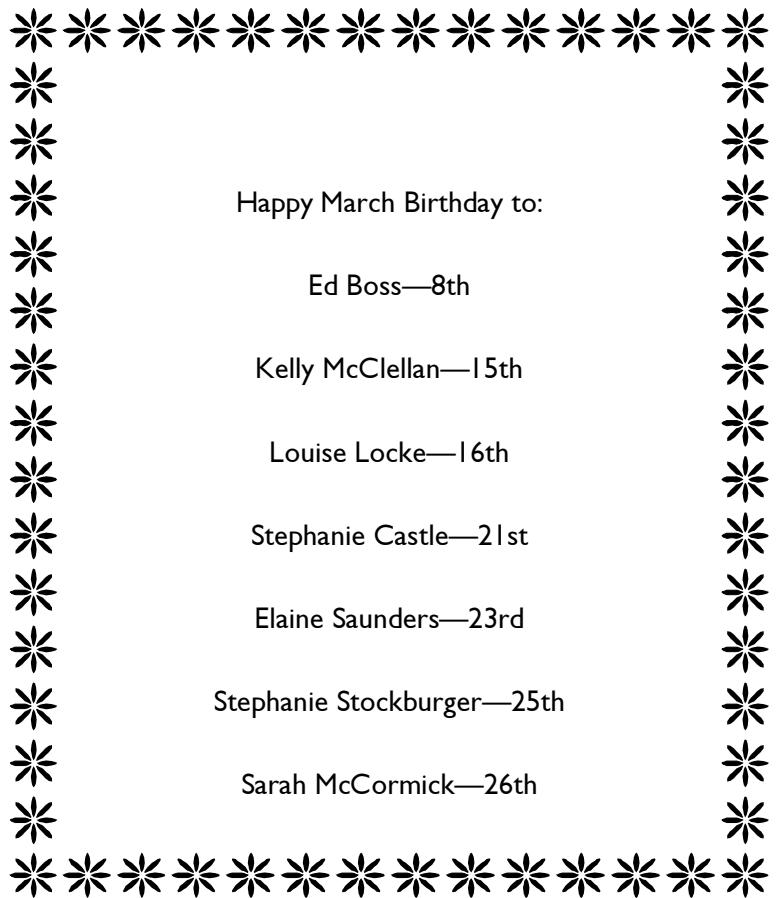
*Robert & Marilyn
McMillan*

18th

Planning Ahead...

Reading Camp Presentation - Please make plans to come to the Adult Forum on Sunday, April 26, at 9:45 a.m. when Benjamin "Bungee" Bynum, director of the Diocesan Reading Camp, will be our guest speaker. The reading camp is a mission of the church designed to help youngsters, especially the disadvantaged, learn to read in a fun and supportive setting. Bungee can tell of many success stories from this program. He is an excellent speaker and has some great photos from reading camp.

Since he is always looking for counselors for the reading camps, this is a good time for our young people to come, meet Bungee and learn more about reading camp. For the adults, there are many ways that we can support this important mission.



Happy March Birthday to:

Ed Boss—8th

Kelly McClellan—15th

Louise Locke—16th

Stephanie Castle—21st

Elaine Saunders—23rd

Stephanie Stockburger—25th

Sarah McCormick—26th

Bits N' Pieces.....

....March news for the Diocese of Lexington can be found at the following link:

http://www.diolex.org/news/final_march_diocesan_news.pdf

....Friday Fellowship will be hosted by the Tuck Family. Date and time TBA!

....Daylight savings time begins March 8th.