



The Vision

Church of Our Saviour

He is Risen!

Clergy Search Update

Our Saviour's Senior and Junior Wardens attended a meeting requested by Bishop Sauls at the Diocese in Lexington on March 23, 2009. Representatives from several other churches also attended the meeting. The topic of discussion was the clergy search for all these churches...six or seven in total. All of these churches have similar budgets to that of Our Saviour.

Bishop Sauls has put together a plan to group these churches into what he calls the "Leadership and Development Network". Instead of each church forming a "search committee" and scanning the US for potential clergy candidates, Bishop Sauls and his staff will visit the seminaries and recruit graduates for us. Each recruit will be offered a package to come to our diocese. They will be shown a portfolio of the churches looking for clergy as well as info about our diocese and Kentucky in general.

Interested recruits will be flown to Lexington to meet all the churches. This will be done all at one time. In other words, if there are 6 churches searching, he will bring at least 6 recruits to visit at one time. Then each will visit each of the churches individually. Each church will give the Bishop a list of their most favorites as well as those who absolutely do not fit. If there is a match, then the church and the candidate will be asked to sign a 3-year commitment.

Each church will get clergy and the clergy get a package that includes many educational opportunities to advance their knowledge as well as the experience of being the "priest in charge" of a congregation. Most graduates have to serve as an associate in a larger church for a few years before they are offered a church of their own. With the present economy, many larger churches are not offering associate positions so this will help find employment to new seminarian graduates as well as help us who are looking for clergy.

Many of the details have yet to be worked out. Bishop Sauls will begin visiting the seminaries after Easter Sunday. He expects to have the first recruit visitation by the end of May. Several of the seminaries have expressed a huge interest in this new approach. We already know that several dioceses are releasing seminary graduates because they can not place them, so now is the time to act.

This will save the Church of Our Saviour much time and expense in searching on our own. With God's blessing we may have a full time clergy person soon.

Yours in Christ,

Don Wiesmann

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Points to Ponder

One can sell Christ as Judas did, but one cannot buy him.

No pain, no palm...no thorns, no throne...no gall, nor glory...no cross, no crown.

Look toward the sun and the shadow will fall behind you.

Adult Forum Leader Says Clergy and Congregation Must Work Together to be Successful

The Adult Forum session on March 15 on the subject of discernment generated excitement and many good ideas from the attendees. Discernment in plain language simply means answering a few questions about ourselves, such as

- What is the Church of Our Saviour?
- What do we want it to be?
- How can we work together as a community of faith to minister to ourselves and to others?

We are grateful to the Rev. Stephen Ambury, a minister in the United Church of Canada, for leading the session. And we appreciate our own Patrick Tuck for inviting his friend, the Rev. Ambury, to share experiences with the discernment process in the two churches in his charge in xxxxxx. Patrick's excellent summary of the session is available on the table in the Narthex for those who wish to know more.

One of the highlights was a question and answer discussion with the purpose of discerning our church's needs and the needs of our incoming clergy.

In answer to the question of why do we want our church to grow, the participants gave the following answers:

- We want to share the message of the Gospel
- As individuals and as a congregation, we want to grow spiritually.
- We want to put our faith into action.
- We want to promote thought and lively discussion.
- We want to explore how our faith forms our lives.
- We want more members who will contribute financially to the life and work of our church.
- We want more willing hands, more volunteers, to do the work we are called to do.

The Rev. Ambury said that his congregations are attributing their growth to their minister, but he attributes their growth to cooperation between him and the congregations. "I believe that the minister and the congregation must share goals and involvement in growing the church. If not, neither the church nor the clergy can be successful," he said.

Report from the Bishop's Committee Meeting of March 22

The Bishop's Committee has been busy this past month.

With property and grounds: Charlie Hoffman, our junior warden, extends his thanks to Sandra Plant and Phil Dismukes for their work with Adams Home Builders on repairs to the church property. The fascia on the Sanctuary building was replaced, the sign was moved and the swing set repaired and moved to a new location behind the Parish House. Don Wiesmann, senior warden will be heading up a crew to work on repair and support of the ceiling in the Parish House.

On the Search: Several BC members attended a meeting regarding the proposed Training and Development Consortium. At the first meeting, held in Corbin, Bishop Sauls outlined his plan for bringing new clergy into the Diocese. At present there are 11 small churches in the Diocese of Lexington and 6 of them are in search. The program to attract newly ordained clergy to the Diocese includes recruitment at the seminaries and additional training in church development (you can read more about Bishop Sauls' recruitment plan in the March edition of *The Advocate*).

Church Funds: The Bishop Committee's review of financial reports shows that while we are able to pay our bills, we need to husband our resources carefully. Giving was down slightly in February, which was probably in part due to the bad weather. We do need to build a reserve fund for a future clergy's compensation package as well as moving and recruitment costs.

Church Committees: It's exciting to see everyone working together! Several committees have had their first meetings of the new term and more will be meeting this next month. The Bishop's Committee is looking forward to regular reports from the committees and celebrating the work of our members.

Did you know that you can speak to any member of the Bishop's Committee about your ideas, thoughts or concerns for Our Saviour? This year's members are: Don Wiesmann, senior warden, Charlie Hoffman, junior warden, Becky Arthur, Tom Bryant, Phil Dismukes, Anna Haug, Leslie Farris, Elvin McCormick and Sandra Plant.

--Leslie Farris, Clerk

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



*Come to St. George's Day
On April 25th.*

A flyer with full information is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish House. Or see the current issue of the Advocate, the Diocesan newsletter, or check it out on line at www.diolex.net.

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 licensed 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.

Adult Forum Schedule for April

There will be no Adult Forum on Palm Sunday, April 5, or Easter Sunday, April 12.

April 19, 9:45 a.m. – “Crisis Communication for the Church Family During a Natural Disaster”

Several people in the congregation have requested this topic, and we are fortunate that our own Leslie Farris, who represents the Madison County Health Department on the Kentucky Outreach and Information network, has excellent resource material to share. She will provide information on how we as a church community can communicate and support one another during an event such as the recent ice storm. Leslie will also share information about the Medical Reserve Corps and their work in communi-

ties during a time of crisis.

April 26, 9:45 a.m. - “The Diocesan Reading Camp Ministry”

There are still many youngsters in the Diocese who struggle with basic reading skills. On this Sunday, Benjamin “Bungee” Bynum, director of the Reading Camp ministry, will be with us to tell how the reading camp has helped hundreds of youngsters learn reading skills that make positive changes in their lives. This is a great opportunity for us to learn how we can support this important ministry. It is also an excellent time for our young people to meet and talk with Bungee about working as a counselor at one or more of the summer reading camps.

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Easter Sunday—April 12th

Serving Madison County



April Birthdays

Michelle Gore—2nd

Martie Conaway—8th

Corinne Ellis—13th

Everett Parker-Noblitt—18th

Leslie Farris—25th

Amy McCormick—30th

April Anniversaries

Art & Martie Conaway—6th

Bits 'N Pieces

May 15 – 17 is the Women's Weekend at the Cathedral Domain. See Sally Evans or Becky Arthur for more details.

The Diocesan website is: www.diolex.org It is updated regularly. Check it out!

We thank The Reverend Cliff Pike, who has been our guest celebrant for the past weeks. The Rev. Terry Taylor will be with us on Easter Sunday.

The April fellowship night will be on the 25th at the Gore home, 7PM. They live at 101 Walnut Circle in Hickory Hills Subdivision. #626-1374
Signed up to host in the coming months: The Hoffman's (May), Sandra Plant (June) and Pat Harris (July).

We are in need of volunteers to assist with Home Meals delivery. If available, call the church office right away. Open dates are: April 9, 10, April 30, May 1, May 21 and 22.

We extend our sympathies to Pr. Andy Rutrough and his family at the recent loss of his father, The Rev. Bill Rutrough. Our prayers are with him, Thyne, the children and Andy's mother and siblings during this time.

The Daughters of the King will have a prayer meeting on April 20th, Monday, 7PM.

Men's Breakfast is THIS Saturday, April 4th, 8:30AM