



# The Vision

## Episcopal Outreach

On behalf of the Bishop's Committee of the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour we are very pleased to announce that our church will be embarking on a new and profound outreach program. Our Saviour will be hosting the Migrants' Headstart Daycare in our parish house. The Headstart program is for the children of migrant agricultural workers in the Madison County area. This is an opportunity for us to reach out in the spirit of Christ to those with the least in our community (Matt. 25:40). This opportunity came to us because Migrant Headstart has a similar partnership with two other Episcopal churches in our diocese and our local Migrant Headstart was looking to move from their current facility at Telford YMCA.

Here are some details. The Headstart program receives Fed-

eral money which will provide around \$50,000.00 in renovations to our house including a large playground with fence. The program will pay 75% of the utilities for the house. Headstart will have the use of the house from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday. The rent will be one dollar each year. The church and equipment of the program when the daycare is not in operation. The program runs from April through December. Headstart will put up our tables for the weekend so we will still be able to hold coffee hour on Sunday in the big room. The kitchen will get some repairs, but will still be totally accessible to us during the week. Men's Bible Study will still be able to use the house as well as other after 6:00 pm activities such as the Girl Scouts. We will move

Richard's office to one of the rooms in the new church building. The inside of the house will look different than it does now. It may take some adjustment on our part, but we are reaching out to those in need in the spirit of Christ.

The Headstart program is a fully funded, professional organization. However, if individuals in our congregation desire, they can volunteer to help in the program with such activities as reading to the children, helping with crafts as well as other opportunities. Our Saviour has been given an incredible opportunity for outreach which we are now ready to tackle in the spirit of Christ.

Don Wiesmann, Sr. Warden and Charlie Hoffman, Jr. Warden

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### Points to Ponder

- *Worriers spend a lot of time shoveling smoke.*
- *Gentleness helps us make a point without making an enemy.*
- *Cooperation is spelled with two letters: we.*
- *Character is much easier kept than recovered.*

# The Network for Pastoral Leadership and Congregational Development—An Overview

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By now, you've no doubt heard about the Network for Pastoral Leadership and Congregational Development ("the Network"), and you may have read the article in *The Advocate*. However, you may still be wondering exactly who is involved, what is being asked of those of us at Our Saviour, and what the program really entails. Below are more details that answer these general questions.

There are currently five Network clergy in the Diocese of Lexington:

Richard Burden (CDSP, Dio of LA) is serving as clergy in charge at Our Saviour, Madison County.

Cindy Duffus (Sewanee, Dio of Southern Va) is serving as clergy in charge at Ascension, Mount Sterling.

Bruce Swinehart (CDSP, Dio of Colorado) is serving as clergy in charge at St. Patrick's, Sommerset.

Tim Fleck (Bexley, Dio of Indianapolis) is serving as clergy in charge at St. Martha's, Lexington.

Bridget Coffey (GTS, Dio of Easton) is serving as curate at Christ Cathedral and as campus minister at UK and Transylvania.

The Network clergy are supervised and supported in their roles individually and in groups at both the parish and diocesan levels. Each of these five have clergy mentors (Richard's mentor is the

Rev. Dana Hardwick) whom they meet with at least once a month for individual guidance. These mentors are all active or retired priests in the diocese. In addition, the Network clergy all meet together once a month in Lexington with Bishop Sauls, Sam McDonald (Canon to the Ordinary), and Dr. Kay Collier McLaughlin for group supervision and support.

In the congregations, support and supervision takes the form of the Ministry Support Team. This group of individuals gather monthly to reflect on the mutual responsibilities, experiences, and practices of the clergyperson and the parish. At Our Saviour this group consists of Richard, Anna Haug, Charlie Hoffman, Danny Justice, Stephan Locke, and Sandra Plant.

Network clergy and the congregations they serve receive ongoing education in pastoral leadership and congregational development. Pastoral leadership webinars take place once a month and cover issues of concern to new clergy; the first webinar, "Don't Forget to Pray," was led by former Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold. The Congregational Development webinars, required for clergy and the wardens of the congregation, are designed to provide training and support for all congregational leaders. Anyone who is interested is invited

to join these webinars, which generally take place the third Thursday of the month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The program has been designed so that clergy are not taken out of the parish for significant amounts of time; the only meeting that physically takes place in Lexington is the monthly supervisory session with the bishop. However, in the summer there will be a practicum in Christian Education that the clergy will be required to attend.

In addition to these groups, there is a Network Council that meets quarterly to help oversee the whole network process. The Council is comprised of lay leaders rather than clergy, assuring that the work of the network is directed by the congregations rather than the clergy involved.

As you can see the program is quite comprehensive, and tremendously valuable for developing healthy congregations and clergy. If you have any specific questions about the Network, please don't hesitate to talk to Richard, Don Wiesmann, or Charlie Hoffman.

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By: The Rev. Richard Burden

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## Bits 'N Pieces

**Pastoral Care Reminders - Hospital Visitation:** If you, or a member of the parish that you know, is going into the hospital, please notify Richard so he can arrange to visit.

**Homebound Visitation:** If you, or a member of the parish that you know, are homebound (long-term or short-term) and would like a visit or Communion brought to them, please contact

the Pastoral Care Team: Sandra Plant, 624-5960.

### Daughters of the King

This year we will be meeting on the first Monday of every month. Our first meeting will be on October 5 at 7 p.m. in the church. Louise Locke will be leading the beginning of our work through the Psalms.

### Feast of St. Francis

Evening Prayer & blessing of the animals, 4:00 p.m. Sunday Oct. 4. All God's creatures are welcome.

**Volunteers Needed!** Volunteers are needed for the soup kitchen at the Salvation Army. Call #623-9584 for more info.

# Financial Report

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By: Laura Melius

	<b>OPERATING FUNDS</b>	
8/31/2009	Checking Account Balance	\$ 19,799.74
8/31/2009	Reserves - Hilliard Lyons Investment Account*	<u>\$ 4,552.62</u>
	Sub-total	<b>24,352.36</b>
8/31/2009	<b>Accounts Payable &amp; Designated Payables 2009</b>	
	Designated - Youth Mission Trip	\$ -
	Designated - Building Fund	\$ 350.00
	Designated - Youth	\$ 386.89
	Designated - Music	\$ 749.00
	Designated - Deacon's Discretionary	\$ 157.00
	Canterbury Fund	\$ 100.00
	Episcopal Relief & Development Fund	\$ -
	ECW	\$ 520.60
	Men's Group	\$ 1,150.54
	MacSwords Memorial Fund	\$ 139.31
	McMillan Memorials	\$ 120.00
	Reading Camp	\$ -
	UTO	\$ -
	Sub-total	<u><b>\$ 3,673.34</b></u>
8/31/2009	<b>Net Operating Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 20,679.02</b>
	<b>BUILDING FUND</b>	
8/31/2009	Hilliard Lyons Building Fund Account	\$ 18,193.01
12/31/2008	Endowment Fund at Diocese - Dodge & Cox	<u>\$ 12,175.45</u>
	Building Fund Balance	<b>\$ 30,368.46</b>
12/31/2008	Principal Loan Amount from Diocese	<u>(184,691.61)</u>
<b>8/31/2009</b>	<b>Building Fund Debt</b>	<b>(154,323.15)</b>
8/31/2009	<b>Building Fund Interest to be Paid:</b>	
	2009 Interest only payments @ 2.5% remaining	(\$1,923.85)
	2010 Interest only payments @ 2.5%	(4,617.24)
	2011 Interest only payments @ 2.5%	(4,617.24)

## Vicar's Report—By: The Rev. Richard Burden

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)

With these words from Isaiah, Jesus announced his own ministry and proclaimed, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." So this passage from Isaiah, quoted in Luke, might be considered Jesus' mission statement. It's worth considering how closely our mission statement matches this one that Jesus announces his ministry with. I've been reflecting on this passage quite a bit in the past month as "the Network" got up and running and the plans for our cooperation with Migrant Headstart came into place.

The first webinar in congregational development that our participation in "the Network" made available to us introduced basic concepts of congregational development and asked participants to consider such questions as: How does our congregation do in following the way of the Cross? How well does our congregation do in speaking on behalf of God to our community? How do we do in reflecting authentic discipleship as seen in the life of Jesus? In the coming months the Bishop's Committee will be reflecting on these questions, but I would encourage all of us to begin having conversations around these questions, and sharing with each other, and me, what we are doing particularly well.

Entering into a cooperative agreement with Migrant Head Start (which you can read more about on page one) will enable us to live more fully into our calling to bring good news to the poor. There is much work to be done, and many changes on the way, but after witnessing the careful and prayerful work the Bishop's Committee has done thus far in response to this wonderful ministry opportunity, I know the parish is in good hands. The Bishop's Committee has my full support in this.

A number of other ministries are starting anew this fall, both inside and outside the parish. Sandra Plant continues to organize a rich set of forums with information about local ministries we might participate in as well as Christian formation opportunities for adults; all are invited to attend at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. With the help of Amy McCormick, Barb Griec, Grace Sears, and Angie Rice, we have reinvigorated the Godly Play program of Christian formation for our children, enabling them to find their own paths into the rich stories of our faith. Barb Griec is taking this wonderful program out into the community by assembling a team to tell Godly Play stories to Alzheimer's patients at Morning Pointe; please see her if you are interested in joining her (no previous experience necessary). October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and we will be hearing from Michelle Gore at a Sunday morning adult forum about how we can support the Hope's Wings shelter in Richmond. (Con't on page 5)

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These and other ministries are vital components of our parish and form the backbone of our call to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in Madison County. I have tasked the Outreach Committee (Louise Locke, Leslie Ferris, Michelle Gore, Carrie Kline, and Anna Haug) with collecting information on all the ministries we currently participate in so that we can celebrate and support all our ministries. You will be hearing more from them about their work in the near future, but feel

free to discuss any ministry you are involved in with them at any time. Taking stock of our involvements will help us to see how we fulfill the scripture in ways small and large in the world around us.

Yours for the  
Reign of God,  
Richard



*As fall comes, many opportunities come our way for service.*

## October Adult Forum Focuses on Outreach to Our Neighbors

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How do we live into our Baptismal covenant to “seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?” During the month of October, the Adult Forum will take a look at several of our neighbors who could benefit greatly from our love and support.

On October 4, Sandra Plant will lead a session on “Who is My Neighbor?” Jesus answered this question several times in the Gospels and his timeless words will form the basis of the discussion.

On October 11, Johnny Thompson of the Christian Appalachian Project will share with us how the CAP helps people in our region through a variety of programs aimed at lessening the burdens of poverty. You will

learn more about how CAP, with help from volunteers, works with children and families, the elderly and people with disabilities.

On October 18, our speaker will tell of the work of Hope’s Wings, a domestic violence shelter in Richmond, which needs our support in many ways. Since October is domestic violence month and because of several recent high profile incidents of domestic violence, this session is especially appropriate. The speaker will be Robyn Moreland, director of the facility, or a key member of the professional staff at Hope’s Wings.

On October 25, the Rev. Richard Burden will lead us in an overview of the Beatitudes (see Matthew 5: 1- 12). While in seminary, Richard was a convener of

the Beatitude Society, which seeks to raise the consciousness of seminarians and others about living a life of compassion, justice and peace according to the message given by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. Richard’s discussion will examine the link between the Beatitudes and our new migrant worker ministry.

On November 8, Christina Wirth, director of the Migrant Headstart program, will be with us to speak and to answer questions about this outreach to children of migrant farm workers in Madison County that is soon to be sponsored by this congregation.

Submitted by: Sandra Plant



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*Serving all of Madison County*

**Men's breakfast—  
Oct. 10th, 8:30AM**

*Birthdays and Anniversaries in October*

*Birthdays:*

*Tom Bryan—2nd*

*Anna Gore—11th*

*Ranay Chula—12th*

*Caleb McClellan 15th*

*Natalie Miller—15th*

*Jane Rainey—23rd*

*Carrie Kline—28th*

*Anniversaries:*

*Clarence & Eva Miller—5th*

*Jim & Leslie Farris—23rd*

## News of the People

Please pray for **Charlie**.....The Dartmouth College Outing Club is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. As part of the celebration the Club will attempt to hike the 2000+ mile Appalachian Trail in one day. This feat has never been performed by a college Outing Club. On October 10, I will be a part of the attempt by hiking from Clingman's Dome to Newfound Gap in the Smokeys. I chose this section of the trail in part because my parent's ashes are spread nearby. By: Charlie Hoffman

One of our own, **Tom Bryan**, has moved to Frankfort! We are thankful for his new beginning, but grateful that we will still see him most

weekends for worship. Tom's new address is : 129 Clearwater Drive Frankfort, KY 40601

The men's **Bible study and meal** meets every Monday evening (unless noted otherwise) at the Parish house. They are currently studying the Gospel of Luke. Danny continues to whip up delicious meals for the men each week. The group averages 9 or more in attendance, but there's always room for more. The dinner bell rings at 6:30PM!

The Diocese Of Lexington **Youth Halloween party** is on Saturday, October 31 at the Cathedral Do-

main. All teens are encouraged to attend. See Richard for registration forms and a goulish good time!

The **DOK** will meet on the first Monday of each month. Their next meeting is October 5th, 7PM. Louise will be leading the study.

**Bungee Bynum, Executive Director of Reading Camp is seeking a parish liaison in each parish.** This person would receive periodic emails from Bungee about Reading Camp, and would be asked to make occasional announcements and write brief articles for the Vision, and generally facilitate the relationship between Reading Camp and Our Saviour. Anyone who is interested please contact Richard.