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CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

The Vision

From Community to Community

Every Sunday we end the Eucharistic prayer with either of these sets of closing words: "Send us into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you..." or "And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do..." (Book of Common Prayer, pp. 365-66).

Both these ending prayers make clear that our being fed in the Eucharist is not for our personal inspiration and spiritual strengthening only, but is also meant to nourish us for God's work in the world. We take what we have received in the faith community—forgiveness, healing, faith in God's great love for all, and his only Son's model of justice for the prisoner, the captive, the widow, the orphan, and the poor—into the wider community.

How do you take your faith community into your local community? Do you pray for others? Do you work as a volunteer in service? Do you support organizations that serve "the least of these"? Do you act individually or as part of a group with a single purpose? How does the Church of Our Saviour empower you for your personal ministry? How can the Church of Our Saviour better support you in your ministry?

As this community of faith gears up for the busy autumn program, can do-

ing ministry become a theme of your communal life? Doing campus ministry has been named as one of these communal ministries. Remember that young people are not the church of tomorrow, they are the church today, and we can make room for them. They can greatly enhance the life of this parish, as you enhance their lives away from home. I hope you do all you can to support the leaders of the ECU ministry, with food, donations, and most important, your time with young adults.

There are many worthy groups in Richmond and Madison County who need the support of faith communities. Experts of the small church say that small congregations can focus on one or two very good ministries, making them well known to the larger community in which they live, and drawing others who want to be part of their efforts. In other words, bringing your faith community to your local community in one or two focused ministries is spreading the gospel as Christ has taught us, ultimately bringing others to your door.

I bring to my priesthood over thirty years as a health policy professional, first in long-term care policy development, then teaching and research, and now as a priest-board member for a local faith-based organization. It is a natural progression for me to do this work. We each have gifts that God is calling us to bring into the world, beyond the work or profession we have, as we practice our faith. Where is God calling you? How can you link your call with your parish?

By: The Rev. Dr. Joyce Beaulieu
Joyce served as supply priest during July and August and will serve again for two weeks during September. We thank Joyce for her service and for her thoughtful contribution to the Vision.

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Christian Education Program Begins September 7 with Rally Day

A new year of Christian Education begins Sunday morning, Sept. 7, at Church of Our Saviour featuring exciting classes for all from 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. The Rally Day activities begin immediately after the 11 a.m. service with a magic show and a picnic style meal of grilled hot dogs and home made ice cream.

Rally Day Activities

The magic show for children will be performed by Our Saviour's own magic man, Clarence Miller. The Parish Life committee chaired by Pat Harris and Melissa Wiesmann is coordinating the picnic potluck meal. They request that attendees bring baked beans, chips, desserts and anything else that tastes good at a picnic.

Adult Forum Sessions

The Adult Forum this year features a series of short courses taught by several of the talented resource people in our own congregation and a few others. For those who have a question about faith, religion, the Episcopal Church or just about anything, the Rev. Dr. Joyce Beaulieu, our supply priest, will be answering any and all questions in two sessions called, "Priest on the Hot Seat" on Sept. 14 and 21. Index cards will be provided for those who would rather write their question instead of ask it in front of the group. The Rev. Joyce found this format to be quite effective and lots of fun during her tenure as a chaplain at the Domain this summer.

The schedule includes a two-week study of the New Testament book of James led by Sandra Plant and the Old Testament book of Daniel led by James Anderson. Later in the year, Sandra will lead several sessions on the beauty and the use of the Book of Common Prayer. Sandra will begin the study of James on Sunday, Sept. 7th.

A two-week session on the Christian and the Environment will be led by Elaine Saunders. Elaine's class is set for October and coincides with the feast day of St. Francis, who is patron saint of the Environment. Megan Hoffman will lead us in a discussion of Science and Religion and this will be presented close to Evolution Sunday in February

Several critical social issues will be covered by Max Smith and Michelle Gore. Max will lead a session on "Caring for Aging Parents." This four-part series, set for April, will bring in resource people including: week 1, Jeff Howe, Sanders Brown Center on Aging, "Identifying the Stages"; week 2 - Gill Shew, Executive Director of McCready Manor "What is available in Madison County for our Seniors"; Week 3- Dr. Paul Hester, nutritional benefits for the seniors "Keeping our bodies a Temple"; Week 4- Cyndi Hall, "The Changes in Spirituality Needs as We Age".

Michelle's topic is "Dealing with Family Violence." After years in the field of social work Michelle has seen family violence as an issue that touches all economic and social groups. She will lead two sessions in November.

The Adult Forum will also hear from several members of the congregation who have made a pilgrimage or have traveled on a mission trip. Anna Haug is scheduled to speak and show slides from the Diocesan mission to Haiti last February. Other topics include an Advent program on church music as we anticipate the birth of Christ. A full schedule will be published soon.

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High School Class

Our High School Class will be coordinated by Tom Bryan with a two-fold purpose of hearing the word of God while learning to praise Him in music and song. With help from the musicians at Our Saviour, the teens will be learning the basics of music while learning to play basic chords on the guitar. Tom will open each class with a discussion of some part of the Lectionary for the day. Then he will associate the message with a praise song, which the teens will begin learning to play on guitars and other stringed instruments. Tom says that any young person with an interest is invited to this class. Who knows, this innovative class might very well lead to Our Saviour having its own Praise Band!

Youth Classes

Sunday School for the younger set is coordinated by Grace Sears and Melissa Wiesmann with the additions this year of Clarence Miller and Amy McCormick. All age groups will use the Episcopal Children's Curriculum published by Morehouse. Members of the younger set will enjoy music and art while learning more about faith and the Holy Scriptures. This year, even the toddlers will have their own Sunday School class, which will free some of the parents to attend the Adult Forum if they wish.

Meet our New Member—Emily Shearer

(This is the first of a series that will focus on new members at Our Saviour.

Also, watch for features on long-time members of Our Saviour.)

Our newest member, Emily Shearer, a native of Winchester, KY, found her way to the Episcopal Church by reading the Mitford Series. For a young woman with both a B.A. and an M.A. in English from Eastern Kentucky University, she has, of course, read many great books and classics. But somehow the story of the gentle mountain priest and his folksy congregation spoke to Emily.

“At the same time I was reading about Father Tim in the Mitford series, I was not happy with the church I was attending. I decided to visit Emmanuel Church in Winchester to see what it was like,” Emily said. She felt at home in the Episcopal Church and was confirmed at Emmanuel in 2005.

Many of you have seen Emily at Our Saviour during this past year as she was completing her graduate program. After being hired as a part-time faculty member at ECU this summer, Emily decided to add her name to the church roll. And just as quickly, she teamed with Elaine Saunders to develop a ministry to the Episcopal students at ECU. Their goal is to have a monthly gathering with the students for worship, a program and a meal. Emily plays guitar, so she hopes to engage the students with music as well. Emily and Elaine are sure to be calling on the rest of us to help with food, transportation and finan-

cial support.

Emily, who was home schooled by her mother, Jennifer, since the sixth grade, entered ECU and completed her degree in the honors program. She was also on the Quick Recall team. During her graduate study, her major field was British literature. Now she is applying to doctoral programs and teaching freshman classes at ECU.

She has a special interest in contemporary culture studies and admits to being a “big Trekkie.” For those not in the know, this means she is a great fan of the Star Trek series. In fact, my whole family is Science Fiction nuts, she said.

Emily's Dad, Steve, is a draftsman who does mapping for gas lines. Her Mom, Jennifer, home schooled Emily and her two younger brothers. She obviously did her job well because brother Steven, age 19, has already graduated from ECU in computer sciences and is now in Japan in a language immersion program. Her brother Sam, age 15, is a gifted athlete who also has the math gift that Steven has.

Let us join in welcoming Emily Shearer to our community of faith.

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Love your Church Day II

The second “Love Your Church Day” will be held on November 1st. Please, set aside at date on your calendar. The focus of the day will be the fall clean-up removing trash piles, the remainder of the out buildings and unwanted growth from around the buildings. I didn’t think this day would ever come to this but I looked up the calendars for Keeneland and UK football. I can say Keeneland will not be running and UK will be in Mississippi in a game that will probably not be televised. I will attempt to have radio loud enough to hear. I will keep you posted between now and then to fill in the events of the day. With that said all we need is breakfast and lunch, which will be provided, and the joy of being together caring for the gift of the church God has given us. Come join the fun.

Danny Justice

**Fellowship pot-luck
lunch—Sept. 14th**

Mid week worship opportunity

Join us for the Purpose Driven Life series, which will begin on Wed. September 10th, immediately following Evening Prayer (apx. 7:15PM). The Purpose Driven Life is a fabulous book written by Rev Rick Warren. It’s a 40 day journey (6 week) into finding out what God’s purpose for you is in this world. You don’t have to bring anything. Books will be provided. Please let Don Wiesmann know if you are planning to attend...859-626-3413 or donw@protowizard.com

Save the Date!

October 2nd – Blessing of the animals service

September Calendar

- 7th – Rally Day, return to fall worship hours, 8:30, 11AM, SS for all: 9:45AM
- 8th – DOK meets for prayer
- 9th – Girl scouts meet at parish house
- 11th – Prevention of Sexual Misconduct class
- 14th – Fellowship pot-lunch after services
- 21st – Bishop’s committee meets after services
- 23rd – Girl scouts meet
- 30th – DOK meeting