



The Vision

April 2010

The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour † Madison County
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Walking with Jesus: Holy Week at Our Saviour

Thursday, April 1: Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist with Foot Washing

Join us as we gather in the Parish House for our primary liturgy of readings, optional foot-washing, and Eucharist in the context of a simple meal. The liturgy lasts about two hours.

9:00pm to 7:00am Prayer Vigil

Keep symbolic watch with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane inside the Church (sign up required).

Friday, April 2: Good Friday

12:00pm to 3:00pm Take Up Your Cross—Stations of the Cross

A series of 14 meditations in word and image, created by young people across The Episcopal Church for the Young Adult and Campus Ministries, will be shown continuously in the sanctuary. The Rev. Richard Burden will also be available during this time for the Rite of Reconciliation.

7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy at St. Thomas Lutheran Church

The principal liturgy of the day with our covenant church St. Thomas Lutheran

Saturday, April 3: Holy Saturday

9:00pm The Great Vigil of Easter

The first celebration of the Resurrection, with the lighting of the Paschal Candle, readings recounting salvation history, the Rites of Initiation (Baptism & Holy Eucharist).

The service lasts about two hours. Please bring a hand bell. A reception follows.

Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunday

8:30am The Holy Eucharist (spoken)

11:00am The Holy Eucharist (choral with chanting)

Note that there are no Christian Education classes.



Community Holy Week Services

Everyone is invited to the community Holy Week services March 29 through April 2 at First Christian Church, 412 W. Main St. in downtown Richmond. The short worship service begins each day during Holy Week at noon in the sanctuary, followed by lunch in the fellowship hall at 12:30 p.m. †

25th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza

The City of Richmond Parks and Recreation Department invites kids under 10 and their parents to the annual Easter Eggstravaganza on April 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Irvine McDowell Park, 345 Lancaster Ave. in Richmond. There will be an Easter egg hunt, face painting, games, prizes, crafts, and walk-around characters. †

St. George's Day of Fun



Saturday, April 24, is the Diocesan Spring Festival and St. George's Day at the Cathedral Domain. This is always a grand event at our beautiful mountaintop camp with activities for everyone and plenty of good food.

The Diocesan Youth Community will host carnival

games from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. There will be a pig roast from noon until 2 p.m. A festive Eucharist will be celebrated at 3:30 p.m. Dinner will be served in the dining hall from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Overnight accommodations are available for those who want to extend the joyful time. Be sure to **make reservations by April 15** for overnight stays on Friday or Saturday night. A form for reservations is available on the diocesan web site at www.diolex.org or contact Cindy Sigmon at 252-6527 (ext. 103). †

The Heart of Christianity

Whether you are just coming to the church, just coming back, or have been here for years, this course will give you a way to engage scripture, tradition, and reason in a fresh, new way. Join us on Wednesday nights beginning April 21 for an in depth look at *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith* by theologian Marcus Borg. Sessions 1 through 5 are focused on 'Seeing the Christian Tradition Again.'

April 21 The Heart of Christianity in a Time of Change

April 28 Faith: The Way of the Heart

May 5 The Bible: The Heart of the Tradition

May 12 God: The Heart of Reality

May 19 Jesus: The Heart of God

Adult Forum: April

The Adult Forums for April offer a variety of topics just right for challenging the mind and expanding spiritual horizons. All sessions are in the Parish House at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday.

April 4 – No Adult Forum

April 11 – Outreach committee chair **Michele Gore** will talk about our work in the Madison County community and how we can do more.

April 18 – **Monica Burden** leads a discussion about the church website and communications.

April 25 – The Christian and the universe plus new discoveries in our solar system are topics for a discussion led by **Dr. Tracy Hodge**, Berea College's astronomy professor. Dr. Hodge is in her fourth year in the physics department at Berea College. She earned a PhD in astrophysics from the University of Wyoming and holds an undergraduate degree from Rice University. She is a member of the Quaker meeting in Berea. †

Calendar: April

Sundays

8:30am Holy Eucharist—spoken

9:45am Christian Education (except April 4)

11:00am Holy Eucharist—choral

Mondays

6:30pm Men's Bible Study & Dinner

Wednesdays

7:00pm Evening Prayer followed by book study

Thursdays

6:00pm Berea Canterbury (4/15 and 4/29 only; in Berea)

For Holy Week schedule, see page 1.

Monday, April 12

7:00pm Daughters of the King

Sunday, April 18

12:30pm Bishop's Committee meeting

Saturday, April 24

All day St. George's Day and Diocesan Spring Festival at the Cathedral Domain (see diolex.org)

The complete calendar and event details can be viewed online at oursaviourky.org.

From the Senior Warden: Reading, Serving, Gardening, Just Being There: All Needed for Migrant Head Start

Months of planning and work come to fruition during the month of April when the Migrant Head Start program begins in our newly renovated Parish House. I can't help but think of the Sunday School picture of Jesus holding the little children as he said to his disciples, "Let the little children come to me."

We at Church of Our Saviour have an opportunity to minister to the largely Hispanic population served by this program. But we are hearing from the other two Episcopal host churches in the diocese that the congregation receives many unexpected blessings as well.

Early in April we will see the teachers and the staff assemble for training and to get acquainted with their new space. By mid-month, we will be welcoming the children of Migrant farm workers from newborns to five-year olds. Some will be with us for only a few days or weeks as their families move on to other seasonal agricultural work. Some will stay with the program throughout the growing season if their parents find steady work.

The goal of Migrant Head Start is to promote success in life for migrant children and their families by offering opportunities to learn, to be healthy, to be respected, and to be fully included. How blessed we are that our community of faith has the opportunity to be a part of this program.

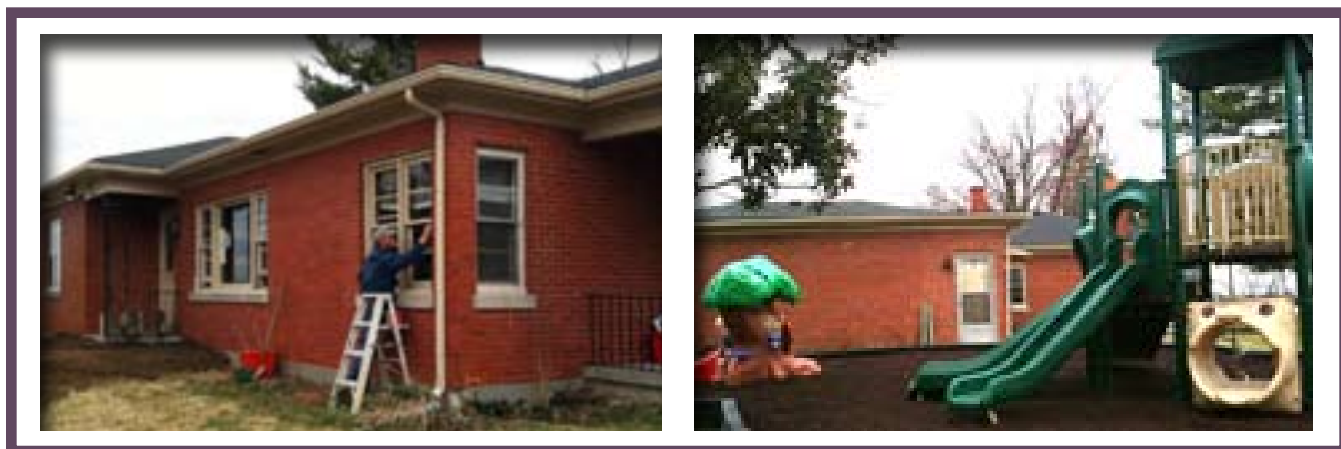
What are some of the ways that we can help? Volunteers are needed to come and read to the children. The teachers also appreciate help in taking the children to the beautiful new playground or helping serve snacks and meals. Just having a volunteer around to help the little ones wash their hands before meals is a great help. There is even talk of a community garden where our gardening skills and enthusiasm will be needed.

Those who volunteer on a regular basis will need to undergo a criminal background check, which is no more complicated than paying \$7 and having a police report produced showing you have no record that would be detrimental to children.

The Migrant Head Start program will be underway in the Parish House Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. from April through December. All other times the space is ours to use just as we have in the past for adult forum, fellowship lunches, men's bible study, and others activities.

Please let Michele Gore, Richard, or me know if you would like to be a volunteer.

— Sandra Plant



Thanks to Migrant Head Start, the Parish House got a makeover — and a new playground!

Outreach Sets Priorities; All Invited to Participate

The Outreach Committee met March 10 to discuss outreach possibilities and priorities. We agreed to continue participation in the Home Meals delivery, Salvation Army, Hospice, Christian Appalachia Project, Hope's Wings, and the St. Thomas Food Bank.

We were also involved in the Empty Bowls event in late March. In addition, we are adopting the Migrant Head Start as an exciting new outreach opportunity and plan to increase involvement with Episcopal Relief and Development. An Outreach Committee member will be a liaison on the Migrant Head Start program and we will work with the children's group at Our Saviour to welcome the Head Start children in April.

Look forward to volunteer opportunities for all interested church members and increased communication regarding outreach activities. Anyone interested in joining the committee or helping with a particular project should contact Michele Gore at 626-1374 or dgmt@roadrunner.com. She promises that committee meetings will be productive, but infrequent! †

Martie Conaway Has Much to Celebrate

April is a month of celebrations for our own Martie Conaway. This month marks Martie's 50th year as a member of the Daughters of the King. In addition, she celebrates her 83rd birthday on April 8 and she and Fr. Art Conaway celebrate 64 years of marriage on April 6. For those who want to send a card to mark any of these occasions, the address is 1403 Providence Drive, Richmond, KY 40475. †

Roger Hurt Ordained

Roger Hurt, a friend to many at Our Saviour, was ordained a deacon in the Christ Our Teacher Old Catholic Ministry on March 20. Roger was ordained by Bishop Benjamin M. Evans, presiding bishop of the Old Catholic Ministry. †

Grace Sears Retires

Let us congratulate Grace Sears on her recent retirement from Berea College where she has served for the past six years in the special collections and archives department of the college library. As many of you know, this active woman has not retired to a rocking chair.



Instead, she is serving a three-year term as national president of the Order of the Daughters of the King, which in itself is a full-time job.

Grace's duties as national DOK president involve supervising the staff of the national office in Atlanta, meeting with the 23-member DOK council at least once a year, keeping in close contact with the executive board, and visiting chapters in each of the provinces in the United States at least once during her term. Grace recently traveled to Indianapolis to begin making arrangements for the triennial meeting in 2012, which is held in conjunction with the next national convention of the Episcopal Church.

In addition to the DOK responsibilities, Grace remains an active communicant at Our Saviour and a committed teacher in the Godly Play curriculum for our youngsters. Grace says that one of the highlights of her life at Our Saviour was serving as senior warden the year the congregation moved to the present location.

Grace's husband, Richard, is retiring in May after 43 years on the faculty at Berea College. They have two grown sons and three grandchildren. †



Farewell and Godspeed to Ranay Chula

Whether you've been a member of Our Savior for one year or for ten, you know what an important part of our church family Secretary Ranay Chula is. Ranay has told us that she will be leaving in April, so this is a good time to reflect on all that she has meant to Our Saviour.

Nearly 10 years ago, Ranay and her husband Mark moved from Palm Bay, Florida, back to Madison County. Ranay was director of Christian Education for a large Christian Church in Palm Bay, on the eastern coast of Florida, and Mark had been head of the Aviation Unit for the Brevard County Sheriff's Department and is also a career Army National Guard pilot. Though Ranay is originally from Indiana and Mark from Ohio, they have called Madison County home since they met at Kentucky Christian College in Grayson, Kentucky.

"Our dream had always been to move back to Kentucky and build our dream log cabin," says Ranay. So when Mark got the opportunity to transfer back with the National Guard, they jumped at the chance. As it happened, both their grown sons Justin and Jessie decided to follow them, as well as Ranay's parents.

Just a week after they moved back to Richmond, Ranay noticed an ad for a church secretary. "I have worked for Father Phillip, Rev. Birch Rambo, and now Rev. Richard Burden and all three have just been wonderful to work with," says Ranay.

A couple of years ago, Ranay recalls, "Mark and I had a couple of issues in our family, which our church family here knows well. We took stock of our lives at that point." When a financial advisor position came open at Patti A. Clay Hospital, she went to work there full-time. Still, she kept her

part-time job here. For a while she actually added a third position, working several hours a week at our sister church St. Thomas Lutheran, but she resigned from that position when Pastor Andy Rutrough retired.

Ranay says the decision to leave Our Saviour has been hard because people here have treated her like a member of the congregation and become like a second family. She says, "I'm telling you, my heart is here! I have learned so much from the Episcopalians and have grown to love so many of the folks here." She reflects on being a Protestant working in an Episcopal Church, saying that she has grown to appreciate the Episcopal style of worship. "I remember the first year working here thinking, 'What have I gotten myself into?' Now I take the differences for granted and I've learned that they are wonderful. I imagine God looking down from heaven and thinking, I love the way the people at Our Savior say 'The Lord be with you. And



also with you.' And look at the folks at the Christian Church how they sing praises; and look at the Holiness people, how excited they are with shouts and singing. It's like one big symphony to God!"

Ranay feels her position at Patti A. Clay has been an extension of her church work. "I'm really doing more to help people and it's very rewarding, I do have to say." One of her goals now is to travel more. "We have this joke in our family that Mark is saving for our Alaskan cruise," she laughs. "One of my life's dreams—you know they call it the bucket list—is to see a whale in the wild and an Alaskan cruise is the best way to do that!"

— Melissa Wiesmann

Contacts for April 5 through April 11

The senior warden and the junior warden of this congregation will be on vacation the week of April 5 to April 11. In addition, Richard and his family will be out of town during that period.

Richard has asked two members of the Bishops Committee to be available for congregational needs during that time. They are James Anderson (986-8750) and Stephan Locke (623-2068).

The Rev. Dana Hardwick will be on call for pastoral emergencies during that time. She can be reached at 309-9563 (home) or 606-305-9111 (cell). †

Sermon Reflection Group

Beginning April 25th (and continuing on the fourth Sunday of every month), please gather in Richard's study after the 11:00 service for a time of guided reflection on the past weeks sermons. We will gather for about 30 minutes. There is a simple process that we will follow that will allow a small group of interested people to intentionally reflect on and respond to the sermons they have heard recently. †

Join Conversational Spanish Group

A free Spanish culture and conversation class is available for anyone at Our Saviour who would like to be better prepared to welcome our Migrant Head Start program. Sessions are held every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Lutheran Church.

Sandra Powell, Hispanic Outreach Coordinator for Foothills Community Action, has invited men and women from Our Saviour to join an existing group called Mujeres Unidas. Ms Powell is excited that these ten Hispanic women will have the opportunity to interact with members of our congregation in improving language skills for themselves and for us.

In order for Sandra Powell to prepare enough class materials, please call Sandra Plant at 624-5960 or e-mail at plantsw@bellsouth.net if you are interested in the classes. †

Prayers of the Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Those preparing for baptism

Connor

Those with long-term illness

Martie, Bob, Becky, Wallace, Clarence, David, Billy, Chris, Jennifer, Carolyn, Jonathan, Velma, Jim, Shirley, Anna, Pat, Jennifer, Lucas, Micah, the Rambo family, James

Those with short-term illness

Scott, Eva, Emily

The departed

Bobby Spurlock, Howard Wiesmann, Anne

Those serving in the Armed Forces

Joshua

Those living under economic stress

Our outreach ministries

St. Thomas Lutheran, The Diocese of Haiti, Fr. Joseph & Clemence Ngijoe, Migrant Head Start, Liberty Place, Hope's Wings, The Christian Appalachian Project, Home Meals Delivery

Those with birthdays

Michele Gore (4/2), Martie Conaway (4/8), Corinne Ellis (4/13), Everett Parker-Noblitt (4/18), Leslie Farris (4/25), Amy McCormick (4/30)

Those with anniversaries

The Rev. Art & Martie Conaway (4/6)

From the Vicar: Experience Holy Week



In our Holy Week liturgies we remember the historical events of the final week in the life of Jesus. We do this by symbolically taking part in similar activities: walking in procession with palm branches, washing each other's feet, eating a meal together, watching through the night, confronting the hard wood of the cross, and experiencing the rekindling of the Paschal Candle, the reaffirmation of baptismal vows, and the mystery of the empty tomb. When we take part in these liturgies, we are not play acting, we are remembering them in such a way that we can enter into them and allow them to enter us and transform us.

The first part of our Triduum (three days) liturgy, Maundy Thursday, will take place in the parish house. The community will gather for a simple meal of salad, soup, fruit, and bread, as the disciples did with Jesus on the night before he died. One reason for this is to help us remember that the parish house was the sacred space for years. Now we are transforming it and making it available to a new ministry. We will all have the opportunity to participate in the foot-washing and reflect on our own servant ministries, particularly our new servant ministry to our Migrant Head Start program. We will celebrate Eucharist together during the meal, and at the end we will process to the sanctuary, symbolically turning over the parish house to our new ministry and also symbolically journeying with Christ to the Garden of Gethsemanie to "watch and pray" through the night.

The sanctuary will be available throughout that night for anyone who would like to stay awake in vigil with Jesus. A minimum of two people sign up for an hour at a time from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. The church will be locked so the people inside will need to let the people outside in.

On Good Friday, images and text from Take Up Your Cross (episcopalcommons.org/stations2010/), a Stations of the Cross meditation created by Young Adults across the Episcopal Church will run continuously from noon to 3 p.m. in the sanctuary on Good Friday. I will also be available during that time for anyone who would like to participate in the Rite of Reconciliation.

Our primary Triduum liturgy continues on Good Friday at St. Thomas Lutheran. Pastor Cindy and I will co-preside at this at this part of the service. Lutherans typically do not do communion from reserved Sacrament on Good Friday, so there will be no communion on that day.

The Great Vigil of Easter will begin at 9 p.m. at Our Saviour. This is the climax of the Triduum and the biggest night in the Church's life. We begin with a new fire and the lighting of the Paschal Candle, then process into the church for the readings of salvation history, baptism, and the first Eucharist of Easter. Pastor Cindy and I will again co-preside. Please bring a hand bell to ring! A reception hosted by the choir will follow. I encourage all of you to take part in as many of this week's activities as you are able.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and personal.

Lectionary: April

April 4, Easter Sunday

Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18

April 11, Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

April 18, Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

April 25, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Bishop's Committee Brief February 14, 2010

Present: Sandra Plant, Richard Burden, Leslie Farris, Elvin McCormick, Philip Dismukes, Patrick Tuck, Stephen Locke, James Anderson, Cheri Tolle; Laura Melius, Treasurer; Ranay Chula, Assistant Clerk

Richard opened with prayer and lectio divina.

A motion to approve December and January financials at the March meeting passed. Sandra Plant, Elvin McCormick, James Anderson, Danny Justice (assistant to treasurer) and Laura Melius (treasurer) were approved as authorized check signers.

Adjustments were made to the January minutes to list Richard as worship committee chair and Megan as assistant to the chair. After a discussion of possible conflicts of interest posed by Danny Justice serving both on the finance committee and as assistant to the treasurer, a motion to list Don and Danny be listed as co-chairs of the finance committee was tabled.

Plans for the bishop's visitation were discussed.

The junior warden reported that we will be getting new keys for the parish house and that background and criminal checks will be needed for all who hold keys to the worship building. These key holders will also need to participate in three trainings: Safeguarding God's Children, Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, and Prevention of Sexual Harassment. Elvin said he will follow up on dates, times, availability, etc, and report back. We have until 1/1/11 to be in compliance. Richard strongly suggested everyone attend these classes.

Cheri Tolle stated there was a tremendous need for 'End of Life Care' info to be distributed to the community and suggested this may be a wonderful community outreach program for the church. A motion for the Outreach committee to get involved and work towards a date to offer this important ministry to all passed.

Parochial records, the financial end of year report, and the open chair of the Parish Life Committee were discussed without action. The meeting closed with prayer. †

**The Church of Our Saviour as the
Body of Christ is called to glorify
God as we worship together,
learn and grow spiritually,
welcome all, and share God's
love at every opportunity.**

Our Saviour

Bishop's Committee

Sandra Plant, Senior Warden
Elvin McCormick, Junior Warden
James Anderson, Clerk
Tom Bryan Phil Dismukes
Leslie Farris Stephan Locke
Cherie Tolle Patrick Tuck

Other Committees

Michele Gore, Outreach
Richard Burden and Megan
Hoffman, Worship
Don Wiesmann, Finance

Staff

The Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls,
Bishop and Rector
The Rev. Richard Burden,
Priest-in-Charge
Jane Rainey,
Organist and Choir Director
Ranay Chula, Secretary
Laura Melius, Treasurer

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Treasurer's Report

February	Budget	Actual
Income	\$ 8,946	\$ 10,279
Expense	\$ 8,946	\$ 11,832
Year to date		
Income	\$ 17,891	\$ 18,612
Expense	\$ 17,894	\$ 23,621

Our operating budget is the monetary expression of our mission statement as funded by all active members. Information about how to submit a pledge and a full statement of our income and expenses can be found on the table in the narthex.