



The Focus

The Church of Our Saviour

Milford, New Hampshire

February 2010

From the Rector...

Shall we keep shrinking... or decide to grow?

It has been said that all churches are either growing or shrinking. Obviously, of late, we have decidedly fallen into the latter category. The question is: What are we going to do about it? Church growth specialists tell us that the key to congregational growth is to have *everybody* thinking in terms of growth: not just the Rector and the leadership team, but *everybody*. The *entire congregation* has to be focused on the call of the Gospel and on a shared vision of how growth can be accomplished. This is the secret to a healthy church community – and if we're healthy, we'll start growing again.

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One of the widely accepted conclusions of a couple decades of study of growing and shrinking churches is simply this: Churches that are growing are generally speaking of Christ, focused on Christ and have a plan. These churches have an understood growth goal that is communicated regularly. Growing churches usually are not trying to be all things to all people – they realize that they cannot do all things with excellence – so they make some choices.

In my annual report, which I pray you took the time to read, I outlined in broad brushstrokes the choices I hoped we'd make:

- First, we need to focus on Christian formation that helps us live our day-to-day lives as people of faith. To use the language St. Paul uses, our chief purpose as a church has to be to “equip the saints for the work of ministry.”
- Secondly, we need to keep our eyes focused beyond our own walls. If we're to have an impact in the community that can restore us to a position of growth, keeping our focus on our own internal issues won't get us there.

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Candlemas Procession and Evensong

Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 7:00 p.m.

The Feast of the Presentation (Feb. 2) presents us an opportunity to enjoy an ancient liturgy, the **Candlemas Procession**. This rite dates from the fifth century and recalls the journey of Anna and Simeon, who came to the Temple to “meet the Lord” as Jesus was being presented, in accordance with Jewish law, on the fortieth day after his birth.

The liturgy begins at the baptismal font, where people take unlighted candles in hand and process into the church, led by a crucifer and torchbearers. After an opening versicle and canticle, the candles are lit and the procession spreads the light from font to altar. Sung Evening Prayer (Evensong) follows, including the singing of Mary's song, the *Magnificat*, and the Song of Simeon, the *Nunc dimittis*.

Our choir, under the direction of Music Minister David Brandes, will be singing that night. Please plan on joining us!

The Bishop is coming Feb. 14!
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From the Rector...

Keep shrinking...or grow?

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- Finally, we need to be a community that not just *wants* to grow, but takes *all efforts necessary* to grow. As long as we are reticent to do the really hard work of proactively getting folks to our doors, they'll never discover what a wonderful ministry awaits them inside those doors.

Over the next several weeks, your parish leaders will be taking important steps to outline, and then – with your input, prayer and effort – develop and implement the plans needed to get us growing again. We'll be taking a hard look at all the ways we communicate; how we can develop a unified vision; and then, out of that vision, redevelop our life as a community in Christ.

We should not feel discouraged by “where we've been.” A quick glance at this issue of the *Focus* makes it clear that there is a great deal of positive and wonderful ministry taking place in our parish. But we also know there are many places where we would like to improve – and, frankly speaking, we can only do as much as we can, as fast as we can. The efforts we “brainstormed” about last fall will not all fall into place overnight – and they need the cooperation of all to become a reality.

The bottom line is this: This is not something that can fall primarily on my shoulders as Rector – or even on the Vestry's shoulders as our lay leadership team. This is a ministry we all share – and it will take all of us to get back on the track to health and growth. Can we do it? As I said in my annual report – YES. But to get there, we need to set aside some of the things we've allowed to stand in our way and (to use language Canon LaFond used with us last spring) get ourselves all on the “same side of the table” instead of shouting across the table at one another.

Please – pray daily for our health and growth. And then, be a part of God's answer to that prayer. With your help, this can be an exciting year of new beginnings. And, to quote from my annual report one last time, “I think the end result will be worth all the hard work, the hard prayer – and (for those who are impatient for the outcome) the hard wait.”

Your friend and Rector,

Fr. Chip

Outreach News

“Empty Bowls” event set for Feb. 17

The annual **Empty Bowls** event to benefit the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter will be held at **Nashua High School South on Wednesday, Feb. 17th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** (snow date the 18th). \$12 is the general admission. Tickets are available at the NSK&S office on Chestnut St., and with Kara in the main office of NHSS at 36 Riverside Dr.

Over 700 beautiful stoneware bowls were hand made by students, faculty and community members. The Nashua High School South Jazz Band under the direction of Tony Courounis will be performing for the evening, as well as the Choir led by Sophia Santerre. NAHS member Tori Dubray has coordinated a silent auction to increase the donation to the NSK&S and will be accepting checks, cash, and credit cards for payment of items.

89% of every dollar donated to the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter goes directly to the clients in need. Check out www.nsk.org.

Please contact the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter or Robin Peringer at peringerr@nashua.edu if you have any questions. Please make checks payable to the NSK&S. Send a check and SASE to Kara Whitman at NHSS, 36 Riverside Street, Nashua, NH 03062 for tickets.

Note of thanks from SHARE and the Holiday Toy Store

The SHARE Resource Committee would like to thank all the individuals, groups of individuals, and families from Church of Our Saviour who chose to provide Christmas gifts for needy families in our area this holiday season. With your generosity and help, all the families that were in need received the gifts that they had hoped might be provided. How pleased and grateful the families were to each of you!

The means by which SHARE tried this Christmas season to provide for the needs of local families worked very well. All the needy families that applied to SHARE for help were provided for. They actually had more people call the SHARE office to adopt a family than they had families who needed gifts.

The Holiday Toy Store committee wishes to thank the members of the Church of Our Saviour who so generously donated toys, books, games, and many other items as well as warm hats, scarves, and mittens to the Holiday Toy Store.

Your donations were greatly appreciated and helped to make the Christmases of so many needy children in our community brighter and happier. Efforts such as yours help keep the Holiday Toy Store in operation year after year and enable us all to share our prosperity with those less fortunate than ourselves. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Alice Corbett

Lent 2010 at the Church of Our Saviour

Our use of Rite One in Lent

In Lent, it is our custom to use the Rite One traditional language liturgy at both Sunday services. Many Episcopal churches no longer use Rite One on a regular basis so it may be well to provide a little explanation about why we do so at the Church of Our Saviour.

Our parish has a commitment to use the range of liturgical options available in our Book of Common Prayer. Rite One, with the “thee”s and “thou”s, connects us to our heritage, going back to the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549, and Archbishop Thomas Cranmer’s language that speaks the beauty of holiness. Rite One also has a more penitential flavor, with a sense of the transcendence of God and our need of God’s mercy and redemption in Jesus Christ. The service has fewer congregational responses, which can create a space for meditation and reflection. This makes it particularly appropriate for Lent.

On the First Sunday in Lent, we will begin with the Great Litany, said in procession at 8:00 and sung in procession at the 10:00 service. The Great Litany draws together various parts of Medieval and Reformation litanies and “was the first rite published in English, in 1544, as a special supplication when Henry VIII was at war with Scotland and France” (Marion Hatchett, Commentary on the American Prayer Book). The Great Litany was revised for our Prayer Book and can embody our prayers in a time of war and uncertainty in our society.

We hope that by changing the liturgy in different seasons of the Church Year, our worship will be deepened as we experience different windows that are opened to God by our service.

Our Ash Wednesday services

Holy Eucharist, with the Imposition of Ashes, will be offered at 6:30 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17. Our Ash Wednesday services invite us to reflect on our lives and relationship with God, to bring renewal in our lives. The Imposition of Ashes reminds us of our mortality. The Eucharist reminds us of Christ’s sacrifice for us and our new life in Christ. All baptized Christians (including children) are expected to attend one of these services. (This is why we offer it at three different times – to make it as convenient as possible for all to come.)



Some additional Lenten notes

Silence for Meditation – During Lent we ask everyone to enter church before the service in silence, so that we can have a period of meditation before we begin our common worship. This will be a change for our congregation, which is used to having a more informal gathering period, so we encourage everyone’s cooperation, including being aware of how voices carry from the narthex (or entryway). Our Minister of Music, David Brandes, will play quiet voluntaries before the service to facilitate reflection and meditation.

Stations of the Cross – We will have Stations of the Cross on several occasions during Lent. The Stations of the Cross liturgy invites us to enter into the story of Jesus’ passion. The service lasts about 20 minutes and can be a meaningful devotion walking with Jesus during his trial, death, and burial at least once during every Lent. Be watching for opportunities to walk this path in our Lenten mailing.

Monday Evening Soup and Lenten Program – This annual Soup and Lenten Program tradition will be moved to Mondays this year, as Alpha is being offered Wednesday evenings. These services and discussions begin Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. and run through Lent, ending March 22. The study will be based on Archbishop Rowan Williams’ book, *Where God Happens*. A separate article on page 6 outlines this study in more detail.

Rite of Reconciliation – Lent is a time of seeking right relationships with God and other people. Some people find that it is a good time to use the Reconciliation of a Penitent (pp. 447-452 in the Book of Common Prayer) to let go of past hurts, or take an inventory of their lives and sort of get a fresh start. Although we regularly have a General Confession in our services, the opportunity to use this form of private confession, to speak out loud to a priest (or another person) the things we have been holding in our hearts and to hear words of counsel and absolution, can be a gift to renew us. You are assured that anything shared in this Rite of Reconciliation will always remain confidential. If you would like to learn more about the Rite of Reconciliation or would like to schedule a time to do the rite, please contact Fr. Chip at 673-3309.

See page 6 for details on our Lenten Program, “Where God Happens”

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JANUARY VESTRY MEETING

As the meeting opened, the Vestry welcomed Carla Woodhull and Paul Murphy, who spoke about our upcoming *Alpha* course and urged the Vestry as leaders to at least attend the opening dinner on Jan. 27 as a way of modeling to the rest of the congregation the Vestry's support not only for the program, but the evangelism effort it represents.

Finance chair Dick Dyer then made a presentation on the final budget for 2010. He showed the Vestry a budget with three columns: the original proposal of Dec. 2009 (which showed about an \$8,000 deficit); a budget showing how much we would need to fund all expenses in full (which, at our current income level, would mean a nearly \$40,000 deficit); and the budget actually being presented by the Finance Committee for consideration: a balanced budget that cuts expenses to the bone while challenging the Vestry to come up with additional income from growth and recruitment, not just fund-raising. The Vestry accepted the balanced budget unanimously, acknowledging the challenge it will mean for us. Dick will present the budget at Annual Meeting so all in the parish can be made aware of the challenges before us.

Senior Warden Peter Ten Broeck brought the Vestry up to date on the action plan being formed to respond to the areas of concern raised by our Conflict Transformation process. Fr. Chip summarized the draft plan in tabular form, presenting the Vestry with a spreadsheet timeline for completion of all actions anticipated. Once the new Vestry is seated in February, assignments as to specific responsibilities will be developed. A liturgy to mark the transition from Charles LaFond and Celeste Hemingson's work with us to our follow-up will occur in March.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Karl Norwood updated the Vestry on efforts to address long-term priorities for the maintenance of our building. The men's group will be asked to provide labor for some of these actions, saving us money. Special funding will need to be raised for some of the larger initiatives, which will unfold over the next three years.
- The Rector spoke about a Vocational Deacon from the Diocese of Maine who has been worshiping with us at 8:00 the past several weeks. The Rev. Janice Matter is living in Brookline and is now employed in Massachusetts. She plans to approach Bishop Robinson about being licensed in this diocese. Under Canon Law, Deacons are ordained persons just as Priests are, and, once licensed by the Bishop, can serve at the altar as the Bishop directs. No action on the part of the Vestry (except to extend her a warm welcome) was warranted at this time.
- The proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting was approved. A "candidates' forum" will be part of the agenda, with each candidate for Warden or Vestry given an opportunity to speak and the congregation given an opportunity to ask clarification questions.
- Art Julier agreed to tabulate the results of the recent Time and Talent survey. Information will be given to each Vestry liaison at the February meeting for dissemination to the various committees and ministries.

The next Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 9th at 7 p.m. Full minutes of the current meeting will be posted shortly in the Akerman Room.

Vestry News

From a Vestry member...

Clarifying our leadership roles as Vestry and Rector

By the time you read this, you will have a new Vestry...no, that's not quite right. Your Vestry will have some new members, and the "new" Vestry will be getting to work on the issues that face our parish.

We will continue the work we began last spring with the Conflict Transformation workshops.

A major issue that you identified during those sessions was "leadership." You will remember that after naming the problems, we developed a list of positive and forward-looking solutions to each one. "Clarity of roles for the Senior Warden, the Rector and members of the Vestry" topped the Leadership list.

It was not just members of the parish who needed that clarity. It turned out that Vestry members themselves had some questions about how the system ought to work.

To help us out, we enlisted the help of the Rev. Kevin Nichols, rector of St. Andrew's Church in Hopkinton, and we agreed to devote a precious Saturday morning to meeting with him.

We reviewed the documents we already use, including the Summary of Vestry Responsibilities, and Vestry Norms and Expectations. In both cases, we found some confusion about which version of the documents we should have been using – we must remember to label and date every document and subsequent revision – but found they do provide a guide for the way we carry out our business. Both need revision and clarification, and we named groups who will carry out that task by the time the Vestry meets in February.

The same with the Covenant for the Church of Our Saviour, the document posted throughout the church that governs the way we deal with each other – or the way we promise to strive to interact – as we carry out

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Focus Notes

Moms in Touch Prayer Group

The power of prayer is an amazing gift we can give to our children in today's world. Several "moms" have begun meeting on Sunday mornings to pray for our children/grandchildren/nieces/nephews etc. and their schools. If you are a woman who has a desire to pray for a child I invite you to join us. Information on Moms in Touch International can be found at www.momsintouch.org.

Sunday Mornings – 8:30 – 9:30 am
Godly Play Classroom (downstairs)

Please feel free to contact Pattie Chouinard with questions at pattie@quixnet.net.

February 7 is Theological Education Sunday

It is a long-standing custom in the Episcopal Church that each parish support its rector's alma mater by making a gift to its mission and ministry during the Epiphany season. This year, Theological Education Sunday falls on Feb. 7, and Fr. Chip will be speaking with us about his seminary, Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Va., and its mission of preparing clergy and lay leaders for the church throughout the world. A flyer describing the seminary's mission will be enclosed with that Sunday's bulletin, along with a reply envelope. Your participation in this offering will be deeply appreciated.

Workcamp Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

The Krewe of Midas will be hosting a Mardi Gras Ball. All proceeds from the dinner theatre support our Youth Workcamp Mission Trip to Montgomery WV this summer, where our youth will be repairing homes and restoring hope to those in need. Our mission trip builds character and strengthens our relationship with Christ. We empower our youth to make a difference in the lives of others as well as their own. Thirteen of us will be traveling to WV this summer and your support will help us get there.

March 7th, 5:00 pm
VFW, Milford

**Tickets are \$15.00 and include dinner
& fabulous entertainment!**

Tickets will be available Jan. 31st at each service or contact Pattie Chouinard @ pattie@quixnet.net.

Shrove Tuesday pancake supper

This traditional "last fling before Lent" has its origins in the custom of using up the last of the sugar and eggs before the Lenten fast begins. This year's supper will be held Tuesday, Feb. 16 from 5:30-7 p.m. with continuous servings throughout the period. Free will donations will be received, with net proceeds going to Workcamp.

MILESTONES

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Givin Owen
4	Keith Bujak Lindsey Walker
5	Clara Brown Eleanor Wallace
10	Patty Burke Bob Cook
11	Scott Barrows Thomas Brown JoAnn DiPilato Alan Lepine
14	Glenn Levesque
15	Francies Baldwin Carolyn Goodwill
16	Francis Bujak
17	Dawn Catalanotti
19	Paul Miller
20	Diana DeGregorio
22	Tom Sommers
23	Paul Buffum
26	Ivan Cady Danielle DeBernardo
28	Ricky DeBernardo Neil Donnelly
29	Isabel Miller

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2	Rolf & Nancy Goodwin
21	Curtis & Leslie McCann Richard & Jane Rockwood
24	Peter & Suzy Ten Broeck
28	Givin & Diana Owen

FOCUS NOTES

Newcomer:

Marilyn McClaine
43 LedgeWood Drive
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554-1306

Parishioners e-mail list:

If you're not on our list and would like to be able to receive mid-month e-mailings or important parish news as it happens, please contact the parish office at 673-3309 or e-mail us at coosmilford@myfairpoint.net.

Our Lenten Program for 2010

Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

The cornerstone of our program of prayer and study this year will be a five-week consideration of Archbishop Rowan Williams' book, *Where God Happens*. This lovely little book, which will be available for sale Feb. 7, 14 & 21 after church (as well as on the first night of the course), draws upon the wisdom of the early Desert Fathers and distills their insights for our modern world. In it, Williams comments: "What we think we want is spirituality, the cultivation of a sensitive and rewarding relationship with eternal truth and love. And this is where the desert monastics have an uncompromising message for us: relation with eternal truth and love simply doesn't happen without mending our relations with 'Tom, Dick and Harriet.'" Williams continues by stating that we "win our neighbor" when we become "by God's gift a means of connecting another with God." Then we have done the job we were created to do.

In today's troubled world, it is often difficult to discern the presence of God. We can learn a lot about this process, says Archbishop Desmond Tutu in his foreword to the book, by turning to the Desert Fathers and Mothers who established monastic communities in Egypt, Syria, and Palestine in the third and fourth centuries. They sought to "grow in holiness" and to live for God.

It is a widespread misconception that the Desert Fathers and Mothers fled to the desert to escape the world and all its follies. But in fact, by isolating themselves in the wilderness, these monastics were brought into *closer* contact with their neighbors. Williams explains: "Insofar as you open such doors for one another, you gain God, in the sense that you become a place where God happens for somebody else." Think about that for a while. Each day we have many opportunities to become a place where God comes alive in another person's life because of our actions, words, or deeds. That is why kindness, compassion, and love are so central in the sayings of the Desert Fathers and Mothers.

"Where God Happens" Our Lenten Study for 2010

Each session begins with soup and bread supper at 6:30 p.m.

Those who desire to walk the Way of the Cross are invited to do so at 7:15 p.m.

The study then follows, ending at 8:30 p.m.

- Monday, Feb. 22: *Preface; Chapter 1 – Life, Death, and Neighbors*
- Monday, Mar. 1: *Chapter 2 – Silence and Honey Cakes*
- Monday, Mar. 8: *Chapter 3 – Fleeting*
- Monday, Mar. 15: *Chapter 4 – Staying*
- Monday, Mar. 22: *Chapter 5 – The Monastic Wisdom of the Christian Desert*

Copies of the book, at \$14.00 each, will be available each Sunday after church and on the first night of the course.

Thank you!

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you so much for remembering me at Christmas. I really do appreciate your thoughtfulness and the support you give me all year round. I pray that 2010 will bring you many blessings.

Valerie



Come welcome the Bishop on Sunday, Feb. 14

We look forward to this year's rescheduled visitation from Bishop V. Gene Robinson on **Sunday, Feb. 14**. He will be with us for two services at **8:00 and 10:00 a.m.** After the first, he will be meeting with the young people who, later this spring, will be confirmed at a regional Confirmation service in Concord. After the second, there will be a reception to welcome the Bishop, followed by a meeting at which the Bishop can spend some time with our Vestry.

A lovely new set of Sanctus Bells, given as a thank offering by John and Angelika McNeil, will be blessed at the 10:00 service that day. These were first used on All Saints' Day last fall, and again at our Christmas celebrations. They will next be heard at the Great Vigil of Easter on April 3.

As Bishop Robinson's visitation occurs on the last Sunday after Epiphany, and just before the beginning of Lent, the Gospel that day will be the story of our Lord's Transfiguration. Come join us as we celebrate God's love as manifested to Peter, James and John on the Holy Mountain.

Fr. Chip

From a Vestry member

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our work. Kevin Nichols liked that document so much that he took a copy with him to use at St. Andrew's.

The fourth document we looked at contains our parish bylaws. We agreed that a strength of the document was its brevity, and that a major weakness was – you guessed it – its brevity. We will be taking a close look at our own bylaws, and the model bylaws developed by a diocesan committee that we might adapt for our own use.

During that session on Jan. 9, the Vestry made a good start at the work we must do to transform our conflicts. It will take time, and it will require continued participation by all of you.

We know we can depend on you. We look forward to sharing our work with you, and listening to you, at every step of the way.

Elizabeth Rotch, Junior Warden

Altar flowers increase in price for 2010

As 2010 begins, we have had to increase the donation amount for our altar flowers in order to cover the actual cost. The new donation amount is **\$35** for flowers. The sanctuary lamp remains at \$10 this year.

Giving the Altar flowers or the Sanctuary lamp is a special way in which to remember a loved one, to give thanks or to celebrate, and always for the glory of God. Every week the flowers are taken by one of a team of faithful volunteers to a parishioner who perhaps is sick or recuperating from surgery, grieving the loss of a loved one, unable to get out or is celebrating some special occasion. The recipients are always so appreciative, not only for the flowers but also for time spent with the person who delivers them. This is a wonderful ministry and if you would like to become a part of it please call the parish office at 673-3309 or e-mail coosmilford@myfairpoint.net.

To donate flowers or lamp for a particular Sunday, please check the sign-up poster in the narthex and enter your name against the date you would like. Please complete one of the coupons in the attached pocket and either mail it back with your check (**\$35** for flowers; \$10 for the lamp) in the envelope provided, or place it in the offering plate.

Recently there have been several instances when the memorial/thanksgiving information has not been submitted in time to include in the bulletin. It would be really appreciated if donors could ensure that the information slips reach the parish office no later than the Wednesday prior to the Sunday on which the flowers will be given.

TREASURER'S REPORT

DECEMBER 2009

Pledge Income	12,273
Other Income	12,608
Total Income	\$24,881
Total Expenses	\$16,400
Surplus (Deficit)	8,481

YEAR TO DATE

Pledge Income	147,608
Other Income	49,814
Total Income	\$197,422
Total Expenses	\$197,261
Surplus (Deficit)	161

ANNUAL BUDGET

Pledge Income	148,745
Other Income	48,400
Total Income	\$197,145
Total Expenses	\$197,145
Surplus (Deficit)	0

SEE THE FULL REPORT

The full report is posted in the Akerman Room with the Vestry minutes.

Treasurer's Corner

Changes are happening

Changes are happening in the financial department at the Church of Our Saviour. As you all know, Gail Coad is your new treasurer. What you may not realize is that Sue Tinnin has taken over the job of making deposits and will hopefully take on check writing. Sue is allowing us to more fully comply with diocesan guidelines. She will be another set of eyes that keeps track of the cash at the Church of Our Saviour.

Sometimes we wonder what our Diocese does for us. The Bishop certainly presented a broad picture during his video presentation on Annual Meeting Sunday. This year, Becky Forbes, the CFO of the Diocese, will do a financial audit for the Church of Our Saviour. We audit the books every year. Most times we use volunteers from within the church to complete the audit. However, every 5 years or so, we are required to have an external audit. About 4 years ago, we hired a consulting firm to complete the audit at a cost of \$5,000. By providing this service, the diocese is saving COOS \$5,000 – or perhaps more.

Thank you for letting me serve you and Church of Our Saviour. It has been a very gratifying experience.

Kim Bock

Annual Meeting election results

Our Annual Meeting on Jan. 24 was well-attended and was presented with a very fine slate of candidates for election. **Peter Ten Broeck** was elected as Senior Warden; **Cliff Davis** as Clerk; **Gail Coad** as Treasurer; **Bill Andrews**, **Debbie Donnelly**, and **Paul Murphy** as Vestry members; and **Martha Manley** and **Brian McGuire** as Delegates to Convention/Southern Convocation,. Congratulations to all!

Our Parish's Mission Statement

The Church of Our Saviour is a parish of the Episcopal Church. Jesus Christ is our Lord. As children of God and as Christians, our mission is **to know Christ, to live Christ, and to make Christ known**, together. We do this as we gather in worship through Word and Sacrament, and are sent to serve in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Through education, fellowship and stewardship, we foster the Christian life to which we have been called in our baptism; and we minister through the practical applications of the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to every member.

The next issue of
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will be the March
issue, to be
distributed on or
about
Feb. 25.
The deadline
for submitting
materials is
Feb. 14.



Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Rite 13/ J2A; Choir
9:45 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Children's Choir

Weekday Schedule

Wednesday,
11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
and "Lectionary at
Lunch" Bible Study

Office Hours

Tuesday & 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Thursday
Wednesday 8:30 am.-12:30 p.m.



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Clerk: Clifford Davis

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