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The
Cupcake
Diaries

Are we loaded with photographs this month or what? We will use photos to look back at a very busy month of July. From our choristers in Charlotte, NC, to Vacation Church School, to the beautiful photos that our very own Jeremy Davis took when Bishop Robinson made his visit. In our August edition of Cupcake Diaries, we will learn more about EfM and Project Linus. Both of these programs are wonderful

places to get involved with your St. Michael's family. With Bishop Sauls leaving at the end of the month, I wanted to give you an update about the diocesan plans underway now to find a new bishop. We hope you enjoy this edition; the photos show us life at St. Michael's and how many different people are affected by the ministry that happens here.



What Needs Can You Meet?

We need volunteers to help with Sunday breakfast.

Would you like to help keep St. Michael's organized and clean?

Would you like to be part of one of our liturgical ministries:

Altar Guild, Lectors and Intercensors,
and Chalice Bearers?

Education for Ministry

Kay Scarborough

Education for ministry (EfM) is a program of adult theological education offered by St. Luke's School of Theology which is located at the University of the South, or Sewanee. It is a four-year program for lay people. EfM is open to not only Episcopalians, but other denominations as well. What is the purpose of EfM? Each of us is called to ministry at our baptism and EfM gives lay people the knowledge and confidence to carry out the ministry that we all share. EfM offers an opportunity for individuals to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service. It can be an invaluable experience and it certainly holds true that you get whatever out of it that you put into it. The workload is reasonable if you get started on the right foot and don't allow yourself to get behind.

Looking back at the program historically, EfM began with the vision of enrolling a few hundred students. In a short time the program had grown to an enrollment of over several thousand students who were not just students from the Episcopal Church. EfM groups are found not only in the United States (U.S.), but also in numerous locations around the world including Germany, Great Britain, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the Bahamas, Hong Kong, Italy, and Switzerland. Since EfM's inception there have been over 70,000 students who have participated in the program.

In the United States alone, more than 22,000 students have completed the entire program. Most recent enrollments statistics indicate that there are currently more than 8,000 students enrolled in U.S. EfM programs. Additionally, more than 80 dioceses of the Episcopal Church have contractual agreements with Sewanee for EfM.

Coursework consists of Old and New Testament Studies, Church History, and Theology. More specific topics include: The Exodus and the Settlement of Canaan, The Ministry of Jesus, Medieval Monasticism and Mysticism, The Way of Prayer, just to name a few. Participants follow a lesson plan and are responsible for their own learning. The written materials include a text assignment and study guide for each week. A trained mentor facilitates each class meeting.

In addition to the coursework, participants share their spiritual autobiographies, engage in theological reflections, and worship together.

If you are interested in finding out more about EfM, visit Sewanee's website: <http://www.sewanee.edu/EfM/index.htm>. Example coursework maybe be found on the website. If you have any questions about EfM at St. Michael's, contact Frank Kebell, course mentor and coordinator, at (502) 648-2847 or rfk@blueone.net. Class begins on Monday, September 12, 2011.

Bishop Sauls' Move

Duncan Hart

So you've heard that our bishop is leaving to go to New York and be the CEO of the Episcopal Church for our Presiding Bishop. The Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls will only be with us for one more month. Let's take this time to say thank you for his time of ministry with us. There are several ways for all of us to do that. On Saturday, August 27th at 11:00 am, there will be a farewell Eucharist for Bishop Sauls at Christ Church Cathedral. This will be followed by a Bar-B-Q at Mission House which will give us a chance to say goodbye. We will be asking for a donation in his name for the restoration of the earthquake damaged Holy Trinity Cathedral in Haiti in solidarity with and support of our brothers and sisters of our Companion Diocese of Haiti. We will have more information about this later.

Last winter I was asked to run and was elected to the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Lexington. The Standing Committee's role in the diocese is usually to give advice to the bishop, but if there is not a bishop in place this committee is the Ecclesiastic body for the diocese.

Starting in September, the Standing Committee will be responsible for putting a process in place to elect a new bishop for our diocese. I would like to report that your Standing Committee has decided to call an interim assisting bishop to help until a new bishop is elected. We have begun the process of getting names but have not made the call for the assisting bishop. When that person is named I will let you know.

The process of calling a new bishop is in many ways just like what St. Michael's experienced when we called Mtr. Laurie. The process will most likely take between thirteen to twenty months; I know that seems like forever but we will have to trust the process the diocese will use just like we did for the one St. Michael's used. I will continue to update you as we go down this road together, but please feel free to stop and ask me questions anytime. Like in our own search for a rector, discretion is very important but I will answer all questions as best I can. So, stay tuned for future updates from the Standing Committee.

Notes from the Grounds

Beate Popkin

There was a time, and of course we hope that this time will return, when both of our parking lots were filled with cars on Sunday mornings and some parishioners entered the church through the south entrance door, which we kept open during worship hours. Nowadays, few members of our church ever get a glance of the back hill of our property, and some may not even be aware of its existence. A notable exception are St. Michael's mowers, who have perhaps secretly cursed that hill pushing their machines up the slope on a particularly hot Saturday afternoon.

The back hill has one unattractive feature: the large HVAC unit that heats and cools our sanctuary and is enclosed by a cement wall and chain link fence. The rest of it, however, is a peaceful landscape planted mostly in native trees and shrubs.

The walkway leading up to the south entrance door is now screened from neighboring backyards by a variety of trees and

shrubs, and by a row of White Pines. (Legend has it that the latter once served the Casparians as Christmas trees). Two flower beds near the door delight St Michael's School children who exit here every day from the playground toward their pick-up place in the Libby Lane parking lot.

The largest tree on the grassy part of the slope is a Tulip Poplar, planted 20 years ago when the present sanctuary was built. Since then we have added a Blackgum, a Kentucky Coffee Tree, and a Sugar Maple. At the bottom of the stairs leading downward from the door by the Mary Altar is a bed of native flowers, the first we planted on our property. Behind the electric box on top of the hill Common Milkweed have moved in as volunteers, a truly unruly plant that I tolerate in hopes that our church may yet become a haven for monarch butterflies.

I invite all parishioners to take a look at this forgotten section of our church grounds.

Project Linus

Mary Ann Overturf

The Lexington/Central Kentucky Chapter of Project Linus opened in February 2002, meeting at St. Michael's Episcopal Church on the 3rd Saturday of each month, from 10 am till noon. Project Linus is a national nonprofit organization that makes and gives homemade blankets to children who are sick or traumatized. The second mission is to provide a worthwhile opportunity for individuals wanting to make a difference in someone's life.

We serve children from newborn through age 18. Fabrics and yarns used must be new and machine washable and dry-able. The child often carries around Project Linus blankets for years. Colors, designs, and size need to be appealing to a child. We are in the "business" of making security blankets ranging in size from 36" square to adult throw size. Agencies we give blankets to include:

Central Baptist Hospital's pediatric unit
Shriner's Hospital
The Nest
Social Services

Children's Advocacy of the Bluegrass
Red Cross
Ronald McDonald House
Hospitals and Social Services in Frankfort, Harrodsburg, and Danville.



Since our beginnings, our chapter has delivered 18,500 blankets to children in Central Kentucky. St. Michael's has been a supporter from our first meeting and continues to support with physical and financial resources. We are able to have our monthly meetings here in the Chapter room and have storage shelves where we can keep supplies.

There are many ways to get involved. First go to the projectlinus.org national website. You will find information about Project Linus, as well as stories,

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I'm grateful to God for everything, and especially so for leading me to the treasure that is St. Michael's and the wonderful people that make it what it is. I have become a better person because of you.

This parish is composed of folks with strong feelings and you readily share them. The Vestry is very representative of the parish. However, unlike Washington right now, we can voice our opinions, and discern the path we should go forward on together. Twelve people really are smarter than one. I don't always get what I want, but the parish gets what it needs.

When I was elected to the Vestry, I wasn't sure how it was going to go but I can say that the experience has been totally rewarding from my viewpoint. This group of people works very hard, and very conscientiously, at supporting the Church. You have seen many

positive changes as a result of their service and leadership.

We are approaching the Fall, and some of you will be asked to run for the Vestry. I ask that you prayerfully reflect on the offer, and consider giving of your time and talent to keep moving our Church forward. St. Michael's will be the better for it, and so will you. I guarantee it.

Lastly, we are not a wealthy parish. We are, however, a generous one. When we asked for help to fund much needed parking lot repairs, you responded. I am very happy to report that we raised enough to cover the cost. I thank everyone that donated money to get this done. Part of the repair (cleaning and filling the cracks) has been accomplished. The sealing and painting parking spaces have yet to be done, but should be completed soon.

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patterns, and ideas. Please come to a meeting! We have a lot of fun labeling and sorting blankets, sometimes as many as 200 blankets a month. We exchange ideas and work on our projects. Our blanketeers range in age from 8 years old to ladies in their 90's.

We have financial needs. Depending on the type of blanket

made, we spend anywhere from \$5 to \$20 per blanket. We run totally on donations, both financial and material supplies; we would welcome any help that you can give us. If you have any questions please contact Mary Ann Overturf or Donna Pizzuto.

Back-to-School News!

St. Michael's is adding another Three-Year-Old Class. This new class will meet on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and we have changed the cut off for birth dates to December 31. Call 277-7541 for information. School starts the week of August 15th. And remember... the Friday morning chapel service is open to parishioners! We start at 9:10 AM and the service only lasts about 20 minutes. The first service of the school year will be on Friday, August 19th. Visit www.smslex.org for more information about our parish school.



RSCM - Charlotte Summer Course

The beautiful music that comes from our choir takes a lot of work. This summer some members of our choir studied (or taught) at the Charlotte Summer Course of the Royal School of Church Music. In the photo below (left to right) Marisa Grace, Julia Sebastian, Aurora Grace, and Ms. Ruth.



Vacation Church School



Vacation Church School met from July 25th - 29th. Eight children attended and had the opportunity to get to know several saints, including St. Nicholas. The week culminated in a closing performance by the children and reception.



Early this summer four parishioners met to start sorting the many boxes of snapshots and newspaper clippings that have accumulated in the 56 years of St. Michael's existence. It soon became obvious that some of the items that were found were of historical significance and should be archived for the future. The guidelines published by the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists have proved to be of great help. These guidelines suggest that those working on a project of this type should be those familiar with archival or library work. Two of this group are a perfect match. Mary Brinkman is the Historiographer for the Diocese, and as such, works in the Special Collections Library at UK. Nancy Pickens has worked at the State Archives in Frankfort and also with the Special Collections Library at UK. Others working on this type of

project should be those familiar with the church's history as well as the inner workings of the congregation today. Terry Andrews and Pat Evans fill that category.

This project has already involved hours of time and a certain outlay of funds which the committee has absorbed. To safely preserve valuable documents, we must use acid-free paper and folders as well as special pens. Note: rubber bands, metal paper clips, glues and tapes, as well as improper storage are very damaging to photographs and paper products.

We are looking for documents and photographs that have particular historical significance to St. Michael's. If you have any items that you think might be of interest to this project, please do NOT bring them to the church without checking with a committee member. This will save time and duplications.

Looking Back

*In the
beginning ...*

First home of St. Michael's at a dance studio on Lane Allen Road where the Locker Room is now located (1956).



Preparing our
first organ for a
service.
(1957 - 58)

Looking Back



Setting up the portable church in the Naval Reserve Armory on Springhill Drive, across from the back of Lafayette High School (1957 - 58).



Looking Back



(Above) Sign on the hill on a vacant lot. This faced Libby Lane. There was no Bellefonte Drive at that time.

(Right) Ground breaking for original building in May, 1958.



Bishop Robinson's Visit



On July 16th St. Michael's welcomed Bishop Gene Robinson to our parish.



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Over 400 people attended Evensong, a talk by Bishop Robinson, Q & A session, and reception. These photos are all by our own Jeremy Davis. For background on the event, please see our July edition.



Bishop Robinson's Visit



Dates to Remember

August Calendar Dates

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| August 4 th | Wild Ones |
| August 11 th | bd's Mongolian Grill
Fundraiser for the Leukemia
and Lymphoma Society
(Remember to purchase your
gift cards at church!) |
| August 14 th | Second Sunday Breakfast
available throughout the
morning. Thank you EfM for
hosting this month's
breakfast! |
| August 18 th | First day of school.

Men's Club meets in the
garden at 6:30 pm. |
| August 20 th | Project Linus meets at 10:00
am in the Chapter Room. |

Dates to Remember

August 27th 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Farewell Celebration for
Bishop Sauls
Christ Church Cathedral

12:30- 3:00 pm
Farewell Bar-B-Q
Mission House
203 East 4th Street

August 23rd St. Michael's Night Out with
the Legends. The game starts
at 7:05 pm. Please order
tickets by August 14th! The
ticket price will be \$6 if we
have at least 20 people sign
up.

Worship Schedule

Sunday Eucharist: 8:00, 9:00, and 11:15 AM
Christian Formation for all ages at 10:00 AM
Wednesday Healing Eucharist at 6:00 PM
Fifth Sunday Eucharist: 10:00 AM

Complete Event Schedule

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