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Speaking  
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Angels...

Welcome to the second edition, volume 2 of Speaking of Angels... Jessica Bailey tells us about Candlemas and the upcoming Chanson concert. Lynn Evans keeps us up-to-date with all the activities for our youth. I discuss

our diocesan convention taking place in Lexington this month.

If you have any ideas for stories that you think should be in "Speaking of Angels..." please contact the church office. We hope you enjoy this edition as Lent is upon us.

## What Needs Can You Meet?

**We need volunteers to help with Sunday breakfasts.  
The EYC needs adults to help with their events.  
We need volunteers to help clean our church. Sign  
up in the narthex.**



*Feast of Lights  
January 6, 2012*

# Candlemas

Jessica Bailey

Come join St. Michael's as we celebrate Candlemas on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm. This will be St. Michael's 2<sup>nd</sup> celebration of this feast. The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple, also called Candlemas, is the day traditionally celebrated on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, forty days after the birth of Christ. Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple to be presented to God, and while there, Simeon, a prophet, said these words:

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant  
depart in peace, according to thy  
word*

*For mine eyes have seen thy  
salvation,  
which thou hast prepared before*

*the face of all people;  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and  
the glory of your people Israel.*

Because Jesus is the Light to enlighten the Gentiles, we dedicate and bless the church's candles on that day. Parishioners are invited to bring candles from home to be blessed during the service. New liquid wax candles, donated by the family of Ruth Witt in remembrance of her Aunt Ruth will also be blessed at that time. They will be used in the new candelabra in the sanctuary. These candles are more economical over time than traditional wax candles, as well as having the benefit of burning cleaner with less soot and fewer contaminants.

The spring semester of EYC has begun. Mother Laurie, Pete Eclov and I met with the youth group in early January to discuss activities, service projects and the likes and dislikes of the group. (Our version of a Holy Conversation.) This was a very productive meeting and lots of good ideas came from it. So far, the group has had a history of the church from Mother Laurie and a bowling outing with Pete and me. We have lots of fun and different activities planned for the rest of the year.

Mother Laurie and I are encouraging all the youth to participate in the diocesan functions as well. New Beginnings (grades 7-9) will be at the Domain February 10-12. The following weekend is the Bishop's Ball and lock-in. This will be held the weekend of Diocesan convention and all the youth will attend Saturday's meeting. In early March they will participate in the 30-Hour Famine at Good Shepherd. Happening (grades

10-12) and St. George's Day are spring events at the Domain and then it will be camp season.

Several outreach projects are planned. The first is our version of a "souper" bowl party. The EYC will be collecting cans of soup and other non-perishable food items for God's Pantry on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Watch for the outreach tree that will appear during Lent.

The EYC will meet until May and then we plan to have a monthly event during the summer. One event being worked on is "St. Michael's Youth in the City". This will be a week-long service project that will start at St. Timothy's at Barnes Mountain and will move to Lexington.

EYC is for middle to senior high kids. Fifth graders are welcome to join us. Any adults who are called to help will be welcomed.

Lynne Evans  
Interim Youth Director

# Chanson in Concert

Jessica Bailey

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, St. Michaels will host the musical group, Chanson, for an evening of music both ancient and modern. Now in their thirteenth performing season, Chanson has a reputation for superior blend, expert musicianship and a wide ranging repertoire. The six male singers that comprise the group first found their collective voice at Concordia college in the late 90s, and have been making music and touring ever since.

One of the unique aspects of Chanson is that its members live all over the United States. They get together to rehearse, record, and tour at different points during the year, and maintain the highest levels of artistry. Their work can be heard on four CDs that the group has produced over the years. *Come Sing to Me of Heaven*, an album of selections from their concerts, *There is Sweet Music*, presenting

movements of the traditional mass composed by modern musicians, *Sing We Noel*, a holiday CD, and *In Dreams*, a disc full of modern music, are all available on iTunes as well as on CD Baby. On the program for the evening are pieces ranging from the renaissance to modern times, with several of the pieces composed by group members J. Aaron McDermid and Aaron M. Zinter. Orlando di Lasso's *Bonjour mon Coeur*, to Irving Berlin's *What'll I Do*, to Francis Poulenc's *Clic, Clac, Dansez Sabots* will delight concert goers of all ages. Tickets are available at the door on the night of the concert. The prices are: \$20 for general admission, \$15 for seniors, \$10 for students, and kids twelve and under can attend the concert free of charge. For more information about this dynamic group of musicians, go to [www.chanson.org](http://www.chanson.org) where you can hear their music and learn about the members of the group.

# Our Diocesan Convention

Duncan Hart

Have you ever been to a diocesan convention? A lot of Episcopalians never see the work of the diocese that their church is a part of and what great work is being done by the Episcopal church in our area. Our diocesan convention is in Lexington this year at the Hyatt Regency on February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and all are welcome. St. Michael's delegation has already begun reviewing some of the issues on which they will have to make decisions. There is the matter of a budget to approve and new members of diocesan committees to be elected, but this year the convention will prepare itself for this summer when they will reconvene to elect a new bishop for the Diocese of Lexington. The deputies will decide what rules will be used at the electing convention in August. Also this February the convention will hear from both the Nominating Committee and the Transition Committee on their work to this point. We all need to thank Mother Laurie Brock for her work as a member of the Nominating Committee and Frank Keibell who is the chairman of the Transition Committee and keep both in your prayers. As I write this article, the Nominating Committee has finished and posted a Diocesan Profile and is in the process of receiving candidates that are being nominated. They will soon be in a discernment process to present a slate of three

to five candidates for the summer convention so it can select of next bishop. The Transition Committee has done great work on preparing the diocese to meet the slate of candidates, how and where the electing convention will meet, and finalizing plans for the consecration of our new bishop in December.

One area on which the convention will spend time and energy is where our diocese will spend money on programs and outreach. The Cathedral Domain is part of these considerations as well as our work in Haiti. Reading Camp will be discussed and the amount of funding it will receive. The members of our delegation are posted in the narthex so you can see who we elected last fall to represent us. Keep all these people in your prayers because there will be difficult decisions that will need to be made.

The convention this February is open to the public and will convene on Friday morning and work through the middle of Saturday. There are displays on different ministries to see and hearings that you can attend. If you can only come for a small part of it please do and stop by and say hi to our delegation. Believe me, seeing all the churches in our diocese working together is humbling and exciting so make your plans to be part of it.

## Dates to Remember

### February Calendar Dates

February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Candlemas Eve Dedication and Blessing of Candles 6:00 pm
February 10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	New Beginnings for Youth Domain
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Chanson Concert 7:00 pm
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Breakfast 8:30- 11:15
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	St. Michael's Night Out Puccini's at Millpond Center on Boston Rd 6:00 - 9:00 pm
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Club Garden 6:30 pm
February 17 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	Diocesan Convention Lexington
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ash Wednesday 12:30 and 6:00 pm

#### **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: 10:30 AM

#### **Complete Event Schedule**

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