



MINISTRY GUIDE



Church of Our Saviour exists to help people
wherever they are on their spiritual journey,
to live into a personal and intimate
relationship with Jesus Christ.

Come *Grow* with us!

Welcome to the third edition of the Church of Our Saviour Ministry Guide. You hold in your hands an updated and easy-to-navigate guide to all our ministries, Bible Studies, and service opportunities.

All of us were made by God to know him, enjoy him, and glorify him. That curiosity you have about God and that itch to serve are both there because He put them there! To help us live the life to which He has called us, God has gifted us with our beloved church community. Whether we are receiving or serving, the goal is always to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ. To that end, we encourage you to participate regularly in three areas:



We **CONNECT** With God and Others in our weekly worship services.
We **GROW** Towards God and Others as we read and learn the Scriptures.
We **SERVE** For God and Others as we love our neighbors in our community.



Like three legs of a stool, these areas work together to provide a firm foundation for our faith in Christ. As we make a habit of each of these activities, we will find ourselves growing closer to God over time – knowing him, enjoying him, and glorifying him as we were made by him to do!

This Guide briefly describes the ministries at Church of Our Saviour associated with each of these three areas, and lets you know who to contact for more information. The church staff and ministry leaders are always happy to answer any questions you may have. So get involved, and get growing!

THE REVEREND JOE GIBBES

Rector, Church of Our Saviour





The background image shows the interior of a church. It features a high, vaulted wooden ceiling with exposed beams. A large, colorful stained glass window is centered in the background, depicting a religious scene. On either side of the window are tall, narrow organ pipes. Several modern, cylindrical pendant lights hang from the ceiling, casting a warm glow. The overall atmosphere is one of a contemporary yet traditional place of worship.

CONNECT

With God and Others

These are ministries of Worship and Welcome. Because God made us in His image, He made us to be relational beings; He made us to have a flourishing relationship with Him, and to have healthy, life-giving relationships with others. Church of Our Saviour has many opportunities to help you Connect to God, and to do so within a wonderful community. We also have lots of opportunities for you to help others Connect to God.

ACOLYTES | ALTAR GUILD | LECTORS/READERS
CHALICE BEARERS | LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
MUSIC MINISTRY | INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM
USHERS/GREETERS | NEWCOMER MINISTRY
BREAKFAST TEAMS | LIVESTREAM TEAM
FLOWER GUILD



ACOLYTES

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Acolytes lead us into worship by carrying crosses, banners, torches, and more. We invite children and youth in grades 4 and up, and any interested adults, to take part in this ministry of leadership and celebration. To learn more or get involved, contact our Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries, Hannah Bardin, at hbardin@oursaviourjax.org

ALTAR GUILD

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The Altar Guild organizes the sanctuary and other spaces for our worship services. Altar Guild teams prepare the church for worship by setting, cleaning up, and resetting the altar before and after services. To learn more or to join this vital behind-the-scenes ministry, please contact Theresa Meyers at theresa.meyers1130@gmail.com.

LECTORS/READERS

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Lectors read scripture in worship for the whole congregation to hear. In the first century church, when most people were unable to read, the texts were read aloud for all to learn. Lectors serve in this ancient tradition, providing engagement with the scriptures in a communal way. For more information on becoming a lector contact Josh Pressel at joshua.pressel@gmail.com.

CHALICE BEARERS/LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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Chalice Bearers offer the wine during services of Holy Communion. Because the Eucharist is central to our worship, this is an important and meaningful ministry – to those serving and to those who are served. For more information about being trained as a Chalice Bearer, contact Rev. Deacon Beth Ranouoll at branoull@oursaviourjax.org.



MUSIC MINISTRY

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The mission of the Music Ministry at Our Saviour is to support and enhance the congregation's worship. The Parish Choir is open to singers of high school age through the golden years, and sings music in a variety of styles. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. Musical leadership for the fourth Sunday of each month is led by a less formal ensemble of singers and instrumentalists that rehearses at 7:00pm on the prior Tuesday. Our 5:30 Sunday evening service (Evening Grace) is led by a dynamic group of professional musicians offering diverse, spirited musical worship. The Evening Grace Band is expanded on the last Sunday of each month (calendar allowing) for Jazz Vespers, an energetic non-Eucharistic service that infuses the traditional evening prayers of the church with many styles of jazz. We also support several collegiate singers each season, offering them an opportunity to participate in parish life while expanding their musical experience. For more information about our Music Ministry, please contact Bob Moore at bmoore@oursaviourjax.org.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM

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During Sunday morning services, a team of prayer ministers is available to anyone who would like to receive prayer. These trained Intercessors lead the parish prayers and volunteer to pray for parishioners in the chapel during communion. To learn more, contact Michele Spradlin at shellsm01@gmail.com.



USHERS/ GREETERS

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Ushers work in teams to help worshipers to feel welcomed and to easily engage in the service. Ushers help newcomers and parishioners by distributing bulletins, directing communion traffic, and by caring for unexpected needs during the service. After the service, ushers collect and count the offering. For more information about becoming an usher contact Raymond Remmer at raymondremmer@yahoo.com

NEWCOMER MINISTRY

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Welcoming guests is critically important to the vitality and the future of the parish! Join the team that helps visitors become part of the COOS family. This important volunteer team hosts welcome events, contacts newcomers, and helps them find their way. Friendly folks interested in building the congregation should contact Lauren Evans at levans@oursaviourjax.org.

BREAKFAST TEAMS

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Breakfast is a long-standing tradition at Church of Our Saviour! Each Sunday morning, rotating teams prepare and serve a continental breakfast. This is a fun ministry for men or women, and a wonderful opportunity to welcome newcomers and for fellowship. To learn more or to volunteer, contact John Elisano at jelisano@gmail.com.

LIVESTREAM TEAM

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The Livestream Team ensures that parishioners who are unable to attend services at church can still worship with their church family. Team members typically serve once every 4-6 weeks and do not need to be particularly tech savvy before being trained. To learn more, contact James Evans at jfevans62@gmail.com.

FLOWER GUILD

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The Flower Guild arranges the altar flowers to set the stage for a meaningful and beautiful worship experience every Sunday, for special services, and for holidays including Easter and Christmas when we really go all out! For more information about the Flower Guild contact Vivian Freas at vfreas@comcast.net.





GROW

Towards God and Others

When it comes to growing in our relationship with Christ, we look to the Word of God to be the foundation and guiding light of our faith journey. Whether young, old, or in the middle, we find ourselves being continuously shaped by our experiences with God and one another in community. The programming at Our Saviour seeks to meet the needs of every age group. We encourage all people to grow in their faith, to seek God's boundless grace in their lives, and to find joy and fellowship throughout their spiritual journeys.

RECTOR'S FORUM

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | BIBLE STUDIES

The Rector's Forum is the principal Adult Christian Formation class at Church of Our Saviour. This class is usually led by the Rev. Joe Gibbes, and is typically a Bible Study that seeks to connect the biblical text to everyday Christian living. Meets Sundays 10:00am-10:45am in the Great Hall. To learn more, contact Elaine Allen at eallen@oursaviourjax.org.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

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The Youth Ministry (6th-12th grade) and Children's Ministries (birth-5th grade) live into the church's mission and vision by engaging, encouraging, and empowering families of children and youth to grow in Christian faith and service. These thriving ministries have always been at the heart of Our Saviour's identity. For more information on these programs and how to involve your children, visit www.oursaviourjax.org.

GETTING INVOLVED

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the program for our kids and youth. These special and gifted teams of parishioners share a love for Christ, their church, and for young people.

There are many ways to serve the next generations, including:

- Lead small group Bible study or Sunday classes
- Chaperone Youth events or trips
- Provide weekly meals or weekend refreshments
- And more!



DISCOVER WHERE YOU MIGHT PLUG IN BY CONTACTING:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY GROUPS

NURSERY CARE is available Sundays from 8:45am-12:15pm for children from birth through 5 years old. Nursery volunteers are always needed and welcome. Contact Hannah Bardin at hbardin@oursaviourjax.org for information on how to volunteer.

KIDS' WORD/CHILDREN'S CHAPEL meets Sundays during the 11:00am service and is geared toward children in K-3rd grade. Children are dismissed from the church for a lectionary based on children's sermon, activities, and music and brought back into the church prior to communion. Kid's Word does not meet on Sundays that have a Morning Prayer service.

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL meets from 10:00am-10:45am during the school year. We have a preschool class and an elementary class. Bible stories and lessons are presented to each class in an engaging way and include fun games or crafts which tie into the lesson.

PRESCHOOL CLASS - meets in Classroom 5

This class is geared toward our Pre-K group and uses a combination of Godly Play, Bible story time, and related crafts to teach children about the love of Jesus.



YOUTH MINISTRY GROUPS

During the formation hour on Sundays (10:00am-10:45am), youth are invited to Breakfast & Bible Study in the Family Life Center (FLC). Youth in 6th-12th grades will meet in the FLC for formation, Bible study, and fellowship.

Youth Group is on Wednesdays from 5:30pm-8:30pm in the FLC. Middle School Youth Group meets from 5:30pm-6:45pm, all ages gather for dinner at 6:45pm, and High School from 7:15pm-8:30pm.



BIBLE STUDIES

WOMEN'S GROUPS

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays with two sessions: 9:00am-10:30am and 10:30am-12:00pm, both in the Great Hall.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 in the Family Life Center.

MEN'S GROUPS

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays from 8:30am-10:00am at San Jose Deli & Grill.

Thursday Evening Men's Group

Thursdays from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Great Hall.





SERVE

For God and Others

Learning to serve others like Jesus did is vitally important to growing in Christ. There are countless ways to serve in response to God's goodness in our lives. Some serve other parishioners through ministries of Pastoral Care, while others feel led to serve beyond the church walls. Our Saviour partners with ministries, schools, and nonprofit organizations throughout the city of Jacksonville and the Diocese of Florida to bring comfort to those in need. We seek to share in God's mission of reconciling the whole world to one another and to God.

PASTORAL CARE | COMMUNITY OUTREACH
CHURCH IN-REACH

PASTORAL CARE

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

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Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs) take consecrated Communion elements to parishioners who are physically unable to attend church. This wonderful ministry helps people to worship the Lord and reminds them that they are loved by their parish. Those interested in serving as an LEV should contact Diane Gates at dianegatescoos@gmail.com.

SHEPHERDS

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Every member at Our Saviour has a Shepherd. The Shepherd's role is to reach out to each parishioner in their flock, listen and care, and then link those facing challenges with our ministries that offer the support and encouragement they need. To find your Shepherd or to become a part of this ministry, contact Sarah Stanley, Pastoral Care Coordinator at pastoral@oursaviourjax.org.

GRIEF GROUP

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Those experiencing grief often need an understanding support community. Our Saviour's Grief Group uses *Beyond the Broken Heart*, an eight-week Christ-centered grief ministry for those who have lost a loved one. The study aims to explain the spiritual and practical issues of grief and suggests specific coping strategies. Within the sanctity and community of this group, there is opportunity to share with others and receive the spiritual and emotional encouragement that leads to a life of renewed hope and joy.

This program is presented periodically. Participants are not required to share, but are provided with a safe environment in which to express as little or as much as is needed.

To learn more or to participate contact Sarah Stanley, Pastoral Care Coordinator at pastoral@oursaviourjax.org.



FLOWER DELIVERY MINISTRY

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These dedicated parishioners divide the weekly altar flowers into smaller bouquets and deliver them to parishioners in hospitals, care facilities, or private homes during both seasons of loss and celebration. To learn more or to volunteer contact Carole Brock at youngerthantoday@bellsouth.net.

BIRTHDAY CARD MINISTRY

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In this modern age of quick texts, group emails and video chats, we've lost the sweetness of opening a mailed card and reading someone's handwritten words. Our Saviour sends hand-written birthday cards to each parishioner, sending words of faith, friendship, and encouragement. To learn more or assist with this ministry, contact Laurie Lemmin at fishlem@comcast.net.

FUNERAL RECEPTIONS AKA HELPING HANDS

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Helping Hands provides Funeral Reception support for families that are having a funeral/memorial service for their loved one in the church. It is an "On Call" ministry that anyone can participate in. For the reception, Helping Hands members help setup, serve, and clean up the Great Hall and/or prepare/purchase food donations to serve at the reception. You volunteer as your schedule allows when the "call" comes. Helping Hands is a compassionate way for members of the congregation of Our Saviour to serve others in our church. If you're interested in learning more about how you can join or support Helping Hands, contact Erna Hassell at echassell@yahoo.com.

MEALS MINISTRY

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The Meal Ministry supports congregation members who are in need of a meal or two after common events such as welcoming a new baby, recovering from an illness or surgery, or a death in the family. Members of the ministry prepare and deliver meals and make a brief visit with the recipient to check on their welfare and provide companionship. To learn more or help out, please contact Alece Brockhouse at alecebrockhouse@gmail.com.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

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Kairos Prison Ministry International (Kairos) is a Christian faith-based ministry that addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women, youth and their families. By sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Kairos hopes to change hearts, transform lives and impact the world. Visit www.kairosprisonministry.org.

Kairos Inside is a program that works inside prisons to develop a sense of Christian fellowship.

Kairos Outside is a program that ministers to female family members of the incarcerated.

Kairos Torch is a youth mentorship program for people under 25.

For more information about this ministry, please contact Nolan Gilmore at ngg612@att.net.



FOR THE COMMUNITY

LIVE NATIVITY

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The Live Nativity is a unique outreach ministry of Our Saviour, and a gift of God's grace to our community. This live walk-through production gives visitors a unique way of observing Christmas with their family, while sharing the Gospel message. A large volunteer cast and support crew is needed to run successfully each night. It's a wonderful way to serve the community, and have fun with our church family along the way. If you want to learn more or be a part of this ministry, contact Joe Nuetzi at nuetzij@comcast.net or Susie Lawson at nolesr13@yahoo.com.

ISAIAH 117 HOUSE

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When children are removed from their homes out of concern for their welfare, awaiting foster care placement can take several hours, or even days. Rather than waiting in a child welfare services office, Isaiah 117 House provides a comforting and distinctly Christian home for children to be with loving and friendly volunteers while child welfare staff works to identify a good foster placement. Volunteers can serve directly with children or in non-child interaction activities such as categorizing clothing donations, minor home repairs or grocery shopping. To learn more about this rewarding volunteer opportunity, contact Becky White at becky.j.white54@gmail.com.

MEALS ON WHEELS

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Join our Meals on Wheels ministry and become part of a compassionate team making a difference in the lives of home-bound seniors in the Mandarin area. Every weekday a member of our volunteer team arrives in the church parking lot around 11:30am to receive the prepared meals and begin their delivery route. The deliveries are typically completed within just an hour and a half, making it easy to fit into your day. Whether you choose to volunteer once a month, or on a weekly basis, you'll feel good knowing that you're providing essential support to seniors in our community. To learn more about this rewarding volunteer opportunity and how you can get involved, reach out to Sarah Scaggs at sarahscaggs@gmail.com.

Church of Our Saviour has a longstanding relationship with a tiny Episcopal church in the Diocese of Cuba, called Santísima Trinidad in La Gloria, Cuba. This is largely a friendship of mutual encouragement. At times teams from Our Saviour will travel to La Gloria to offer various means of support. To find out more, please contact Rick Daber at rick.daber@gmail.com.



MANDARIN FOOD BANK

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The mission of the Mandarin Food Bank is to provide emergency food to those in need in the Mandarin Community. Our Saviour supports the Mandarin Food Bank through financial and food donations. Donations may be dropped off in the Great Hall. To learn more or to donate contact Jim Carter at James62936@bellsouth.net.

FIRST COAST HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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The mission of First Coast Habitat for Humanity is seeking to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. First Coast Habitat for Humanity has built over 2500 homes for needy families in Jacksonville while homeowners put in 200 hours of sweat equity, make a small down payment, and pay back an interest free mortgage. To learn more or participate in local building projects, contact Jim Meyers at jtmeyers1130@aol.com.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY (Downtown Jacksonville)

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Our Saviour has an active partnership with the food pantry ministry of St. Mary's which aims to provide space for an active and loving presence for individuals and families who, for whatever reason, find themselves without enough food to eat. Help is always needed. Current pantry hours of operation: 3:00pm on Tuesdays and 9:00am on Thursdays. To learn more contact Jackie Penn at jakkipenn@att.net.

HERSONG

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HerSong is a Jacksonville-based organization with the mission to interrupt the cycle of human trafficking. HerSong leads the exploited to freedom through victim out-reach, survivor care, and education. There are many ways to support this ministry. To learn more, contact MaryJo Plummer at maryjoplummer@gmail.com.

IN THE CHURCH

WOMEN'S MINISTRY COUNCIL

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This group is active in many different areas of the church. Members sponsor and coordinate Girls Night Out and other fun women's activities. They actively contribute to Created For a Purpose, and support many other ministries, both inside and outside the church. To learn more about this fun and active group of women, contact Kathy Daber at kdwilber@gmail.com.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

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Daughters of the King is an order of women who work toward bringing others into a living, loving relationship with Jesus, and help strengthen the spiritual lives of parishes and missions. Each Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. To learn more contact Diana Peaks at dianapeaks@att.net.

ALTAR LINENS

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This is a team of parishioners who, behind the scenes in their own homes, launder and care for the various linens that adorn the altar during Eucharist. To learn more contact Carol Henry at chenry211@comcast.net.

PRIME TIMERS

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Prime Timers provides fellowship and service opportunities for those who consider themselves to be in the prime of life. Along with group outings and bi-monthly luncheons, we also represent our church family by connecting with the greater community through service and fellowship. For more information on hanging out with the Prime Timers, contact Linda Crockford at poetgranny@bellsouth.net.



TOWEL MINISTRY

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This group of volunteers supports Breakfast Teams and other events by cleaning and replenishing the kitchen towels each week on a rotating schedule. To help out or learn more, contact Robin Davis at davisrobin518@gmail.com.

SEW MUCH LOVE

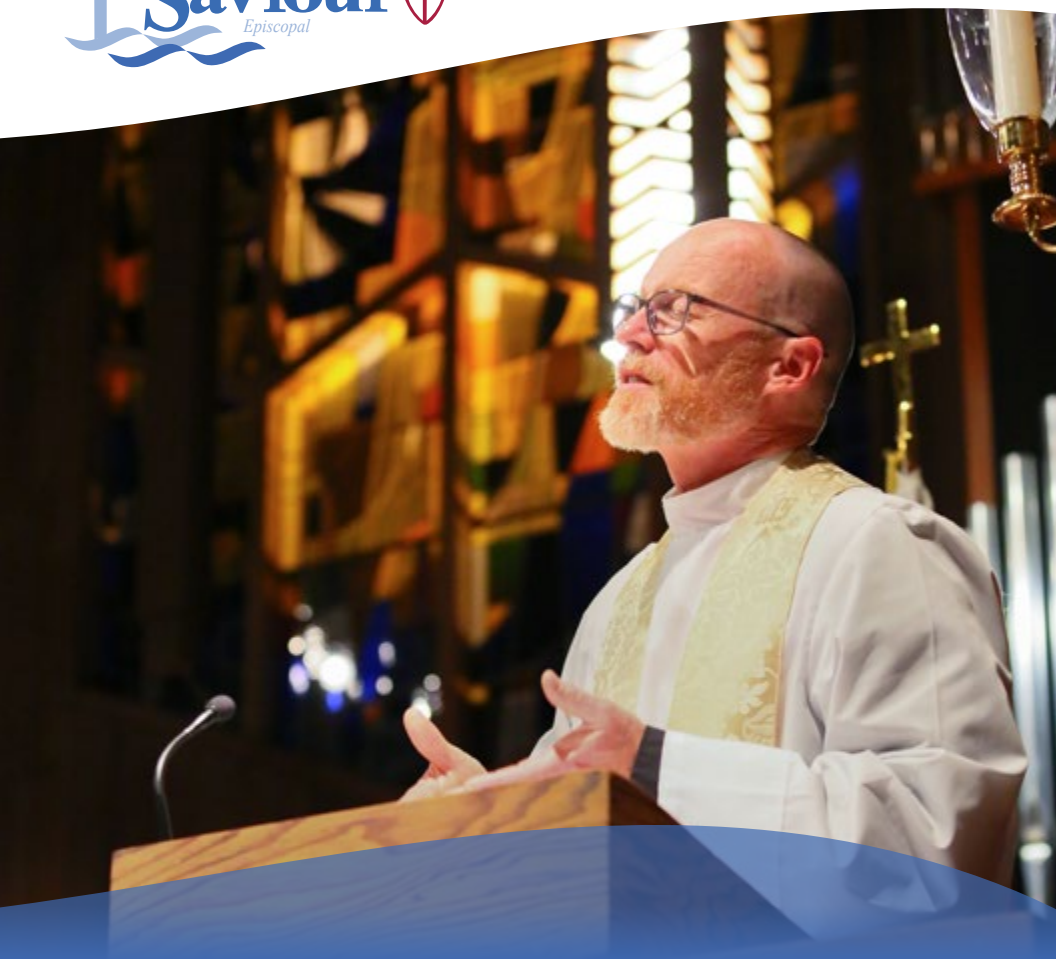
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Sew Much Love is a multi-denominational group of women that meet at Church of Our Saviour every other Friday morning for fun, fellowship and, of course, sewing! The group creates new articles of clothing which are then donated to the Mandarin Food Bank or Isaiah 117 House for needy children. All skill levels are welcome and, for those that would like to contribute to the mission in other ways, they are always accepting of good quality, child friendly fabric and other notions. To learn more about this ministry please contact Kerry Baldwin at kerry@kcbaldwin.com.

SONS OF OUR SAVIOUR

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Sons of Our Saviour is a ministry for men that puts their faith into action through helping those in our parish and community with minor home repair and improvement projects when they are physically unable to do so themselves. Our projects offer an excellent opportunity to spread the Light of Christ and share the goodness of Our Saviour through outreach to our community. To get more information or to sign up and offer your abilities in service, please contact: Rick Daber at rick.daber@gmail.com or Tom Atkins at gatortom68@att.net.



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