

The Vision

Happy Thanksgiving!

November, 2007

Points to Ponder

- Joy is the feeling of grinning inside.
- You can't hold a man down without staying down with him.
- A Christian can never be overcome, unless he shall yield of himself.
- Where God has put a period, do not change it to a question mark.
- If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.
- Ultimately the bond of all companionship, whether in marriage or friendship, is conversation.
- If you're happy, tell your face.

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ERD to help those displaced by S. Calif wildfires; Presiding Bishop calls for prayers

October 24, 2007 [ERD] Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) is standing by to provide emergency assistance to communities affected by wildfires in Southern California. Almost 1 million people have been forced to evacuate their homes, the largest evacuation in California history. Experts fear that the number could increase within the next several days.

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori asked for "prayers for our fellow brothers and sisters who are living in San Diego and the Southern California region and are threatened by the fire of this week."

"I have learned families have moved out of their houses and have been staying at various places," she said. "I can't imagine how close they are to disaster. Please pray for their safety and that of their loved ones and neighbors. Pray that the wind ceases and the fire be extinguished soon. Pray for all who have suffered such great losses."

Since Friday, October 19, approximately 20 wildfires have scorched hundreds of thousands of acres over 600 square miles from north of Los Angeles to southeast of San Diego. Santa Ana winds, 90 degree temperatures and record low rainfalls have made the fires extremely difficult to control. There are not enough fire engines and firefighters

in the state of California to battle the blazes. The flames have destroyed hundreds of homes and damaged hundreds more.

ERD is working with the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego to assist with sheltering and provide psychosocial support for those whose lives are challenged by the trauma and displacement from the fires. "We need to keep our thoughts and prayers with Southern California during and after these fires," says Rich Ohlsen, ERD's director for Domestic Response and Preparedness. "The needs, especially of the vulnerable populations, will be great." Ohlsen will be traveling to the area to assist the diocese in recovery efforts.

While many people have been able to seek temporary refuge with family and friends, the region's more vulnerable and marginalized populations -- the homeless, low-income and elderly -- are in need of immediate assistance, including food, water, and blankets. Several congregations have already opened their doors to offer shelter. Funds are needed for operations and to provide psychosocial support. Once the fires are contained, these same populations will require assistance in rebuilding their lives and finding new homes. (con't on page 2)

Bits 'N Pieces

Church of Our Saviour's **Christmas Bazaar** will be on Dec. 1st from 10-3. Please plan on attending the craft nights and/or supporting this event with homemade crafts and/or baked goods. The ladies of our church share a lot of fun and fellowship as well as contributing to our building fund and outreach. For more information on how to help please contact Louise Locke. 859-200-8301 or moonoverky@yahoo.com.

Church of Our Saviour is in need of **Acolytes and Chalice Bearers**. Training is available and this is a highly rewarding and and reverent way to serve our Lord and our church family. Please contact Louise Locke if you have any questions regarding these ministries. 859-200-8301 or moonoverky@yahoo.com

Planning ahead: There will be **Holy Eucharist** on Thanksgiving Eve at 6:30PM and also on Thanksgiving morning at 10AM. Why not attend one of these services with your family and friends? All are welcome!

FYI: The Diocese will be using our building for a **Reading Camp** meeting on November 3rd, 10AM

Our next **fellowship pot-luck lunch** is on November 11th, after the morning services. Plan now to attend.

Men's breakfast group will meet Saturday, 11/10, 8:30AM.

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To help people affected by the fires in Southern California, make a donation to ERD's "Emergency Relief Fund" online here, or by calling 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to: Episcopal Relief and Development "Emergency Relief Fund" P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

Planning for All Saints'

All Saints' Sunday is on November 4th. One Episcopal tradition during this service is to read a remembrance of those who have passed away during the last year. If you have someone in your life you have lost since last November and would like them to be remembered, please call or email the church office with the information before Thursday, November 1st.

Adult Sunday School Class Growing

The adult Sunday school class meets each week in the Parish house at 9:45AM. This quarter the group is studying world religions. They recently finished an overview of Christianity and are now beginning a study of Judaism. In future sessions the class will look at Islam and then move in to a study of the Eastern Religions. Fr. Birch leads this lively group of participants, but he reports

that Deacon-in-training, Jeff Howell may lead a future class or two. If you have not joined this class, it's not too late! Simply come on Sunday mornings at 9:45AM! There are teen and youth classes that meet at the same time (teens in the Parish house and youth in the main building).

SERVING SCHEDULE**FOR****November, 2007**

	November 4 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	November 11 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	November 18 The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost	November 25 The Last Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture	Isaiah 1:10-20 Palm 32	Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17	Malachi 3:13-4:2a, 5-6 Psalm 98	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46
Readings	2 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Luke 19:1-10	2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5 Luke 20:27-38	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Colossians 1:11-2 Luke 23:35-43
Acolytes	Wallace Arthur Louise Locke	Angie Rice Louise Locke	Wallace Arthur Cheri Tolle	Angie Rice Louise Locke
Altar Guild	Angie Rice Becky Kingsley	Angie Rice Becky Kingsley	Leslie Farnis Sandra Plant	Leslie Farnis Sandra Plant
Greeters	Stephan Locke	Sandra Plant	Sandra Plant	Max Smith
Lectors	Grace Sears	Laura Melius	Cheri Tolle	Sandra Plant
Tellers	Anna Haug Charlie Hoffman	Louise Locke Sandra Plant	Greg Uber Don Wiesmann	Sally Evans Anna Haug
Ushers	Don Evans	Carie Kline	Barbara Giec	Max Smith

Calendar Events for November

Choir rehearsal—1st, 7pm
 Diocesan Reading Camp meets here—3rd, 10-noon
 Daughters of the King—8th, 7pm
 Men's breakfast—10th, 8:30am
 Fellowship pot-luck lunch—11th, after services
 Bishop's Committee meeting—18th, after services
 Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist—21st, 6:30pm, 22nd, 10am
 Wednesday services each week at 6:30pm

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Serving Madison County

*Thanksgiving Holy
Eucharist—Nov. 21 & 22*

Birthdays and Anniversaries in November

Birthdays ~

Eleanor Cawthorne—2nd

Don Wiesmann—4th

Melissa Wiesmann—12th

Robert Hopkins—16th

Pierce Uber—25th

Becky Kingsley—26th

Anniversaries ~

Max Smith & Barbara Griec—23rd

Financial Statement—By: Laura Melius

OPERATING FUNDS

9/30/2007	Checking Account Balance	\$ 6,409.85
9/30/2007	Reserves - Hilliard Lyons Investment Account*	<u>\$ 10,852.14</u>
	Sub-total	\$ 17,261.99
9/30/2007	Accounts Payable & Designated Payables 2007	
	Designated - Youth Mission Trip	\$ 1,204.36
	Designated - Building Fund	\$ 1,815.00
	Designated - Youth	\$ 386.89
	Designated - Music	\$ 149.00
	Designated - Hispanic Ministry	\$ (249.13)
	Designated - Altar/Flowers	\$ 186.00
	Episcopal Relief & Development Fund	\$ 0.75
	ECW	\$ 30.00
	Men's Group	\$ 1,150.54
	Memorial Garden	\$ -
	MacSwords Memorial Fund	\$ 464.50
	Sub-total	<u>\$ 5,137.91</u>
9/30/2007	Net Operating Fund Balance	\$ 12,124.08
	BUILDING FUND	
9/30/2007	Hilliard Lyons Building Fund Account	\$ 15,702.50
9/30/2007	Endowment Fund at Diocese	<u>\$ 19,568.75</u>
	Building Fund Balance	\$ 35,271.25
	Loan From Diocese	(\$180,000.00)
	Interest Accrual Year 1 (10/1/2006)	(\$11,700.00)
	Interest Accrual Year 2 (10/1/2007)	<u>(\$12,460.50)</u>
9/30/2007	Building Fund	\$(168,889.25)