

# The Vision

October, 2008

Love your church day—Nov. 1st!

### Points to Ponder

- If you think you are too small to do a big thing, try doing small things in a big way.
- What we steadily, consciously, habitually think we are, that we tend to become.
- Do not squander time for that's the stuff life is made of.
- The soul should always stand ajar, ready to welcome the ecstatic experience.
- The body is a sacred garment. It's your first and last garment; it is what you enter life in and what you depart life with, and it should be treated with honor.

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## God's Commitment to you By: Don Wiesmann, Sr. Warden

With the children getting back to school, the evenings getting cooler and Our Saviour's regular service schedule returning, we are reminded of the many things we meant to do while summer was here but have somehow forgotten. It's pretty easy to come up with some reasonable explanations as to why we just didn't have time, what with summer vacations, running the kids back and forth to the pool, and all the other things in life that can keep us busy. But those chores still sit there patiently waiting for our attention. Sometimes we will even procrastinate long enough to the point where the chore is now ten times larger than it would have been if we had just gotten after it when we first saw the problem.

God's work is also much like this. God waits patiently for us to do His work in this world. When God calls on us to spread His Word and all we can do is complain about how overworked we are

at the office or how much of a pain it is to mow the lawn or clean the house or how little time we get to spend doing the things WE like to do...it's a wonder God still loves us...but He does! He always will! He takes pleasure in everything we do!

Perhaps we should all start making it a higher priority to do God's will...to attend church more often, to work harder on the committees we are serving on, to spread His Good Word. When you join a church family, it is a commitment not only to the rest of the members of the church but to God, first and foremost. When you are asked to be on a committee or to help with an event, it is a serious commitment and can be one of the most spiritual things you can do. So be committed to doing God's will because God is committed to you.

## Christ Church Invites All to Conference Sessions

Christ Church Cathedral in Lexington is hosting famed theologian Miroslav Volf for a conference, "Giving and Forgiving in a Culture Stripped of Grace." Dr. Volf is Henry B. Wright Professor of Theology at Yale Divinity School and Director of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture.

The conference takes place on Saturday, October 25, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There are two lectures during the day and

time for lunch, which is included in the \$25 dollar registration cost. Two members of Our Saviour, Elaine Saunders and Sandra Plant, are planning to attend. For more information, the e-mail contact is elizabeth@ccclex.org. Brochures and a poster are available in both the parish house and the narthex.

# Adult Forum Presents Great Topics for October

Three fascinating topics are in store for the Adult Forum during October. The Christian and the Environment, Politics and Religion and a mission trip to Haiti will be the featured topics this month. The sessions begin at 9:45 a.m. and all are welcome.

Elaine Saunders will lead a two-part session on the Christian and the Environment on October 5 and October 12. Elaine, who is safety manager for Blue Grass Army Depot, will draw from a variety of resources including the Book of Common Prayer and a video on Environmental Stewardship from the Episcopal Church USA.

Note: Participants in the October 5 session are asked to meet in the church for viewing of the 20-minute video. Then the group will reconvene in the parish house for

coffee and completion of the discussion for the day.

The topic for October 19 is Politics and Religion. This non-partisan and very thought-provoking presentation by Jane Rainey will be a refreshing change from the media barrage we will be getting until election day on Nov. 4.

On October 26, Anna Haug will share slides and experiences from her mission trip to Haiti with Family Health Ministries in January/February 2008. She hopes to interest other members of the Church of Our Saviour in participating in an upcoming mission to Haiti with the Diocese of Lexington. Anna serves on the Diocesan Companion Diocese for Haiti committee.

## Financial Statement, By: Laura Melius

<b>OPERATING FUNDS</b>		
8/31/2008	Checking Account Balance	\$ 5,809.48
8/31/2008	Reserves - Hilliard Lyons Investment Account*	<u>\$ 4,775.36</u>
	Sub-total	<b>\$ 10,584.84</b>
8/31/2008	<b>Accounts Payable &amp; Designated Payables 2008</b>	
	Designated - Youth Mission Trip	\$ -
	Designated - Building Fund	\$ 2,384.71
	Designated - Youth	\$ 386.89
	Designated - Music	\$ 749.00
	Designated - Altar/Flowers	\$ 69.80
	Episcopal Relief & Development Fund	\$ -
	ECW	\$ 1,120.60
	Men's Group	\$ 1,150.54
	MacSwords Memorial Fund	\$ 139.31
	UTO	\$ 18.50
	Sub-total	<b>\$ 6,019.35</b>
8/31/2008	<b>Net Operating Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 4,565.49</b>
<b>BUILDING FUND</b>		
8/31/2008	Hilliard Lyons Building Fund Account	\$ 18,016.97
6/30/2008	Endowment Fund at Diocese	<u>\$ 16,866.82</u>
	Building Fund Balance	<b>\$ 34,883.79</b>
	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>
<b>8/31/2008</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$(169,276.71)</b>

# Meet Long time Member, Jane Rainey

**This is the second in a series of features on new members and long-time members of the Church of Our Saviour. This month's feature introduces a long-time member.**

To say that Jane Rainey is multi-talented is a serious understatement. We know her at the Church of Our Saviour as our very gifted organist who also directs the choir. She began playing organ at the former Christ Church in 1968 and transitioned without missing a Sunday to become organist at Church of Our Saviour.

Jane always brings fantastic gourmet desserts to our fellowship lunches and writes witty musical parodies for special occasions in the congregation. But there is much more about this talented lady.

We will bring her out from behind the organ on October 19 when she leads an Adult Forum session for us on "Politics and Religion." Jane, who is a professor of political science at Eastern Kentucky University, follows court cases and other political events and leads lively discussions on the implications of church versus state. You will not want to miss this Adult Forum session.

Jane is a long-time faculty member in the department of political science at ECU. She arrived at ECU in 1967 to teach courses on the Soviet Union and world communism. As world political boundaries changed, Jane has become a specialist in Canadian politics. She and her husband Glenn, also a professor of political science, enjoy traveling to Canada in the summer where they study the Canadian system.

Just when you think you know everything about Jane,

you learn that she and Glenn are avid cloggers and clog every week with a group in Wilmore. They go to dances throughout Kentucky and perform with their group in nursing homes and events such as the High Bridge Homecoming near Wilmore.

Jane and Glenn enjoy classical music and are long-time subscribers to the Cincinnati Symphony. The two also travel to the beach in North Carolina every summer. Jane and Glenn both grew up in Atlanta, even attended the same high school, but did not know each other until Glenn was hired at ECU. They were married in 1978.

Jane received most of her musical training in Atlanta where she was a student of both piano and organ. In fact, she credits a piano teacher during her high school years for acquainting her with the Episcopal Church. Jane's musical talent was recognized by Atlanta's esteemed Westminster School, which awarded her a scholarship for her last two years of high school.

Jane completed her B.S. degree in political science from Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland. She attended Emory University to pursue both her graduate degrees in political science. Her concentration for the M.A. was state government. For the Ph.D. she studied Soviet politics.

When asked her wishes for the Church of Our Saviour, Jane responded, "I would like to have more male and female choir members and a children's choir." She quickly added, "I would also like a pipe organ." Let's hope that Jane's wishes come true.

By: Sandra Plant

## ECW News

*Great things are happening at Our Saviour.* Most recently our ECW chapter has been reorganized! On Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> a group of women met in the Parish House for the ECW Christmas Bazaar planning, and to revitalize our Episcopal Church Women's group. Becky Arthur and Amy McCormick were elected co-chair, Becky Kingsley, Secretary and Leslie Farris, Treasurer. Plans were made for the disbursement of funds from last years

Bazaar. Among the projects the ECW plans to support are the ERD Hurricane Relief Fund, the children's Sunday School program, the parish kitchen (coffee and paper goods are among the items that come to mind) and they are looking into the purchase of some new acolyte vestments.

Plans were made for this year's annual Christmas Bazaar which will be held on Saturday, December 6. (Cont on page 4)

## News to know

Blessing of the Animals—Saturday, October 4th, noon, at White Oak Pond Christian Church

Daughters of the King—meeting twice in October, 6th & 28th, both at 7PM

Vestry meeting—October 2nd, 7PM and October 19th after morning services.

Fellowship pot-luck is October 12th, after morning services.

All are invited to attend!

Love your Church Day is November 1st! Save the date! More news coming!

## Did you know?

...There is a box for prayer requests on the table in the narthex. If you have a request, you are invited to place it in the box. Your prayers will be kept confidential and you will be prayed for regularly.

...There is a master calendar in the church office. If your group or committee plans to use either building, please call or email the church office with dates and times of your event.

...Save the date! The ECW (Episcopal Church Women) will host their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 6th. The group accepts all ideas, craft items, donations, items for 'Granny's Attic', homemade treats, etc. See any member of the ECW to get involved.

## ECW News— Continued from page 3

We will be meeting Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Parish House to work on crafts and foods for the Bazaar. I know that many of you have busy hectic schedules, but I encourage you to join us when you can. It will be lots of fun, learning more about one another, making things for the Bazaar, and continuing to build The Church of Our Saviour. Remember all women of the church are welcome members of the ECW.

Your Friend in Christ,  
Leslie Farris

# September Bishop's Committee Meeting Highlights

On September 7 several members of the Bishop's Committee met with The Very Rev. Dr. Johnson to discuss Bishop Saul's plan for Our Savior in the coming months. Rev. Johnson is serving as deployment officer for the Diocese.

When Bishop Saul returns from sabbatical in January he plans to send 3 names of candidates to Our Savior for consideration. Our Savior has several tasks to complete to prepare for this next phase.

- Form a committee to work on the process
- Determine the goals of Our Savior. Create a 5 year plan of who we wish to be. Develop and implement a variety of events with the congregation to develop this plan including: open forums, short surveys, a review of congregational history.
- Use the plan to help determine attributes desired for the next priest and to
- Create a Parish Profile that will include our history, our goals and budget.

At the Bishop's Committee meeting held on Sunday, September 21, the first order of business was to elect Becky Arthur to fill the remainder of Roger Hurt's term.

Other items the committee has been busy with include:

- Working on a proposal for the restructuring of the mortgage on the new building with the Diocese. We hope to present it to the diocese in October.
- Repair of the trim on the church damaged in the recent wind storm.
- Discussing plans for the 2008-09 Stewardship campaign, and the need for a Stewardship Committee.
- Planning for the work set out by the Diocese on our search process (some of these tasks have been listed above). A series of forums is being planned to enable the congregation to begin to understand and discuss the search process, the state of our church and the direction of the church. The first of these will be held on October 5 following the 11 a.m. service.

We hope that everyone will plan to attend the upcoming forums. The thoughts and opinions of each member of this parish are important to the growth of our church.

Respectfully submitted  
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Clerk of the Vestry

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### *Happy Anniversary to:*

*5th—Clarence & Eva Miller*

*23rd—Jim & Leslie Farris*

### Happy October Birthday to:

2nd—Mary Lou Boss, Tom Bryan

11th—Anna Gore

12th—Raney Chula

14th—Rosemary Chaney

15th—Caleb McClellan, Natalie Miller

23rd—Jane Rainey

24th—Robert McMillan

28th—Carrie Kline

Missing your birthday? Please email the church office with your info right away!

## Insights on grieving

In 1995, the well-known author and motivator, Zig Ziglar and his wife, lost their daughter, Suzan, who was just 45 at the time of death.

Suzan's death naturally churned agonizing grief in the Ziglars. Zig was so deeply hurt that he decided to write a book about the pain the family felt and his own deep sadness as he watched his firstborn die. He called it *Confessions of a Grieving Christian*.

Out of his grief, Zig has discovered that his faith has grown deeper, his hope of eternity is more certain, and his witness to the grace of God is greater than ever.

Among his many suggestions for those who grieve are the following:

\*Acknowledge your grief; don't deny or stifle it. Accept the contradictions that come with grief such as the pain of mourning and yet the laughter which may come when memories emerge of happy times with the deceased.

\*Do not allow guilt to overwhelm you, Zig advises. Most people have done what they could do while the love one lingered. The stress of any guilt can be relieved by turning it over to God.

\*Weep if you feel like it. Talk about the loved one freely. Talking helps healing to come. Give and receive the embraces of others. The touch of a dear friend or relative works wonders.

\*Cherish the cards and letters, flowers and remembrances given by others.

\*Open yourself freely to your pastor. Remember your pastor has helpful insights, meaningful Scripture passages, and can provide strong personal support for your journey through the valley of grief.

\*Finally, pray without ceasing and allow God to minister to your pain. God understands our deepest hurts and sorrows. Remember God's son died too.