



THE VISION

Episcopal Church of Our Saviour

A Child is born!
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From Your Junior Warden

This is the final newsletter of the year and I would like to thank everyone for their efforts. I know things don't always happen the way we expect but perhaps sometimes our expectations may not be what God has planned. Our job as Christians is to love God and our sisters and brothers in Christ, be good stewards of God's gifts and faithful in our service.

I am still convinced the future strength and stability of the congregation at Our Saviour will be measured by the success of the committee members who serve God though faithful stewardship of time and talent.

The Bishop's committee is the encourager for all committees and works with all committees to help focus on things needed so there is no overlap of effort. The greatest thing the Bishop's committee can do is to empower others to follow God's calling to serve.

This has been the first year at Our Saviour attempting to function by committee. There has been some real success and growth but more

work is needed. These committees will be invaluable in assisting a new priest to make an easy transition into what Our Saviour is all about as a Christian Family.

Please, consider serving on a committee in 2009. It is time to pledge your time and talent to the work of Our Saviour in making it known to the community and to each other what the Church is all about.

Through the combined efforts of members of Our Saviour I have seen that work can be fun and rewarding. I enjoyed every minute of the Love Your Church Day activities this year and really found joy in the fellowship and sharing that occurred during this special

time. Connections between members of the congregation working together for a common goal are the building blocks of Christ's Church.

Share that special gift of yourself with others in service to God. Be a part of something greater than any one person. Volunteer to serve on a committee. Great things can be done when success is shared by loving members of Our Saviour's Church.



Danny (and the snowman) tips his hat to you!

Your Brother in HIM,

Danny Justice

December Dates to remember

- *ECW Christmas Craft Fair 10AM—Dec. 6th*
- *Church family fellowship night at the Tolle/Wagner home, - Dec. 20th*
- *Fellowship pot-luck lunch—Dec. 14th*
- *EKU Lessons and Carols, 7PM, - Dec. 16th*
- *Children's Christmas Pageant—Dec. 21st*
- *Christmas Eve service, 10:30PM., -Dec. 24th*

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Adult Forum Features Advent and Haiti Mission

By: Sandra Plant

Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the Adult Forum held in the parish house each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Here are the topics for the Advent season:

Nov. 30 and Dec. 7 – A study of Advent

Leader – The Rev. Terry Taylor

The first week is a review of what Advent has meant in the past, what the Jews expected of Advent and why we honor St. John the Baptist during this time.

The second week is a look at Advent for the present, what it means to us and why we have this season of anticipation of the coming of Christ.

Fr. Taylor, our supply priest, has served parishes in Kentucky, North Carolina and Ohio prior to his retirement eight years ago. A native of Indiana, Fr. Taylor was a social worker and probation officer prior to entering seminary. He and his wife, Linda, make their home

in Danville.

Dec. 14 – Mission to Haiti

Leader – Anna Haug

Using slides and narrative from her mission trip to Haiti with Family Health Ministries in January/February 2008, Anna will tell of the team's experiences building a second story on a medical clinic on the outskirts of Port au Prince and visits to an orphanage in Fondwa in the mountains about an hour from the capital. 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 has been a member of the Church of Our Saviour for 14 years where she currently serves on the Bishop's Committee. She is also a member of the Diocesan Companion Diocese for Haiti committee.

Tid-bits

Children's Christmas Pageant Set for Dec. 21

The children in our Sunday School and several very nice teen-agers and adults are busily preparing for our annual Christmas pageant. This year's all new production will be presented to the congregation at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 21. This pageant promises to be a great experience for both the participants and the audience. To achieve the ultimate, please note that all participants in the pageant will need to attend several rehearsals after

church on Sunday, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, and Dec. 14. There may be a rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 11 a.m. if the cast and crew feel it is necessary.

Thank You to Adult Forum Leaders

Thanks to members of the congregation who have led Adult Forum topics this Fall. Thank you for stepping forward and sharing your talents with us, Elaine Saunders, Sandra Plant, James Anderson and Michelle Gore.

Campus Ministry Sets Lessons and Carols Service at ECU

There will be a Lessons and Carols Service on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Meditation Chapel at Eastern Kentucky University. Several of the Episcopal and Lutheran students will be readers in the service and Pastor Andy Rutrough will deliver the homily. Musicians from ECU,



Everyone is welcome to attend this special event!

Our Saviour and St. Thomas Lutheran will play favorite seasonal music.

Everyone is welcome. In addition, our campus ministry coordinators, Emily Shearer and Elaine Saunders, are seeking members of the congregation to bake cookies and provide hot cider for the fellowship after the service. Please see Emily or Elaine if you are willing to participate in this way.



News to Know ---- News to Know ----- News to Know

Holiday Bazaar. The Episcopal Church Women hope to see everyone at the annual Holiday Bazaar at the Church of Our Saviour on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a. m. – 3 p.m.

Those with baked goods should bring them to the church prior to 10 a.m. Those with items for Granny's Attic should bring them by the church at any time.

Monthly Men's Breakfast – All men are welcome to share a great breakfast and good fellowship on Saturday, Dec. 13, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Fellowship for December – The Friday Fellowship for December will actually take place on Saturday, Dec. 20, from 5 – 9 p.m. at the home of Cheri Tolle and Doug

Wagner, 117 Belair Drive, Richmond. Cheri and Doug always have this holiday open house. And this hospitable pair always invites the entire congregation. Doug is a great cook and makes any number of Christmas goodies. Don't miss this holiday tradition. For directions, call (859) 625-9095.

Third Annual Richmond Messiah Concert – Several members of the congregation and the choir at Our Saviour are singing in the annual community performance of the Christmas section of Handel's Messiah on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church. The concert features outstanding soloists and excellent musicians. If you enjoy hearing the Messiah, you will really enjoy this performance.

Financial Report—By: Laura Melius

OPERATING FUNDS

10/31/2008	Checking Account Balance	\$ 7,080.89
10/31/2008	Reserves - Hilliard Lyons Investment Account*	\$ 4,627.31
	Sub-total	\$ 11,708.20
10/31/2008	Accounts Payable & Designated Payables 2008	
	Designated - Youth Mission Trip	\$ -
	Designated - Building Fund	\$ 370.00
	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	\$ 4,004.64
10/31/2008	Net Operating Fund Balance	\$ 7,703.56
	BUILDING FUND	
10/31/2008	Hilliard Lyons Building Fund Account	\$ 19,346.76
6/30/2008	Endowment Fund at Diocese	\$ 16,866.82
	Building Fund Balance	\$ 36,213.58
	Loan From Diocese	(\$180,000.00)
	Interest Accrual Year 1 (10/1/2006)	(\$11,700.00)
	Interest Accrual Year 2 (10/1/2007)	(\$12,460.50)
10/31/2008	Building Fund	\$(167,946.92)



Outreach Committee News By: Louise Locke

The Outreach committee has had another busy month with food and personal care donations being delivered to the Salvation Army, Hope's Wings Shelter, and St. Thomas' food bank. There was also a very good response to the Christmas dinner grocery bags for the Salvation Army. We thank you all for your continued generosity in the donations of these items.

Watch your e-mail for outreach projects coming up for the Christmas season. We will be asking for your help in providing some Christmas gifts – and necessities! – for at least one family at Liberty Place Recovery Center For Women. This is a Richmond based long term substance abuse recovery facility which supplies support and hope for women as they face the trials of recovery. We will receive a list of some basic necessities along with information helpful in selecting one or

two small items for the ladies children. This allows the mother to focus on recovery and still be able to share a few gifts with her children for Christmas.

Another project in which we would like to see Our Saviour participate involves the program *Gifts of Life* which is sponsored by Episcopal Relief and Development. With a small offering from our congregation we can make a difference in the lives of a family living in extreme poverty. This program allows us to choose the way our donation would be spent.

We are taught in our childhood that the best gift is the joy of giving. So, as we move into the hustle and bustle of the Christmas holidays, let's remember to set a few dollars aside to make the season a little brighter for some of our less fortunate brothers and sisters.



To Inspire you ~

Gracious God,

Like a mother hen you shelter us under your wings. Bring your truth and love into homes where domestic violence has shattered the peace. Provide sustenance for the victims and accountability for the abusers. Send wise and courageous friends who can offer alternatives, and bring your healing power into broken relationships. May your church provide a haven of safety and peace for the abused and reach out to support all you serve the needs of the abused in our communities; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—From *Breaking the Silence*

Oh, happy chime,
Oh, blessed time,
That draws us all so near!
“Welcome, dear day,”
All creatures say,
For Christmas-tide is here.

- From Louisa may Alcott, excerpted from
“A Christmas Dream,
and How it Came True”



Meet Long-time Member Peggy Stanaland

This is the fourth in a series introducing both long-time and newer members of the congregation. This month we feature Peggy Stanaland.

If you don't know Peggy Stanaland, here are a few clues to help you get acquainted with this faithful and cheerful long-time member who speaks with the molasses accent of a deeper south than Kentucky.

She proudly admits to being 82-years old and says, "I have had my finger in the pie of a lot of things at both the Church of Our Saviour and the former Christ Church." She is a long-time member of the altar guild and has worked over the years with the bazaar, the yard sale and most anything else that came along. At one time she was senior warden at Christ Church.

She chuckles to recall that she was junior warden when the Church of Our Saviour moved to its present site. "Although I didn't get up on the roof, I was involved in the roof repair of what is now the parish house."

Peggy proudly admits to being a convert to the Episcopal faith after "a certain disgruntlement with my former church." She was confirmed while working on her doctorate at Indiana University.

She usually attends the early service, but almost always returns for the Sunday fellowship potluck bearing her traditional dish of delicious cheese grits. In fact, there are numerous complaints when Peggy and her famous dish are not present.

She was born in Thomasville, Georgia, but spent her growing up years in Quincy, Florida. She has been an avid tennis player all her life and has even coached tennis. During high school she sang with the Glee Club. Later, she sang in the alto section with the noted Lexington Singers for 35 years. Now she goes to their concerts whenever she can.

She was in the first official class to graduate from Florida State University after it became coeducational and the name was changed from Florida State College for Women. Peggy's bachelor's degree was in Inter-American Studies, a curriculum that included a dual major in Spanish and history.

Peggy taught high school Spanish, history and physical education in two Florida high schools while working on certification and then a Master's degree in physical education from Florida State. After getting the Master's degree, she moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where she taught at the University for three years.

Then an opening came on the faculty of the University of Kentucky. She taught at UK for nine years. A highlight was coaching the famous Blue Marlins synchronized swim club which put on a big water show every year. It was here that Peggy realized that she would need a doctorate to continue teaching at the college level, so off she went to Indiana University for two years, where she had a graduate assistantship.

After getting the doctorate, she came to Eastern Kentucky University. During 20 years at EKU, Peggy served as an associate professor, full professor and finally department chair of the School of Physical Education. "Back in those days, we did everything, including coaching and teaching activity classes. She coached the women's tennis team for a year and the women's field hockey team for seven years. She stepped down as department chair to return to the classroom several years before she fully retired in 1992.

Since then, Peggy's life has been filled with creative writing, playing tennis, her church, her many friends and travel. Peggy Stanaland has packed a lot of action into her 82 years. That's the way she likes it!

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Fellowship lunch—
December 14th

Serving Madison County

Christmas Eve Worship
Please plan to bring your friends and family to worship at Our Saviour on Christmas Eve. Plan to stay and join your fellow worshippers after the service for light refreshments and the first greetings of Christmas morning. Here is the schedule:

Wednesday, Dec. 24
10:30 p.m. Special music and congregational singing
11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Birthdays and Anniversaries in December

- Birthdays—
 Doug Chaney—4th
 Eva Miller—5th
 Erin Tuck—8th
 Patrick Tuck—9th
 Nancy Wise—12th
 Wallace Arthur—23rd
 Rosanne O'Connor—25th

- Anniversaries—
 Doug & Amy Chaney—16th
 Greg & Rhonda Uber—28th

Home for Christmas!

We who would be at home on Christmas day,
Secure in earliest love, with old friends thronging,
Let us remember Mary as she lay

In the strange place begrudging her, faint with longing
For her familiar home in Nazareth,
Where neighbors' talk and her deep silence blended
In little rooms made fragrant by the breath
Of baking, and of small fires carefully tended.
Let us remember men who left behind Home, family, country, all, because of seeing
One certain light that led them far to find
The Child; and let us be content with being
Away from home, in places far and dim,
If only our hearts may be at home with him.



Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary!

- Jane Merchant