

# The Vision

Will you be mine?

February, 2009

## Calendar for February

- 8th—Fellowship pot-luck lunch after services
- 15th—Bishop’s Committee after services.
- 19th—Annual Convention of the Diocese of Lexington.
- 24th—Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.
- 25th—Ash Wednesday
- 28th—Fellowship night at the Hoffman home.

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## February Slate of Adult Forum Topics Fills the Mind

*Please come and bring a friend to the Adult Forum sessions held every Sunday during February at 9:45 a.m.*

**Sunday, February 1** – Jane Rainey, Ph.D., wraps up this two-part session with a discussion on the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment, which states that Congress cannot prohibit the free exercise of religion. Those who heard her presentation in the Fall and again on Jan. 25 when she discussed the Establishment Clause will recall that Jane does an excellent job of using both current and historical events to illustrate key points.

Jane is a professor of political science at Eastern Kentucky University. Her Ph.D. in political science is from Emory University in Atlanta. Jane is a long-time faculty member in the department of political science at EKU. She arrived at EKU 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.

**Sunday, February 8** – Charlie Hoffman, J. D., will tell us more about Paul Rusch, “A Man with a Vision,” and how he labored in Hokuto City, Japan, for the cause of international brotherhood. Paul Rusch was a lay Episcopalian from Louisville, a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, who made a difference in the world because of his life and work. Charlie has visited Hokuto City twice and has much to share about the man and his work.

Charlie is a graduate of Dartmouth College and hold a law degree from Washington and Lee. His law practice in Berea deals primarily with wills, trusts and estate planning; corporate law; and residential real estate.

**Sunday February 15** – On this Evolution Sunday, Megan Hoffman, Ph.D., will lead a session on Science and Religion. Megan says that the coexistence of science and religion is of great interest and importance to her as a biologist, a science professor and an Episcopalian

Megan plans to talk about the Clergy Letter project and their Evolution Weekend program. The Clergy Letter is a statement about science and religion and includes the summative sentence, “We the undersigned, Christian clergy from many different traditions, believe that the timeless truths of the Bible and the discoveries of modern science may comfortably coexist.”

Megan has a B.A. in biology from Dartmouth College and a Ph.D. in biological sciences (neural science) from Washington University in St. Louis. She is an associate professor in the biology department at Berea College and has served on the faculty for the past 14 years.

**Sunday, February 22** – Patrick Tuck, Ph.D., will do an encore for the comprehensive presentation on Brahms’s German Requiem that he led in January. This time, Patrick says there will be more music and less talking. His focus this Sunday is on the three Fugue movements that start sad and get joyous as they transition from mortal turmoil to realization of God’s blessing.

Patrick, a native of Canada, is a professional musician and assistant professor of music at University of the Cumberland. His Ph.D. in music theory is from Louisiana State University.

## Special Preview of Adult Forum for March 15

While the Church of Our Saviour is going through a time of introspection to determine its goals and purpose for the future, we will have a special guest at the Adult Forum on Sunday, March 15, who will discuss the subject of discernment from his own personal experience.

The Rev. Stephen Ambury, a United Church of Canada minister from Kingston, Ontario, Canada, will discuss the discernment process and how two churches in his care determined their purpose and identity which led to growth and involvement. The Rev. Ambury and our own Patrick Tuck were classmates during their undergraduate study of music at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario. He is godfather to Olivia Tuck and will be visiting the Tucks in Richmond on March 14 -15.

## Friday Fellowship on Saturday!

Charlie and Megan Hoffman are hosting our evening of fellowship on Saturday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. The Hoffmans, who live in Berea at 227 Jackson Street, invite everyone to come and share a good time together. Please remember that children are welcome. Also, please note that this fellowship is on a Saturday. Megan says that Fridays at their house are just too hectic.

Future hosts of our Fellowship nights are:

March—Tuck family

April—Gore family

May—Jim & Leslie Farris

June—Sandra Plant

## Want to Know More About Servant Leadership?

Several of you asked for additional information on the topic of servant leadership that we discussed in the Adult Forum on Jan. 4 and then used in abbreviated form as a homily on Jan. 11.

If any of you are interested in a more in-depth study of servant leadership, would you be interested in getting together several Wednesdays during Lent? Or would you prefer another session on servant leadership during the Adult Forum? Please let me know.

The Scripture cited as the formula for greatness in leadership is Mark 10:42 – 43, "...whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave (servant) of all."

The book cited is "Servanthood: Leadership for the Third Millenium by Bennett J. Sims. It was published in 1997 by Cowley Publications, Cambridge and Boston, Massachusetts. Bennett Sims was Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta and later a co-founder of the Institute for Servant Leadership. He died in 2006.

You can order the book from the Web site for the Bennett J. Sims Institute for Servant Leadership, now based in Hendersonville, N.C. The Web address is: [www.servleader.org](http://www.servleader.org)

You may also be able to get the book from the publisher which succeeded Crowley, which is: [www.wipfandstock.com](http://www.wipfandstock.com)

Bishop's Sims' writing style is more academic than conversational, but it is very rich in observations and examples. Here is Bishop Sims' definition of the work of a servant leader: " to honor the personal dignity and worth of all who are led, and to evoke as much as possible their own innate creative power for leadership."  
----Sandra Plant

## Meet Our Members

### Sally and Dan Evans, Long-time Members

Dan and Sally Evans have been an integral part of the Church of Our Saviour for more than 20 years. Dan served as Junior Warden on the Bishop's Committee that called the Rev. Birch Rambo to be our priest-in-charge. Dan also served as chairman of the Building Committee for a number of years, serving on the leadership team that helped our dreams of a new building come to fruition.

Sally, a member of the present Bishop's Committee, also served on the Bishop's Committee back when we were meeting at St. Thomas Lutheran. Sally recalls that Our Saviour met at 10 a.m. and the Lutheran service began at 11 a.m. She laughs as she recalls those days, "We couldn't even sing all the verses of the hymns because we had to get out of there so the Lutherans could have their service."

Feeling a need for a place of our own, Sally and Marilyn McMillan started investigating vacant properties that the fledging church could purchase. After looking at another piece of property near our present site, Sally said Marilyn mentioned to her that the Carrier family property might be available. The rest is history. The Church of Our Saviour made a down payment on the property in 1992 using funds from the sale of the former Christ Church.

Sally was brought up in the Episcopal Church in a family where both parents were teachers and they moved quite a bit.. She was born and was baptized in Flint, Michigan, and confirmed at the Canterbury Center at the University of Alabama. When the family moved to Lexington when Sally was 14, she attended Christ Church, now the Cathedral church.

When Sally met Dan, she was a single mother with four children. During her former marriage, she had joined the Roman Catholic Church in order to unify the family. After her divorce, she was working as a

nurse aide at St. Joseph's Medical Center with the intention of becoming a nurse. But then she met Dan and all that changed.

The two were married in 1977 at Christ Church, Lexington. When son, Aaron came along in 1982, he was baptized at Christ Church. As a teen-ager when Aaron decided he wanted to be confirmed, the Diocese was having a week end youth confirmation class at the Domain, Sally recalled. Dan, who had been raised a Methodist, went with Aaron to the Domain and surprised Sally greatly by getting confirmed by Bishop Wimberly along side of Aaron. "It blew me away!" she said.

Aaron is now 26 years old. He is step-brother to his Sutherland siblings, Jonathan, 48, Daniel, 47, Timothy, 46, and Lisa, 44. All enjoy the eight grandchildren from ages 22 through 9. Many who know Sally are aware that her grandson, Josh, age 21, is serving in Iraq with the Marines.

Dan, an insurance broker, is senior vice president of Benefit Insurance Marketing. He has a degree in biology from Kent State University in Ohio and was working in a greenhouse on Winchester Road when he met Sally. Dan is active in the Men's Bible Study. Sally serves on the Altar Guild and is member of the Mary Magdalene Chapter of the Daughters of the King.

--Sandra Plant

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*We thank Danny Justice,  
Louise Locke, and Sally  
Evans for their years of  
service to Our Saviour  
through their work on the  
Bishop's Committee.*

*We welcome new members—  
Tom Bryan, Elvin McCormick  
and Sandra Plant and thank  
them for their willingness to  
lead and serve.*

## Happy February Birthday to:

Emma Barnes—7th

Millie Albert—11th

Melissa Kingsley—26th

## Happy Anniversary to:

Philip & Carol Dismukes—14th

Ed & Mary Lou Boss—28th

# Fabulous Facts about Growing Older

1. Life insurance salesmen don't call.
2. You've finally paid off your college tuition loans.
3. Your plaid pants are back in style.
4. You get mail every day—bills.
5. No more midlife crisis.
6. Your parents don't tell you what to do anymore.
7. You can withdraw from your IRA without penalty.
8. You'll never go through puberty again.
9. Your skateboarding grandson wants your old tweed jacket because it's cool.
10. You learn new vocabulary words like 'macular degeneration'.
11. You can stay up as late as you want, sometimes until 8PM!
12. You can entertain the neighbor's kids with your false teeth.
13. Dinner is at 4PM.
14. Senior discounts!
15. The police used to warn you to slow down. Now they warn you to speed up.
16. Your kids don't ask for money. They just want it in the will.