

# THE VISION

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### Points to Ponder

- Time is a dressmaker specializing in alterations.
- I recommend you to take care of the minutes: for the hours will take care of themselves.
- Some of us spend six days of the week sowing wild oats, then we go to church on Sunday and pray for a crop failure.
- Whatever we are, we are not what we ought to be.
- Good habits are as addictive as bad habits, and a lot more rewarding.
- I have held many things in my hands, and have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hand, that I still possess.

## FROM YOUR SENIOUR WARDEN

Once again we are coming to the end of another year. Although I am sure every Sr. Warden can say this, but WHAT A YEAR! The Church of Our Saviour has seen many challenges presented to us during 2008 but I think we have met those challenges with determination and vigor. Most importantly, we have overcome those challenges with style and grace! Our Annual Meeting on January 18th will be very interesting and I hope everyone will plan on attending.

We have 3 members who will be leaving the Bishop's Committee this year...Sally Evans, Louise Locke and Danny Justice. I can honestly say it has been a pleasure and a privilege to have served on the Bishop's Committee with these 3 caring, gifted and spiritual people. Most importantly I also know they will continue to serve our church in any way they can...this is the kind of people they are! I would especially like to thank Danny Justice who has served as Jr. Warden this year. When Danny and I started in January, Danny had a list of things he wanted to accomplish around the grounds and buildings at the Church of Our Saviour...and what a list it was!!! I am extremely happy (and shocked) to say he accomplished almost everything on that list! The two

"Love Your Church" days were not only successful but absolutely amazing! Danny is incredibly organized, determined and a true leader. Please pray for those members who have been asked to run for the 3 new Bishop's Committee positions as well as the existing 6 members. The Bishop's Committee is truly a commitment and should be taken seriously with as much consideration as anything else you would do in your life. Serving your fellow church members can be a rewarding experience. Good luck to all the new members.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for the support and prayers you have given me over this last year. It has not gone unnoticed nor unappreciated. In fact, it has been the one thing that has empowered me to continue on in the face of the challenges over this last year. Once again, thank you from my heart!

Yours in Christ,

Don Wiesmann

**Annual Meeting—January 18th**

## BITS 'N PIECES

All are invited to the home of **Betsy MacSwords** for the January Friday Fellowship on Jan. 23. Time is 7 p.m. Her address is 113 Kara Drive, Berea. The Hoffman family is hosting the Friday Fellowship for February at their home in Berea. The schedule is filled through June, so we can look forward to many good times together

**Adult Forum Leaders for December** – Father Terry Taylor led us through a two-week discussion of Advent, which helped us prepare for this season of anticipation of the birth of Christ. Anna Haug showed slides and gave examples of how our financial support and our work on projects makes a huge difference to the lives of our brothers and sis-

ters in Haiti. Anna is encouraging us to support the work of our Diocese in Haiti in any way we can. Thank you Father Terry and Anna.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this years' **Bazaar**. The ECW raised over \$1,200 at this event. The talents of so many members made it possible.

Did you know? Church of our Saviour sent \$600. to **ERD** (Episcopal Relief and Development) to be used for the Hurricane Relief Fund. To find out more about the work in this area, log on to:  
[www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org)

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## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - A MEMORABLE EVENT

**Thank You to Our Youth** - The all-new Children's Christmas Pageant will long be remembered. Many thanks to our talented youth who created this living reminder of the birth of Our Lord. The play, "The Legend of the Creche," was written and directed by our own Amy McCormick. Be sure to thank Amy as well as these brave and talented performers:

Narrator – David Jett  
 St. Francis – Will Carr  
 Friar – Keith Miller  
 Franciscan Nun – Sarah McCormick  
 Donkey – Maddie Hoffman  
 Angels – #1 Anna Gore, #2 Olivia Tuck  
 Mary – Courtney Mullins  
 Joseph – Keith Miller  
 Innkeeper – Hannah West  
 Shepherds – #1 Katelyn McCormick, #2 Sarah McCormick, #3 Natalie Miller

Trumpeter – Patrick Tuck  
 Keyboard – Sarah McCormick  
*The first link below is a streaming page or the second link will download the file to your pc, if you'd like to watch the play again...*  
<http://www.protowizard.com/video/ChristmasPageant/ChristmasPageant08.html>  
<http://www.protowizard.com/downloads/ChristmasPageant08.wmv>

*Annual meeting for  
 Church of Our Saviour  
 is January 18th,  
 following the morning  
 services.*

## Great Topics Set for January/February Adult Forums

The Adult Forum for January and February features such diverse topics as Christian leadership, Brahms's Requiem and the "Religion Clauses" of the First Amendment. Invite a friend or neighbor and come join us each Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, January 4 – Sandra Plant will lead a session on Christian leadership drawing from Biblical texts that examine the diverse styles of Moses, King David and Jesus Christ. She will draw a modern parallel using the work of the late Bishop Bennett Sims on Servant Leadership.

Sunday, January 11 – Meet in the church to hear excerpts of the music and to learn more about the Old and New Testament texts in Brahms's Requiem. Patrick Tuck, Ph.D., will lead this session, drawing on material from his doctoral dissertation on this powerful musical work. Patrick is assistant professor of music at the University of the Cumberland.

Sunday, January 18 – Meet in the church to view Don Wiesmann's video of the Children's Christmas pageant. Those who have photos of the event are asked to bring them to share also.

Sunday, January 25 – Jane Rainey, Ph.D., returns to continue the discussion of politics and religion. In this two-week series she will cover the two clauses of the First Amendment that make up what are commonly known as the "religion clauses." This week she focuses on the Establishment Clause, which states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." Jane is professor of political science at Eastern Kentucky University.

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 will recall that Jane does an excellent job of using both current and historical events to illustrate key points.

Sunday, February 8 – Charlie Hoffman 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's law practice is based in Berea.

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. We will have more on Megan's presentation in the February issue of the Vision.

### Everyone Invited to Wednesday Evening Services

All are welcome to attend the mid-week worship service at Church of Our Saviour on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. The service usually consists of Evening Prayer Rite I or Rite II with the service of Compline offered occasionally.

Three members of the congregation are taking turns leading these services. James Anderson and Stephan Locke are both licensed Lay Readers. Sandra Plant is a graduate of Education for Ministry. Each worship leader offers a short reflection as part of the worship. A member of the congregation usually reads the appointed Bible lesson for the day.

## MEET THE TUCK FAMILY

*This is the fifth in a series about our newer members and our long-time members.*

Patrick and Erin Tuck moved to Richmond two years ago and both say that the Church of Our Saviour “has been a big part of us feeling welcome here.” “When Erin and I were looking for a church,” Patrick continued, “we found the Episcopal Church. We feel enriched by the church and we don’t leave on Sunday wondering why we came.”

Their three and a half year old daughter, Olivia, with her big blue eyes and sparkly red shoes has quickly become the darling of the congregation at Our Saviour. Olivia recently played an angel in the Children’s Christmas pageant and she didn’t have to try very hard to look like an angel.

Patrick, a trumpet-player extraordinaire, is a native of Belleville, Ontario, Canada, a city one and a half hours east of Toronto. Erin, who was once an all-state and all-south clarinet player, grew up in Houma, Louisiana.

Their involvement with music brought them together. The two met in July of 1997 while on a wind ensemble tour of France when both were students at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Erin was an undergraduate and Patrick was a graduate assistant. They got engaged a year and a half later and were married in August of 1999 at First United Methodist Church in Erin’s home town.

Erin is a speech language pathologist with MEPCO Home Health. She also works PRN (as needed) as a speech language pathologist at Pattie A. Clay Medical Center. She earned both the Bachelor’s and a Master’s degree in speech language pathology from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She worked for three years in the school system in Louisiana and three years in Baton Rouge.

Patrick is an assistant professor of music at the University of the Cumberland in Williamsburg, Kentucky. He plays trumpet professionally and is looking for gigs that keep him close to home, meaning Erin and Olivia.

While still living in Canada, Patrick earned a Bachelor’s degree in trumpet performance from Queens University in Kingston, Ontario. Patrick played a lot of trumpet gigs in and around Toronto and also sang in the choirs at the famed Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

He also earned a Licentiate in trumpet performance in Canada before heading for Louisiana to pursue a Master’s degree in his field. Patrick went on to earn a Ph.D. in music theory from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. He says LSU is the only school he applied to for his doctoral work because he wanted to be close to Erin.



The Tuck family, pictured at left are Erin, Olivia and Patrick.

## JUST FOR FUN

Get out your calculator

Begin with 66, the number of books in the Bible.

Add 13, the number of Paul's books in the New Testament.

Add 7, the number of churches in Asia Minor.

Multiply by 3, the Trinity.

Multiply by 122, the number of tribes in Israel.

Multiply by 12 again, for the Apostles.

Add 600, Noah's age when the flood came.

Add 3, for Noah's sons.

Add 30 the age of Jesus when he began his ministry.

Finally, add 33, the age of Jesus at his crucifixion.

Now, press the equal sign, turn the calculator around and read the number upside down. You'll see the source for the solution to all of life's problems.

Have fun!

*To get the most out of the coming year, we must put the most into it; and we put the most into it by living in a spirit of earnestness, not trifling with the golden hours, but receiving each as a precious gift from God.*

*Only such earnest purpose makes the day a blessing, insures progress from good to better, and causes us to live in eternity while we are in time.*

*- James F. Clarke*

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**Annual Meeting—  
January 18th**

*Serving Madison County*

**Dates to remember:**  
Annual Meeting—18th  
Friday fellowship—23rd

*Have you turned in your  
pledge for 2009?*

*Happy January Birthday to:*

Katelyn McCormick—3rd

Millie Albert—11th

Laura Melius—13th

Stephan Locke—13th

Ed Kingsley—19th

Anna Haug—21st

Amy Chaney—22nd

Richard Sears—26th

Benjamin Dismukes—27th

Megan Hoffman—27th

**Financial Report—By: Laura Melius**

**OPERATING FUNDS**

11/30/2008	Checking Account Balance	\$ 11,027.05
11/30/2008	Reserves - Hilliard Lyons Investment Account*	\$ 4,588.86
	Sub-total	<b>\$ 15,615.91</b>
11/30/2008	<b>Accounts Payable &amp; Designated Payables 2008</b>	
	Designated - Youth Mission Trip	\$ -
	Designated - Building Fund	\$ 770.00
	Designated - Youth	\$ 386.89
	Designated - Music	\$ 749.00
	Designated - Altar/Flowers	\$ 69.80
	Episcopal Relief & Development Fund	\$ -
	ECW	\$ 520.60
	Men's Group	\$ 1,150.54
	MacSwords Memorial Fund	\$ 139.31
	UTO	\$ 18.50
	Sub-total	<b>\$ 3,804.64</b>
11/30/2008	<b>Net Operating Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 11,811.27</b>

**BUILDING FUND**

11/30/2008	Hilliard Lyons Building Fund Account	\$ 17,325.43
6/30/2008	Endowment Fund at Diocese	\$ 16,866.82
	Building Fund Balance	<b>\$ 34,192.25</b>
	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)	
11/30/2008	<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$(169,968.25)</b>