



The Vision

Where your treasure is.....

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**All about Mother—
Mother's Day is
May 13**

- All that I am or ever hope to be, O owe to my angel mother. - *Abraham Lincoln*
- The best inheritance a mother can leave her children is a Christian example.
- For Mom to remember: The family altar would alter many a family.
- An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy.
- Make me a wise mother, O Lord.....

.. there your heart will be also. That's what Jesus tells us in the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain depending on which Gospel (Matthew or Luke) you are reading. Unfortunately, we always hear this verse backwards. We think we hear, "Where your heart is, there your treasure will be also." We think that if only people loved and cared for the church more, they would give more. As usual though, it's Jesus who has it right.

As I read the paper in the morning, I don't even glance at the stock quotes in the business section. I don't give a fig that LMT is up 1.3%. I don't own stock in Lockheed-Martin or any other company for that matter. My treasure isn't there, so I don't care.

If you buy an old clunker of a car that just barely gets you back and forth to work, do you spend hours or dollars washing and waxing it? Do you buy new rims or custom exhaust? Probably not, it would be a waste of time and effort to 'pimp your heap.' But do you remember the first car you bought as a teenager? Chances are it was in no better shape, but the \$800 you spent on it was a fortune to you, a treasure. If you were like I was, you obsessed over every bird splat or mud splash. Road paint or tar was a major disaster. My treasure

was in the first car I bought, so my heart was there too.

We usually think that financial commitment to a church follows emotional commitment. It's not true. Believe it or not, according to Jesus, we can BUY commitment. We can make a decision, write a check, and put our hearts where we choose.

Looking at my checkbook, I can tell where my heart is: in my family's house and pantry, at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, in my gas tank, and in my communications (cell, internet, satellite TV, NPR pledge, News Papers, etc.). These are the biggest things, the things that show where my heart truly lies.

The next time you put together your family budget, or sit down to pay bills, think of it as a spiritual exercise. Don't look at it as where your money goes. Instead, think of each check as a piece of your heart and ask yourself if you are spending your heart well.

Bits N Pieces

Vrrooommm! Tell your friends and neighbors! There will be a **Motorcycle Blessing** service here on May 5th, 10:30AM

The **Women's Retreat** is May 18—20th this year. Interested in attending this spiritually renewing and fun event? See Becky A or Louise for more information.

The youth from Our Saviour/St. Thomas are sponsoring a **rent-a-kid event** on May 5th, 12th or by appointment. If you have any jobs that need an extra hand or two, call the church office or see Carol Ruppel. The youth will come to your home in pairs and will stay for up to two hours. All pro-

ceeds go to the Chicago Hope Mission Trip that will be in June.

The last day of **Sunday School** for all will be on May 27th. We will begin our summer schedule on June 3rd.

Our **Home Meals Delivery** persons for May are: May 3 & 24: Carrie Kline. May 4 & 25: Pat Harris. Thank-you!

The **Men** at Our Saviour continue to be an active bunch: The next Men's breakfast is May 12th, 8:30AM. The weekly Men's Bible study group meets for dinner at 6:30PM on Monday evenings. The study begins at 7PM. All men are invited to join both of these events.

Financial Statement - By: Laura Melius

OPERATING FUNDS		
3/31/2007	Checking Account Balance	\$ 2,382.71
3/31/2007	Reserves - Hilliard Lyons Investment Account*	<u>\$ 10,486.24</u>
	Sub-total	\$ 12,868.95
3/31/2007	Accounts Payable & Designated Payables 2007	
	Designated - Youth Mission Trip	\$ 343.00
	Designated - Building Fund	\$ 1,042.82
	Designated - Youth	\$ 386.89
	Designated - Music	\$ 149.00
	Designated - Hispanic Ministry	\$ (249.13)
	Designated - Altar/Flowers	\$ 25.00
	Episcopal Relief & Development Fund	\$ -
	ECW	\$ 30.00
	Men's Group	\$ 1,150.54
	Memorial Garden	\$ 100.00
	MacSwords Memorial Fund	\$ 1,400.00
	Sub-total	<u>\$ 4,378.12</u>
3/31/2007	Net Operating Fund Balance	\$ 8,490.83
BUILDING FUND		
3/31/2007	Hilliard Lyons Building Fund Account	\$ 12,735.18
12/31/2006	Endowment Fund at Diocese	<u>\$ 18,683.00</u>
	Building Fund Balance	\$ 31,418.18
	Loan From Diocese	<u>\$(180,000.00)</u>
3/31/2007	Building Fund	\$(148,581.82)

Serving in May

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Readers	<i>Sandra P</i>	<i>Laura M.</i>	<i>Greg U</i>	<i>James A.</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Angie R/Becky K</i>	<i>Becky A/Peggy</i>	<i>Becky A/Peggy</i>	<i>Sally E/Louise L</i>
Acolytes	<i>Angie/Louise</i>	<i>Wallace/Louise</i>	<i>Rusty/Cheri T</i>	<i>Angie/Louise</i>
Greeter	<i>Stephan L</i>	<i>Grace</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Sandra</i>
Tellers	<i>Greg/Don</i>	<i>Sally/Anna</i>	<i>Charlie/Danny</i>	<i>Louise/Sandra</i>
Usher	<i>James</i>	<i>Carrie</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Carrie</i>

Do you recognize anyone?

As a fan of Prairie Home Companion, I'm always interested in Garrison Keillor. You might enjoy this excerpt from his program. (Submitted by Grace Sears.)

We make fun of Episcopalians for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like them. If you were to ask an audience in Des Moines, a relatively Episcopalianless place, to sing along on the chorus of "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Episcopalians, they'd smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! ...and down the road! Many Episcopalians are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage. It's natural for Episcopalians to sing in harmony. We are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other. I do believe this, people:

- +Episcopalians, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you could call up when you're in deep distress. If you are dying, they will comfort you. If you are lonely, they'll talk to you. And if you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad!
 - +Episcopalians believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud. Episcopalians like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.
 - +Episcopalians believe their rectors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.
 - +Episcopalians usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.
 - +Episcopalians believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.
 - +Episcopalians feel that applauding for their children's choirs will not make the kids too proud and conceited.
 - +Episcopalians think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.
 - +Episcopalians drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.
 - +Episcopalians feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.
 - +Episcopalians are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at church.
 - +Episcopalians still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season
 - +Episcopalians believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously. And finally, you know you are a Episcopalian when:
 - It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service. -You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can. -Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee. -When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," and you respond, "and also with you."
- And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-bye.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries in May

Birthdays -

Jim Farris—5th
Marilyn McMillan—7th
Eric Ruppel—8th
Birch Rambo—10th
Rhonda Uber—15th
Paul Melius—16th
Angie Rice—29th
Sandra Plant—31st



Happy Birthday to you!

Anniversaries—

James & Emily Anderson—12th
Stephan & Louise Locke—21st
Don & Melissa Wiesmann—26th
Dan & Sally Evans—28th

Do we have record of your birthday or anniversary in the church office? If not, please call us at 623-1226 or drop us an email with your info at:
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