

The Vision

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WE THANK GOD!

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How did Jesus do it?

By: Don Wiesmann, Sr. Warden

I have often wondered if Jesus had to deal with budgets. You know...money for food, travel and housing! The Bible doesn't go into much detail about day-to-day things but there are a few hints. Throughout the New Testament Jesus was housed and fed as a guest in someone's home or an entire village. Jesus and his disciples had to rely on the generosity of others for the necessary needs of this world.

God's house today also relies on this same generosity. Although the message hasn't changed, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ, now there are still electric bills, water bills and building repairs to be made every month. When we pledge to financially give to our church, it is not to seek the favor of God but to contribute to the spreading of his Word.

One way we do this is to have a Church building in our community where we can gather together to celebrate the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. One of my responsibilities as Senior Warden is to keep track of this church's financial health. Are we following our budget? Does our income permit us to be on budget?

How can we give back to our community without putting into jeopardy our own existence! Fortunately for me, there are many good people at Our Saviour who have a commitment toward these same values.

Throughout this year, for the most part we at Our Saviour have done an exceptional job of meeting the financial demands of this world while doing as much as we can to help others and spread the good word. However, the economy seems to be taking its toll on all of us. For the first time this year, last month's budget was in the negative. Hopefully, this is a temporary issue. But if God has blessed you this year with job security and financial stability, perhaps you could help account for those who have fallen on less fortunate times by giving what you can on Sunday monetarily and giving of yourself in church functions and groups.

"Love thy neighbor as thyself" is the second greatest commandment only after "Love God with all thy heart". Working hard together as a group to spread the word of Jesus Christ does both!

POINTS TO PONDER

- *You can't hold a man down without staying down with him.*
- *Joy is the feeling of grinning inside.*
- *If you're happy, tell your face.*
- *Ultimately, the bond of all companionship, whether in marriage or friendship, is conversation.*
- *Instead of leaving church family members with the well-meaning wish 'take care', we should depart from each other with the urging to 'take risks'!*

Vicar's Letter

By: The Rev. Richard Burden

Blessed are...

One of the drawbacks to the Revised Common Lectionary (which we now follow instead of the BCP lectionary), is that we only hear the Beatitudes (Matt. 5:1-12) every third year. This used to be the appointed reading for every Feast of All Saints. The Beatitudes have formed me in many ways, I pray the Beatitudes frequently, I look to them as a way to see God acting in the world, and I use them as a guide for helping our family decide how best to use our time, talent, and treasure to further the mission and ministry of Our Saviour.

As Anne Howard writes in her book *Claiming the Beatitudes*, "The beatitudes give us not only a way to see God, but a way to see our world, and they give us something concrete to do about what we see, as they call us to participate in God's kingdom." So while we will not hear Matt 5:1-12 read in church this year, we will certainly hear echoes of the Beatitudes as we gather to worship, study, and make our financial pledges, volunteer our time, and share our many gifts with each other and our community.

There will be numerous opportunities this month for you to consider how this parish is living into the Beatitudes. The pages of *The Vision* are full of such stories. The survey put out by the Outreach Committee will highlight even more of them.

Then throughout the month of November we will be sharing stories of why we pledge our time, talent, and treasure to the many ministries of this parish. We will celebrate the completion of our pledge campaign on Nov. 29 with a special concert performed by the University of the Cumberlands brass ensembles. We are most grateful to Patrick Tuck for leading the stewardship campaign and for organizing this first-ever concert in our new building.

There is much to be thankful for, blessed are you.

In Christ's peace,

Richard

Migrant Headstart Program Info is coming!

If you want to know more about the Migrant Headstart program set to begin in our Parish House in April 2010, please plan to stay after services on Sunday, Nov. 8, for the fellowship luncheon.

Christian Wirth, director of the Migrant Headstart program in Kentucky, will be our special guest at worship.

During the fellowship potluck, she will make a brief oral presentation and then be

available to answer your questions all during the potluck. Be sure to ask Christina about the ways that we can volunteer to help in the program.

Celebration Concert by University of the Cumberland's Brass Ensembles

Please plan to come and bring your friends to the celebration concert at Our Saviour on Sunday, November 29, at 1:30 p.m. This will mark the culmination of our stewardship campaign and a joyful time for all!

Patrick Tuck has arranged for the University of the Cumberland's brass faculty and students to perform for our church family and the community. Suggested donations at the door will go to support activities of the church.

The UC brass program hosts annual visiting artists and UC Brass Day. Patrick conducts the UC Trumpet En-

semble and the UC Brass Quintet. These ensembles perform around eastern Kentucky and annually at UC concerts and events.

In addition to enhancing our worship on festive occasions with his trumpet solos and his love of liturgical music, Patrick is in demand throughout Kentucky as an adjudicator, clinician and soloist. Patrick

also led a very well received two-part Adult Forum session last year on Brahms' Requiem. During Lent this year, Patrick will lead us in an

exploration of the music of Healey Willan, a composer

and musician who has been called Canada's Brahms.

He appears on the EMI Virgin Classics recording, Healey Willan: Tenebrae Responsories, as a member of the choirs of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto, Canada, and recordings by the choir of the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Lafayette, Louisiana. He has published reviews in the *Journal of the International Trumpet Guild* and *Music Theory Online* and has presented papers on the music of Hugo Wolf and Johannes Brahms in Canada and the U.S.

By: Sandra Plant

*Stewardship celebration
concert is on November 29th.
Plan now to attend!*

Bits 'N Pieces

Save the Date Richard's ordination to the priesthood will take place on Monday, December 21, 2009, at 7 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral in Lexington. All five Network clergy will be ordained at this time. More details to follow.

Thank you from the Burden Family On behalf of my family, I want to thank all of you for the kindness and support you have shown us since the death of my mother. Your

prayers, generosity, and gifts of time, space, and food (!) have been incredibly healing. Peace, Richard

Altar of Remembrance Oct 25—Nov 26 We will have an altar of remembrance in the sanctuary at Our Saviour. We want to provide all who wish to participate, the opportunity to remember and honor family members, friends, and even pets who have died. We invite you to bring a framed photo, or

memento of a loved one and place it on the altar. You may choose to identify the photo or not. The altar with the mementos will remain up through our Thanksgiving Morning Prayer service on Nov. 26. In addition, there will be a book of remembrance for you to write in the names of loved ones who have passed on. These names will be read during the prayers of the people at the Feast of All Saints on Nov. 1, and during the regular Sunday services through Nov. 22.

Highlights of the October Bishop's Committee Meeting

The Bishop's Committee met on Sunday October 18.

Regarding our **Finances**, it was reported that our while our September expenses were over budget, our annual bills have been paid. Currently, the pledges are not up to date by about \$8,000. This shortfall is of some concern. The Rector's discretionary Fund has been established. The finance committee will be meeting in the coming weeks to build the 2010 budget. Budget considerations should be directed to Don Wiesmann, Sr. Warden.

The **College Ministries** are underway for the school year. The group at Berea College has begun meeting; and Richard is working with campus ministries at ECU to build that program. Donations for College Ministries are welcomed. Please note in the memo line of your check the designation of your donation.

In preparation for Richard's office move to the new building, Tom Bryan will be installing phone and internet lines.

Louise Locke, chairperson of the **Outreach Committee**, reported on the re-formation of the committee. A survey of ministries will be presented to the congregation in the coming weeks. The information gleaned from this survey will help the committee to plan our outreach program in the coming year. We will continue to support our local food banks, Hope's Wings, Liberty Place and Episcopal Relief and Development. During a recent Adult Forum session on the work of the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP), new opportunities were discovered to obtain supplies for our current ministries. The committee also plans to work on adopting families for Christmas through CAP.

The Bishop's Committee heard a proposal for improvements in access and registering our **website**. In the coming weeks we will change over the server for the website. This change will improve access and visibility. Carmelinda Richard has been a valuable asset to this important communication tool. She and Stephan Locke will be hard at work on this project. Watch for updates.

Respectfully,
Leslie Farris, Registrar

Financial Statement—By: Laura Melius

OPERATING FUNDS		
9/30/2009	Checking Account Balance	\$ 16,275.49
9/30/2009	Reserves - Hilliard Lyons Investment Account*	<u>\$ 4,603.03</u>
	Sub-total	\$ 20,878.52
9/30/2009	Accounts Payable & Designated Payables 2009	
	Designated - Youth Mission Trip	\$ -
	Designated - Building Fund	\$ 400.00
	Designated - Youth	\$ 386.89
	Designated - Music	\$ 749.00
	Designated - Deacon's Discretionary	\$ 280.00
	Canterbury Fund	\$ 100.00
	Episcopal Relief & Development Fund	\$ -
	ECW	\$ 520.60
	Men's Group	\$ 1,150.54
	MacSwords Memorial Fund	\$ 139.31
	McMillan Memorials	\$ 145.00
	Reading Camp	\$ -
	UTO	\$ -
	Sub-total	<u>\$ 3,871.34</u>
9/30/2009	Net Operating Fund Balance	\$ 17,007.18
	BUILDING FUND*	
9/30/2009	Hilliard Lyons Building Fund Account	\$ 18,193.17
12/31/08	Endowment Fund at Diocese - Dodge & Cox	<u>\$ 12,175.45</u>
	Building Fund Balance	\$ 30,368.62

We currently owe \$184,692 to the Diocese for our Building Loan. Our present agreement is to make interest only payment of \$4,617 per year, or \$385 per month. So far this year, we have received \$3,711 in designated offerings to the Building Fund.

For a full statement of our income and expenses, see the bulletin board in the church office (updated monthly.)

Men's Group Update

The men meet each month on the second Saturday at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. We meet each Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship, dinner and Bible study. Good things come of this, I believe. We are encouraged and supported by each other. We have a range of opinions, healthy discourse among our group, often disagree, but we come to the table each week. It is not Las Vegas, but what goes on at Bible study, stays at Bible study. We voice our opinions in a safe place.

Last Sunday, Suzanne Howell made a presentation during adult forum for Hope's Wings, a domestic violence program here in Madison

County. She made a plea for immediate donations with a hope of raising \$100,000 by October 31st. She asked our church for \$1,000 towards this goal. Last Monday, the men responded to this need. With \$1,150 in our men's group designated fund, the men's group is contributing \$1000 to help those in our community – our neighbors – in need. During these uncertain economic times we wish to put our faith into action from a place of abundance, not scarcity of blessings.

The men's group wishes to help provide these women and children a safe place.

Proverbs 3:28 Do not say to your neighbor "Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it"- when you now have it with you. NIV

By Stephan Locke

Time change!
Move clocks back one hour on
Saturday, October 31st
before going to sleep!
Spring forward—fall back

Adult Forum for November

Everyone is welcome to the Adult Forum sessions that begin at 9:45AM each Sunday in the Parish House. The topics for November continue to focus on ‘loving our neighbors as ourselves’ through study of Christ’s message as well as in learning more about institutions in our community that serve us and our neighbors.

Nov. 1—We will begin our study of the book, “claiming the Beatitudes” by Anne Sutherland Howard. In it, The Rev. Howard examines each of the beatitudes through the experience of nine seminarians. Each chapter ends with questions for reflection that will lead our discussion.

All are invited to the adult forum sessions each Sunday, beginning at 9:45AM.

Nov. 8—Richard Burden will lead a discussion on liturgies and worship, answering your questions and listening to your thoughts.

Nov. 15—Cheri Tolle will share with us many of the ways that healing takes place at the University of Kentucky’s Markey Cancer Center. She will answer many of your questions about cancer treatment and services to the

community. Cheri is a coordinator of cancer information for the re-

gion served by Markey Cancer Center.

Nov. 22—This is Christ the King Sunday. We will examine some of the history of this holy day and learn more about why we mark this day as special in our liturgical calendar.

Nov. 29—This is the first Sunday in Advent. We begin the Advent season with a presentation by Monica Burden on the ‘Promises and Prophecies’ of Advent. Monica will draw from her experience with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a Christian education program similar to Godly Play, to discuss the prophets who told of the promises of the light to come.

Beatitudes Study Group Begins on November 11

Everyone is invited to participate in a study group to take a closer look at the Beatitudes as given to us in the words of Jesus in Matthew 5:1-12. The sessions will be held in conjunction with our weekly service of evening prayer each Wednesday at the church.

We plan to begin with a simple supper of soup and bread

at 6:15PM. After participating in the brief service of evening prayer at 7PM, the group will study and discuss for approximately one hour. The first session will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 11. The study group will be led by Stephan Locke and Sandra Plant.

How can these ancient words

shape our lives and the life of our church today? How did the Beatitudes affect the understand of nine seminarians interviewed in the study book “Claiming the Beatitudes: Nine Stories from a new Generation,” by Anne Sutherland Howard. We have ordered 12 copies of the book, but more can be ordered if needed. There is no charge for the book.

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November Events:

2nd—DOK meets

8th—Fellowship lunch, Headstart group visits.

14th—Men's breakfast

15th—Bishop's Committee meets

26th—Thanksgiving day Morning prayer, 10AM

29th Celebration concert—1:30PM

Each Monday evening—Men's dinner and Bible study, 6:30PM

Each Wednesday evening—Evening prayer, 7PM

Each 1st and 3rd Thursday—Berea group meets.



Blessing of the Animals:

The Feast of St. Francis was celebrated at Our Saviour on Oct. 4th with Evening Prayer and Blessing of the Animals. The Rev. Dana Hardwick officiated and blessed a large number of dogs, cats and birds, including an 18 year old parrot. Charlie Hoffman assisted Dana with the service. Louise Locke and Carrie Kline baked treats for the animals. Carrie was assisted in distribution of the treats by Angie Rice's handsome grandson, Trey.

Daughters study the Psalms

The Daughters of the King have chosen as their theme this year, "Psalms of Our Lives." Each member in turn will present a favorite psalm, explain why she is especially drawn to it, and may add a hymn or song based on that psalm. We may also try to rewrite the psalm in our own terms, to fit our own lives.

On November 2 Louise Locke will present a psalm for study and

reflection at 7pm in the church. (The meetings are scheduled on the first Monday of every month.) Any interested woman is welcome to attend. Prayer requests should be e-mailed to Louise prior to the meeting.

Traditionally, Daughters of the King mark All Saints Day by having Eucharist together with other members of the Order. Since All Saints Day falls on a

Sunday, Daughters not in the choir may move to the front row and go forward to receive together, on the opposite side from the choir.

A reminder: written prayer requests may be placed in the wooden box in the narthex; they will be picked up after services every Sunday. Urgent requests may be phoned to Louise Locke at 859-623-2068, or 859-200-8301.