

October, 2007

Fall is in the air!



CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

# The Vision

## Worship on Wednesday By: Fr. Birch Rambo

Our Wednesday evening worship services have started off very well. Thus far, we have used Evening Prayer Rites I and II and Compline or Night Prayer from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer. As I write, we are preparing for tonight's Public Service of Healing. The service will be offered with special intension for those mourning the loss of pets and will use a Eucharistic Prayer from Enriching Our Worship. On October 31 we'll have the service for All Hallows' eve from the Book of Occasional Services. Who knows what will happen during the rest of October! Part of the reason for the Wednesday evening services is to allow us to experience the breadth of worship available within our own Episcopal tradition and in the rest of the Anglican Communion. I've heard requests for more services from New Zealand and for more Rite I Evening Prayer. I hope you will find time to come and join us, and maybe learn something while you're at it.

Attendance.

As you have likely noticed, attendance has been on the rise all summer. In the hope that the trend continues, please remember the following:

- Remember the unfamiliar faces next to you are not 'newcomers' or 'visitors', they are our invited guests.
- Wear your name tag. You

only have to remember a few names, our guests are working 50-60. If you need a name tag, contact the church office or sign up in the narthex.

- Save some good seats. Seats are at a premium these days, please do all you can to make our guests comfortable, even if you must (gasp!) sit in front.
- Be ready to help out. Not all our guests are familiar with the Episcopal worship service. The projection helps, but it can still be confusing.
- Accompany our guests to fellowship hour, don't make them find the way themselves.
- Invite your friends or better still your enemies – we can always set up folding chairs!

### Points to Ponder:

- *To live is so startling it leaves little time for anything else. ~ Emily Dickinson*
- *The one who kneels before God can stand before anyone.*
- *Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you can only spend it once. ~ Miquel De Cervantes*

## Calling all Ladies! By: Louise Locke

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There has been enough positive response for the Christmas bazaar that we will go ahead with it again this year. So please be thinking of new items to make and bake. In keeping with the past two years the Saturday after Thanksgiving weekend seems to be a good date, Dec. 1st. Other churches in the area also have their bazaars that weekend and it works out well for shoppers. I will be glad to be the "go to" person and I know how busy everyone is, trust me, but please consider signing up to help in one of the following areas:

1. Treasurer
2. Organizing craft nights and storing materials and completed project.
3. Overseeing Baked Goods.

4. Overseeing Granny's Attic. Please only extra nice yard sale items.
5. Advertising

As before, we will need lots of hands for set-up and clean-up, but we have always had lots of fun, especially on the nights we get together to work on projects together. Fellowship is a key ingredient and flows freely as we all work together so let's start getting crafty and have some good old Episcopalian fun!

(Call Louise at 623-2068 to get involved.)



It's fall now—but Christmas is comin'.

## Altar Guild Says Thank-you! By: Becky Arthur

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The Altar Guild would like to thank Tom Bryan for moving our vases and flower arranging tools to the new building. We weren't able to get to them for all the "stuff" in the garage, but now have easy access. A big thank you goes also to Danny Justice for the donation of the shelving unit. We can really use it.

We would also like to remind everyone that there is a sign up sheet in the Parish House if you would like to donate flowers. This can be to commemorate a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or in

thanksgiving. We always have plenty of donors for Christmas and Easter, but during the rest of the year, the Guild members purchase and arrange the flowers for the altar. They are also in charge of keeping the emblems in stock as well as cleaning the linens regularly. If you see a member of the Altar Guild, please take a minute to say a Thank You. The members are: Sally Evans, Leslie Farris, Pat Harris, Becky Kingsley, Louise Locke, Marilyn McMillan, Sandra Plant, Angie Rice, Peggy Stanaland and myself.

## Bits 'N Pieces

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The Mary Magdalene chapter of the **Daughters of the King** will meet on Thursday, October 11, at 7 pm at the Church. Marti Conaway will lead our discussion.

Our next scheduled all church **work day** is October 13th, 9AM—noon. All are invited and encouraged to come and stay as short or long as your schedule allows. We will be working both inside and out.

The **Bishop's Bar-B-Q** is October 20th at the Mission House. The emphasis this year is on youth and their parents. You may purchase tickets to attend in the parish office.

There will be an **All Hallow's Eve** service here on October 31st, 6:30PM.

Fellowship pot luck **lunch** is Oct 14th after services

## Bring your books! Bring your bucks! October 28th

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On October 28 many churches will celebrate the ministry of SPCK/USA, the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge, based in Sewanee, TN. The mission of SPCK/USA is to provide Christian books to schools, churches, students and Christian workers worldwide. In their most recent newsletter, they note that both the new Institute for Worship Studies in Florida and Msalato Theological College in Dodoma, Tanganika, obtained a number of books from SPCK's warehouse for their theological libraries, as did Bishop Okullu College in Kenya. This summer Good News Bibles were being collected for young people in Malawi.

We can help! Many of us have Christian books we have read and would like to pass on, or more

Bibles or prayer books than we actually use. SPCK asks that for every book we donate to them, we also bring two dollar bills to cover the cost of shipping. One of the greatest needs at this time are Bibles for children and adults. If our members can bring books and bucks, we'll find a way to transport or ship them to SPCK so they can be reused by someone else who needs them.

(Contact Grace Sears at 986-1378 for more information.)

## Let us pray for you! By: Grace Sears

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The Daughters of the King are committed to praying regularly for the names or concerns that are left in the brown wooden box on the table in the narthex. Slips beside the box have a blank for the date of the request, and contact information, so the Daughters can ask for an update a month later. Their commitment is to pray initially for one month, and then contact the individual who made

the request to ask if we should continue to pray about that situation. We do not need last names or details, and if the "confidential" box is checked the request will not be mentioned to anyone other than the chapter members.

*The Daughters of the King are committed to praying for you!*

## New Member Welcome Reception on Oct. 17th

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In a revival of a lost tradition, we will be hosting a welcome reception for all of our new members and regular attenders on Wednesday, October 17th, immediately following the evening service. Everyone is invited to attend this fun event where we will serve wine and cheese. There will also be goodies and treats for the children!

Dating back to the beginning of '07, we have

over 18 family units that have moved membership to Our Saviour or are attending on a regular basis. Welcome! We are so glad to have you!

The evening service will begin at 6:30PM.



Since January '07, we have had over 25 families visit with us and 18 are now worshipping at Our Saviour.



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**New member  
 reception—10/17!**

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries in October*

*Mary Lou Boss—2nd                      Clarence & Eva Miller— 5th*

*Tom Bryan—2nd                              Jim & Leslie Farris—23rd*

*Sonja Yow—5th*

*Raney Chula—12th*

*Rosemary Chaney—14th*

*Natalie Miller—15th*

*Jane Rainey—23rd*

*Robert McMillan—24th*

*Carrie Kline—28th                      Do we have your birthday and anniversary  
 dates on file? If not, please call or email us with the info.*

## **Signs of Joy**

- Eagerly greeting each new day as a generous gift from God.
- Frequent expressions of gratitude for the blessings and challenges which come throughout the day.
- Finding delight in everyday occurrences: Things said by a small child, a cat playing with a ball of string, a dog trying to figure out what you're doing, a funny story in the newspaper, a joke told by a friend.
- Discovering the taste of a familiar vegetable prepared in a new way.
- Visiting with a dear friend or family member instead of letting television create the dialogue or interrupt good fellowship.
- Eagerly looking forward to the next Sunday when you can join the family of God at worship.

*What are YOUR signs of joy? Email us some of your signs and we will publish them in next month's Vision newsletter! (our\_saviour@bellsouth.net)*

## **Serving in October**

	<b>10/7</b>	<b>10/14</b>	<b>10/21</b>	<b>10/28</b>
Acolytes—	Wallace Louise	Angie Louise Tom	Wallace Cheri	Angie Louise
Altar—	Marilyn Pat	Marilyn Pat	Becky Peggy	Becky Peggy
Greeter—	Sandra	Max	Sandra	Stephan
Lectors—	Amy	Jim F.	Tom	Carrie
Tellers—	Don Sally	Charlie Louise	Sandra Greg	Don Sally
Ushers—	Carrie	Max	Barbara	Sandra