

Dragon Tales

Serving the Southern Maine Seacoast Region

From the Rector:

“Be doers of the word, and not hearers only.” (James 1:22, of the February 15th reading from ERD Lenten meditation book, Seeking to Serve, a lenten exploration of the Millennium Development Goals).

If breakfast is the most important meal of the day, then for me, the 20-50 minutes when I first wake up, praying while I drink my two-and-a-half cups of coffee in bed, with Gene down the hall writing in his study, Ariana asleep in her room, and a furry dog near at hand, are the most important minutes of my day. I begin with readings from scripture and other writings, have some time for meditation, and conclude with a rosary of prayers for those near and far for whom I am thankful, and who may be in particular need of God's love and care.

Being someone who can get bored easily by routine, I regularly change up what I read as the beginning of that devotional time and the prayers I say in the rosary. Usually the readings include a book on spirituality by an author I feel called to engage, as well as Forward Day by Day. Forward Day By Day is a publication St. George's makes available for you to take home, on the track rack in the Parish Hall. It is a collection of daily meditations written by lay people and clergy of the Episcopal Church, based on the Daily Office readings.

This Lent, Episcopal Relief and Development offers Seeking to Serve: a Lenten Exploration of the Millennium Development Goals, or MDG's. We at St. George's have spilled a lot of ink and spent a lot of breath on the MDG's in the last three years, particularly at U2charists. This collection of daily readings is a wonderful way to reflect throughout Lent on what God is calling each of us to do to eradicate extreme poverty, thereby serving Christ by loving those most vulnerable in this world (Matt. 25). (Pick up a copy in the parish hall, starting February 3).

I hope you will join me in these daily readings. In that way we can spend Lent together, contemplating God's word and reflecting on what it means to live “What One Can Do” as a person of faith.

Love and Peace,
Paige+

Editor's Note:

The parish office recently got a new computer and, as always happens in these situations, it takes awhile to work out the problems. I cannot, right now, access our website to update it or create the monthly newsletter in email form—hence the pdf version this month. Hopefully, by the next edition, the newsletter will be in email format once again. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

P.S.: Books I have read recently during my early morning prayer time, many of which are in the Parish Library. (All of these books are available at online retailers as well):

A Wing and a Prayer by Katharine Jefferts Schori
Becoming Human: Core Teachings of Jesus by Brian C. Taylor

Four Steps to Spiritual Freedom, by Thomas Ryan
Daysprings: Meditations for the Weekdays of Advent, Lent and Easter by Sam Potaro (one of my CREDO Chaplains)

Sheer Christianity: Conjectures on a Catechism, also by Sam Portaro

Markings, by Dag Hammarskjold

The Breath of God, by Nancy Roth

Leaving Church, by Barbara Brown Taylor

Take this Bread: A Radical Conversion, by Sarah Miles

Team Building *by the Rev. Steve Godfrey*

On Sunday evening, January 13, the New Orleans Mission Trip team gathered to “team-build.” What does this mean? Mostly playing goofy games and singing goofy name songs that helped us to get to know one another better. We decided to plan this evening when we realized back in December that we had grown to be 25 people from three different congregations and that even among team members from St. George's, many of us did not know each other. So we planned an evening

of potluck supper, some business planning for the trip, and the aforementioned goofiness. We made a concerted effort to be there if at all possible and all but three members of the team were present, with two of the three missing being summer members who live in another state in the winter. We laughed, ate and worked, and ended up knowing each other better. It was a great team-builder and will help us to work effectively together in New Orleans.

Teams are critical to the life of the church and, among the most gratifying parts of my work, is watching teams form and develop and become mutually supportive and effective. I love to see the way our Church School teachers and Youth Leaders work together in planning, preparing and leading their various groups. I am enjoying working with the Newcomers team to develop our welcoming and integration programs. It is great to watch the Finance Committee, Altar Guild and Lay Eucharistic Visitors work together in teams, to name just a few examples. The Prayer List circle forms a team of people who are committed to joining their prayers together, even if they cannot be together physically.

Being part of an active team is essential to strong Christian spirituality. We are team people and have been since the beginning of Christianity. If you are feeling that you need to be part of a team or three, speak with Paige+ or me so we can get you hooked up. And when you are part of a team, remember to be fully committed to the team and resolve to God to be present and active as much as you possibly can. When you're engaged with the right ministry team, your faith will shine, and you will feel great.

In Christ,
Steve+

Deacon's Corner: The Back Story

by the Rev. Aaron Perkins, Deacon

Have you ever heard the term “back story”? It's a term that's used to describe the story behind the story, and in modern journalism it seems to be pretty underutilized. When you work in a prison, you deal with lots of back stories.

One back story that I heard recently has stuck with me. ‘Fred’ is about my age. He has three children and is incarcerated because he sexually assaulted one of his minor children. Hearing about this was difficult for me.

As a father, my instinct is to always protect my child, and the thought of someone hurting a child is frightening.

Fred hurt one of his children. When this was reported in the newspapers, all we really learned was a father was accused of molesting his daughter and was charged with the crime. A few months later, we learned from the newspaper that Fred was convicted of the crime and was sentenced to five years in prison, of which he will serve three years. As law abiding citizens we could hear that and feel that justice was served. A potentially dangerous person was off the streets, and paying for the awful crime that he committed.

Here's where the back story comes in. What we didn't learn was that during the time between the crime and the trial (about eight months) Fred and his family had begun to deal with his alcoholism. So much so, that Fred's wife asked the judge at Fred's sentencing that he be given the right to have contact with his other two children throughout his incarceration because she felt that the children needed their father.

We also don't learn that Fred and his family have started to deal with the fact that Fred himself was sexually abused as a young child over the course of several years by a close family member.

We aren't given the opportunity to understand that this one horrible incident has devastated Fred and his family and that they are struggling desperately to hold their family together. We're only given the opportunity to feel righteous that justice was served.

This was a horrible crime with the most innocent of victims, and none of the back story can change or should change the punishment imposed because of it. But don't we as Christians have a responsibility to not buy into the sense of righteous indignation peddled by the media? Shouldn't we be drawing our ethics from the Gospel, not Fox news?

The next time that you read the paper, or listen to the news and learn about one of these awful crimes please take a moment and ask yourself, “What is the back story here?” Also, take a moment to pray for the victim and the accused. By the way, the family, including the victimized child, has begun to reconcile but they have a long way to go.

The UnTalent Show Is Back!

by Abbie Duquette & Lauren Segalla

That's right! The UnTalent show is back at St. George's Church. What is the untalent show, you may ask? Well, it's a talent show with no talent! Although there are many untalented performers, there are also many talented performers. It's a great time to show all your church buddies what you've been hiding all this time! The UnTalent show had been a tradition at St. Georges for some time now. (Except for last year when it was cancelled.) It is on Shrove Tuesday every year. This year it will be on **February 5 at 7:00 p.m.**, following the annual pancake supper.

At 5:30 p.m. we will have the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. This year the money raised will be given to the New Orleans mission trip, to help fund the expedition to re-build New Orleans. The UnTalent Show will follow the pancake supper at 7:00 p.m. Come eat, enjoy, and support!

If you would like to be involved in the UnTalent show, please contact Abbie Duquette at 363-2556 or a_tothe_abbie@yahoo.com, or Lauren Segalla at 363-8642 for more information. Kathy Fink will hold rehearsals at the church on Saturday, February 2, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. If you need rehearsal time please contact Kathy Fink at pianotchr@aol.com or 603-742-2355 x102. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall. PLEASE SIGN UP ASAP.

Help New Orleans Mission Trip Volunteers Meet Goal!

By Cheryl Farley, Missioner

The ecumenical team of twenty-five volunteers spearheaded by St. George's parishioners will head to New Orleans during President's week, February 17 – 23, 2008 for a Mission Trip to aid the still-struggling city. When Hurricanes Katrina and Rita hit New Orleans in 2005, it left thousands of people devastated. Residents who survived suddenly found themselves homeless and without jobs, and many had the added heartache of grieving the loss of loved ones.

Today, the city is far from restored, despite heroic efforts of residents and volunteers. Our group will be working alongside residents of New Orleans and will be partnered with the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana's efforts to help meet the city's immediate and long-term needs. Rebuilding houses, landscaping, and assisting

with and offering pastoral care are among the many tasks the group will undertake during their trip. Both financial assistance and donation of goods are being sought for the mission trip.

The group has been busy fundraising and with the help of the Vestry and other parishioners about \$5,400 has been raised to date. However, about \$7,100 more is needed to cover expenses for the weeklong mission. Funds raised will help cover the cost of travel, food and housing for the group as well as enable the purchase of much-needed supplies for the residents still struggling from the effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

To help raise the additional funds, a Super Bowl Sunday Chili Sale is planned. Here's how you can order your dinner for the big game scheduled for Sunday, February 3, if you haven't already ordered: print out the order form attached to the email that brought you this newsletter, fill out and get it back to the parish office by the deadline. On Shrove Tuesday, February 5, members of the group will hold a pancake supper at St. George's. Please mark your calendars for these two events and tell your friends. If you see a paint can labeled "Change for Change" at a local establishment, please deposit any spare change you may have for the mission trip. Some of you may receive a letter from an individual group member asking for a donation. The group is hoping if enough individuals donate \$10, \$20 or more to sponsor an individual, in the next couple of weeks enough money will be raised.

If you are able to contribute, please make your check payable to St. George's Episcopal Church (with "NOLA" on the memo line, and send it to P.O. Box 364, York Harbor, ME 03911). Of course you can always drop it in the offering plate on Sunday with a notation indicating it is for the trip. A donation in any amount would be most appreciated and is tax deductible.

There are other ways to help the people of New Orleans in addition to a cash donation. Please consider donating a gift card for Wal-Mart, Home Depot or Lowe's, as these are great ways to help people re-build their homes and lives. All gifts large and small will help aid this worthy cause.

Evening Prayer in Lent

by the Rev. Sudie Blanchard, Deacon

How will you live into Lent this year? Join us for Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m. on the six Sundays of Lent.

Surrounded by candlelight and Taizé chant, take time to be quiet and ponder as you journey through Lent.

“York Reads! One Book, One Community” Returns! *by Sudie Blanchard*

This month inaugurates the fourth annual “York Reads! One Book, One Community.” Be a part of “York Reads!” and share the experience of reading a single book with friends, neighbors and fellow church members! This year, the book is “Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy.” This novel, set in 1911, is based on real events here in Maine. Here’s a short summary of the plot: Turner Buckminster III, the son of the new minister in a small Maine town, befriends smart and lively Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from Malaga Island, a poor community founded by former slaves. When the town’s elders, including Turner’s father, decide to drive the people off the island to set up a tourist business, Turner stands alone against them. He and Lizzie try to save her community but find there’s a terrible price to pay for going against the tide. This is a wonderful coming-of-age story that deals with issues around racism and the courage it takes to stand up for an unpopular cause. Although the book was written for teenagers, adults will find it a powerful read as well.

Be sure to stop by the York Public Library to buy your copy of the book and then get reading! Look for events throughout the community that are happening in March—I’m hoping that we can host an inter-generational discussion here at St. George’s. Sound interesting? Give me a call or email: 363-1369 or sblanchard@stgeorgesyorkharbor.org.

Music Notes *by Kathy Fink*

I’d like to offer a huge “Thank You” to everyone who participated in our Evening of Music & Fellowship on January 6, Epiphany. It was a wonderful evening and our musical guests enjoyed themselves greatly.

Mark your calendars now for the next two opportunities for music:

- 1) Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 p.m. – the Shrove Tuesday UnTalent Show
- 2) Mega Choir performance on Easter morning

If you are interested in either event, please contact me by email at pianotchr@aol.com. Thank you.

Seminar on Paul’s Letter to the Galatians

by the Rev. James. H. Gambrill

Everyone knows that Jesus was a Jew and that he taught that the Jewish law was to be preserved to the letter. Also, many followers of Jesus, including Peter and James, insisted for years after the Resurrection that in order to become a follower of Christ, Gentiles (non-believers) had to become Jews first. Before they were accepted as followers of Jesus Christ, the men had to be circumcised, and all had to accept and embrace the Hebrew law as found in the first five books of the Old Testament.

Of course, we no longer think that way. When did the separation occur? When did Christianity become conscious of itself as a separate religion, free from many Jewish laws and rituals? And who made it all happen?

To state it simply, the separation and new path happened in the time of St. Paul. He, even more than St. John’s Gospel, made the case for division and redirection, particularly in his Letter to the Galatians. What did Paul write to that group of churches in what is now central Turkey?

Jim Gambrill will try to help answer questions like these during a seminar immediately following the 7:00 Ash Wednesday evening service on February 6, 2008. As always, two promises: coffee and tea and no more than 90 minutes.

Too Much Stuff *by Gail & Dick Marshall*

How often do you hear adults respond to being asked, “What do you want for Christmas?” by saying, “I don’t need anything. I already have too much stuff.”

We purchased a heifer from Heifer International on behalf of our four [children’s] families and ourselves. Each family received a gift bag with a toy cow inside, a gift card and a Heifer International catalog which explained the 44-year-old program. (FMI go to www.heifer.com.)

The reaction of the various family members was INTERESTING. One eight-year-old granddaughter could not wait to tell her friend “I got a cow for Christmas.” Her friend wanted to know how she would take care of a cow in her yard.

In talking with others (many at St. George’s) we realized others give similar gifts. They share our reasons for giving:

1. We do not need anything.

2. Too many in the world have too little.

3. Our young loved ones become aware of outreach, hopefully an awareness that will last forever.

To top off our gift-giving, our children surprised us with a unique gift: a monetary donation to a fund for St. George's Building and Maintenance, very much a concern of ours. Now, as one family member exclaimed, "We don't have to wait 'til Mum croaks to give a donation to the Church."

We know there are others who share concerns about the building and maintenance of our Church. Perhaps they might add to this fund. (If anyone wishes to donate to St. George's specifically for the maintenance of the church building, simply send a check made out to "St. George's Church" with "building maintenance fund" in the memo line.)

The Palm and the Pine *(excerpted from the newsletter of the Haiti-Maine Companion Diocese Committee)*

2007 has been very hard on the ministry and the children at St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children in Haiti. Political unrest and increasing prices for basic supplies make it difficult to provide food and basic supplies for the children and staff at the Center. Here are some current needs:

- Feeding the children costs approximately \$5000 per month in addition to funds supplied by grants, exacerbated by prices rising due to high inflation in Haiti.
- The boys' dormitory needs roof repair and new equipment is needed in the brace and prosthetic shop.
- The Center provides education to students through the eighth grade. The average yearly cost of tuition is \$850. Any donation is gratefully accepted.
- St. Vincent's provides education for many blind students. Money for Braille supplies is needed for this program.

If you wish to donate, you can send checks for St. Vincent's, made out to "St. Mark's Haiti Fund" and send to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, c/o Jennifer Thorn, 60 Eustis Parkway, Waterville, ME 04901.

St. George's Forum to Hold a Doubleheader *by Ted Little*

With the political scene heating up, we are pleased to announce that on Sunday, February 10, Ruth Summers, wife of Republican candidate for US Representative from our district, Charles Summers, now

deployed in Iraq, will be our guest speaker. Then, on Sunday, February 24, Chellie Pingree, Democratic candidate for the same office, will return to our Forum. Both sessions will start immediately following the 7:45 service (about 8:45). Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Please join us.

Thank You For Giving *by Karen Gilroy*

Fellow Parishioners: Thank you all for your participation in 2007's Giving Tree. Our goal to supply the material items for Christmas celebration to four families in the seacoast area was successful! We had gifts of warm clothing, boots, games and books all beautifully wrapped by you for their delivery. We gave certificates to grocery stores, Walmart, gas stations and other stores. We gave food and extra supplies to fill pantries. I am so proud to be a member of the family at St. George's, a family that is willing to share even when the season is busy and to hear God's call to care for others. Thank you all.

Emergency Meals *by Pauline Cashman*

Do you like to cook? We need your help to boost the emergency meal preparer group that has been so dedicated to the MANY meals that we have delivered in 2007. It can be as easy as preparing a few extra portions when making a casserole, stew or soup and setting them aside for someone who could use the extra meals. The meals can be delivered directly to the person in need or they can be stored in our freezer at the church for later use (please date and mark what is in the container). If you are interested in doing this very rewarding ministry please call Pauline Cashman at 363-5619 or e-mail at cside@maine.rr.com.

Lenten Reading *by Jean Tucker*

I have arranged a display of books on the shelves that face the street in the parish hall of some excellent Lenten reading for our parishioners to enjoy. If you wish to take a book home, please make sure you fill out the card in the book and leave it in the proper place on the library cart.

Staff Absences:

Paige icon workshop, Feb. 8-16

Lorrie vacation, Feb. 7-13

Interested in Stamp Collecting?

by Jean Tucker

For anyone interested in beginning a stamp collection—I have perhaps 50-100 stamps, both U.S. and foreign, which can be yours. Call me at 363-6540.

Wrestling Report

Pauline opened the January meeting with prayer, then the Rector offered her report. There are a number of people who have responded to the time and talent forms indicating they are interested in helping out in some new and exciting ways.

We reviewed the average Sunday attendance for the year and compared it to previous years. We continue to hover near 200. Our Easter service continues to increase, which is a really nice thing to see. Overall, we're in good shape. We have some good things happening and some challenges too.

Many people have been responding positively to the information about our budget and current pledges by increasing their pledges. We've looked at alternatives to having Steve+ as full time if our pledges don't allow us to do so. This has resulted in a few people volunteering to help in ministries like Jesus and Joe (Tom Beecher) and the Tools for Ministry (Barbara Boschert, who would co-teach with Paige+) classes. This is very exciting. We may find ourselves behaving like a Program Church and making this transition in ways we didn't expect.

Steve Boyle and Paige+ reviewed the stewardship numbers. There are still a number of pledges that have not come in. Brenda will send a draft of the letter to the congregation to Ken. The letter will have a reminder about attending the annual meeting as well as information about the 2008 budget. This should go out asap – by Friday, January 11, 2008. The letter will address the deficit in the budget and the difficult decision we have made to change Steve's time back from 100% to 80%. *[This letter, with copy of budget, did go out to the congregation.]*

George Dow gave the Treasurer's Report and presented the end of fiscal year 2007 budget. There is a deficit in funds for 2007 due to increased expenses and a less-than-bountiful December income month. In fact, there is a significant shortfall that is requiring us to defer some of our obligations to 2008 (namely, the outreach grants). 2007 pledges were underpaid by about 15K, though some may come in late, in 2008)

The Vestry voted to allocate \$2200 for the Mission trip to New Orleans, covering 1/3 of the cost of the 13 St. George's members who are going. They have applied to the Diocese for another 1/3, and the final 1/3 will be covered by fundraising and personal resources.

The Giving Tree for the Mission trip may be put up for the first two weeks of February. Brenda will ask the missionaries from other churches to take the Giving Tree to their churches for January.

Frank Jillson, Steve Boyle and Mark Ford will be retiring from the Vestry this year. We thank them for their wonderful support and service to God and the parish.

After establishing who would open and close with prayer in February Steve Boyle led us in Compline and we adjourned.

Crosswalk 2008: Middle School Youth Event

Invite your friends for a weekend of faith, fun and new friends! Sponsored by Episcopal Youth Ministries.

Who: Middle Schoolers - grades 6 - 8

When: February 8 at 6:30 p.m. to February 10 at 2 p.m.

Where: St. Mark's, Augusta

Cost: \$35 (or \$15 with financial aid) before 1/29/08; \$45 (or \$20 with financial aid) after 1/29/08; (100% financial aid available)

For more information and to register, go to http://www.diomaine.org/youth/documents/CROSSWALK_2008.pdf.

Spiritual Formation

“Jesus & Joe” Sunday mornings at 10:00, Jan. 13, 20 & 27; Feb. 10, 17 & 24; March 9 & 30

We will share coffee and conversation as we walk through our Baptismal Covenant with a variety of fun, interactive activities designed to help us discover our Christian faith in the Anglican/Episcopal context while getting to know one another at the same time. Some of the sessions may include guest speakers to help us flesh out how to be faithful Christians in the world in which we live and work.

“I Will With God's Help,” Anglican Spirituality & the Book of Common Prayer Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:00, January 15 through April 22

This series is a spiritually centering exploration of the Baptismal Covenant during six sessions, with the remaining weeks devoted to learning about Anglican spirituality and the Book of Common Prayer. Prior to the course, participants should purchase a *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), 1979 Edition, and *The Anglican Vision* by James E. Griffiss (Cowley Publications, 1997).

Prayer List

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

David Andrews and family, Ursula Apgar, Mary Baker, Ruby Bishop, Pauline Breary, Scott Bridges, Gerry Burch, Ken Capon, TenBroeck Cornell, Fred De Wald, Pauline De Wald, Jerry Dole, Marion Dorr, Debbie Ehret, Anne Erwin, Frank Fauenfelder, Beth Findlend, Warren Forrest, Elaine Franz, David Grand, Marion Grecko, Mike Gizzi, Culver Godfrey, Heather Godfrey, Loren Gregory, Mary Hoffman, Eric Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Bruce Johnston, Justin, Kate Holly, Kuffer Kaltenborn, Joshua Kelly, Mary Jane Kruger, Tammy Laliberty, Richard Laughery, Christ LeButte, Jack Lewis, Rosie Littlefield, Rita Loew, Joseph Macozek, Maureen Maloney, Jackie Manko, Dan McGee, Bob McMurtry, David Moore, Stephanie Morgan, John Parris, Rosemary Perrin, Bob Porter, Tony Ray, Priscilla Ropke, Bobbi Simpson, Wendell Simpson, Hannah Stone-Carter, Andrew Tennant, Thelma Thompson, Jane Wagner, Barbara Ward, Marion Wyman, Susan Yorston

for those who have died, Reving Anderson, Richard Godfrey, Donald Greene, Bess Makris, Isabel Polk, David Andrews, Sr.

for Kit Wang in her ministry at St. Stephen the Martyr, Waterboro

for Habitat for Humanity

for ++ Katharine Jefferts Schori, our Presiding Bishop, +Chilton Knudsen, our Bishop, and for Steven Lane+, our Bishop Coadjutor-Elect

for our President and the heads of state of all countries in the world, that they may make peace and justice for everyone

for everyone serving in the armed forces and security personnel at home and overseas, and their families, especially Jerry Babcock, Hal Brewster, Pattie & David Davis, Jackie West, Michael West

for church unity (Book of Common Prayer, p. 818)

for peace in Darfur

The world now has the means to end poverty; pray that we have the will to do it.

Lent & Holy Week Special Services

Feb. 6	7:30 a.m., noon & 7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday services
March 16	7:45, 9:00, 11:00 services - Palm Sunday
March 17-19	7:00 p.m. each night - Holy Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday services
March 20	7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday service w/footwashing & stripping of the altar
March 21	Noon - ecumenical service for Good Friday, location tba
March 21	7:00 p.m. - Good Friday service
March 22	7:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil service
March 23	7:45, 9:00, 11:00 services - Easter Day services

Recipe Corner

Scrumptious Chocolate Almond Layer Bars by

Barbara A. Boschert

FILLING
 12 oz pkg choc chips
 8 oz cream cheese
 5 oz evaporated milk
 1 C chopped nuts
 ¼ C sesame seeds
 1 tsp almond extract

CRUST
 3 C flour
 1 ½ C sugar
 ½ tsp salt
 1 tsp baking powder
 1 C SOFTENED butter
 2 eggs
 1 tsp almond extract

Combine chocolate chips, cream cheese and evaporated milk in saucepan. Cook over LOW heat until smooth. Remove from heat. Stir in nuts and sesame seeds and extract. Mix well and set aside.

Combine crust ingredients on LOW until it resembles coarse crumbs—DO NOT over blend or it will get creamy. Press half on greased 9x13 inch pan. Spread chocolate mixture. Sprinkle rest of crumbs over filling. Bake at 375 for 35-40 min or until golden brown. Cool and cut into bars.

ENJOY!

Treasurer's Report

December 2007	Budgeted	Actual
Pledges MTD	\$20,201.00	\$24,137.00
Pledges YTD	\$242,212.00	\$234,895.56
Total Contributions MTD	\$21,951.00	\$26,941.47
Total Contributions YTD	\$263,412.00	\$265,106.94
Total Income MTD	\$25,868.51	\$35,234.81
Total Income YTD	\$310,422.00	\$344,827.69
Expenses MTD	\$26,455.23	\$35,079.35
Expenses YTD	\$317,463.00	\$341,275.85

December 2006	Budgeted	Actual
Pledges	\$18,416.63	\$25,146.15
YTD Pledges	\$221,000.00	\$217,994.69
Loose offering	\$916.67	\$1,427.50
YTD Loose offering	\$11,000.00	\$9,146.10
Total income	\$25,425.00	\$41,981.19
YTD Total income	\$305,100.00	\$346,875.65
Total expenses	\$25,425.00	* \$54,420.94
YTD Total expenses	\$304,100.00	\$346,585.27

*(Includes unexpectedly high outreach giving & quarterly bulk payments.)

Vestry Members—Contact Info

(Below is a list of current Vestry members, their phone numbers, email addresses and the committees and/or ministries for which they are the Vestry liaison)

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Ken Barrett, 439-2034, barret1719@aol.com, Junior Warden; Outreach; 7:45 Steering Committee

George Dow, 439-7866, george.dow@tdbanknorth.com, Treasurer; 11:00 Steering Committee

Pauline Cashman, 363-5619, cside@maine.rr.com, Pastoral Care; 11:00 Steering Committee

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Current Worship Schedule

Program Year, September 9, 2007 - June 8, 2008		
Sunday	7:45 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, spoken
	8:45 a.m.	Spiritual Formation
	9:00 a.m.	Family Eucharist, with music
	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	10:00 a.m.	Spiritual Formation
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, with music and choir
	9:00 a.m.	Silent Prayer
Thursday	9:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist with optional healing

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Calendar

February 2	Sat, 2:00-4:00 p.m.	Rehearsals for UnTalent Show
February 2	Sat, 4:00-6:00 p.m.	Super Bowl Chili Supper Sale distributions
February 3	Sun, until 12:30 p.m.	Super Bowl Chili Supper Sale distributions
February 3	Sun, 8:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour after 7:45 service
February 3	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	All Parish Coffee Hour
February 5	Tue, 5:30 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 5	Tue, 7:00 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday UnTalent Show
February 6	Wed, 7:30 a.m., noon, 7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday services
February 10	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	Jesus & Joe
February 12	Tue, 6:30-8:00 p.m.	I Will With God's Help, Anglican Spirituality & BCP
February 17	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	Jesus & Joe
February 19	Tue, 6:30-8:00 p.m.	I Will With God's Help, Anglican Spirituality & BCP
February 24	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	Jesus & Joe
February 26	Tue, 6:30-8:00 p.m.	I Will With God's Help, Anglican Spirituality & BCP
March 2	Sun, 8:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour after 7:45 service
March 2	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	All Parish Coffee Hour
March 4	Tue, 6:30-8:00 p.m.	I Will With God's Help, Anglican Spirituality & BCP
March 9	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	Jesus & Joe
March 11	Tue, 6:30-8:00 p.m.	I Will With God's Help, Anglican Spirituality & BCP
March 16	Sun, 7:45, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday services
March 17	Mon, 7:00 p.m.	Holy Monday service
March 18	Tue, 7:00 p.m.	Holy Tuesday service
March 19	Wed, 7:00 p.m.	Holy Wednesday service
March 20	Thur, 7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday service w/foot-washing & stripping of the altar
March 21	Fri, 12:00 noon	Ecumenical service - location TBA
March 21	Fri, 7:00 p.m.	Good Friday service
March 22	Sat, 7:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil service
March 23	Sun, 7:45, 9:00, 11:00	Easter Day
March 25	Tue, 6:30-8:00 p.m.	I Will With God's Help, Anglican Spirituality & BCP
March 30	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	Jesus & Joe
April 5	Sat, 4:00 p.m.	Regional confirmations with Bishop Knudsen

Weekly/Recurring Meetings

Monday	6:00-7:00 p.m.	AA upstairs
Wednesday	7:30-8:30 p.m.	AA upstairs
Thursday	4:45-7:15 p.m.	Weight Watchers
	7:00-9:00 p.m.	AA upstairs
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Choir (Sep-June)
Friday	7:00-9:00 p.m.	AA upstairs
Saturday	12:00-1:00 p.m.	AA downstairs

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