

Dragon Tales

Serving the Southern Maine Seacoast Region

From the Rector:

Twenty-three Missioners are off to New Orleans...Kit Wang is serving in field education at St. Stephen's in Waterboro... Mary Ezenwa is in her second year of seminary at Yale Divinity School... Sue Edwards (aka "BBC Sue"—see her article, *Prayer Shawls and Pickles*, in this issue), who visited here a year ago as a radio producer to do a spot on the U2charist, is now working part time at the BBC and part time for the Diocese of Lincolnshire UK as their official "U2charist and Millennium Development Goals Community Coordinator (the first person in the world with the word "U2charist" in her job title)... And countless others—these are the quiet ministries that each of you engage in as you live out your Baptismal covenants as members of the Body of Christ.

Every church is remarkable and every church has its unique collection of gifts. St. George's remarkable gifts are particularly evident in the capacity to nurture and nourish and encourage ministry through the gift of radical hospitality.

Thank you for that hospitality—the kind of hospitality that invites and welcomes in people seeking more of God in their lives, the kind of hospitality that inspires those hungry people, once they are fed, to begin to discern how God is calling them to feed others.

In Christ,
Paige+

Twenty-Three Plus Hundreds

by the Rev. Steve Godfrey

As I write this, we are in our final preparations to depart for New Orleans the weekend of February 16. By the time you read it we will have returned. Twenty-three members and friends of St. George's are traveling to Louisiana during February school vacation week to work with residents of that beleaguered city as they continue to rebuild their lives.

The group representing St. George's includes twelve youth and eleven adults. All but me are sacrificing their vacation time to travel and work hard and sleep on cots in a dormitory with showers in a trailer out back. We

expect to have fun, for sure, because we will be journeying together and seeing new things, most especially seeing Christ in the eyes and lives of others who are walking a very different path from ours. And we will be helping, which is very gratifying. This is the second annual St. George's mission trip to New Orleans, originally the idea of the youth group last year, and still a centerpiece of ministry for our youth, who value seeking and serving Christ in others among their highest spiritual priorities.

It is not just the twenty-three going who are helping. Dave Balian and Deacon Sudie Blanchard worked tirelessly to keep us organized and fired up. Most spectacularly, dozens of people near and far have contributed to this effort of spreading the Gospel through financial donations, purchases of jambalaya, chili and pancake suppers, gathering loose change (which raised over \$700!), purchasing raffle tickets, participating in the parish auction and praying for our outreach. We carry to New Orleans the love of not just twenty-three individuals, but of a whole community, a whole region.

Through all of these efforts about \$14,000 has been contributed to make Jesus present in the midst of the struggle to rebuild New Orleans. I am very proud that our community cares this much. I noted last year that Maine and Louisiana are adjacent to one another in the alphabet and are on facing pages in my atlas. We are neighbors and by extending our support we are loving our neighbors as Jesus taught us to do.

The entire community will have an opportunity to experience this love on Sunday, March 2. On that day

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.

at each of the three services, I will share photos and experiences and reflect on the deep meaning of this journey. At 9:00 and 11:00, the team will join in procession singing “When the Saints Go Marching In.” From 10:00 to 11:00 we will have a festive All Parish Coffee Hour, coordinated by Dave Balian, with team members sharing photos and stories. Please bring a little food to share and come celebrate Christ’s love. This is the sacrificial love that we observe in this season of Lent, embodied in our community as we reach out to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, to spread the Good News of the love of God as broadly as we can.

In Christ,
Steve+

What’s In a Blog?

What On Earth IS a Blog?

By Rev. Sudie Blanchard, Deacon (and novice “blogger”)

Good question—what’s a “blog?” A blog (short for weblog) is an online internet journal that is frequently updated and intended for general public consumption. It’s a series of entries posted to a single web page in reverse-chronological order. The author of a blog is often referred to as a blogger.

Last month, as I was thinking about how we could inform everyone in the parish about our missionaries’ activities in New Orleans, I realized that a blog might just do the trick. It has a stable design, it’s free, easy and quick to update, and unlike email, would give us a permanent record of their experiences—a year from now, we’d be able to check the archive and see exactly what they were up to on a day-by-day basis. After doing a little more research, I jumped into the “blogosphere” and created St. George’s first Outreach Blog: <http://stgeorgesyorkharbor.blogspot.com/> By the time you read this article, our mission trip should be home—go to the blog and read about what they did and see pictures, too.

Even before our missionaries left for New Orleans, we began using the blog as a showcase for St. George’s outreach efforts. In February, the Outreach Crafts Program was featured. Head out to the blog and click on the “February” link under “Outreach Program of the Month.” You’ll be able to read a short article about what this group does, with a great picture of Ellie Butler, who coordinates the program.

This month, March, the Jesus Kids Youth Group is the featured ministry. (See the related articles in this issue: *Jesus Kids Resuming* by Daryl McKay and *Ministry and the All Parish Coffee Hour* by Pat Kriensky.) This is only the beginning. Outreach Coordinator Kathy Roosa plans to highlight our various outreach efforts by featuring a new opportunity for ministry each month. There will be a display at church and the effort will be celebrated at the All Parish Coffee Hour on the first Sunday of each month. As part of the effort, your “blogging deacon” will also post a new article on the Outreach blog highlighting the ministry of the month.

If you’d like your ministry to be highlighted in this way, call Kathy (603-595-0418) to sign up for a month.

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.

Ecumenical Meal *by Kathy Roosa*

Don’t miss the Annual Ecumenical Meal on Saturday, March 1, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., at St. Christopher’s Church. It’s a giant Table-of-Plenty-like feast with turkey and trimmings that’s designed to break the winter doldrums—everybody’s invited!

All of the churches in York are working together to make this a wonderful event. Around 200 people will be served at St. Christopher’s, and about 150 meals will be taken to shut-ins. As part of this effort, St. George’s has been asked to provide four or five cooked and carved turkeys, 10 pies, and eight people to help out on March 1. Please sign up in the parish hall to help with this outreach project. Questions? Call or email Kathy Roosa (roosak@yahoo.com or 603-566-4282).

When the Saints Come Marching In...

On Sunday, March 2, come be a part of the celebration as our saints return from New Orleans and share photos, stories and song. Mission Trip team members will be present at the All Parish Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m., with photo displays and stories from the trenches. Bring some food to share—All Parish Coffee Hour is potluck-style!

Ministry and the All Parish Coffee Hour

by Pat Kriensky, *Newcomers Committee*

Beginning in March, each 10:00 a.m. first-Sunday-of-the-month All Parish Coffee Hour will be hosted by a ministry at St. George's. This is a chance for the members of a particular ministry to showcase their ministry to existing parishioners as well as newcomers who may be looking for a way to get involved at St. George's. Parish ministry coordinators are hereby asked to sign up their ministry for a month, utilizing their group members in hosting the coffee hour (preparation, hosting, clean-up). This includes youth ministry (church school classes) as well to help our youth develop social skills by interacting with everyone at coffee hour.

Ministry chairs—you'll see the yellow sign-up sheet located on the upstairs kitchen door. Please talk it over with your fellow ministry members and sign up for a month (**make sure you sign up on the yellow sheet to avoid confusion or having more than one ministry thinking they are doing a certain month's APCH**). The Vestry is available for assistance, if needed.

First ministry up to bat, in March, is the Jesus Kids. (See the related articles in this issue: *Jesus Kids Resuming* by Daryl McKay and *What's a Blog* by the Rev. Sudie Blanchard.)

Parish Events Survey Results

by Nancy Merrill

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Parish Events Survey.

Your favorite parish events, in order, as voted upon in the recent survey:

First (tie) Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & UnTalent Show; Outreach Auction

Third: Chocolate Fest

Fourth (another tie) Rummage Sale; Easter Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt

Sixth: Parish Picnic

Seventh: Spring Yard Sale

Eighth: Fashion Show

Ninth (tie): Holiday Bazaar; Cookie Walk

Eleventh (tie): Chowder Supper; Ice Cream Social

Thirteenth: Festival of Lights Float

If you have already agreed to help with any of these events, please contact Nancy Merrill 351-1017 to confirm that.

We have volunteers for the Spring Yard Sale and Rummage. If the same group that coordinated the Festival of Lights Float for 2007 would like to volunteer for the 2008 season, please let us know.

We are looking for volunteers NOW to help with the Chocolate Fest and Parish Picnic. Many of you were interested in more information regarding the Fashion Show. We will be scheduling a meeting for anyone interested in helping with this event and/or to brainstorm ideas.

Feedback on an event or on parish events in general is welcome. Nancy Merrill 351-1017.

Do You Want To Eat on Easter Saturday and Easter Morning?

We think that you do! Right now we are in need of coordinator(s) for our traditional Easter breakfast and a coordinator for the post-Easter Vigil service potluck. Please contact Nancy Merrill ASAP 351-1017, if you would be willing to coordinate one of these events. We have plenty of volunteers for the Easter breakfast but need coordinators. We can put you in touch with former coordinators to give advice on how to do this event. The Easter Egg Hunt will be coordinated by Lynn Dube.

Jesus Kids Resuming! by Daryl McKay

The Jesus Kids returned on February 24 from the school vacation break with an exciting new lineup of activities planned! Don't miss a single Sunday as we plan the following:

- ◆ The Rev. Aaron Perkins will speak to us for a couple of weeks about Prison Ministry and all that it encompasses.

- ◆ The Rev. Jim Gambrill will teach us a little more about the Middle East and how the geography of today overlays the Biblical places we read about. Where is Mesopotamia today?

- ◆ We will read new (to us) passages from the Bible and see how the reading of these compares to literature that the JK's are familiar with, or situations the JK's can relate to.

- ◆ Outreach: we are working on a new project — will it be Sentry Hill that the Jesus Kids take aim at, and will Sentry Hill or the JK's ever be the same?

A reminder that the Jesus Kids are helping to host Coffee Hour on March 2, so please be prepared to join in the All Parish Festivities brought to you by the JK's!

Don't change that channel - don't miss a single minute of the Jesus Kids' Big Adventure - tune in every Sunday at 9:45 a.m., downstairs!

Thanks everyone!

Craft Outreach *by Ellie Butler*

The Craft Outreach Program members work diligently to provide several different articles for people going through tough times. Nimble fingers knit or crochet prayer shawls for those who need special reminders of God's love and prayers that surround them as they go through life's hard patches. Knitted caps, small and large, are created for premature babies, as well as for people going through chemotherapy. There are also lap quilts and others stitched for those who need some extra TLC. Directions for these items are on the table in the parish hall. All these wonderful efforts are officially blessed several times a year at craft ingatherings. Our next ingathering will be on Sunday, March 9.

During Lent, beginning on February 13, the Craft Outreach Program meets for brown bag lunches at St. George's on Wednesdays from noon to 1:30. Bring whatever you are working on and join us. If you want to learn how to knit or crochet a shawl or hat, just bring yourself—we will have needles, hooks and yarn on hand to get you started. Bring a sandwich—we'll provide drinks and dessert. Questions? Call Ellie Butler at 363-7114.

Easter Flower Dedications

by Lorrie Whittaker, Parish Administrator

Would you like to dedicate Easter flowers? If so, please take one of the Easter flower envelopes from the pews, fill out the outside of the envelope (please print clearly!), enclose your check and leave it in the offering plate or in the parish office or you may mail it to the parish office. These dedications will appear in the Easter Vigil and Easter Day bulletins. Deadline is March 16, Palm Sunday.

Ecole de Musique Sainte Trinité

We (Les Petits Chanteurs from Haiti) would like to express our gratitude to thank all of you for your hospitality at St. George's in York Harbor [*in September, 2007*].

We have good memories of your reception of us, the wonderful dinners and the reception and the experience of staying in your homes. This tour was a great opportunity for each member of our group to share in your lives and thank you for opening your doors to us.

We also would thank you for giving us this opportunity to show another image of Haiti and sharing the flavor and the spirit of Haiti. We hope one day you can visit us also. As you know, our group performed 51 concerts in 34 days in 35 cities. All the rest of the tour went very well because of the motivation and the spirit we received from your warm welcome with open hearts.

We would also like to express our special thanks to all rectors, priests, staff, host families and the breakfast-lunch-dinner-reception groups of each parish and school who took such good care of us.

On behalf of all the Choir members, staff and the Chamber Orchestra, we wish you all a Blessed Lent and a Happy Easter.

The Rev. David Cesar

Les Petits Chanteurs Want To Return To St. George's!

Les Petits Chanteurs (the singers from Haiti who were here last September) want to return to St. George's to sing for us! They would like to make St. George's a one-night stop on their concert tour, sometime in September of 2008. We would like two St. George's parishioners to volunteer to coordinate their housing for one night, i.e., arranging places for them to stay as we did last September, but this time we have a lot more time to plan. This task involves calling parishioners to find out who would be willing to put up some of the singers and how many could be housed at each volunteer home. If you are willing to coordinate this effort, please contact Outreach Coordinator Kathy Roosa 363-8791 or roosak@yahoo.com.

Corporate Morning Prayer Opportunity

by Barbara Boschert

Many times prayer is something we do alone. Other times we do it in community. I like to pray alone but a community keeps me honest and faithful to the discipline. It also allows me to say, "Humph, I really wonder what Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, the Psalmist or others are trying to tell us." Having others share their

ideas always helps me to see something I hadn't thought of, and sometimes my ideas help others to see another point of view. That is one of the joys of joining in community prayer.

There is presently a small community of folks that gather on Thursday mornings at 7:30 a.m. at my house, to lift our hearts and minds in prayer. We use the Rite 1 or Rite 2 form of Morning Prayer found in our Book of Common Prayer. Our leadership is shared by those who feel called to lead. Others participate as they feel comfortable. We share our reflections on the Gospel appointed for that day. During intercessory prayer, those on our church prayer list, and others that we are aware of as being in need, are lifted in prayer, and we offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving as well. Time for quiet allows us to be still and listen for God speaking to us.

We would love to have you join us. Please give it some thought. You can come and go, as your schedule allows.

If you have any questions or would like directions, please feel free to call me or send an email. Or if you would like someone else's opinions about what it means to them to pray in community, please feel free to contact Linda Huls, Marj Esau, Kit Wang, Sue Edwards, Deacon Sudie Blanchard or Gail Marshall.

Prayer shawls and prayer books are provided if needed.

PLEASE pray about coming and joining us. I hear *GOD* calling....LISTEN.... do you? Barbara A. Boschert, 363-7412, babinmaine@aol.com, 50 Spruce St., York Beach.

York Reads—Want To Read Along?

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy is the book chosen this year for York Reads. St. George's will host one of the conversations about the book on Thursday, March 13, 11:00 a.m. Paige+ and Deacon Sudie will facilitate this conversation. The book may be purchased for \$5 at the York Library or you may contact Sudie directly and she will arrange to get a book to you (363-1369).

Music "Notes" by Kathy Fink

Easter is coming and that means the Mega Choir will once again be forming to sing the *Halleluiah Chorus* from Handel's *Messiah* on Easter Sunday at 11:00 a.m., along with another joyful song yet to be chosen. We

will rehearse on Saturday, March 22, 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at St. George's and will enjoy music and fellowship together. If you would like to sing, please sign up in the parish hall and include your name, voice part (soprano, baritone, etc.), phone number and e-mail address as well as a food item to share. It is important to sign up even if you think we already know that you will sing, so we can prepare the right number of copies of the music! (Choir members, this includes you as well!)

I have recently returned from a choral director's conference in Hartford, CT, and brought back a wonderful DVD on how to sing and dance the music of South Africa. If anyone would like to join me in trying some of these songs, please let me know!

Keep a song in your heart. Kathy Fink, Music Director (603) 534-4526 pianotchr@aol.com.

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)

✠ Who: High School youth from all over Maine and New England

✠ What: A weekend led by teens for teens

✠ When: March 28-30 (6:30 p.m. Friday to 5:15 p.m. Sunday)

✠ Where: Trinity Church in Portland, Maine

✠ Cost: \$35, or \$15 if you want financial aid (for 100% aid, just call) (for late registration after March 17, \$45 or \$20 w/aid)

Questions? Call Episcopal Youth Ministries at 800-244-6062, x29, email youth@episcopalmaine.org or check out www.maine youth.org. Invite your friends!

Graduates

We always like to celebrate those graduates who are affiliated with St. George's each spring. If you know of someone who is graduating this spring from high school, junior college, trade school, or college, please contact the parish office office@stgeorges-yorkharbor.org or 363-7376. Please include the graduate's name, what institution he/she is graduating from and what his/her plans are (i.e. if graduating from high school, what he/she will be doing this fall; if graduating from college or other higher institution, job plans, if known).

Art Exhibit

St. George's parishioner John Merrill will have his art work, including his most recent stained glass works,

on display at the TD Banknorth in York on Long Sands Road. John's art will be on display the entire month of March. You are invited to stop by the bank and check out his work. If you have questions or are interested in a specific piece, please call John at 351-1017.

Prayer Shawls and Pickles *by Sue Edwards*

Thank you for my Prayer Shawl—how thoughtful; what a delight! It was put straight to use, as packing material protecting the jar of pickles from the Hopkins family for my trans-Atlantic flight.

Now it's in Lincolnshire, draped across my bed, keeping the cabbage-monsters from entering my head at night! But wrapped around my shoulders, thanking God for all Gorgeous Georges' Saints is when it fits just right!! (er.. unlike this rhyme)!

Wish List

St. George's needs a projector for projecting images from computers onto the projection screen, for U2charists, Church School presentations, occasional multi-media sermons, annual meetings, adult spiritual formation, forums and other such events. Here in the 21st century, it has become essential equipment! If anyone has such a projector or would like to purchase one to donate, please speak with Steve+ (363-7376 or sgodfrey@stgeorgesyorkharbor.org). We need one as early as March 1!

Wrestling Report

The February Vestry meeting was rescheduled due to snow. Unfortunately the Rector was thus unable to attend due to a previous commitment out of state.

Items and information on the annual Parochial Report were discussed and will be finalized by early March.

Vestry Liaisons to committees and ministries were set (see the article in this issue).

The rector gave her report via email. She continues to be encouraged by the new leadership that is being offered by new members, and longer time members in new ministries. We continue to receive new pledges from our new members, and we are seeing visitors every week who often become new members. She is very proud of the work done by all those preparing to leave for New Orleans.

The folks at "815" (The national Episcopal Church office building in NYC is at 815 2nd Ave.) have asked Paige+ to serve on the search committee for the new Director of Mission for the Church. She has tentatively agreed to do so, pending a little more information on time commitment. Since she is doing less and less hands-on and in-person work in the U2charist part of her "mission life" (the U2charist team is really off and running), this should be do-able. *[The folks at 815 have since postponed the search in order to reevaluate the job description. Important to know that if the Rector participates it will not be like a search for a rector—there will be no weekends away to experience the candidates' preaching, for example. Most likely resumes would lead to phone interviews, which would lead to an interview day.]*

In addition, a group of journalists from all sorts of media outlets—NY Times, CNN, BBC, etc., has asked Paige+ to meet with them late next month to teach them about the Millennium Development Goals. This will take place during the week after Easter, an otherwise quiet time of the year ordinarily spent in comp-time for the staff.

Staff evaluations are concluded. All have received feedback on their ministries, and have had input on their goals and focus for the next 12 months.

The Rector's Discretionary Fund in the last quarter has been used primarily for heating oil assistance, gas cards, and groceries.

The Associate Rector gave his report.

1) Steve has been spending a lot of time getting ready for the New Orleans trip. March 2nd will be a celebration of this trip and our prayers are with them.

2) Youth ministry meeting will be scheduled by Steve+ in order to, as a group, discern the desired outcomes, as well as address the challenges in the group.

Mission Trip Update: approximately \$14,000 has been raised, including the \$3000 the Vestry voted from Outreach (\$2200 from the Auction proceeds and \$800 from the special Christmas offering), and \$2400 from the Wolf Fund in acknowledgement of the education value this trip holds. Some members paid for their own plane tickets, and they are being reimbursed now. Of the \$12,000 budgeted for the trip, approximately \$6400 has been expensed so far. The 23 people going on the mission trip have quarters in a dormitory above a church office, provided to our team at no charge.

Amending the budget to restore the line for \$3000 to the Sarah Holmes repayment account was discussed and it was unanimously approved to restore this to the 2008 budget. This item was erroneously dropped from a previous version of the budget.

We discussed providing health benefits for the Associate Rector's spouse (approximately \$6000/year). We decided to postpone this discussion until the March meeting when we have a pledge update, so we can determine if the funds appear to be available before we promise this.

George Dow gave the Treasurer's Report. We had a tremendous January in terms of receipts – much of that due to 2008 pledge(s) paid in full in January. Even with that we started the year strong with pledge income as well – and we thank the congregation for the support!

We discussed installing digital thermostats that automatically adjust the heat based on timers. We should also review an energy audit that can be done for us. Matt Reilly will follow up with Building & Grounds to discuss how to best accomplish the energy audits.

Vestry Liaisons for 2008

(Liaisons are in touch with Committee Chairs ahead of meetings, and email reports to the Vestry in advance. Reports are included with the minutes as appendices.)

Buildings and Grounds (Chair is John Cashman):
Vestry Liaison - Matt Reilly

Pastoral Care (Chair is Pauline Cashman) Vestry
Liaison - Pauline Cashman

Parish Events and Relations (Coordinator is Nancy Merrill) Vestry Liaison - Pat Kriensky

Church School (Superintendent is Lynn Dube) Vestry
Liaison – Daryl McKay

Youth (Overseer is Steve Godfrey) Vestry Liaison -
Susan Wilson

Outreach (Coordinator is Kathy Roosa) Vestry
Liaison - Eve Ray

Finance (Chair is Robert Palmer) Vestry Liaison –
Robert Palmer

Stewardship (No chair yet but the following are the Stewardship Planning Team: Susan Wilson, Daryl McKay, George Dow, Robert Palmer, Kate Bishop, Janie Sweeney-Beecher, Holly Sargent). Stewardship Vestry Liaison—George Dow

Steering Committees meet as needed to address needs and possibilities for the three services. Liaisons are part of the Committee and report to the Vestry as needed.

7:45 Steering Committee: Ken Barrett, Robert Palmer

9:00 Steering Committee: Daryl McKay, Matt Reilly

11:00 Steering Committee: Brenda Ervin, Kate Bishop

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, Marion Dorr, Debbie Ehret, Anne Erwin, Frank Fauenfelder, Dana Foster, Mark Foster, Marion Grecko, Mike Gizzi, Culver Godfrey, Heather Godfrey, Loren Gregory, Mary Hoffman, Eric Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Kuffer Kaltenborn, Joshua Kelly, Mary Jane Kruger, Jack Lewis, Gerry Lipsett, Kathy Little, Rosie Littlefield, Rita Loew, Jackie Manko, Dan McGee, Bob McMurtry, David Moore, Stephanie Morgan, John Parris, Rosemary Perrin, Bob Porter, Lynn Pressey, Phoebe Pressey, Tony Ray, Priscilla Ropke, Ruth Santoro, Hannah Stone-Carter, Andrew Tennant, Thelma Thompson, Jane Wagner, Barbara Ward, Marion Wyman, Susan Yorston
for those who have died: Bruce Johnston, James Mixer

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.

Treasurer's Report

January 2008	Budgeted	Actual
Pledges MTD	\$20,833.33	\$28,567.80
Pledges YTD	\$20,833.33	\$28,567.80
Total Contributions MTD	\$23,635.00	\$42,123.60
Total Contributions YTD	\$23,635.00	\$42,123.60
Total Income MTD	\$28,518.75	\$56,701.14
Total Income YTD	\$28,518.75	\$56,701.14
Expenses MTD	\$28,833.76	\$24,761.52
Expenses YTD	\$28,833.76	\$24,761.52

January 2007	Budgeted	Actual
Pledges MTD	\$20,059.33	\$15,662.00
Pledges YTD	\$20,059.33	\$23,320.15
Total Contributions MTD	\$21,809.33	\$16,828.60
Total Contributions YTD	\$21,809.33	\$24,486.75
Total Income MTD	\$25,726.84	\$21,414.55
Total Income YTD	\$25,726.84	\$29,072.70
Expenses MTD	\$26,321.90	\$29,138.35
Expenses YTD	\$26,321.90	\$32,534.35

The reason the MTD and YTD numbers are different is the addition of the prepaid for 2007.

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)

Brenda Ervin, 439-1205, rnb6263@comcast.net, Senior Warden; 11:00 Steering Committee

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

George Dow, 439-7866, george.dow@tdbanknorth.com, Treasurer; Stewardship

Pauline Cashman, 363-5619, cside@maine.rr.com, Pastoral Care

Daryl McKay, 363-4256, daryl@spimages.com, Church School; 9:00 Steering Committee

Eve Ray, 363-7038, anthonymray@yahoo.com; Outreach

Pat Kriensky, 641-2246, pkriensky@verizon.net, Parish Events & Relations

Susan Wilson, 363-1669, wcfields@maine.rr.com, Youth

Kate Bishop, 363-1759, srkateb@maine.rr.com; 11:00 Steering Committee

Robert Palmer, 363-3292, rpalmer3@maine.rr.com; Finance;; 7:45 Steering Committee

Matt Reilly, 384-5701, mattmasonman@aol.com; Building and Grounds; 9:00 Steering Committee

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

Email Newsletter

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Calendar

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 2	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	Mission Trip Presentation
March 2	Sun, 500 p.m.	Evening Prayer in Lent
March 4	Tue, 6:30-8:00 p.m.	I Will With God's Help, Anglican Spirituality & BCP
March 5	Wed, 12:00 p.m.	Brown Bag Crafts
March 8	Sat, 1:00-4:00 p.m.	<i>Murder In The Cathedral</i> auditions
March 9	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	Jesus & Joe
March 9	Sun, 500 p.m.	Evening Prayer in Lent
March 11	Tue, 6:30-8:00 p.m.	I Will With God's Help, Anglican Spirituality & BCP
March 12	Wed, 12:00 p.m.	Brown Bag Crafts
March 13	Thur, 11:00 a.m.	Conversation on <i>Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy</i>
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, 12:00 p.m.	Brown Bag Crafts
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 1	Tue, 6:30-8:00 p.m.	I Will With God's Help, Anglican Spirituality & BCP
April 5	Sat, 4:00 p.m.	Regional confirmations with Bishop Knudsen
April 8	Tue, 6:30-8:00 p.m.	I Will With God's Help, Anglican Spirituality & BCP
April 15	Tue, 6:30-8:00 p.m.	I Will With God's Help, Anglican Spirituality & BCP
April 22	Tue, 6:30-8:00 p.m.	I Will With God's Help, Anglican Spirituality & BCP

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

Lent & Holy Week Special 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, here at St. George's
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