

Dragon Tales

Serving the Southern Maine Seacoast Region

From the Rector: It's All About Community and Relationships!

Our Stewardship Committee has already said it so well in their recent newsletter that went out with the stewardship packet: church is about community. It is about living out our role as members of the Body of Christ, supporting each other and supporting those in the world whom Christ has called us to serve.

There are so many ways to engage in the community that is St. George's Church, and I hope that, as you read this issue of Dragon Tales, you will pray about how God may be calling you to engage in this community in new or different ways. Are you called to try on a new ministry? Chalice bearer? Lay Eucharistic Visitor? Acolyte? Vestry member? Diocesan Convention delegate? Office volunteer? Other ways? Are you called to commit to this community in a new way, perhaps letting go of other "extracurriculars" so that your relationship to St. George's may deepen? Are you called to give of your treasure in new ways?

Your prayer and contemplation will lead you to the answer. In the meantime, know that I am grateful that you are part of this community.

In Christ,
Paige+

Deacons Corner: Heading to the polls... *by the Rev. Sudie Blanchard*

As Christians, we have a moral and civic responsibility to participate in the political life of the society where we live. We must, however, remember that God is neither a Republican nor a Democrat—as Lorrie, our parish administrator says, “God is the ultimate Independent!”

As we head to the polls, I hope each of us prayerfully measures the policies of all candidates against a range of Christian ethics and values. Throughout both Hebrew and Christian scriptures, through the words of the law, the prophets and Jesus, it is made clear again and again that care for the poor and concern for “the other” are paramount. And there are issues of justice and stewardship that can't be ignored. I know we all want a more peaceful planet.

I follow an organization called Sojourners, whose mission is to “articulate the biblical call to social justice, in-

spiring hope and building a movement to transform individuals, communities, the church, and the world.” Each year, they provide a Voter's Guide that I think is quite good. I thought I would share just a few of the thoughts gleaned from that publication. I commend the complete four-page guide. It can be found online at http://www.sojo.net/action/alerts/VOP_voter-guide.pdf.

As you prepare to vote, consider the candidates' views on and policies related to these topics. I've picked just four of the seven bullet points given in the guide, to save space.

Economic justice—All members of a society should have the resources needed to live a decent life and provide for those who are unable to care for themselves.

Peace and reduction of violence—In a world with terrorists, unilateralist superpowers, and weapons of mass destruction, alternatives to an endless cycle of violence are needed.

Human rights and dignity, along with racial and gender justice—Full humanity and dignity are denied when people are discriminated against. Each human being is created in God's image. Policies should protect human rights and promote human dignity.

Environmental Stewardship—The earth and the fragile atmosphere that surrounds it are God's good creation for the sustenance and enjoyment of all things. Our policies must protect creation from interests and activities that damage it.

Voting is vital for advancing a more just and peaceful world. I plan to do a lot of reading, thinking and praying before I mark my ballot this year. I hope each of you will join me in that effort. While no choice is ever perfect, education, careful thinking and prayer—especially prayer—can guide our decisions.

A Perfect Time to Christmas Shop!

by Barb Poulin

What a concept! We can do some Christmas shopping and help those less fortunate than ourselves at the same time!

All kidding aside, our third annual St. George's Outreach Auction on Friday, November 7, is a great place

to start your shopping. We have a fine mix of affordable art including several DeWitt Hardy prints, crystal, and auction hammerfurniture, even an antique plant stand, services like music or DJ-ing for parties, a gourmet dinner for six, a family photo session early enough for great Christmas cards, a wonderful fall arrangement, a case of red and white wines, 12 one-a-month scrumptious home-baked cakes, a Dakin snowboard/ski carrier, needlework and, thanks to the generosity of many area businesses, a fantastic selection of gift certificates of all kinds.

Your Christmas shopping experience can't get any better than this! Our auction location will once again be at the York Golf and Tennis Club on Organug Road, York. Don't worry about missing your dinner. We will offer a delicious light meal as we did last year at a very reasonable price. Beverages may also be purchased. There is no admission charge.

We will be accepting MasterCard and Visa along with cash and checks. What can you do to make our auction a success? COME! Invite your friends and neighbors as well. See you all on Friday, November 7. Silent auction at 5:30 p.m., live auction at 6:30 p.m. FMI contact Barb Poulin at barbpoulin@aol.com, home 207-363-8731, cell 207-337-2623.

Newcomers Meeting *by Kathy Roosa*

Please join us on November 3, 7:00 p.m., at my house at 2 Barn Point in York Beach. Please let me know if you can attend. Also, if you can plan to bring something to share—finger foods, crackers, cheese, dips, etc., please let me know. (Kathy Roosa, 207-351-3335 office, 207-363-1482 fax, 603-595-0418 NH voice mail, roosak@yahoo.com e-mail.)

Mission Trip 2009 Meeting *by Brenda Ervin*

Please join us on Sunday, November 2, 2008 at 12:15 p.m. for a Mission Trip Planning Potluck! We welcome returning missionaries as well as those thinking about mission trips for the first time. It's time to begin thinking about and planning our 2009 Mission Trip. As previous participants will tell you, mission trips are an incredibly rewarding and enriching experience for everyone involved, whether you are part of the mission trip or part of the planning!

We'll have some pictures from previous mission trips and hope to see you there!

Bible Workbench *by Barbara Boschert*

We're looking to build up a community of people who want to discuss scripture—are you interested? The Bible Workbench group will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates: November 5, 12, 19 and December 3, 10. At each meeting, at least one of the lessons for the upcoming Sunday will be discussed, enhancing our experience on Sunday. You are welcome to come to any or all of these meetings. Please contact Linda Huls 363-1506, Barbara Boschert 363-7412 or Kate Bishop 363-1759 to let them know you are coming. Hope to see you there!

Angel Food Ministries *by Kathy Roosa*

Have you heard about the Angel Food Ministries (AFM)? St. George's is hoping to become a host site for this wonderful ministry. AFM (established throughout the US) offers nutritious restaurant-grade food at affordable prices for any and all who would like to participate. Once St. George's becomes an "approved host site," we will have applications and menus available. Please look for the display at St. George's during the month of November. This is a very exciting opportunity and we look forward to bringing this to St. George's and the surrounding communities. We will need people who are willing to help with the distribution of these meals. For those interested in finding out more, log on to www.angelfoodministries.com. STAY TUNED!!"

Advent Is Coming! *by the Rev. Sudie Blanchard*

Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas, begins this year on November 30. We all have choices about how we and our families spend this month of preparation. We can jump on the Christmas merry-go-round and head for the mall, or we can be counter-cultural—we can slow down, be quiet and savor this season. That's what Peter and I chose to do with our family—more than 25 years ago! And what fun we had! I suspect that our son Roger will carry on some of these traditions with his young son Ethan. Traditions and rituals like these help form strong spiritual foundations for our children.

I'll be sharing some of the Advent traditions we used during the Adult Formation hour at 9:45 on November 30. These will include Christmas plum pudding, Advent wreaths, calendars and more. If you have ideas that your family has enjoyed, you'll have a chance to share them as well.

On the evening of November 30, we will gather as a community to make Advent wreaths and enjoy a potluck supper. Mark the date and look for event details and order

forms for Advent wreath kits in service leaflets early in November.

Many hands make light work, so I'm looking for people to help make this evening event fun and memorable. If you are interested, give me a call at 363-1369 or email me at sblanchard@stgeorgesyorkharbor.org.

HandCrafting Justice

HandCrafting Justice will share its mission with the parishioners of St. George's on November 2. This Fair Trade economic justice project of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd will sell Fair Trade handcrafts made by women in 20 countries throughout the developing world. The mission of HandCrafting Justice is to market women's handcrafts and raise awareness about the root causes of poverty, gender inequality, and social issues. To learn more and to shop online, please visit www.handcraftingjustice.org. Your support of our partners makes a tremendous difference in their lives, upholding their efforts to live a dignified life and provide food, education and shelter for their families. Please join us in the parish hall to celebrate Fair Trade, following all services.

Music On The Move! *by John Cashman*

Thanks to the generosity of Eve Ray, the specialized equipment of Mac Poulin Rigging and Moving, and the strong backs of Janie Sweeney Beecher, Charles Smith, Dan Poulin and Mac Poulin, St. George's now features a piano in the children's classroom. It's a wonderful addition that will be an entertaining and educational asset for many years.

Thanks again, Eve, for the piano, and thanks, piano-moving-team, for making it happen!

Welcome, New Baby!

Ethan Wilson was born to parishioners Susan and Brian Wilson today. Ethan is 7 lb., 9 oz., and 21" long. Mother, father, baby and big sister Laura are doing well!

BeadforLife *by Heather Hesse-Stromberg*

I will be hosting a BeadforLife BeadParty at St. George's on December 7, 8:30 – 11:00, between services and during the All-Parish coffee hour. I will return on December 14 with all remaining items.

The jewelry is priced from \$5 for single-strand bracelet to \$35 for a five-strand necklace. In addition to bracelets and necklaces, there are earrings, note cards, CDs of beautiful music by Ugandan women and jewelry bags—all

for a great cause!

BeadforLife eradicates extreme poverty by creating bridges of understanding between impoverished Africans and concerned world citizens. Ugandan women turn colorful recycled paper into beautiful beads, and people who care open their hearts, homes and communities to buy and sell the beads.

The beads thus become income, food, medicine, school fees—and hope. It is a small miracle that enriches us all.

All profits from BeadforLife are invested in community development projects that generate income and help people work their way out of poverty. Visit www.beadforlife.org for more information.

FMI contact me. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on December 7!

Vacation Bible School: Save the Date!

St. George's kids enjoyed Vacation Bible School in 2008 at St. Christopher's and plans are being made to do it again in 2009. So please save the date when making summer plans. Vacation Bible School, July 20-24, 2009. "Crocodile Dock – Where fearless kids shine in God's light." Take a romp through the swamp! FMI contact Lynn Dube 384-4741, lynn.dube@verizon.net.

Farewell, Les Petits Chanteurs

by Peter Blanchard and Susan Mullens

Les Petits Chanteurs and musicians from Holy Trinity Music School finished their 2008 tour with a flourish! They enjoyed their time in York and presented a beautiful concert.

Over 200 people attended the concert at Trinity, from St. George's and many from the wider community. People kept coming through the door, and we ran out of programs long before the concert began. The young Haitian who emceed the program commented publicly on our large audience—they were very pleased. Trinity was a good place for the concert. The acoustics were very good, and we certainly needed the larger sanctuary. The musicians sounded wonderful!

Through donations at the door, we raised over \$1,700. This money will go toward Holy Trinity School's music program and for the musicians' tour expenses.

It was wonderful to have the Haitians in York, even though their stay was too short. When they arrived in their vans from Cape Elizabeth, they enjoyed pizza, then played

indoor soccer before heading out with their host families. They played computer games, watched cartoons and MTV, rested, played the piano, went body-surfing at Harbor Beach (!), and made trips to Wal-mart. They made the most of the last day of their 2008 tour!

It wouldn't have happened without the help of so many people:

* Lorrie Whittaker, who assisted greatly with publicity;

* Aaron and Cindy Perkins, who helped with the logistics at Trinity;

* The individuals who donated the funds for the choir's pizza lunch;

* The MANY people who brought treats for the reception;

* The 15 families who hosted musicians for dinner and a short night's sleep;

* The Jesus Kids who packed breakfast bags for the choir's early morning departure;

* And, of course, all of you who came to the concert!

If you missed the concert—or want to hear more of their music—CDs are available for purchase (\$15) at the church. And if they come to York again, be ready—you won't want to miss them! For a slideshow and video of their performance, go to our Recent Events page.

Diocesan Youth Events

Happening, November 21-23, will focus on evil and the power of Christ to overcome it.

Find out more about youth events at www.maine-youth.org or call 800-244-6062 x-29, or email youth@episcopalmaine.org. Also see downstairs bulletin board.

Cinema & Snacks *by Kate Bishop*

This month's Cinema & Snacks presents *Strangers in Good Company*, an award-winning film from Canada. *Strangers in Good Company* is a docudrama, starring the people whose stories are being told. This is a group of seven older women and a younger woman bus driver, who become stranded in a deserted rural area when their bus breaks down.

We learn about each person's personal story, foibles and gifts as they respond to their situation and, in the process, allow us all into some of the details of their lives, talents and emerging survival skills.

There is nothing more powerful or compelling than our own stories and this film reminds us of that fact. It has received rave reviews by just about everyone who saw it and bothered to write about it.

This film has been described as poignant, compelling and funny. It is a look into the extraordinary lives of ordinary people, in this case, older women. While the history of each life and circumstance is very different, they are all meaningful and interesting. This is a film that goes deeper than most and makes us a viewer/participant into the lives and histories of seven individuals.

Strangers in Good Company is a good vehicle for discussing how we age, what wisdom comes with experience and how we honor the baptismal covenant to "respect the dignity of every human being." Come join us for a little laughter and some serious moments, along with a good discussion afterward on Tuesday, November 11, at 7:00 p.m.

Wrestling Report

(Here is what your Vestry has been "wrestling" with...)

October Vestry meeting. We opened with prayer.

Ted Little addressed the October 19 Crop Walk opportunities—the Jesus Kids may take a role, as St. George's is the host.

Ted also asked that the leadership of the Church pass a motion of support for the Affordable Workforce Housing proposal up for a vote by the town of York. The conversation around the ballot article was positive, but we did not feel that we were in a place to make a statement as a group on this proposal. Members of this church community and the Vestry are from places other than York, and we were missing a significant number of our Vestry members.

Rector's Report: Paige is reassessing her duties and shifting responsibilities now that Sudie Blanchard is our Pastoral Associate. The Committee on Holy Orders requires a fair amount of Paige's time with a new Bishop, and ARS is also requiring some additional outreach time. Paige has enjoyed teaching the adult spiritual formation times these past few weeks and is excited by the things going on in the Church School community.

Treasurer's Report: Pledge contributions fell for the second straight month, and we have a shortfall of \$4000 for the month, \$14,000 year to date. Understanding the economic times we are in, we must ask that members try to do the best they can to be consistent with pledge payments. The rummage sale yielded \$1800.

Finance Report: We unanimously approved hiring

a bookkeeper on a part-time (4 hours per week, at \$15/hr) basis as a subcontractor, as well as a ¼ time Sexton (\$10-12.50/hr) to be more proactive with small repairs and general maintenance around the Church, as well as set-up and break-down of the education hour on Sundays, and clean-up of the church after the services and during the week. The overall impact to our budget in light of other personnel and expense changes proves positive.

The diamond ring: Ideally, the ring will be sold by Springer's to a dealer that will allow us to get funds more quickly, and it would yield us approximately 80% of the assessed value (\$40,000). It is proposed that the ring be taken to Springer's (with proof of insurance provided) and market it to other dealers with the understanding that an offer over \$35,000 would be relayed to us. [Done in early October.]

The housing allowance ordinance for IRS purposes for Sudie as Pastoral Associate was passed unanimously via email.

Stewardship Committee report: The Community newsletter is in the final stages of being completed—to be mailed out in the stewardship packets. [Done on October 14.] October 19 will be the kickoff for the Stewardship program with a goal to close it by Thanksgiving with 100% participation.

We closed with prayer.

Spiritual Formation by Kate Bishop

In November, we will explore growing older from a spiritual and pragmatic point of view. While aging is often associated with wisdom, it can also be challenging. We will look into end-of-life issues, such as hospice services, as well as spiritual concerns. We will also spend a session looking into more practical problems which include accessibility, welcome and participation in our church community.

On November 9, Dee Bickmore from Hospice of York will be with us to do a presentation at our Adult Spiritual Formation Forum at 9:45 a.m. Dee is a dynamic speaker and she has lots of wisdom to share from her journeys with hospice clients. Often, there is lots to learn and appreciate from those whose lives are winding down. Their Executive Summaries are great gifts to us all. The services and tools that make dying an affirming and dignified experience can apply to all of us no matter what stage or generation we are in. Come join Dee for a learning, listening and discussion experience.

On Tuesday, November 11 join us for Cinema &

Snacks at 7:00 p.m. This month we will see *Strangers in Good Company*, an award-winning Canadian docudrama. Seven older women become stranded in an isolated rural area after their bus breaks down. The situation brings out the survival instincts as well as personal histories of everyone. It is a visually outstanding film and well done by the players who play themselves. It will be time well spent with lots of food for discussion and munchies. See you at the movies.

On November 16, Kate Bishop will present *Living Fully in the Coming Age*, an approach to ways we might make St. George's more welcoming and accessible to our elders. In the process we will discuss how such efforts enhance us all as a community. Come join us for listening, sharing and talking about how we are and how we might become for and with our older members.

On November 23 The Rev Mary Ann Hoy will join us for a presentation on *The Spirituality of Aging*. Mary Ann has been conducting workshops on this topic for the Diocese of Maine and we are pleased that she will be here with us. Mary Ann says, "As other capacities diminish, our spiritual vision expands..." We can celebrate these transitions through meditation, spiritual autobiographies and "a deep and abiding sense of community." Mary Ann will touch on the spiritual care of caregivers, who are often the children of aging parents who find themselves exhausted or overwhelmed trying to meet the emerging needs of parents they love while maintaining their own family responsibilities. Come join us at 8:45 or 9:45 a.m. for an important and interesting presentation.

Finally, on November 30, we will begin our Advent series with the Rev. Sudie Blanchard at our forum at 9:45 a.m. Sudie will share some of her family advent traditions and recipes. It represents an optional approach to the holidays which we might find more spiritual and less frenetic. Sudie will follow this with an evening of Advent wreath-making. This is a chance for many to jump in and share their traditions as well as help with the potluck. Call Sudie at 363-1369 for more information.

Music Notes: Want to Join the Choir?

by Kathy Fink, Music Director

Welcome to new choir member, soprano Tracy Singer from Dover! Have you been thinking about joining the choir but are nervous about the commitment? Come visit us at a rehearsal and try it out. The rehearsal schedule is posted on the board next to the choir office and the par-

ish administrator has a copy if you want to call her. Upcoming events include our annual Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 21.

I am also making plans for another "Evening of Music and Fellowship" in January. On another "note," I have donated two hours of my piano playing services to the outreach auction (November 7). Last year, Nancy and Ralph Davison "bought me" and we did a terrific sing-a-long at their Twelfth Night party. My services can also be used for a wedding or anniversary that you may have coming up. So, bid high!

If you have questions, please contact me at: (603) 534-4526 or pianotchr@aol.com. Thanks!

Staff Absences

For a week around Thanksgiving, Paige+ will be on vacation.

Recipe Corner

I want your recipes! If you have a recipe you are willing to share, please email it to the parish administrator, office@stgeorgesyorkharbor.org.

Angels, As Explained By Children...

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath, somewhere there's a tornado. *Reagan, 10*

I only know the names of two angels: Hark and Harold. *Gregory, 5*

Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it. *Olive, 9*

My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science. *Henry, 8*

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows!! *Jack, 6*

Angels have a lot to do. And they keep very busy—if you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money on your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go south for the winter. *Sara, 6*

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them. *Sarah, 7*

From the Editor... by Lorrie Whittaker

I would be happy to put each and every person in your household with an email address on our distribution list, so that everyone can get their own email copy of Dragon

Tales. If you're not sure that I have all of your email addresses, just email me with that information and I will update my list.

Note for parents: If your child or teen has an email address, I am happy to include it in my distribution list. For your peace of mind, know that even if your child is getting parish emails via his/her own email address, that child's email address will NOT automatically be published in our Members Directory—I will only publish a child or teen's email address if that child asks me to do so AND his/her parent expressly gives approval. Adult members' email addresses are published in our Members Directory unless they explicitly ask for their email address not to be so published. In such case, I will use their email address for parish emailings, but not publish it.

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.

Justin Angers, Mary Baker, Christopher Beam, Andy Berenson, Dee Bickmore, Jeff Bishop, Ruby Bishop, Pauline Breary, Scott Bridges, Pamela Brouker, Roz Bush, John Campbell, Ken Capon, Jerry Cronin, Jack Downes, Debby Ehret, Anne Erwin, Jennifer Gervais, Mike Gizzi, Arlene Gordon, Allee Gray, Marion Grecko, Loren Gregory, Jeanette Gross, Sue Gustafson, Ralph Hamilton, Kirsten Hartcare, the Haugh family, Mary Hoffman, Ana Jensen, Betsey Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Joshua Kelly, Cassandra Kirby, Mary Jane Kruger, Jack Lewis, Gerry Lipsett, Kathy Little, Robert Littlefield, Rosie Littlefield, Rita Loew, Martine, Suzanne Malone, Deb McCullough, Bob McMurtry, Patsy Moore, Millie Lou Morse, Mike O'Neill, John Parris, Rosemary Perrin, Micki Pollock, Bob Porter, Priscilla Ropke, Ruthann Roosa, Eleanor Sullivan, Andrew Tennant, Thelma Thompson, Peggy Vincent, Greg Wallace, Barbara Ward, Mark Williams, Marion Wyman

for those who have died, John Barclay

for Habitat for Humanity

for ++Katharine Jefferts Schori, our Presiding Bishop and for +Stephen Lane, our Bishop

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

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

for peace in Darfur and Zimbabwe

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

Treasurer's Report

<u>September 2008</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Pledges	\$20,833.33	\$15,887.00
Pledges YTD	\$187,499.97	\$172,817.47
Total Contributions	\$23,635.00	\$17,861.31
Total Contrib YTD	\$212,715.00	\$202,229.55
Total Income	\$28,518.75	\$21,229.57
Total Income YTD	\$256,668.75	\$273,489.46
Expenses	\$28,833.76	\$24,337.07
Expenses YTD	\$259,503.84	\$252,454.73

<u>September 2007</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Pledges	\$20,201.00	\$19,020.00
Pledges YTD	\$181,809.00	\$171,558.56
Total Contributions	\$21,951.00	\$23,098.25
Total Contrib YTD	\$197,559.00	\$195,288.22
Total Income	\$25,868.51	\$27,287.60
Total Income YTD	\$232,816.59	\$242,819.94
Expenses	\$26,455.23	\$30,473.20
Expenses YTD	\$238,097.07	\$243,489.73

Newsletter Deadline

Dragon Tales deadlines on the 15th of every month at 5:00 p.m., no matter what day of the week the 15th falls on. Please email your articles and notices to office@stgeorgesyorkharbor.org.

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

Calendar

Nov 2	Sun, 8:00-noon	Handcrafting Justice Sale
Nov 2	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	All Parish Coffee Hour
Nov 2	Sun, all services	Time & Talent speakers, Part III
Nov 5	Wed; 6:30 p.m.	Bible Workbench
Nov 7	Fri, 5:30 p.m.	Outreach Auction, at York Golf & Tennis
Nov 9	Sun, 8:45 & 10:00	Hospice of York
Nov 9	Sun, all services	Time & Talent speakers, Part IV
Nov 11	Tue, 7:00 p.m.	Snacks & Cinema: Strangers in Good Company
Nov 12	Wed, 6:30 p.m.	Bible Workbench
Nov 16	Sun, 9:45 a.m.	Living Fully in the Coming Age
Nov 16	Sun, all services	Time & Talent speakers, Part V
Nov 19	Wed, 6:30 p.m.	Bible Workbench
Nov 23	Sun, 8:45 & 9:45	Spirituality of Aging
Nov 30	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	Advent Celebrations & Rituals
Nov 30	Sun, evening	Potluck & wreath-making
Dec 3	Wed, 6:30 p.m.	Bible Workbench
Dec 7	Sun, 8:30-11:00	BeadforLife Sale
Dec 7	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	All Parish Coffee Hour
Dec 9	Tue, 7:00 p.m.	Snacks & Cinema
Dec 10	Wed, 6:30 p.m.	Bible Workbench
Dec 14	Sun, 8:30-11:00	BeadforLife Sale
Dec 18	Thur, 7:00 p.m.	Blue Christmas service
Dec 21	Sun, 9:00 a.m.	Children's Pageant
Dec 21	Sun, 5:00 p.m.	Lessons & Carols service
Dec 24	Wed, 5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Family service
Dec 24	Wed, 7:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Evening service
Dec 24	Wed, 11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Midnight svc
Dec 25	Thur, 10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day service
Jan 7	Wed, 7:00 p.m.	Vestry meeting
Jan 25	Sun, 10:00	Annual Meeting Review 2008
Jan 25	Sun, 11:00	NO 11:00 service today
Jan 30	Fri, afternoon	Vestry dinner
Jan 31	Sat, 9:00-4:00	Vestry retreat
Feb 4	Wed, 7:00 p.m.	Vestry meeting

Current Worship Schedule

<u>Program Year, September 7, 2008 - June 14, 2009</u>		
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
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, with music and choir
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist with optional healing