

Dragon Tales

Serving the Southern Maine Seacoast Region

From the Rector: It's Fun To Be Generous!

It is fun to be generous. It feels great to give money to people and organizations making a difference, really changing the world.

At the September Vestry meeting, the Vestry resolved to allocate the remaining \$4800 of the Outreach Auction 2007 Funds accordingly:

\$800 to the fuel assistance fund (additional to what is below) to help local people in need this winter

\$1000 to Family Resource Center of Kittery

\$1000 to York Food Pantry

\$1000 to York Community Service Association

\$1000 to Fair Tide

These were chosen in large part because of our concern for those who are in need and on the margins in our community as winter approaches, particularly given increasing food and energy prices.

Another \$6200 from the auction was allocated earlier this year to:

\$3200 Mission Trip to New Orleans

\$1000 Horizon House Orphanage in Ethiopia (from whence Gus Beecher comes to us)

\$2000 for an account with Estes Oil to provide heating oil and other energy aid, and Hannaford gift cards for food aid this winter (for when people call St. George's in need of help)

In addition, we gave \$1000 to The Episcopal Divinity School (the "and change" from the Auction, plus additional Outreach monies) for scholarship assistance for seminarians with financial need. (All Episcopal Churches are urged by General Convention to support Episcopal seminaries through their outreach funds.)

A hearty thanks to two people who have worked hard and are working hard on behalf of all of us to raise these funds: Marcia Williams, for her vision and leadership in starting this Outreach Auction, and Barb Poulin for her leadership in assuring its future success (Barb is the 2008 auction chair).

Let's support them by making sure all of our friends and neighbors attend the Auction on November 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the York Golf and Tennis Club, so that we can get a few bidding wars going to support our neighbors in need!

In Christ, Paige+

God Called and I Answered! From Your New Pastoral Associate

by the Rev. Sudie Blanchard

I am so pleased to begin ministry as Pastoral Associate here at St. George's. It's all come as a very pleasant surprise—and everyone's response to the news has been very positive and encouraging!

I will be devoting 16 hours each week to this ministry. Technically, these hours will be Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to noon, though knowing that pastoral needs are no respecters of schedules, some flexibility has been built into that plan. During the mornings, I will be making calls to parishioners who are homebound, in nursing facilities or in the hospital. A primary part of my job description also includes supporting and encouraging our active and involved Pastoral Care Team along with Pauline Cashman, the team's current coordinator. I'll also continue to work closely with Adult Formation coordinator Kate Bishop to provide good food for thought for adults in the parish in our existing Adult Formation program.

I am still a deacon in your midst. When you see me on Sundays, I will be in my diaconal role with fellow deacon Aaron Perkins—the "Book, Towel, Door" routine deacons are known for:

* Book = proclaiming the Gospel,

* Towel = serving at the altar

* Door = getting God's people out of the church and into the world, doing God's work.

On Mondays, my own diaconal ministry in the world will be unfolding over the next weeks and months as I explore some new opportunities. I'll keep you posted in my deacon's corner articles.

The best times to reach me are those Tuesday-Friday mornings either at church 363-7376 or on my cell phone 207-351-5467. I also keep close track of my email sblanchard@stgeorgesyorkharbor.org.

God is amazing! Several months ago, when, with Peter's support and encouragement, I voluntarily chose to reduce my hours at the library to halftime, my primary purpose was to see where God might be calling me next. The answer now seems pretty clear!

Deacons Corner: Food Love

by the Rev. Aaron Perkins

As I write this, it's a beautiful autumn day which feels much more like August than late September. Despite the warm temperatures, colder weather and winter are approaching. We are facing the reality of significantly higher heating costs for everyone and some difficult financial times ahead for some of the most vulnerable people in the community.

How can we help out?

We were talking recently at a staff meeting about what an incredible job our meals ministry folks do when someone is in need because of an illness or unexpected event in his or her life. We thought that it might be a good idea to try and expand on that a little, with some help from all of you.

We have a freezer in the church in the closet directly under the organ pipe room where we store some food donations for our own parishioners in need of "food love" when they are going through a tough time—inreach. We would love to expand this food ministry with a 'back stock' of frozen food items ready to go to help those in need on an outreach basis, too. Sudie Blanchard and I are the primary contacts for St. George's for those who contact the church in need of assistance, and it would be a wonderful thing if we could also offer help in the form of meals.

So, if you make lasagna for dinner, please think about making a second one at the same time in a foil pan that can be labeled and frozen and put into the church freezer. How about making a double recipe of soup or stew and freezing what you don't need? Or maybe you could buy the bigger box of hamburger patties at the grocery store and put half of them into the church freezer.

This doesn't need to be complicated or labor-intensive, but it may make a huge difference to a family in need. Just make sure that you freeze the items in containers that you don't want back and label clearly what the meal is, what's in it and the date. Please place your offerings in the downstairs kitchen freezer above the fridge.

Together we can make a big difference.

Crop Walk & U2charist *by Ted Little*

St. George's will host the 7th annual Crop Walk this year, which will be followed by a U2charist at St. George's! Both will have the central theme of ending world hunger.

Please join us on October 19. Registration for the Crop Walk will begin at St. George's at 1:00 p.m. and the

walk at 1:30. We will follow the same Crop Walk route as the past two years, except the direction will be reversed. It is an easy four miles, and a van will be cycling around to pick up those of us who may want to walk only a portion of that distance. The route is through York Village, along Long Sands Road to Long Sands Beach, then back along York Street to St. George's. There will be three water stops along the way and refreshments will be served after the walk at St. George's.

After the Crop Walk, please stay for the U2charist at 4:00 p.m. October 19 is also Bread For Life Sunday. Bread For Life is a "non-denominational ministry dedicated to providing help to those in need, be it social, medical, spiritual or educational. The ultimate aim of Bread For Life is to point humanity to the One who alone is able to give Bread for life, be it spiritual or physical."

The offering from the U2charist will go half to the Crop Walk and half to the AIDS Response Seacoast (ARS) Food Pantry to honor Bread for Life Sunday. What a great way to recognize three separate ministries serving one common goal! FMI, please call the church office 363-7376 or Ted Little 363-7527. Team St. George's, once again under the leadership of our youth group, will sponsor the Crop Walk and will be asking for your support. Please join us!

We Are Gearing Up! *by Barb Poulin*

Yes, our Third Annual Outreach Auction will once again be held at the York Golf and Tennis Club on Organug Road in York on Friday, November 7. The silent auction is at 5:30 and the live auction begins at 6:30 p.m. auction hammer Donations for the auction are coming in from individuals as I write this, and our faithful solicitors are out contacting local businesses. Gift certificates to your favorite places to eat and shop are being donated. Look for donor forms in your Sunday bulletins and on the parish table. (Please place completed forms in the box on the parish table.) Please let me know at barbpoulin@aol.com, 207-363-8731 or 207-337-2623 if you want to volunteer some time in this effort or if you want to discuss a particular treasure you are considering donating. Be creative and please save the date to attend!

To Ethiopia and Back

by Tom Beecher & Jane Sweeney Beecher

On October 12, at both 8:45 and at 10:00, Tom Beecher and Janie Sweeney Beecher will talk about the two-year journey that brought Gus to their family. Topics

will include thinking and praying about adoption, the adoption process, what they learned and saw in Ethiopia, and "happily ever after." Gus may even make a special guest appearance!

Bagging It For Outreach! *by Lorrie Whittaker*

This winter is going to be really tough for those who already live close to the bone, what with gas prices, heating oil prices and food prices rising. We are going to use the bottle and can redeemables fund to do some outreach this fall/winter—here's how you can help:

* Bring in redeemable bottles and cans and leave them in the lower hall near the kitchen where you see the gray redeemables buckets (just leave your bags of items on the floor near the gray buckets), or

* If you have a CLYNK account of your own, consider using some of the proceeds to purchase \$25 Hannaford gift cards and place the cards in the offering plate on a Sunday, or

* If you don't have a CLYNK account, take a CLYNK bag with you from church in the next few upcoming weeks. A St. George's CLYNK account label will already be on it so all you need to do is fill the bag with clean, dry redeemable bottles and cans (they won't accept Market Basket brand, however). You can put plastic, glass and aluminum all in the same bag—but make sure no more than 20% of the bag is glass or it will be too heavy (I put in four soda/water plastic or aluminum items for each beer-sized glass bottle and that works out pretty well). When the bag is full, tie it tightly shut and leave the bag at Hannaford's at the CLYNK room (left side of Hannaford's). That's it!

Together, we can help some people stay warm and fed this winter, just by redeeming bottles and cans—easy!

Workforce Housing

If you would be willing to have your name signed to the following statement, "We support Article One and will vote YES for affordable workforce housing in York," please contact Jim Gambrell at jgambрил@maine.rr.com or 363-7814.

Time & Talent: We'll Be Talking To You!

by Lorrie Whittaker

Instead of a Time and Talent Fair this year, the stewardship committee has hit upon a different formula—just talking to parishioners. Each Sunday between October 19 and November 16, representatives of the various ministries

active at St. George's will speak briefly after all services. They will explain what their ministry is, why they are passionate about it and how parishioners can get involved. Please plan to stay for about 10 minutes after your particular service each Sunday during this time—you never know which ministry you might fall in love with.

United Thank Offering *by Linda Huls*

"Thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up in a single day" Unknown

It is time to "count your blessings"—those coins you have in the blue UTO box in thanksgiving for large and small daily gifts from God that brighten your life and the lives of those around you. The entire month of October is the time to place your UTO offering envelope in the offering plate, but our formal ingathering will be October 19. Information, placemats, bookmarks and envelopes will be available on a display table in the church hall. Please help yourself. It is helpful if you count your coins and write a check for the amount (please make check to St. George's and put "UTO" in the memo line).

New York Adventure! *by Don England*

September 6, 2008: Greetings to all our friends at St. George's Church!

Lee and I have been living in New York for just a few days less than two months and can report that our life here is very good. We have downsized from a four-bedroom house with garage, big attic, a car, and a truck to a thousand-square-foot two-bedroom apartment and no vehicles. As a result we have concluded that we really did not need everything we used to have. For us, having a light load provides us with a refreshing freedom. Rather than being concerned about things, we can focus on the adventures of our life.

We live on the third floor of our twenty-three floor building. The view from our front and side windows includes the intersection of Broadway and Wall Street and Trinity Church. We are high enough that traffic noise is not a problem for us (partially because of central air conditioning) yet low enough so that we can see what is really going on in the streets below us. Our building has a gym, a room with a pool table, and a very nice rooftop deck with chairs, tables, potted plants, and great views that include New York harbor, Jersey City, ground zero, and mid-town Manhattan (including the Empire State Building). The building has about 260 apartments in it, and we think we are the oldest resi-

dents. All the other tenants seem to be young Wall Street types.

The subway and bus systems are fast, cheap, take us everywhere we want to go, and when not full of rush hour crowds, they are reasonably comfortable. We do our grocery shopping (using our two-wheeled grocery cart) at Union Square, the third subway stop uptown from our apartment. It takes ten minutes to get there, less time than it took us to drive from our house in York Beach to Hannaford's.

We are enjoying being close to our daughter and her family who live in Westchester County. Our son-in-law commutes into New York every day and sometimes brings our grandchildren to spend the day with us. Our eight-year-old granddaughter has decided that our second bedroom is really hers!

Since our arrival we have attended several Episcopal churches in Manhattan, including Cynthia Wallace's Church of the Heavenly Rest. We think we have settled on Trinity Church, which is right across the street from our building. We have found that the congregation is active, friendly, diverse, welcoming, and involved in a lot of outreach. The present church building was completed in 1846, though the origins of the congregation go back into the seventeenth century.

We often think of you all and are grateful for your friendship during the last couple of years. Let us know if you are in New York; we would be happy to get together.

Lots of love from both of us,
Don and Lee England

Hearty Thanks to Estes Oil

by the Rev. Paige Blair

Estes is supporting our outreach efforts by giving us a very generous price on our heating oil assistance account. They have also given the churches in York a good price on heating oil for church buildings.

Tuesday Night Snacks & Cinema:

Johnny Belinda *by Kate Bishop*

In keeping with our theme of family and children, our film this month (October 14, 7:00 p.m.) is *Johnny Belinda*, a 1948 Oscar-winning film. It features an outstanding cast including Jane Wyman (Oscar for Best Actress), Charles Bickford, Agnes Moorehead and, last but not least, Stephen McNally (who I believe should have received an Oscar as Best Supporting Actor). His dark character really carries the movie and he plays it so well that I really wanted to

jump into the screen and administer a good dose of street justice.

The film rightly received many Oscar and Golden Globe nominations. The cinematography in black and white is outstanding and it is hard to imagine this film and the landscape of Nova Scotia's Prince Edward Island being any where near as stunning and stark in color.

Ms. Wyman justifiably earned her Oscar as she portrays Belinda MacDonald, a young woman born deaf to a hearing farm family. She is intelligent and sensitive but unable to speak, and is referred to as "the dummy." Belinda's journey from young adult to motherhood is brutal and inspiring. She comes to parenting with love and joy and sheds naiveté under circumstances that are as hard as the scenery around her portrays. The fact that she never speaks a word during the picture and relies completely on facial expressions and body movement to communicate is more than enough to earn her an Oscar.

The movie brings up questions about family and family values. How do we treat differences among us and what assumptions do we make about people with different abilities/disabilities? What signs are apparent early in the film which reflect the overall health of the community? Who are leaders and who follows their lead? What are redemption, love and reconciliation and how are they expressed in this film?

Come join us for an outstanding film, a brief discussion and an evening out with friends.

Icon Class *by the Rev. Paige Blair*

In late August seven iconographers gathered at Barbara Boschert's home to write the icon of the Cefalu Pantocrator. Here are three pictures of their week, and a photo of their completed icons, ready to be blessed at the altar at St. George's (blessed on August 31). (Photos may be found in the website version of the newsletter.)

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.

Diocesan Youth Events

Downeast Youth Event, October 11-12. Sponsored by five Christian churches in Calais, open to teens in grades 6-12 in Maine. The themes are God's unconditional love, friendship with Jesus and forgiveness.

Awakening, October 17-19. For kids in grades 6-8. It's a great time for kids to get to know other Episcopalians, to discuss faith, and to have fun.

Youth at Diocesan Convention on October 24. The diocese needs a dozen youths to serve, grades 6-12.

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

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

Free Stuff!

Free Computer: Micro millennia, with all components. Call Frank Jillson, 384-5272.

Free Table & Chairs: Maple table 42" by 60" with two leaves. Includes four chairs. Call Frank Jillson 384-5272.

Voluntary Rewards

Have you ever considered volunteering? If you or anyone you know would enjoy this rewarding experience at a long-term care facility, please give Tom Stevens, Activities Director of Durgin Pines, a phone call at 207-439-9800 at your earliest convenience.

Many opportunities are available during the daytime, evening or weekend hours, whether it be a one-to-one visit, reading to a resident, calling bingo or leading other games one-on-one for small or large groups. Perhaps you play an instrument or have a slide presentation or are handy at arts and crafts. As our resident population varies, the opportunities for volunteering also vary.

Wrestling Report

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

September 3 Vestry Meeting. Susan Wilson led us in prayer.

Rector's Report—We discussed how best to “make good ministry happen” in our parish. New lay leadership has emerged since Steve Godfrey left. It was decided that we create the paid position of Pastoral Associate, a 16-hour/week non-priest position and hire Sudie Blanchard to fill it. [Sudie started as Pastoral Associate on September 16] This also allows us the funds to add a bookkeeper and sexton on a part-time basis. An increased supply clergy budget will give the Rector support for Thursday and Sunday services that a non-priest cannot provide. Adding in some pledge shortfalls and the increase in fuel costs not budgeted for in 2008, we still end up ahead by approximately \$3,000 from our original plan.

The Ray family has moved to Saco, closer to Eve's work. Eve will be taking a leave of absence from the Vestry until they sort out what their move means to church participation.

Partners for Sacred Places—Brenda Ervin is recruiting for Partners, and is “nearly there.”

Treasurer's Report—We had a poor pledge showing in August, behind by over \$8000 versus budget. Fortunately we had been running ahead through July, and we are now short YTD giving by almost \$5000. Our expenses also came out below budget, however, so we are short in total by \$2500 versus our budget YTD.

Finance Report—Robert Palmer presented the diocesan report of our funds held by the diocese in trust from members. The funds have decreased in balance by 5.78% (\$250,720 to \$236,224) due to market fluctuations in the economy. The 2009 budget was presented. The desired increase is minimal, largely fuel increases and cost of living raises. The full report will be presented to the church community November 2. The audit was completed based on interviews and reviews of transactions and deposits. The auditor recommended that we move our banking from Bank of America due to heavy fees.

The diamond ring—We have had an appraisal but the methods available to us to sell this are expensive and will cost us between 20-40% based on the auction sources. Ken Barrett is checking into auction houses that will charge us a lower fee.

Stewardship Committee Report—We are aiming to complete stewardship (time, talent and treasure) planning and pledging by Thanksgiving so we can celebrate this at our service that Thursday.

We previously approved disbursement of \$3200 of funds from Auction 2007, leaving \$4800 to be disbursed in

September of 2008. \$4000 will be split between these four worthy groups: Family Resource Center, York Food Pantry, York Community Services, and Fair Tide. \$800 will be added to the emergency energy fund. The Special Christmas Offering for 2008 will be offered to the Diocese of Haiti in honor of Bishop Knudsen.

Parish Events—The Chocolate Fest was a huge success—our hearty thanks to Christina Reilly for coordinating the effort! The Rummage Sale is up next!

The Rector closed with prayer and we adjourned.

Spiritual Formation *by Kate Bishop*

Adult Spiritual Formation ventures into the world of parenting, children and families in October.

Finding Gus: An Award Winning Adventure. We will begin on October 12 with the Beecher family as they share their experience of finding Gus, the newest Beecher addition, who just happened to be born in Ethiopia. That meant a very exciting and challenging trip to that far-off land on the African continent. Come and join us for photos, sharing and discussion following the 7:45 a.m. service or during our Formation Forum at 10:00 a.m.

The Spirituality of Parenting, October 19 & 26. Using audio tapes from National Public Radio's Speaking of Faith series, we will launch into a discussion of children and their spiritual nature. How do we nurture that gift in them and renew it in ourselves? How do we prepare ourselves to be ready and responsive when those moments of insight and wisdom come from the children in our lives? As we focus most of our energy and attention to the everyday needs and emergencies our kids bring to us, should we pay more attention to their spiritual needs as well?

Come join us for a lively and continuing discussion on October 19 and 26. If you are new to parenting or caring for children in your life, you will find these sessions helpful. If you are a veteran in these experiences, please come and share solutions, suggestions or just good storytelling.

Tuesday Night Snacks & Cinema, October 14. In keeping with our theme of family and children, our film this month is Johnny Belinda, a 1948 Oscar-winning film. (See synopsis in this issue of newsletter.)

Music Notes: Psalms and Surveys...

by Kathy Fink, Music Director

Psalms: This fall we will begin once again to sing the psalms at the 11:00 a.m. service. At first, the congregation

will sing the refrains, based on familiar hymn tunes and the choir will sing the verses. Gradually, it would be terrific if the congregation could join us in singing the verses. After you've done a few, you will get used to how it works.

Music Survey: Thank you to those who filled out and turned in a survey. These have given me some insight into what all of you want in the musical life of St. George's Church—very interesting responses!

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

Staff Absences

October 6-8 - Paige+ on "vacation" presenting at the Diocese of Texas Clergy Conference

October 23-25 - clergy at Diocesan Convention

October 23, 24 - parish administrator out of office

Recipe Corner

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

You Know You're A New Englander When...

Forget rednecks—here is what Jeff Foxworthy has to say about New Englanders...

If your local Dairy Queen is closed from September through May, you live in New England.

If someone in a Home Depot store offers you assistance and they don't work there, you live in New England.

If you've worn shorts and a parka at the same time, you live in New England.

If you've had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number, you live in New England.

If "vacation" means going anywhere south of New York City for the weekend, you live in New England.

If you measure distance in hours, you live in New England.

If you know several people who have hit a deer more than once, you live in New England.

If you have switched from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day and back again, you live in New England.

If you can drive 75 mph through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard without flinching, you live in New England.

If you install security lights on your house and garage, but leave both unlocked, you live in New England.

If you carry jumpers in your car and your wife knows how to use them, you live in New England.

If you design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit, you live in New England.

If the speed limit on the highway is 55 mph, but you're going 80 and everybody is passing you, you live in New England.

If driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow, you live in New England.

If you know all four seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter and road construction, you live in New England.

If you have more miles on your snow blower than your car, you live in New England.

If you find 10 degrees "a little chilly," you live in New England.

If you actually understand these jokes, and send them to all your New England friends and others, you live in New England.

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, Andy Berenson, Dee Bickmore, Jeff Bishop, Ruby Bishop, Pauline Breary, Scott Bridges, 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, Kirsten Hartcare, the Haugh family, Mary Hoffman, Ana Jensen, Jeff Johnson, Joshua Kelly, Cassandra Kirby, Mary Jane Kruger, Jack Lewis, Gerry Lipsett, Kathy Little, Robert Littlefield, Rosie Littlefield, Rita Loew, Martine, Suzanne Malone, Bob McMurtry, Millie Lou Morse, Mike O'Neill, John Parris, Rosemary Perrin, Micki Pollock, Bob Porter, Priscilla Ropke, Ruthann Roosa, Eleanor Sullivan, Andrew Tennant, Thelma Thompson, Greg Wallace, Barbara Ward, Mark Williams, Marion Wyman

for those who have died, Caleb Fox

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.

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Calendar

Oct 5	Sun, 9:00 & 11:00	Blessing of the Animals
Oct 5	Sun, 9:00 - 2:00	Haitian Art Sale
Oct 5	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	All Parish Coffee Hour
Oct 12	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	Finding Gus: An Award Winning Adventure
Oct 14	Tue, 7:00 p.m.	Snacks & Cinema: Johnny Belinda
Oct 19	Sun, all day	UTO Ingathering
Oct 19	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	Spirituality of Parenting I
Oct 19	Sun, all services	Time & Talent speakers, Part I
Oct 19	Sun, 1:00 p.m.	Crop Walk (start at St. George's)
Oct 19	Sun, 4:00 p.m.	U2charist
Oct 23	Thur, 5:45 p.m.	Gathering in the Berwicks
Oct 26	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	Spirituality of Parenting II
Oct 26	Sun, all services	Time & Talent Speakers, Part II
Nov 2	Sun, 8:00-noon	Handcraft Sale
Nov 2	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	All Parish Coffee Hour
Nov 2	Sun, all services	Time & Talent speakers, Part III
Nov 7	Fri, 5:30 p.m.	Outreach Auction, at York Golf & Tennis
Nov 9	Sun, 8:45 & 10:00	Spirituality of Aging
Nov 9	Sun, all services	Time & Talent speakers, Part IV
Nov 11	Tue, 7:00 p.m.	Snacks & Cinema
Nov 16	Sun, all services	Time & Talent speakers, Part V
Nov 30	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	Celebrations & Rituals
Dec 7	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	All Parish Coffee Hour
Dec 9	Tue, 7:00 p.m.	Snacks & Cinema

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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George Dow, 439-7866, george.dow@tdbanknorth.com, Treasurer; Stewardship
Pauline Cashman, 363-5619, cside@maine.rr.com, Pastoral Care, Newcomer Task Force
Daryl McKay, 363-4256, daryl@spimages.com, Church School; 9:00 Steering Committee
Eve Ray, 363-7038, evejray@yahoo.com, Outreach, Newcomer Task Force
Pat Kriensky, 641-2246, pkriensky@verizon.net, Parish Events & Relations, Newcomer Task Force
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Treasurer's Report

<u>August 2008</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Pledges	\$20,833.33	\$13,509.00
Pledges YTD	\$166,666.64	\$156,930.47
Total Contributions	\$23,635.00	\$14,974.45
Total Contrib YTD	\$189,080.00	\$184,368.24
Total Income	\$28,518.75	\$19,908.22
Total Income YTD	\$228,150.00	\$252,259.89
Expenses	\$28,833.76	\$22,926.50
Expenses YTD	\$230,670.08	\$227,809.66

<u>August 2007</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Pledges	\$20,201.00	\$14,809.00
Pledges YTD	\$161,608.00	\$152,538.56
Total Contributions	\$21,951.00	\$17,679.25
Total Contrib YTD	\$175,608.00	\$172,189.97
Total Income	\$25,868.51	\$25,595.86
Total Income YTD	\$206,948.08	\$215,532.34
Expenses	\$26,455.23	\$27,449.12
Expenses YTD	\$211,641.84	\$212,356.63

Current Worship Schedule

Program Year, September 7, 2008 - June 14, 2009

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

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