

Dragon Tales

Serving the Southern Maine Seacoast Region

From the Rector: The Gathering of Leaders

Last month I returned to a conference I first attended in October, 2006, called The Gathering of Leaders (GOL).

The theme of GOL is “empowering leaders to be instruments of transformation.” Founded by Bishop Claude Payne, retired, of Texas, the Gathering of Leaders envisions “the renewal of the dioceses and congregations of the Episcopal Church through transformational leaders dedicated to the missionary call of Christ and growing the Church in spiritual depth and in numbers as it effectively serves all sorts and conditions of people through the transforming power of Jesus Christ.”

Bishop Payne’s hope was that leaders from all over the church, lay and ordained, would come together regularly for support and encouragement and come to know each other. He and his team have been intentional about including people of diverse theological backgrounds, so that they can altar and bible become friends in Christ. The idea is that, hopefully, later in life when these leaders are working together in the House of Deputies or House of Bishops, their friendship in Christ will be at the heart of their work—rather than the issues that might otherwise divide.

This particular Gathering had the theme of “Raising up and Forming Leaders for the Missional Church,” and we spent a good bit of time sharing how we form leaders in our varied contexts.

By “Missional Church” we mean a church that is outward-focused, driven by a desire to share Christ’s love with a world that may not yet know that love. A Missional Church cares about growing disciples. A Missional Church operates under the assumption that the church’s outward reaching and sharing of God’s love are crucial aspects of what it means to be faithful.

The opposite of a “Missional Church” is an “Attractional Church.” An Attractional Church is more inwardly focused, and cares about growing members. An Attractional Church assumes that if church is done well for those who are already members, other people will be attracted to that church and become members.

We do a pretty good job of being a Missional Church at St. George’s. Many of us speak openly about what St. George’s means to us, how we are involved in the parish, how our lives have been transformed here, and invite others to join us. When newcomers arrive, they are warmly welcomed.

Even at St. George’s, though, we may occasionally be tempted into more of an attractional mindset. This often happens when we get focused on the day-to-day, nuts and bolts realities. And we do tend to think in terms of membership, and not so often of discipleship—what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, to allow God’s love in Christ to transform our lives.

And so I am excited that this fall we are offering a number of ways to explore discipleship in addition to our Sunday sermons, which always seek to engage the question of how we live our lives in the light of the crucifixion and resurrection. These include our Sunday Morning Adult Spiritual Formation offerings and the Bible Workbench coming up in October.

I hope you will join me and your fellow parishioners in these explorations, as we seek to grow more deeply as followers of Jesus. It will be a challenging and transforming way to spend a fall and winter together!

In Christ,
Paige+

Baptismal Preparation *by the Rev. Paige Blair*

A host of you have asked about having your children baptized, and so we are planning a baptismal preparation group early this fall. Please contact Paige+ at pblair1@earthlink.net or 363-7376 to let her know your interest and availability. While you are considering godparents, we encourage you to think about having at least one godparent who is part of the St. George’s parish family.

Deacons Corner: Partnerships...

by the Rev. Sudie Blanchard

In early 2006, as ordination was approaching, I took time off from St. George’s to head up to Biddeford to experience several months of “mentored-practice” at

an Episcopal church there. I was assigned to Christ Church, a small inner-city church located in downtown Biddeford, Maine. This caring community enveloped me with love and graciously shepherded me through those final months before I was ordained. I still remember the wonderful community dinners they offered the whole neighborhood, outreach hands especially the St. Patrick's Day Dinner—with Bernie, at that time Senior Warden and expert caterer, manning the steam tables with corned beef, cabbage and all the trimmings!

In 2006, this once-vibrant parish faced ongoing financial challenges. Those challenges continue—the devoted parishioners are no longer young and their numbers are dwindling. But the parish has a “can-do” attitude paired with a heart to serve. The church's location in downtown Biddeford makes it an ideal place for an active outreach ministry—some local agencies are already teaming up with the parish, using the building for meetings. If only the church had the finances and people strength to make that small effort grow into something bigger...

Imagine my excitement when I learned last month that Christ Church has qualified as a site for a new Jubilee Center in Maine! In an ironic twist of Providence, Christ Church's daughter church, St. David's Episcopal Church in Kennebunk, is entering into partnership with Christ Church to make this dream possible. They are providing financial and volunteer support, as well as providing leadership on the Center's Advisory Board. As Peter Bowen, Christ Church's deacon, says, “Through this partnership, both churches see the future through a common lens of caring, compassion and determination, representing Christ in our love for our neighbors.”

Here are some of the programs that are being planned for the Center:

Ongoing programs:

In-A-Pinch Non-food Essentials Pantry

Like St. Elizabeth's at St Luke's Cathedral, Portland, In-A-Pinch offers assistance to residents in the Biddeford region who have a need for essential items not covered by food stamps. This program is already operating out of Christ Church.

Healthy Families

Biddeford is one of Goodall Hospital's outreach communities. The Alliance for Healthy Families pro-

vides support for first-time parents for prenatal care up to the time their first child is age five.

T.O.P.S. – Take Off Pounds Sensibly

This existing program is all about health education and support.

New Efforts:

Drop-In Center

This program, when it opens this fall, will welcome all people, of every faith, who are in need of a safe place to be if they are unemployed, homeless, or are deprived of social and spiritual contact and support. The Center is to be staffed by trained volunteers to facilitate the needs of those using the center.

Parish Nursing Program

This program, also starting this fall, will serve members of Christ Church and clients in the area. The nurses will be on site once a month to begin with, meeting the clients and becoming a trusted resource for health issues.

Some hopes and dreams for the future:

A Career Center

One of the many cuts made by the state forced the local career center to close. Those planning the Jubilee Center have met with the Director of the Career Center in Saco to discuss how they might help provide some of the lost services. They are looking for computers and software to use for a computer lab for clients. They also have retired professionals from St. David's who are willing to be mentors to help those who are unemployed with job searching skills.

A Time Bank

The Center hopes to establish a Time Bank for the Biddeford area. Time banks are significant in that they build community, help people without financial resources to get needs met, and help to empower community members to recognize that everyone has a gift to offer.

Partnerships make it feasible for amazing things to happen—things that might not be possible in a solitary effort. Let's all keep partnership possibilities in mind as we consider ways we might serve Christ in our midst here in York.

Celebration of New Ministry

The Rev. Kit Wang and the people of St. Stephen's in Waterboro will celebrate their new ministry together (the Rt. Rev. Chilton Knusden, officiating) on Sunday, September 7, 5:00 p.m. All are welcome—please RSVP to Kit at ststephensvicar@yahoo.com or 207-247-6458 by September 4.

Church School 2008-2009

by Lynn Dube

Welcome back to St. George's church school! I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer vacation. We are getting ready to start up our 2008-2009 church school year and are looking forward to seeing many new and returning children! Our Godly Play classroom is for children ages 3-Kindergarten, Godly Time is for children in grades 1-3, and the Jesus Kids is for children in grades 4-6. Our youngest children, ages birth-3, are welcome to have fun exploring and making new friends in our nursery.family going to church

Sunday, September 7, will be an open house and registration morning (download registration form here). Parents and children are welcome to join us downstairs after the 9:00 service, to meet our new and returning leaders, explore the classrooms, enjoy a snack with friendly conversation, and register for the 2008-2009 church school year. I am looking forward to another wonderful year and can't wait for you to join us! For more information, please contact Lynn Dube at 384-4741 or lynn.dube@verizon.net.

Rummage Your Brain—A Quiz!

by Mary Anne Smith

The Fall Rummage Sale is coming up soon. We all know the Rummage Sale is: clothes, coats, shoes, accessories (jewelry, scarves, etc.), handbags, linens (towels, sheets). So, let me know how you'd like to see the Rummage Sale done this year:

- Should we have a Friday evening preview sale 7:00-9:00 before the Saturday, September 20, Rummage Sale?
 - Would it stir up interest to have volunteers wear their last year's rummage sale purchases at coffee hour?
 - Should profits benefit a specific outreach project?
 - Are there new spots around town to put posters?
- Are there new ways to advertise?
- Can you help: Donate, set-up, sort and price,

cashier, make or deliver posters, clean up? See the sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall or call Mary Anne Smith 363-3539.

Needed: A Place to Stay

Mary Ezenwa, who fondly remembers her experiences with us last year before she left to attend Yale Divinity School, needs a place to stay in York, from September 8 to December 5, so that she can complete her discernment requirement, which is a necessary component of the ordination process. She is willing to cover her share of rent and maintenance expenses. If you are able to provide accommodation for her, please contact her directly: mcezenwa@gmail.com, or by cell (917) 455-5306.

Aging With Spirit

Engaging the sacred with lectio divina, yoga and contemplative prayer. Saturday, September 20, 9:30 - 3:00. St. Paul's, 27 Pleasant St., Brunswick. Lunch will be provided. Reservations appreciated - contact Marby Payson 207-781-4769 or Mary Ann Hoy mahoy@suscom-maine.net. Freewill offering gratefully accepted.

Les Petits Chanteurs by Susan Mullens

Les Petits Chanteurs, a 30-voice boys' choir from Holy Trinity School of Music in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, will perform on Monday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. You won't want to miss it!

Les Petits Chanteurs first toured the United States in 1984. They have sung from Florida to Maine and as far west as Colorado. Previous performances have included appearances at Kennedy Center and the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, Lincoln Center and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, and at the Tanglewood Festival with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. This September they are on their 9th tour, singing traditional Haitian and sacred music. St. George's will be their last stop before they return to Haiti.un petit chanteur with Ursa

Les Petits Chanteurs is one of the choral ensembles of the Holy Trinity Music School. The singers range in age from 9 to 18. The boys may audition for Les Petits Chanteurs beginning at age seven. The choir accepts young students from Holy Trinity School and from elementary schools throughout the Port-au-Prince

metropolitan area. Many of the singers participate in the school's summer music program in Leogane.

The Holy Trinity Music School provides the largest and most comprehensive music education program in Haiti. The school gives instruction in voice, winds, brass, strings, and piano to hundreds of students. Holy Trinity has beginner, intermediate, and advanced orchestras and ensembles, including Les Petits Chanteurs for boys and young men.

The Music School is a part of the Holy Trinity School, located on the grounds of Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port-au-Prince. It was founded in 1927 by the Sisters of Saint Margaret, an Episcopal order of nuns based in Boston. Over 1300 students attend the primary school. The Music School was started in 1963 and in 1976 a trade school was added.

The boys, their chaperones and musicians will be guests of families in York and nearby towns during their brief stay in town. They will arrive at St. George's from Cape Elizabeth around noon on the 29th. There will be time to practice and relax in York before the 7:00 concert. They will have a short night in town, as they must depart by 2:00 a.m. to make their early morning flight back to Haiti.

Everyone is invited to the concert at St. George's. A free-will donation will be taken to support the group's trip to the U.S. and the ministry that the music program provides to the children and people of Haiti. Please give generously! If you wish to support the group's efforts in advance of their concert, please make your check out to "St. George's Church" with "Les Petits Chanteurs" in the memo line.

Haiti *by Susan Mullens*

What do we know about Haiti? It is a nation in the Caribbean, sharing the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic. The country is about the size of Maryland with a population of over 8 million. Haitians speak French and Creole. It was the first independent Black nation in the world and has a rich cultural heritage. The country has been plagued with political upheaval and violence. Les Petits Chanteurs at St. George's, September 2007

The Episcopal Church in Haiti dates from 1861. Holy Trinity in Port-au-Prince is the cathedral for the diocese. The Episcopal Church of Haiti is the largest diocese of the Episcopal Church. It has more than

100,000 baptized members in 109 congregations. The Haitian church runs 100 primary schools, 15 secondary schools and a school for handicapped students.

Haiti is one of the most economically challenged countries in the world:

- * 80% of its population live in poverty
- * 60% of Haitians are undernourished
- * 75% of children under 5 are underweight or suffer from stunted growth
- * 66% of the labor force have no formal jobs
- * Only 55% of children attend primary school
- * There is one doctor for every 10,000 people

You can get involved by coming to the September 29 concert by Les Petits Chanteurs and helping to support the music program at the Holy Trinity School in Port-au-Prince.

Craft Group Meeting *by Pauline Cashman*

Come join us for an evening of knitting on Tuesday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. If you know how to knit or want to learn, we will have yarn and needles for those interested. We will focus on making hats to send to The Salvation Army, Crossroads House or the shelter in Portland. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Giving Made Easy *by Barb Poulin*

Please watch for the box labeled "Auction Items and Auction Donation Slips" on the table in the parish hall. What could be easier than to fill out one of those forms and pop it in the box? We are still looking for BIG items that will draw a crowd for the November 7 auction at the York Golf and Tennis Club. If you have an idea for a donation, please put it on paper and finalize it so we can plan early. It will make life much easier for the committee. A reminder: If you are getting passes or tickets for a seasonal event, be sure they are for the 2009 season. The only exceptions would be tickets for performances from November 8 to December 31, 2008.

Put your thinking cap on!! Email me at barbpoulin@aol.com or call me at 207-363-8731 or my cell 207-337-2623 with all your ideas and suggestions. If you haven't already been enlisted for the auction, please let me know in what role you might like to help.

Help Us Choose... *by Barb Poulin*

As our third annual Outreach Auction approaches—it is scheduled for Friday, November 7,

2008—the Vestry wants YOUR input on possible recipients of the money raised at the 2007 Auction. Some of the proceeds from our 2007 Outreach Auction, which raised over \$11,000, were used for the New Orleans Mission Trip, Episcopal Divinity School, and heating oil, energy and food aid for the neediest people in our community.

If you have a suggestion for a charity or organization you would like to see receive some of the money left from the 2007 auction, please email your idea to the Rector at pblair1@earthlink.net. Deadline is coming quickly, though—it's September 3.

Sometime after the 2008 Outreach Auction is over, we will ask for your suggestions on where to spend some of that money, as well. We want your input!

Tuesday Night Snacks and Cinema

by Kate Bishop

Our film series “Tuesday Night Snacks and Cinema” begins on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. with *The Kite Runner* (2007). Based on the best selling novel by Khaled Hosseini, *The Kite Runner* is a memorable and moving drama about the pain of lost friendship, the yearning for forgiveness, and the freedom that comes from making amends. The film won a Christopher Award in 2008. Food and a brief discussion will follow the film. Rated PG-13.

Creating a Culture of Peace

A retreat sponsored by Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Maine Chapter, will take place November 14-16, from Friday noon to Sunday, 3:00 p.m., at Living Water Spiritual Center, Winslow, Maine.

Creating a Culture of Peace training is an incubator for participants to raise issues which most concern them—group controversy and conflict, neighborhood violence, domestic violence, climate change, war and militarism and more. Activities are highly participatory.

Participants are asked to commit themselves without exception to the entire three-day retreat, from noon on Friday to Sunday at 3:00 p.m. The total cost, including room and board, for each registrant is \$200 until September 30 and \$225 afterward. Enrollment deadline is October 30. FMI and registration forms, contact Karen Reinert 207-353-8446 or ccp@carolhuntington.com. Scholarship assistance is

available from the Diocese of Maine Wolf Fund. Two full scholarships will be granted to young people 16 or older. Download the application form from the website www.episcopalmaine.org or call 207-772-1953. Brochures on downstairs bulletin board.

Wrapping Up the Chocolate Fest

by Christina DeSoto Reilly

The August 15 Chocolate Fest was a great success—we raised \$1,240 for the church library! People flooded in the front and back doors of the church, even before 6:00 p.m., to purchase the amazing chocolate treats. By 8:00 p.m. the crowds had finally settled down.

Everyone loved the variety of desserts, chocolates, cookies, and brownies. Special thanks go to all the volunteers who helped make this happen—you are all wonderful and it was a joy to work with you on this event. So, until next year... Thanks!

Wrestling Report

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

The meeting opened with prayer.

We discussed the Lambeth Conference and the topic of covenants, leading into General Convention 2009. Please see <http://www.ourlettersfromlambeth.blogspot.com/> for our bishops' blog about their experience of the conference and <http://www.lambethconference.org/reflections/document.cfm> for a compilation of reflections from all the bishops in attendance. A copy of this document is also available on the window sill in the Parish Library.

Paige+ gave the Rector's Report, with updates on the staffing reconfiguration, including the associate search, which is taking a bit longer than anticipated. It is understood that the supply clergy line will increase to assist Paige+, covered by our underspent budget line for the Associate Rector's salary and benefits. The Partners for Sacred Places update is that we have four potential candidates who are considering doing this, with only one confirmed. The Capital Campaign Detectives and our Energy Audit Team are working on details and pricing for the needs that are becoming imperative. The parish administrator has added five hours to her weekly schedule and this has helped Paige+ off-load some administrative tasks; and a number of areas stay “caught up.”

Treasurer's Report: We had a good July in terms of income and pledges—thank you, parishioners, for your support in keeping your pledges current. It helps tremendously.

Finance Report: Robert Palmer was ill and could not attend. The audit is complete and, at this writing, is scheduled to be reviewed on August 19 with our auditor, Claire Blaisdell.

Stewardship Committee Report: We will work based on the projected budget needed to fill our mission and our mission statement. The goal will be a tiered approach that explains our Vestry's view of our goals and expenses, validates the time and talent that so many bring to our community and brings our stewardship campaign to a swift conclusion for everyone's benefit.

Outreach: \$1000 of Outreach Auction 2007 money (currently residing in rector's discretionary fund) went to the Ethiopian orphanage via the Beechers. It was approved unanimously as a grant from the 2007 Auction.

Another \$2000 of Outreach Auction 2007 money (also currently in rector's discretionary fund) was unanimously approved for Crisis Outreach (\$1000 in food and \$1000 in utilities [heating oil, etc]) to be distributed this winter by our Rector and our Deacons through vouchers and gift cards.

The Vestry previously approved disbursement of \$3200 (\$6200 total) of Outreach Auction 2007 funds, leaving \$4800 to be disbursed in September 2008. We will pray over the amounts of the remaining funds from the Auction that need to be disbursed per the minutes of our meeting a year ago. (Due to the final numbers from the Auction coming so late in the year, the disbursements will most likely always happen in the year to come.) Parishioners are encouraged to make their suggestions before the September 3 Vestry meeting about where they would like to see the proceeds from the upcoming 2008 Outreach Auction go (email to Paige).

We closed with Compline. Next Vestry meeting will be September 3.

Spiritual Formation *by Kate Bishop*

Adult Spiritual Formation will have a number of guest speakers this Fall. We will begin on Sunday, September 21, with our rector, the Rev. Paige Blair who will speak on Anglicanism and perhaps present an overview of the worldwide Lambeth gathering of Anglican

Bishops this summer. The following Sunday Paige+ will explore "Generations," a view of how we are influenced in our perceptions and interactions by the timing of our birth and place in history and culture.

Our overall theme this fall is "Family" and in October and November we will explore children, parenting and the spirituality of aging. On October 12, we will have the Beecher family, who will share their journey to Ethiopia where they met and welcomed little Gus to their family and ours. This will be an exciting and inspiring adventure from a spiritual and a practical point of view.

The following two Sundays, October 19 and 26, we will use an episode of the radio program "Speaking of Faith" to begin a conversation on the spirituality of parenting, moderated by Sudie Blanchard, with lots of audience participation. If you have children in your life, whether parenting, grandparenting or just hanging out and loving them, you will have something valuable to bring to this discussion. The program easily accommodates all participants, whether you come to both or only one, so be sure to join us for either or both Sundays.

During November we will look at the spirituality of aging. On Sunday, November 9, after the 7:45 service and at the 10:00 a.m. Adult Formation Hour, we will feature guest speaker Dee Bickmore from our local hospice program. Dee is an inspiring speaker and will bring new insights to the joys, tribulations and gifts of aging in a spiritual context. If you are getting older or plan to do so in the future, you will enjoy this program. During November, we will also have presentations on aging and wisdom and some of the challenges that face us as our bodies, and sometimes our minds, move from a faster pace to a slower one. Exact dates and speakers will be announced in October.

On November 30, and as we move toward Christmas, we will be exploring celebrations and rituals in our individual families and our faith community. Advent will begin with Sudie Blanchard sharing some of the Advent traditions her family has enjoyed. As Christmas gets closer, we will "green" the church by looking at environmental stewardship and how faith communities are getting involved, using excerpts from the video *Renewal*. We will also invite everyone to bring a sample holiday dish and share recipes and memories. It will be an opportunity to demonstrate that Episcopalians can also have fun and share tasty treats. Please plan to join

us for all these offerings on Sunday mornings following the 9:00 am service. Some sessions will also be offered after the 7:45 service.

Save the second Tuesday each month as we present "Tuesday Night Snacks and Cinema." Beginning at 7:00 p.m., we will show a film and spend some time munching on its meaning and share a few tasty treats to help us in our deliberations. Please join us! The series begins on September 9 with *The Kite Runner*. Other films we are considering for the series include *Freedom Writers*, *Romero*, *Harry and Tonto*, *Bonhoeffer* and *Into Great Silence*.

Music Notes: Attention, Singers!

by Kathy Fink, Music Director

Attention singers! Parish choir for the fall will begin with a potluck on August 28 at 6:00 p.m. at St George's. If you think you might like to join the choir, this is a good chance to get to know us and see what music is coming up for the fall. The choir meets weekly on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions, please contact me at: (603) 534-4526 or pianotchr@aol.com. Thanks!

Staff Absences

None planned

Recipe Corner

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

Minestrone Soup *by Jean Uehlinger*

Makes about 8 cups.

Soak 2 cups of white beans overnight and discard soaking water.

Put white beans into large pot or kettle with 2 quarts stock and add:

- 1 cup sliced mushrooms,
 - 1 cup sliced celery,
 - 1 cup sliced zucchini
 - 1 cup cut green beans (about 1" pieces)
 - 4 ounces fatty ham
- Simmer 45 minutes.

Sauté in 3 Tbl oil while the above ingredients are

simmering:

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup peas, 1 cup diced tomatoes, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup minced onions and 1 cup sliced carrots

Add sautéed vegetables into soup pot and simmer 25 minutes more.

Add 1 Tbl chopped parsley, 1 Tbl sage and 1 pressed garlic clove.

Cook 15 minutes more.

Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup parmesan cheese. Serve with Italian bread.

Church Marquee Signs

- * Under same management for over 2000 years!
- * Soul food served here.
- * Tithes if you love Jesus! Anyone can honk!
- * Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church.
- * Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case.
- * Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due.
- * Wal-Mart isn't the only saving place!
- * Prevent truth decay. Brush up on your Bible.
- * It's hard to stumble when you're down on your knees.
- * A clear conscience makes a soft pillow.
- * Never give the devil a ride—he will always want to drive.
- * Can't sleep? Count your blessings.
- * Forbidden fruit causes many jams.
- * Christians, keep the faith—but not from others.
- * To belittle is to be little.
- * Don't let the littleness in others bring out the littleness in you.
- * God answers knee-mail.

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, Jeff Bishop, Ruby Bishop, Pauline Breary, Scott Bridges, Roz Bush, Ken Capon, Jerry Cronin, Debby Ehret, Anne Erwin, Jennifer Gervais, Marion Grecko, Mike Gizzi, Arlene Gordon, Loren Gregory, Sue Gustafson, Kirsten Hartcare, the Haugh family, Mary Hoffman, Ana Jensen, Jeff Johnson, Jennifer, Joshua Kelly, woman praying, 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, Bob Porter, Priscilla Ropke, Andrew Tennant, Thelma Thompson, Greg Wallace, Barbara Ward, Mark Williams, Marion Wyman

for those who have died

for Habitat for Humanity

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

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.

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.

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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

Treasurer's Report

July 2008	Budgeted	Actual
Pledges	\$20,833.33	\$30,306.67
Pledges YTD	\$145,833.41	\$143,421.47
Total Contributions	\$23,635.00	\$32,167.17
Total Contrib YTD	\$165,455.00	\$169,393.49
Total Income	\$28,518.75	\$38,473.85
Total Income YTD	\$199,635.21	\$232,321.10
Expenses	\$28,833.76	\$27,543.26
Expenses YTD	\$201,836.32	\$204,852.59

July 2007	Budgeted	Actual
Pledges	\$20,201.00	\$21,350.00
Pledges YTD	\$141,407.00	\$137,729.56
Total Contributions	\$21,951.00	\$25,228.90
Total Contrib YTD	\$153,657.00	\$154,510.72
Total Income	\$25,868.51	\$29,098.00
Total Income YTD	\$181,079.57	\$189,936.48
Expenses	\$26,321.90	\$22,572.03
Expenses YTD	\$185,186.61	\$182,389.01

Calendar

Sep 4	Thur, 6:00 p.m.	Bible Workbench pilot program
Sep 7	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	All Parish Coffee Hour
Sep 7	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	Church School Open House & Registration
Sep 9	Tue, 7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting
Sep 9	Tue, 7:00 p.m.	Snacks & Cinema: The Kite Runner
Sep 11	Thur, 6:00 p.m.	Bible Workbench pilot program
Sep 14	Sun, 8:30-12:00	Time & Talent Festival
Sep 16	Tue, 6:00 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting
Sep 18	Thur, 6:00 p.m.	Bible Workbench pilot program
Sep 20	Sat, 9:00-2:00	Fall Rummage Sale
Sep 21	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	Anglicanism; Lambeth
Sep 23	Tue, 7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting
Sep 25	Thur, 5:45 p.m.	Gathering in the Berwicks
Sep 25	Thur, 6:00 p.m.	Bible Workbench pilot program
Sep 29	Mon, 7:00 p.m.	Les Petits Chanteurs' performance
Sep 30	Tue, 7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting
Oct 5	Sun, 9:00 & 11:00	Blessing of the Animals
Oct 5	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	All Parish Coffee Hour
Oct 12	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	The Beechers' Ethiopia Trip
Oct 14	Tue, 7:00 p.m.	Snacks & Cinema
Oct 19	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	Speaking of Faith I
Oct 23	Thur, 5:45 p.m.	Gathering in the Berwicks
Oct 26	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	Speaking of Faith II
Nov 2	Sun, 10:00 a.m.	All Parish Coffee Hour
Nov 9	Sun, 8:45 & 10:00	Spirituality of Aging
Nov 11	Tue, 7:00 p.m.	Snacks & Cinema
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

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