



*"Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place."
Genesis 28:16*

St. Columba's Episcopal Church

Boothbay Harbor, Maine

Parish Profile 2011



The Celtic Cross is one of several architectural symbols incorporated into the thoughtful design of St. Columba's Church.

Capping the central cupola is a large Celtic cross. This symbol was fashioned in Celtic Christianity to show the cross superimposed over a circle, representing the sun. The Celts first worshipped the sun until Christianity was brought to them by brave missionaries like St. Columba.

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About Us



Photo courtesy of Greta Russell

St. Columba's story is a tale of two parishes. We are at once a community that is optimistic and energized by recent successes in our parish while deeply saddened by the departure of our remarkable young priest who was with us for less than two years. Due to a family tragedy, the Reverend Wesley Shields and his family decided, in May, to return to their native North Carolina. In the brief period that our former priest was with us he challenged us to accomplish those goals that we had articulated in our 2009 Profile. The result was a remarkable period of growth, commitment and accomplishment at St. Columba's, and after a short period of mourning we are recommitted to renewing a spirit of optimism in our parish.

In the 2009 Profile we said that increasing the size of our congregation was an important goal. The number of communicants is up 60% over the last two years with pledging up nearly 20%. Moving from mission to parish status has also been an important goal but with a mortgage and a deficit budget we had become dependent on Diocesan grants. Challenged to put our financial house in order, and with the generosity of an ever increasing congregation, we paid off the mortgage in 2010. In January of 2011 the Bishop's Committee voted to return the annual diocesan grant and prepare for full parish status which should be accomplished by 2013. Due to our improved financial situation, we had hoped to be able to offer a full time position. We are not quite there but full time status for clergy remains a goal for the very near future.

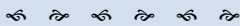
In the meantime, a very committed parish community, working along side supply clergy, does the work that needs to be done to keep St. Columba's vital until a new priest is called.

Fear Not!



The only stained glass window in the church is above the Altar. It is a memorial to all those who ever "flew Navy." Its message is "Fear Not," the theme adopted by our congregational leaders for this worship space. It was adopted soon after the tragedy which we now know as 9/11. It also takes into account that we are a seafaring town. The touches of green signify the headlands of a safe harbor as the angel speaks "peace" from a bruised and stormy sky.

The first vicar, Gordon Lind, suggested the name St. Columba's for our congregation, in honor of Columba, an early "warrior saint", born in 6th century Ireland who migrated under duress to Scotland. Along with twelve companions, he built a monastery on the island of Iona. He is known as the patron saint of fishermen, fitting with the character of the region.



The Great Blue Heron is the Celtic symbol of hospitality and healing, based on a legend that St. Columba had a dream that a wounded heron would appear at the monastery. God told him in the dream to take the bird in and tend it. In doing so, he would be receiving Jesus. In keeping with this tradition, the weathervane, in the form of a heron, sits atop the front cupola of St. Columba's Church, welcoming and healing all who enter.

History



Until 1979, the small summer chapel of All Saints by-the-Sea on Southport Island was the only Episcopal house of worship on the Boothbay peninsula. In 1978, a small group of year-round Episcopalians, eager to have their own local congregation, asked the Reverend Dick Hall, priest at St. Phillip's Church in Wiscasset, to conduct Episcopal worship in Boothbay Harbor. Services began first at the Pines Motel, then for twenty years moved to a variety of modest sites including the YMCA, Knights of Pythias Hall, the East Boothbay Methodist Church, and the Spruce Point Chapel at the Boothbay Railroad Village.

In November, 1980, St. Columba's church was accepted as a mission by the Diocese of Maine, and the Reverend Gordon Lind was appointed Vicar by Bishop Frederick Wolf. Mr. Lind served until he retired in 1988.

Over the years the congregation worked to raise money for a building of their own, but not until the Reverend Margaret "Greta" Russell was called as vicar did the dream become reality. With her husband, Carl, a retired Episcopal priest, Greta had been involved in the construction of a new church in Millinocket, Maine, bringing that expertise with her to St. Columba's. With monies saved over the years in the Future Fund, the parish purchased land in 2000, on the 20th anniversary of the founding of the church. Bishop Chilton Knudsen blessed the site and urged the congregation to "waste no time" in moving forward with building plans.

Thanks to good leadership, extraordinary vision, and congregational determination, with God's help, fewer than 75 persons raised over \$750,000 for the new building.

Remembering the needs of others, the congregation voted to send \$5000 to a Brazilian church in great financial need.

The modern church building was completed in early 2005 and dedicated by Bishop Knudsen in June of that year.

When the Reverend Greta Russell retired in 2006, the Reverend Susan Colburn served as priest-in-charge until the Reverend Wes Shields was called as Vicar in September of 2009. Young and full of energy, Wes brought many positive attributes to the parish. In June 2011, Wes announced that he, his wife, and daughter would be moving to North Carolina to be closer to their families.

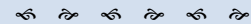
Worship continues with Sunday services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and Bible Study at noon on Mondays, conducted by supply clergy. The Blueberry Festival will be held in August as usual. In partnership with All Saints by-the-Sea, outreach activities continue, helping those less fortunate in our community. Community luncheons will resume in the fall. The congregation eagerly awaits the call of a new vicar.



Photo courtesy of Gretchen Fehau



St. Columba's first fund drive was for the creation of a new silver chalice. Parishioners contributed silver spoons and other silver items that were melted down and turned into the lovely chalice we use today.



Located inside the front cupola is the Memorial Bell. Cast at the Meneely Foundry in Troy, New York in 1858 and weighing 750 pounds, the bell is used to call God's people to worship, to mark national holidays and to toll and peel as we celebrate the passages of life.

The Parish Community



The Memorial Garden is an important part of our outdoor space. Thanks to the efforts of many parishioners and generous gifts, this serene place of contemplation and remembrance has been created. Dedicated and blessed on October 14, 2007, the Memorial Garden is a state licensed site for the burial and scattering of cremains.



St. Columba's has about 200 active members with new people coming each week. We are a year 'round community that enjoys a large influx of summer residents and tourists so our numbers tend to grow in the summer. Not inclined to survey our congregation as to age, income or education, we can only conclude by observation that we are an older group with many retirees. We enjoy the few young families who are in regular attendance. We appear to be economically "comfortable" but know that all levels of income are represented in our congregation. We are resourceful, hard working and dedicated, whatever the challenge, but we are not a group that is comfortable talking about academic credentials. Someone called St. Columba's a "great equalizer" and we appear to like it that way.

We worship in a truly beautiful space. Designed by architect John Silverio, the shingle style exterior of the building draws on late 19th century Scandinavian design while the open and vaulting interior is light and contemporary. Cork floors, simple silk hangings and elegant but movable furnishings contribute to the flexibility of the space as well as its superior acoustics. The building is completely handicapped accessible and is equipped with a system for the hearing impaired.

Off the narthex is a conference room/coffee room, a library, nursery, bathrooms, church office and vicar's office. This space is currently suitable for our congregation's needs but the original building plans did take future growth into account. It's good to know that should our congregation and programs grow, we are in a position to increase the size of our building as well.

When not in church we stay in touch with parish activities through The Coracle, our monthly newsletter. Named for the small boat that brought St. Columba to Iona from Ireland, The Coracle was recognized by the Diocese for excellence in representing diverse voices in the parish community. People from away, in particular, benefit from receiving The Coracle as it allows them to feel part of St. Columba's year 'round.

The flower ministry, modestly referred to as the "flower committee", plays an invaluable role in bringing the gift of beautiful flowers into our worship space. The committee members take turns in filling containers with their own unique creations. And they do so with great Yankee ingenuity. Although the congregation donates a modest sum for altar flowers, these resourceful ladies gather flowers from their own gardens in the summer, evergreens in the winter and donate the few flowers that have to be purchased. From their "surplus budget" and a generous gift, the flower committee donated three beautiful walnut flower stands, crafted from the same piece of wood from which the baptismal tables, ambo and altar were made.

The spirit of generosity and sharing is alive and well at St. Columba's. Members of the Lay Eucharistic Ministry regularly bring the Eucharist to shut-ins, especially to elderly neighbors at St. Andrew's Village. The Care Committee is a quiet, caring network of volunteers that responds enthusiastically to calls for food, transportation, cards and visitations for parishioners in need.

The Blueberry Festival is a one-day event every August and our biggest fund raising effort of the year. On that day the church is turned into a pancake diner, flea market, bakery, ice cream parlor, gift shop, children's reading room, and anything else we can think of to add next year!

After taking several years off, the Episcopal Church Women are meeting again. Recounting the many important contributions that organization made in the "early days" when the church was being built, the group hopes to continue to be a vital part of parish in the future.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a wonderful fusion of spirituality and practicality. The women of this ministry donate their time, skill and materials in the making of beautiful shawls, blessing each stitch as they knit. Each shawl is then donated to someone in need of warmth and comfort.



Worship



Pentecost Sunday

Our regular worship has long offered a comfortable blend of traditional Episcopal celebration and gently different innovative styles. The eight o'clock service, introduced as a seasonal service about three years ago, is a quiet Rite II Eucharist. The year 'round 10 o'clock service often has a creative element.

Music is a vibrant part of St. Columba's. Many parishioners, in a recent survey, indicated that they would welcome a choir and other musical innovations. Currently, our "regular" supply priest sings and accompanies himself on the guitar during services. Another church member often sings and plays guitar during communion. We are otherwise accompanied on the piano, played by a parishioner who

generously donates her time and talent as a gift to the church.

Our regular worship involves the congregation in many aspects - lay people perform the duties of lesson-reading and chalice bearing. Others serve as crucifers, acolytes, inside and outside greeters, ushers and coffee hosts. Parishioners also provide a vital healing ministry during communion.

In an ecumenical rotation, we also celebrate the Eucharist at nearby St. Andrew's Retirement Village. Clergy also participate in the town's ecumenical services including Thanksgiving, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise Service at Ocean Point, Blessing of the Fleet, Memorial Day and Baccalaureate.

In preparation for Sunday's service, a group of typically 12 to 15 people gather at noon time on Monday to discuss the gospel reading for the following week. Initiated about a year and a half ago, this group has attracted a mix of regular parishioners, new comers and Christians from outside the parish. Although usually led by clergy, this group has met several times without benefit of clergy and has reported having had wonderful conversations while developing new friendships.



Photo courtesy of Nancy LaFrance

Bishop Lane's 1st visit ~ September 7th, 2008.

Mission & Goals

Just a few years ago our goals would have included paying off the mortgage, achieving parish status, and hiring full time clergy. Today we can say that we have paid off the mortgage and we are on track for parish status. Our improved financial status may make it possible to offer full-time clergy employment in the near future, assuming that clergy wishes to do so. We have found in our challenge to operate with less than full time clergy that we are quite capable of serving the parish and our community with three quarter time clergy and a small army of dedicated parishioners. Our requirement to be involved in the day to day running of the parish has turned into individual labors of love from which both the individuals and the parish as a whole have benefited.

Pastoral care, community outreach and spiritual growth are goals that we talked about in our 2009 Profile. Pastoral care, particularly to the elderly, is still very important to us. We have an active care committee that reaches out to those in need

of food, friendship or Eucharistic visits. A new priest will need to make this an important part of his or her ministry.

A new face has been put on Community Outreach in the past couple of years. In early 2010 we were challenged with a deficit budget comprised mostly of fixed costs. The Bishop's

Committee voted to de-fund the \$2000 outreach budget as a means of balancing the budget while encouraging the parish to raise the needed funding through community dinners. As a result we raised more than \$2000 for outreach programs while the parish had fun putting on dinners and the community has come to regard St. Columba's as a place for community events.

Spiritual growth is central to all that we do at St. Columba's. Although we feel that we have grown as a parish over the last two years, we continue to want to be pushed, stretched and informed by the next reincarnation of St. Columba's that is sure to occur when our next priest is called.

Our mission: To build a strong, faithful and committed community of Christian souls who are followers of Jesus, worship in the Episcopal tradition, dedicated to doing Christ's work in the world and who will make a real difference in the Boothbay Region.

Our Region

East Boothbay is home to Washburn & Doughty. This boat yard is best known as one of the finest commercial boat builders in New England. On July 11, 2008, the local landscape changed when the 50,000 square foot facility burned to the ground. Our collective conscience gave thanks to God that no one was hurt in the devastating fire; then our thoughts turned to the loss of jobs. In the best tradition of small Maine communities, an adjacent boat yard immediately offered temporary employment to laid-off workers and local towns and organizations established funds to help the families of the unemployed. The boat yard is now rebuilt, and is once again a thriving enterprise.



Tug Boat at Washburn & Doughty



THE EAST WIND

Maine's slogan is, "*Maine. The way life should be.*" For those of us that live on the Boothbay peninsula, this is doubly true.

The Boothbay Region is situated in mid-coast Maine on a 17 mile long, 4 mile wide peninsula that extends into the Atlantic Ocean. Four towns call this peninsula home ~ Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Southport Island and Edgcomb. The combined year 'round population of these towns is about 7,000 people, with the numbers swelling in the summer with the arrival of cottage owners and tourists.

Maine has a large and growing retirement population. The Boothbay Region is part of Lincoln County, the "oldest" county in Maine with over 19% of the population 65 or older. We are experiencing growth of retirees "from away" because of our charming villages, magnificent ocean views, access to waterfront activities, arts festivals, dining and shopping. Portland is a relatively short distance (about 55 miles) from Boothbay Harbor, making for easy day trips to the Portland Museum of Art, the Portland Symphony, plays, more restaurants and even better shopping.

Commercial fishing, lobstering, boat building, marine research, health care and tourism account for much of the region’s economic base. Fast becoming the “boat building capitol of Maine”, the region is home to several highly regarded boatyards including Hodgdon Yachts in East Boothbay, a quaint village that is part of the town of Boothbay. Hodgdon Yachts builds luxury yachts, the interiors of which are built in Richmond, ME.



Photo courtesy of Hodgdon Yachts

THE SCHEHERAZADE

Boothbay Harbor Shipyard, located along the harbor waterfront, has been known for building majestic wooden ships since 1869. Continuing in that tradition, the yard recently restored the 100 year old NY-30 ALERA, designed by Nathaniel Herreshoff. A replica of the historic Jamestown Settlement ship DISCOVERY was also built here; and the BOUNTY, the ship used in the movie, *Mutiny on the Bounty*, was rebuilt at this yard.



Photo courtesy of The Boothbay Register

THE BOUNTY

The region is known internationally for marine research. Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences is a research and educational organization that studies the productivity of the world’s oceans, coastal waters and estuaries. The Maine Department of Marine Resources has an important marine research station in Boothbay Harbor. The lab runs a state-of-the-art fishery laboratory as well as a wonderful educational aquarium. The facility displays interesting species of fish and lobsters. Visitors can pet a live shark and learn about sea creatures in the



Photo courtesy of DMR

Boothbay Aquarium touch tank

“touch tank”, filled with sea stars, urchins and other harmless invertebrates.



St. Andrew's Village

St. Andrew’s Hospital is a source of comfort for the ailing as well as being a significant employer. Part of Maine Medical in Portland, our local hospital provides emergency and ambulatory services, rehabilitation care, home care and family medical practice. St. Andrew’s Village, a neighbor to St. Columba’s Church, is a retirement village with various levels of care, also part of St. Andrew’s Hospital Group.

There is one high school on the peninsula, Boothbay Region High School, which services students from all four towns. Edgecomb and Southport each have their own elementary schools with Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor youngsters attending the regional school in the Harbor. Parents may also consider The Center for Teaching and Learning, in Edgecomb, a K-8 demonstration school, dedicated to the development of rigorous and joyful methods of teaching and learning.

Opportunities for higher education are generally available off the peninsula. Bowdoin College is in Brunswick, about a 40 minute drive. The University of Maine system, Southern Maine Community College and Maine Senior College have several locations within easy driving distance.

The region also offers unique educational opportunities for middle school, high school and college students through the Ocean Classroom Foundation. A collaborative effort with Outward Bound, The Foundation’s Oceanbound program teaches seamanship, ocean sciences and literature. Participants sail on one of three of the Foundation’s schooners for classes that run from one day to a full semester of accredited learning.



Photo courtesy of Ocean Classroom

Ocean Classroom

So, what do we do for fun?

The Boothbay Region is a destination resort community with harbors, rivers and the Atlantic Ocean for sailing, motor boating, kayaking and fishing. For land lovers, the Boothbay Country Club is an 18-hole course that is considered to be one of the most scenic and upscale in the state.



Photos courtesy of The Boothbay Register

Cod Race ~ Fisherman's Festival

Traditionally, vacation season begins in late spring with the Fisherman's Festival, most noted for young men and woman running a relay race in slickers and hip boots while carrying a dead fish. Parades, fireworks and various festivals are celebrated all summer long; one of the most spectacular events is the Windjammer Festival where turn-of-the-century schooners from all over New England arrive in Boothbay Harbor under full sail.

The Boothbay Railway Village is open from the late spring to early autumn, with special events for children through Christmas. It operates a narrow gauge coal-fired steam train in a re-created historic village. The Village also exhibits one of the finest presentations of antique vehicles in New England.

Live theater plays a big part in life on the peninsula. Two classic venues, the 1894 Opera House at Boothbay Harbor and the 1937 Boothbay Playhouse are home to events all year long. The Playhouse turns out great amateur productions, featuring talented kids, teens and adults from the surrounding communities.

The Boothbay Region also is home to Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, 248 acres of native flowers, trees, shrubs, stone walls, a sensory garden, children's garden and a waterfall. It is the largest botanical garden in New England.

The YMCA provides recreational/social facilities for the area, including a new Olympic-size pool, tennis courts, fitness rooms and after school programs for kids. A highlight of the kids' programs is Y-Arts, nationally acclaimed youth chorus (ages 3-18) which has won the Music Theatre International Junior Theatre Festival in Atlanta, Georgia for the past 3 years. This is the largest music theatre festival for kids in the world.

Fun activities do not cease with summer. Nordic skiing, snowshoeing and ice skating are available throughout the area.



Photo courtesy of Barbara Freeman

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens

St. Columba's in the Community



Boothbay Region Garden Club ~ Flower Show

There is a temptation, in reading about our beautiful and bustling peninsula, to assume that this is an idyllic place. Most people who live here couldn't imagine life anywhere else, but life here is far from perfect.

As of the 2010 census, the household income average for Boothbay Harbor was \$48,000 with a 15.8% of the population living below the poverty level; 27% of those under 18 years old and 12% of those over 65 live in poverty. The nature of our seasonal economy often requires that under-skilled workers take on two and three jobs to make ends meet when there are jobs available in the summer. Poverty, along with the attendant issues of alcoholism, domestic violence, poor health and inadequate education, is always part of the picture on this peninsula.

In the spirit of doing Christ's work in the world, St. Columba's has a quiet, caring network of volunteers who help those in

need, within the parish and in the greater community. We are fortunate in being able to do so in concert with other churches and civic organizations that can be relied on to provide assistance to those in need.

The Boothbay Region Community Resource Group (BRCR) is an example of a voluntary network, created to address the needs of families in crisis. This is an ecumenical effort, founded by local clergy to provide a coordinated network of care and support. St. Columba's and All Saints by the Sea have a Joint Outreach Program that offers families in need financial assistance for food, clothing, fuel, electricity and rental assistance. Both of these organizations will be challenged this winter to help with fuel assistance as temperatures drop and costs of heating fuel rises. The BRCR has just been awarded a Doree Taylor Charitable Trust grant of \$180,000 to establish a "Community Navigator" position at \$90,000 for 2 years.

This “social worker” type position will assist the BRCR with finding avenues of additional assistance needed for those families struggling financially and assist them with the journey through the many state and Federal “systems and services” for support. This position will be starting on or about October 1st, 2011.

FISH, (Friends in Service Helping) was founded by St. Columba parishioners to address the issue of the elderly and poor who have difficulty getting to doctor’s appointments and medical treatment. More than fifty drivers volunteer their time to drive, on average, about 48 clients a month to critical appointments. The committee and drivers are drawn from area churches and other civic organizations all working together to provide this essential service in a region that has virtually no public transportation.

A challenge goes out to area churches each spring as a “Souper Bowl Sunday” to see which church can contribute the most food to the Food Pantry (housed at the Congregational Church). St. Columba’s and five other churches answered the call with combined contributions of about \$5,000 worth of food.

Through donations and volunteer efforts, members of St. Columba’s also support Meals-on-Wheels and Re-Building Together. St. Columba’s participates with other local churches to provide “Community Lunches” every Thursday in the winter. Calls for donations of soup or breads or volunteers are frequently announced from the pulpit.

St. Columba’s offers an annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner to the Community that has fed 100 people in our church building. We see our church building as one of our greatest assets, not just because of its beautiful architecture and open space, but because sharing this space is a wonderful way of introducing ourselves to others. This is a

subtle form of outreach, but one we think is effective in being part of the care giving community on the peninsula.



Annual St. Patrick’s Dinner

We welcome AA and Alanon to use St. Columba’s as a regular meeting place. Likewise, we encourage live musical performances under our roof. We have hosted such groups as Village Harmony, an ensemble of traveling teenagers, singing folksongs and spirituals, The Wingnuts, a local jazz band comprised of school aged musicians, that practiced here weekly, and other local musicians and performing artists. The building’s acoustics are wonderful. The space is also home to flower and art shows, Boothbay Garden Club, and several yoga groups.



Photo courtesy of Bill McMurtry

THE WINGNUTS ~ Local Jazz Band

The New Vicar

Most of our congregation comes to church to hear the word of God explained and how to integrate that word into our daily lives. We also come to establish connections that make daily life more meaningful. Thus preaching and pastoral care are most frequently mentioned as skills we would like to see in our next pastor.

Although statistically our state, county, and community are home to a high percentage of people retired, we continue to hope our pastor will be able to speak to the lives of youth and young adults, drawing them into parish life.

We are really two communities- local folks and those “from away.” The usual denominations are active here. We seek someone who understands and respects these divisions, but also reaches out to work with others on community issues.

Scholars have their place, and we certainly expect our pastor to be grounded in scripture and its interpretation, but we suspect we can work best with someone with whom we are at ease rather than with whom we are impressed.

We look for someone whose worship style is generally broad and low, but who is able to lead us into new liturgical experiences and understanding.

Over the brief history of this remarkable parish, God has never failed to send us the vicar that we needed at that time. We have been blessed with ministries that stressed vision, church building, comfort and renewal, and energy and optimism. Our priests have been old and young, male and female, but in all cases, our vicars have been deeply spiritual and well attuned to the needs of the parish during his or her time with us. We are looking forward now, not backward, to meeting the one that God has chosen for us and learning what the next chapter in our parish journey will be.



As God's people turn from receiving Communion at the Altar, they will notice on the back wall of the gallery a large sculpture depicting a scene from the book, "Pilgrim's Progress" by John Bunyan. In this Christian allegory, Bunyan's protagonist, Christian, passes through the great chapters of life seeking freedom and redemption. At the end of Pilgrim's journey, he reaches the cross where, suddenly, the burdens of his life are released and fall from his shoulders.



~ A Sunflower ~



~ Grapes ~



~ A Puzzle Piece ~



~ A Prayer Stone ~



~ An Acorn ~

A sunflower, grapes, a puzzle piece, a prayer stone, an acorn are all symbols used over the years to bring stewardship to mind and help us remember that ALL things come of Thee, O

Financial Information

Finances are always a challenge for a small congregation. As a result of concerted efforts by the most recent Vicar and the Bishop's Committee, St. Columba's Church has made great positive strides.

For several years we have been receiving financial assistance from the Diocese. This offer was made by the Diocese for 2011, but we were able to decline it completely.

Prior to 2008 interest only payments on the building debt were made from the residual balance in the building fund. With the conclusion of the capital funds campaign in 2007, beginning in 2008 debt payments were made from the operating fund. As the result of a directed campaign in 2010 to pay off the church mortgage, the congregation responded most generously. We look forward to a mortgage burning party in the immediate future.

Unencumbered with a mortgage, on sound financial footing without Diocesan assistance, we are well on our way to our next two goals: to become a parish instead of a mission in the Diocese of Maine, and to be able to increase our next Vicar to full-time employment, should he or she so desire.

We have a dedicated stewardship committee that each year introduces a creative theme to generate a positive attitude toward committed giving.

At the suggestion of our most recent Vicar, we decided not to budget for outreach. After the dust settled at our annual meeting about this radical approach, we agreed that money for outreach would be generated by special events and fund raising efforts. So far this has been most successful. These special events purposefully involve more and more of the congregation. We devote most of our outreach to the needy in our own community – housing, food, heating oil and other special needs. All Saints Episcopal Summer Chapel on Southport Island joins with us in this effort and asks that we administer their giving to outreach in months when they are not conducting services.

Budget

	<u>Actual</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2011</u>
<u>Income</u>			
Pledges	\$81,654	\$78,732	\$84,308
Gifts and Plate	16,929	37,705	32,000
Fundraising	7,653	8,875	9,000
Diocesan Grant	12,500	12,500	0
Other/Building Use	3,782	5,993	5,920
Total Operating Income	\$122,518	\$143,805	\$131,228
<u>Expenses</u>			
Clergy	\$68,553	\$76,593	\$81,966
Administration	23,569	17,469	21,206
Building and Grounds	14,483	18,041	9,734
Assessment	17,171	22,173	17,500
Outreach/Programs	5,069	2,500	0
Debt Service	5,145	5,145	0
Discernment Committee	7,434	755	0
Total Expenses	\$141,424	\$142,676	\$129,646
Surplus/(Deficit)	* (\$18,906)	\$1,129	\$1,582
*Paid from Reserved Funds			
Number of Pledges	62	59	65
Average Pledge	\$1,317	\$1,334	\$1,297

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