

A CONGREGATION AT WORK

The parish doors are swinging wide: opening us to mission and service and drawing us in for renewal. The Rectory Common is being used by our communities. The Merry-Go-Round Thrift Boutique provides clothes for infants and supports the Eden Nursery School that is adding an afternoon program and summer camp. We have created a partnership to purchase fuel oil jointly, and we buy renewable energy through Maine Interfaith Power and Light. The congregation and community have responded by committing more than eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars toward our goals.

The Vestry team presents the issues and options, but as we have learned in restoring the windows one by one, we welcome others, one at a time. Vitality stems from persistently making the choice to put our resources to good purpose, and it requires us further still, to leave the familiar and strike out, believing that God will meet us where we have not yet gone.

*“We dare to offer the wholeness of God’s love in the midst of a world that aches for that love.” Stephen V. Doughty, *Weavings**

FROM THE BISHOP OF MAINE

Maine’s Episcopal churches have rich opportunities for ministry and hospitality with life-long residents, returning summer families, visitors passing through and community partners. With pride in our Anglican heritage, and gratitude for all God’s blessings, we reach out to all in the name of Christ.

St. Saviour’s story is rooted deeply in this richness. The church’s ministry of presence and outreach to the Mount Desert Island community and indeed throughout the Diocese of Maine must be appropriately capitalized to ensure that this story we celebrate in the present will be written as richly in its future.

Your gift to the endowment, or a provision in your estate plan, is so much more than a gift to St. Saviour’s. We are happy to discuss possibilities with you, and ask your prayers and support as we move forward.

The Right Reverend Chilton R. Knudsen

The Eighth Bishop of Maine

ST. SAVIOUR’S PLAN

YESTERDAY, TODAY

AND TOMORROW



The bond which God
establishes in Baptism
is indissoluble.

The Book of Common Prayer, page 298

OUR COMMITMENT

We firmly believe that God has given the Episcopal Church and this parish a part to play in the reconciliation of the world. The challenges are significant. Will we be open to God's call? We have listened to our neighbors and visitors, and hearing what St. Saviour's means to them strengthens our resolve to rejoice in worship, to welcome all and to serve the needs of our community.

TO OPEN HANDS AND HEARTS

God is asking us at this time and in this place to see and do a new thing. We are learning to embrace change as a gift, as part of God's ongoing revelation and our interdependency. Trusting God and using every resource, we are learning how to love one another as Jesus Christ loves us.

We do not believe in a god that guarantees our success. We trust God to make use of our efforts to reconcile us all.

Jonathan Appleyard, Rector



ST. SAVIOUR'S PLAN, OUR VISION OF GOD'S CALL

To put all our resources to work to serve others and glorify God.

To deepen the confidence with which we together participate in Christ's ministry.

To develop partnerships on Mount Desert Island with

- Episcopal congregations
- the wider faith community
- community groups that share our core values

To boldly offer and make use of our buildings.

To be open to creative programs that unite us in Mission, Service, Christian Education, Outreach and Spiritual Growth.

OUR GOALS

We are committed to work personally with partners locally, in Maine and around world to strengthen relationships, develop shared goals and utilize resources (volunteers, leadership, facilities, staff and time) effectively. The annual budget dedicates a third of every dollar spent to outreach.

This bold undertaking will be years in the making. We are convinced that our best effort is the sum of each of us doing what we can and trusting God to make use of us.

St. Saviour's Plan places before everyone the commitment to support this ministry today and tomorrow and to provide for the care of the buildings entrusted to its purpose. Seeking to provide for God's mission, the Vestry has set the following goals;

Human Needs	\$1,200,000
Parish Life	\$ 500,000
Historic Preservation	\$1,300,000
Legacy	\$ 200,000
Total	\$3,200,000