

St. Giles Joins with Community Groups in Fuel Assistance Dinner

From the Priest in Charge

Dear Parish Family,

Two liturgical days are on my mind: one will have occurred shortly after you receive this edition of the *O* and another is coming on November 1st, when the Pine Hill Press will be in your mailbox, still warm from the printer.

The rubrics of the Prayer Book allow worshipping communities to "transfer" holy days by moving them forward on the calendar. And so it has become very popular to do this with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, which falls on October 4. We shall celebrate this popular saints day on Sunday, October 5th. While we will use the regular propers (collect and readings) for the 21st Sunday after Pentecost, I suspect that St. Francis will appear in the sermon. And well he should! He once said: "The preacher must first draw from secret prayer what he will later pour out in holy sermons; he must first grow hot within before he speaks words that in themselves are cold." Francis not only had a zeal for preaching, he had a zeal for all of life, apparently for the tiniest part of the living order to the sun and the moon and the stars. Wow! As we did last year, we encourage you to bring your "friendly beasts" and pets of all sorts and conditions. If you want to bring them in cages, that's fine. If they are a horse or mule, please remain outside of the church building until after the Eucharist and I will come outside and bless them (this happened in one parish I served). Please feel relaxed about bringing your loved ones to church and, just as with anyone, please be respectful during and after! It is very important for the church to offer blessing to all of the created order. We do this on October 5 in a very special way.

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Jefferson and Whitefield Churches Announce Benefit Supper For Heating Assistance

Anticipating the difficulty low-income people may face this winter keeping their families warm because of sharply higher fuel oil prices, churches and civic organizations in Jefferson and Whitefield are jointly holding a fund-raising supper on Saturday October 18 at 5 p.m. The funds will be given to the Lincoln County Community Energy Fund (CEF), based in Damariscotta, to manage and distribute to Jefferson and Whitefield residents needing assistance.

Participating churches and groups are St. Giles', the First Baptist and Trask Memorial Baptist churches of Jefferson, St. Denis Roman Catholic Church of Whitefield, Bunker Hill Ladies Aid of Jefferson, and the Whitefield Lions Club.

"Our organizational meetings for this effort have been uplifting and a lot of fun," said Cathy Anderson, the chair

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Notes from The Senior Warden

Months ago, I promised our editor an article for the *Pine Hill Press* on Ministry Teams, their origins, their missions and their current memberships. In truth, I should have written this report right after the annual meeting when the sign-up sheets were freshly completed! A New Year's resolution for 2009 is to do a better job communicating about this important aspect of St.Giles parish life.

The Ministry Teams ("MT's") stem from a document entitled, "Report of Mutual Study of Ministry, 2004" which followed several meetings in which our parish developed a mission statement, namely, "With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our mission is to bring all people in unity with God and each other in Christ, through worship, education, ministry and service." The "Report" then lists five ministry teams to carry out this mission statement which are to consist of volunteer members who would sign-up to serve on a year to year basis.

By the time of the annual meeting in 2006, the names of some of these teams had been changed and an additional one had been added. Shortly thereafter, with the leadership of Bob Jewett, Lee Burns and Dotti Meyer, the MT's began to meet and exercise their responsibilities. Today, their missions, (in abbreviated form), and their leaders members are:

Christian Discovery and Exploration is responsible for Christian education for children and adults, teen ministries, library maintenance, Confirmation preparation, prayer groups, promotion of diocesan events, etc.. The co-conveners (chairpersons) are Raymond Anderson and Cynthia White. Members are Cathy Anderson, Linda Pierpont, and Debbie King.

Communications is responsible for the *Pine Hill Press*, Sunday leaflets, the parish web page, the parish directory, the telephone tree, advertising, assisting in creating publicity for parish events, etc.. John Atwood is the convener; members are Linda Pierpont, George Jones, Joe Gray, Carolyn Gray, Kay Dale, Dotti Meyer, and Kay Liss.

The **Facilities** MT is concerned with church building maintenance and improvements, plowing, mowing, plantings, care of grounds, contracts for building services, etc.. Ken Marden, our Junior Warden, is the convener; members are Raymond Anderson, Dick Pickering, Betsy Lee and Charlene Donahue.

The **Fellowship** MT focuses on special parish social events, newcomer and lay visits, Nursery care, prayer chain and prayer list, Sunday social hour, Greeters, welcoming newcomers, planning events outside of church for the parish, etc.. Tim Badgely is the convener and members are Kay Liss, Tom and Wendy Eichler, Joanne Gross, Jill Huber, Dotti Meyer, and Linda Pierpont.

Outreach is concerned with Christian caring in our community and beyond. Examples are food collections, Heifer Project, UTO coordination with ECW, Samaritan's Purse, ERD (Episcopal Relief and Development), Companion Diocese program (Haiti), and the upcoming community supper to raise heating oil funds. Cathy Anderson is the convener and members are Trudi Hodgkins, Nancy Saulniers, Raymond Anderson, Cynthia White and Kevin Rousseau.

Finally, the **Liturgy** MT oversees eucharistic style, variants and appointments, seasonal observances, leaflet inserts (Propers), Illuminations, servers and acolytes (including recruiting, training and vesting), Altar Guild, and the Music program. John Van Sicen is the convener and members are Lee Burns, Charlene Donahue and Valerie Chipman.

Interested in furthering St.Giles' mission? Joining a ministry team gives you a hands on opportunity to do just that. Call me or one the conveners listed above to act this opportunity to serve.

— John Atwood

Letter to the Editor

Dear (St. Giles) Members,

I would like to thank all of you for your thoughtfulness and dedication to the young citizens of our town. Your donation of the backpacks and supplies is greatly appreciated. The support of the community at large is always a welcome addition to our school community.

Thank you,

Norman "Dusty" Nelson

Principal, Jefferson Village School

Harvest Dinner Cancelled

There will be no "Harvest Dinner" at St. Giles on Oct. 4th. It has been canceled so that we can more fully support the fuel oil Harvest Dinner within the Jefferson Community on Oct. 18th (story on page 1).

Bring a friend to church

The Blessing of the Pets--large and small--will take place on Sunday, October 5 at the 9:30 am service. Bring a friend to church!

Poets illuminate St. Giles Patronal Festival

The thirteenth annual St. Giles Patronal Festival was an even more special event this year, with music and poetry underwritten by the Arlene Van Deventer Memorial Music Fund. Organizer George Van Deventer brought together an effervescent group of poets and music, supplemented by the St. Giles Choir.



Above: Carol Smith directs the choir. Center photo: poets Gray Jacobik (left) and Bruce Spang (right) gave memorable readings, as did Martin Steingesser (lower right). Above, George Van Deventer and Bridgit Griffin play a duet.



Deacon's Corner

On 26 January the Rev. Dr. Richard Hall came to St. Giles' and spent a Saturday morning with us. We sat in a circle in what is now Jewett Hall and shared some of our feelings. It turned out to be one of the most significant, moving and healing conversations that we have had as a family here at St. Giles.

Many of you asked to have the Rev. Richard Hall return. I've been in communication with Dick+, working around his very busy schedule and ours as well. I believe he will be with us SOON. All are welcome! I'll let you know as soon as I know the date.

Also, don't forget to let me know (soon) if you are interested in serving the chalice (Eucharist Minister) on Sunday mornings or at special services. And/or, if you would like to bring communion (Eucharist Visitor) to members who are unable to be present for the Sunday Eucharist. Please remember that you (the laity) are coequal ministers of the church along with your ordained brothers and sisters. Training is available and a date will be set for November.

Blessings & love,

Lee

Fuel Assistance Dinner

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of the group. "It's a real joy to see so many different parts of our local faith and benevolent community come together. What began with a couple of churches has turned into a community-wide effort to help our neighbors stay warm."

Our own Lu Archer has created a quilt for the fuel assistance fund-raising effort, to be raffled off at a future date.

The supper, featuring spaghetti, salad, bread and brownies plus a drink, will be held at the Jefferson Village School on Washington Road. The suggested donation will be \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Envelopes will be available for additional donations.

Robert Clifford of the Community Energy Fund will attend the supper to speak and answer questions. The Whitefield Lions Club asks that persons attending the supper bring used eyeglasses to donate to the Club's eyeglass recycling program.

St. Giles Homecoming features fine food and fellowship

New season for Sunday School Christian Discovery Program

Our new, renamed and very exciting Christian Discovery Program for children will begin on Sunday October 5. The theme for the month of October will be the story of creation.

Each Sunday will provide our children with an opportunity to explore the meaning and story of creation using a different and exciting work shop such as story telling, music, cooking, art and crafts, audio visual, etc. Throughout the year we will explore and learn about our most important faith stories and seasons using the "Rotation Model of Sunday School", a model which repeats the same theme over a period of weeks using a different mode of teaching. Each week is taught by a different teacher who has the gifts to teach that particular workshop. Our committee will provide the theme and the curriculum. We need folks who enjoy music, cooking, arts and crafts , story telling, etc who would be willing to be teachers.

You can sign up for just one week or several weeks throughout the year. If you have an interest or questions please see Debbie King, Catherine or Raymond Anderson.

ECW News

The women's group has enjoyed sharing lunch at each others homes so much this summer, that we have decided to continue this arrangement throughout the year. Our next meeting will be at Joan Dorman's home in Hemlock Park on Tuesday, October 7th at 12:30. Please bring a bag lunch and Joan will provide a drink and dessert. We will meet at the church at 12:15 for those wishing to carpool.

We have scheduled our bake sales for the fall as follows; Pumpkin Baked Goods, Sunday October 19; Cranberry Baked Goods, Sunday November 23, and Christmas Cookie Sale, Sunday December 14. All of these sales will take place immediately after the service. Donations of food are welcome.

We also planned our Wreath Making Party for Sunday, November 30. Please mark this date on your calendar. The ECW will provide wreaths, decorations, bows, and lunch all for one small admission price of \$10. Watch for more information and posters next month.

—Dotti Meyer



A late summer downpour cancelled the campfire singing but did not otherwise dampen the enthusiastic gathering of St. Giles members for the Homecoming Dinner on Saturday evening, September 6. Generous contributions of home cooking raised the already highly rated culinary standard of St. Giles fare. The final highlight was a cake decorated with a likeness of the largest family in Jefferson.

Lay Ministry for October 2008

October 5 **21st after Pentecost**
 Readers Tom Eichler & Meegan Burbank
 Chalice/Intercessor Dotti Meyer
 Oblationers Ken Marden
 and Charlene Donahue
 Greeter Wendy Eichler
 Server Devon Huntley
 Nursery Annamarie Lee
 Coffee Betsy Lee and Trudi Hodgkins
 Altar Nancy Saulniers & Lamar Carroll

October 12 **22nd after Pentecost**
 Readers George Van Deventer
 and Wendy Eichler
 Chalice John Atwood
 Intercessor Jean Miller
 Oblationers Richard & Joanne Gross
 Greeter Trudi Hodgkins
 Server Laura Lee
 Nursery Cathi Laweryson
 Coffee Debbie King & Anne Bills
 Altar Jane Pickering

October 19 **23rd after Pentecost**
 Readers Ken Marden & Trudi Hodgkins
 Chalice Jean Greenwood
 Intercessor Kay Liss
 Oblationers Linda Pierpont & Jill Huber
 Greeter George Jones
 Server Annamarie Lee
 Nursery David/Rachael Richmond
 Coffee Carolyn & Joe Gray
 Altar Anne Bills

October 26 **24th after Pentecost**
 Readers Richard Pickering
 and Jane Pickering
 Chalice Charlene Donahue
 Intercessor Linda Pierpont
 Oblationers Jane & Richard Pickering
 Greeter George Van Deventer
 Server Jean Greenwood
 Acolytes Emily Huber
 and Roberta Anderson
 Nursery Laura Lee
 Coffee Jill Huber & Jean Miller
 Altar Dotti Meyer

Prayer List

*Please keep these people and their families
 in your hearts and prayers:*

Steve Botka
Mij Bradford
Gladys Buck
James Capper
Richard Chick
John Cudmore
Jim Funk
Kay Gill
Dane Hannum
Charles Knapp
Judy Marden
Andrea McGowan
Margaret Pham
Tim Pickering
Victor Scofield
Brooks Skinner

November 2 **25th after Pentecost**
 Readers George Jones
 & Cynthia White
 Chalice/Intercessor Jean Greenwood
 Oblationers & Carolyn Gray
 Greeter Jean Miller
 Server Laura Lee
 Nursery Meegan Burbank
 Coffee Nancy Saulniers & Lyndia Gould
 Altar Tom & Wendy Eichler

Family Days in October
 5th - Charlene Donahue & Family
 12th - Tom & Wendy Eichler
 19th - Frank & Lynn Canarelli
 26th - James & Gwenda Capper

The Rev. John Van Siclen, Priest in Charge
The Rev. Leonetta Burns,
Deacon / Assistant Pastor

Valerie Chipman, Minister of Music
Carroll Smith, Organist

Birthdays in October
 4th - Raymond Anderson
 11th - Mij Bradford
 13th - Roberta Giampetruzzi
 14th - Robert Bradford
 Kim Lash
 15th - Betsy Lee
 20th - Jacob Rousseau
 Emily Gould
 Jeff Lewis
 30th - Jean Greenwood
 Martha Tait
 31st - Robby Antognoni

Anniversaries in October
 20th - Linda & Jimmy Brown

Lessons For October

October 5 **21st after Pentecost**
 First Lesson Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 or
 Isaiah 5:1-7
 Psalm 19 or 80:7-14
 Second Lesson Philippians 3:4b-14
 Gospel Matthew 21:33-46

October 12 **22nd after Pentecost**
 First Lesson Exodus 32:1-14
 or Isaiah 25:1-9
 Psalm 106:1-6,19-23 or 23
 Second Lesson Philippians 4:1-9
 Gospel Matthew 2:1-14

October 19 **23rd after Pentecost**
 First Lesson Exodus 33:12-23
 or Isaiah 45:1-7
 Psalm 99 or 96:1-9
 Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Gospel Matthew 22:15-22
 Oct. 26 Twenty-Fourth after Pentecost
 First Lesson Deuteronomy 34:1-12 or
 Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18
 Psalm 90:1-6,13-17 or 1
 Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
 Gospel Matthew 22:34-46

Pine Hill Nursery School News

We have 24 wonderful children in our program, a great beginning to the school year. Many have learned the schedule already and in fact keep us in line at times. We have hired Caroline Bond to help out temporarily. Her natural abilities have been a blessing. We are planning our usual trips to Bailey's Orchard in Whitefield this month. In October we are off to the fire station as part of our study of fire safety. We will also have a visit from Cally Saulniers

who will share her story as a female fire fighter. We had a surprise visit from Cathey Sell and Acadia. Cathey has a new puppy...a very BIG puppy...that she is training. They stopped by school and asked if they could come and see the children. It seems 'Cady needs to learn how to behave around children/people she doesn't know. What a treat to have this Great Pyrenees in our classroom. I have to admit both 'Cady and the children did a remarkable job interacting. Many thanks to Cathey for sharing with us. We love visitors!

— Dotti Meyer

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From the Priest-in-Charge

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An Invitation to Tidewater Way

On Saturday, November 1st, on the Eve of All Saints' Day, Pam and I would very much like to have you join us at our home, Tidewater Way in South Bristol, for brief worship in our chapel (named All Saints' Chapel), and then remain for dinner. Contrary to the wishes on one member of the Vestry, this will not be a pot luck...at least the dinner. From time to time it is good for all of us to "return thanks," as my father use to say when he began a prayer before Christmas dinner. In this month of Thanksgiving, Pam and I want to express our thanks to you on this occasion, so we will provide the main course with dessert being pot luck. What could be better? We will have a sign up sheet at the church, along with directions for carpooling and a few more details in order to ensure a wonderful evening.

We have so much to be grateful for as the Body of Christ at St. Giles' in Jefferson!

May the Peace of the Lord be always with you!

John

October Calendar

Sunday, October 5
9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
and Blessing of the Animals

Thursday, October 9
7:00 pm - Vestry meeting

Sunday, October 12
9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Saturday, October 18
5:00 pm - Community Fuel Assistance Dinner
Jefferson Village School

Sunday, October 19
9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
Newsletter deadline!

Saturday, October 26
9:30 am - Holy Eucharist