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A Note from Our Priest in Charge

Dear Parish Family,

One of the things I have noticed over the years is that leaders come in various shapes and sizes and, thank goodness, they express their faith and emotions in all different sorts of ways. Leaders are a rainbow of the glorious colors of God! In seeing "the leader" in the other, we can see "the leader" in ourselves.

I've begun to actively think of leaders and leadership because on the last day of May a group of leaders representing the St. Giles' community will spend the better part of a day at Tidewater Way in South Bristol using their own very personal leadership gifts from God to ask one of the truly exciting spiritual questions that any of us can ask of ourselves or of our church: *what is God's will for us at this time?* We are in the present and we embody our past, personally and collectively. We are bold enough to look toward our future and to speak to God in this way. That's exciting!

We are calling this a retreat. As I work with John Atwood and George Jones to define our time, I suspect that the retreat will have several pieces, maybe as many as four. There will be a time of centering prayer when we will find a way to individually be with God in the space called Tidewater Way. We will also work towards accomplishing a common task as we define it. There is nothing worse on a retreat than running around the mulberry bush without a clear direction! We will eat as a type of fellowship (Acts 2.42) and as we have decided to all contribute to the food, we can be very excited about tasting the creativity of others. I suspect we will also have some corporate prayer in All Saints' Chapel near the banks of the John's River. It is a simple outbuilding that has been made into a place of prayer for all of the saints. So prayer, learning

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A Vernal Pool at St. Giles



Did you know the St. Giles' property has a true vernal pool? Okay, what's a vernal pool and of what importance is it to us anyway?

A vernal pool, technically is an ephemeral (spring) temporary body of water that dries up sometime during the summer and provides habitat for indicator species ~ those species that depend upon vernal pool habitat for successful reproduction: spotted and blue-spotted salamanders, wood frogs and fairy shrimp.

As wetlands are filled or altered, these essential habitats that provide suitable habitat for species in a complete ecosystem are fast disappearing.

Yes, our vernal pool is located behind the "Glory Hole" and not only is it home to black flies and mosquitoes, but also wood frogs and salamanders. Listen and you may hear the duck-like "quack" of the wood frog, or maybe a chorus of spring peepers.

— Joe Gray

**The Fair is coming!
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Notes from the Senior Warden

Last month I wrote in my column about the change of seasons, noting that we are “emerging from nature’s season of dark and cold”. Spring is here! Or is it? As I write this, it is 48 degrees, there are patches of snow on the ground, and the Fenway Faithful are freezing in their seats. So, where is this change we have been anticipating for months? Are our expectations of immediate warmer weather unrealistic? Or is it just a matter of wanting to quickly get to that warmer, more comfortable place which Spring promises?

Are our hopes for our lives at St.Giles much different? We know we are in a challenging time of transition and look to the day when all the obstacles to get to that comfortable place will be easily overcome. Like last year’s Patriot’s Day storm which upset our notions of when Spring should arrive, a small parish can never really relax and expect that our course will be free of turbulence. Still, there are important stabilizing forces at St. Giles which serve to bring us forward from one “season” to the next. Important among them is our pastoral leadership. At the April vestry meeting, contracts with John Van Siclen and Lee Burns were unanimously approved, giving us the assurance that we will be part of their ministries for the next few years.

We also continue to plan our public suppers and our annual Country Fair while looking at the possibilities of change—new organist, new music opportunities, new road signage, and modifications to the altar space.

So, we are anticipating changes and improvements while hopefully not “rushing the season”. At the same time we work to preserve the core qualities which make “The Church in the Pines” so special. Want to be a part of these forces, or know someone who may? Give me a call. We can use the time and talent of all as we weather the challenges of today and form our plans for tomorrow.

— John Awood

*Please keep those listed below
in your hearts and in your prayers:*

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| Raymond Hayden | Roberta Armour |
| Mary Staab | David Caron |
| John Cudmore | Pete Gribbin |
| Gary Hatfield | Cathy Brown |
| Steve Botka | Victor Scofield |
| Dixon Kunzelmann | Leonetta Burns |
| Linda Gold | |
| Paul Redonnett | ..and the family of the- |
| Kay Dale | late Bill Payton. |

The Country Fair is coming July 26

St. Giles’ 54th Annual Country Fair, on Saturday, July 26, will have its usual cast of characters: Children’s area, White Elephant, Hot Dogs and Drinks, Country Store, Auction, Books, Raffle, Baked Goods, and Tool Table. Please start thinking of what you might have for the White Elephant Tables and Auction. After the PHNS closes there will be areas with signs for the accumulation of donations downstairs.

Let’s honor the memory of those members of our parish who departed from us this year. They loved the Fair and we can remember them by making this Fair special.

— Richard and Jane Pickering

United Thank Offering Ingathering Sunday, May 18th

Each year, in the Spring and the Fall, we hold an Ingathering to support the work of the United Thank Offering. I hope all of you are involved in this ministry as a daily devotion giving thanks for the blessings we receive every day. If you haven’t experienced this, pick up a blue box, put it in a convenient place, and take a moment each day to say thank you to God and put a coin in that box. Then bring it to church on United Thank Offering Ingathering Day to combine your gift with others in meeting compelling human needs and expanding the mission and ministry of the church throughout the world.

“God gave you a gift of 86,000 seconds today, have you used one to say “thank you?” (William A. Ward)

—Carolyn Gray, UTO Coordinator for St. Giles’

Camp Bishopswood

Camp Bishopswood is the summer camp of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine. Its primary goal is for each participant to live in community and to affirm the uniqueness of each person as a being created in God’s image. The camp is located on 70 acres in Hope, on Lake Megunticook. It offers seven sessions for youngsters, beginning on June 29 and ending on August 16. Tuition is \$390.00 a week, and scholarships are available. In addition, Bishopswood offers opportunities for counselors. For information, please visit the camp’s website at www.bishopswood.org or call the Diocesan office at 207 772-1953, Ext. 27.

Lay Ministers for May 2008

May 4th Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readers: Ken Marden & Kay Dale
 Chalice/Intercessor: Charlene Donahue
 Oblationers: The Anderson Family
 Greeter: Carolyn Gray
 Server: Laura Lee
 Nursery: Cathi Laweryson
 Coffee: Jean Miller & Dotti Meyer
 Altar: Tom & Wendy Eichler

May 11th Day of Pentecost Mother's Day

Readers: Tom Eichler & Linda Pierpont
 Chalice: Dotti Meyer
 Intercessor: Mij Bradford
 Oblationers: Nancy Saulniers & George Jones
 Greeter: Jean Miller
 Server: Jean Greenwood
 Nursery: Laura Lee
 Coffee: Richard/Joanne Gross
 and Ken/Judy Marden
 Altar: Nancy Saulniers & Lamar Carroll

May 18th First after Pentecost Trinity Sunday

Readers: Dotti Meyer & Catherine Anderson
 Chalice: Jean Greenwood
 Intercessor: Cynthia White
 Oblationers: Richard & Joanne Gross
 Greeter: Linda Pierpont
 Server: Devon Huntley
 Acolytes: Roberta Anderson & Emily Huber
 Nursery: David/Rachael Richmond
 Coffee: Charlene Donahue & Jimmy/Linda Brown
 Altar: Jane Pickering

May 25th Second after Pentecost

Readers: Richard Pickering & Jane Pickering
 Chalice: John Atwood
 Intercessor: Jean Miller
 Oblationers: Richard & Jane Pickering
 Greeter: Tom Eichler
 Server: Annamarie Lee
 Nursery: Kevin/Christy Rousseau
 Coffee: Nancy Saulniers & Lyndia Gould
 Altar: Anne Bills

June 1st Third after Pentecost

Readers: George Jones & Annamarie Lee
 Chalic/Intercessor: Charlene Donahue
 Oblationers: Jean Miller & Jill Huber
 Greeter: Joe Gray
 Server: Laura Lee
 Nursery: Meegan Burbank
 Coffee: Joe & Carolyn Gray
 Altar: Dotti Meyer

Family Days in May

4th Lucilla Archer
 11th John & Maggie Atwood
 18th Tim Badgley
 25th Richard & Pat Bamforth

Birthdays in May

5th Laura Lee & Brandon Boucher
 7th Christy Rousseau
 12th Catherine Anderson
 17th Erin King
 18th Caroline Bills
 19th Ed Grant
 20th Lamar Carroll
 21st Lyndia Gould & Amber Saulniers
 22nd Robert Buck & Alden Lewis
 26th Nicholas Huber
 28th Kaylee Antognoni
 30th Susan Lewis

Anniversaries in May

22nd Jeff & Susan Lewis
 26th Raymond & Catherine Anderson
 28th Brad & Martha Tait

Lessons For May

May 4th Seventh of Easter
 First Lesson Acts 1:6-14
 Psalm 68:1-10,33-36
 Second Lesson 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
 Gospel John 17:1-11

May 11th Day of Pentecost
 First Lesson Acts 2:1-21
 or Numbers 11:24-30
 Psalm 104:25-35,37
 Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
 or Acts 2:1-21
 Gospel John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

May 18th Trinity Sunday
 First Lesson Genesis 1:1-2:4a
 Psalm 8
 Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

May 25th Second after Pentecost
 First Lesson Sirach 27:4-7
 or Isaiah 55:10-13
 Psalm 92:1-4,11-14
 Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:51-58
 Gospel Luke 6:39-49

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

St. Giles' Prayer Chain

We have had a prayer chain here at St. Giles' for many, many years. It consists of a group of people who have asked to be notified of any one desiring prayers for a special need such as illness, accident, death of a loved one, loss of job, surgery. Often there is a name given with no description of the need, just a request for extra prayers. The members of the Prayer Chain then add these names to their Intercessory list during their personal prayer time. If you wish to put yourself or someone else on this list to be prayed for you need to call Rosa Sinclair at 549-5224. Rosa starts the chain.

At present our chain is very small and needs to be revised. If you wish to be added to the list of people who pray please call Dotti Meyer at 549-7452. All who are on the chain will receive a copy of the call list.

Please note this is not the Intercessory list used on Sunday mornings. To be on that list you must call Lee Burns.

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From Our Priest in Charge

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(individually and corporately), fellowship throughout the day and the breaking of the bread.

As I pray about this significant opportunity for St. Giles' the word that comes to mind is creativity. Many years ago I read the popular book *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron. It changed my life. Cameron's simple thesis is that our lives are filled with so many negative messages that we can't possibly be creative and allow something new to come from us. In fact, Cameron says, creativity always lies beneath the cover of negativity.

St. Giles' is a community of hope. God is giving us the opportunity to engage the future as we ask ourselves, "*what is God's will for us at this time?*" As you ask yourselves this question, let the voice asking the question be Jesus and allow your creativity and vision imagine Jefferson and all that we might do for God in this place we call home.

Onward and upward to May 31st!

Sincerely and faithfully,
John

May Calendar

Saturday, May 3

Installation of Rev. Stephen Lane as Bishop of Maine
11:00 am - Cathedral of St. Luke, Portland
(by ticket only)

Sunday, May 4

9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Thursday, May 8

7:00 pm - Vestry meeting

Sunday, May 11

9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 18

9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
Newsletter deadline!

Sunday, May 25

9:30 am - Holy Eucharist