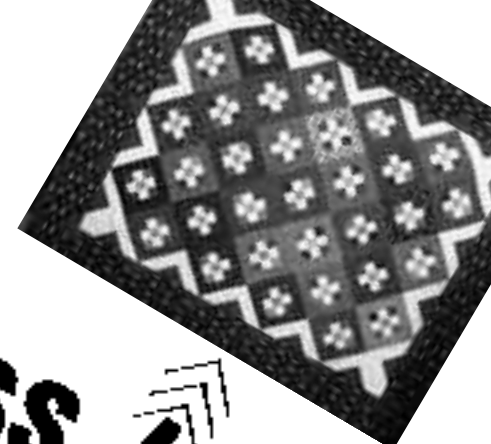


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A Note from Our Priest in Charge

Dear Parish Family,

Last month I wrote about the Vestry retreat at Tidewater Way on May 31st. The message in the article and in the retreat itself is leadership. This month I would like to reflect on what I believe is the basis of Christian leadership for each of us as members of the Body of Christ known as St. Giles' Church in Jefferson, Maine.

There is a term in house building: capping the foundation. This image is a good one for this context as well. After the future house is sited on the land, the bulldozers come in and dig the hole for the foundation. In this northern climate a good foundation below the frost line is essential for a sturdy house. So it goes with the Body of Christ. Jesus Christ is our foundation. Much as a foundation is slowly put together so that the concrete will create a good bond, so is our foundation in Christ formed over a long period of time. Eventually the sill plate (comprised today with pressure treated lumber) is attached to the concrete and then the entire foundation is "capped" or covered with what will eventually be the ground floor. Before this process the foundation was just a big open hole, now the capped foundation can raise the entire house.

I like to think of the Baptismal Covenant as the foundation cap for our life of faith and leadership. If you turn in the Book of Common Prayer (p.304) to the sacrament of Baptism, you will see how central the Baptismal Covenant is to being made one with Christ through the act of being baptized. The Covenant begins with the creedal statement which we associate with the Apostles' Creed. What follows are five ques-

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**Pine Hill Nursery
visits Moody's Diner**
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Memorial for Father Bob

After many months of discussion and planning by the memorial committee, the design for a garden to honor Father Bob Jewett has been finalized. The design is based upon sketches made by Bob himself, discovered after his death. At the time of their discovery it also became known that it was his wish to be buried at St. Giles. Therefore the garden will serve as a columbarium, or a place to receive the ashes of the deceased. The garden will be located on the west side of Jewett Hall, adjacent to the library. It is designed to be an accessible and meditative space. Initial construction will be done by a professional landscaper and the work will be complete enough to allow for the interment of the ashes on Saturday, July 12 at 2:00 pm. Jeff Lewis will officiate.

Notes from the Senior Warden

Last month, Maggie and I visited France to see her daughter who is spending a semester in Paris. I hadn't been to Paris in forty-five years and was excited to see the sights, especially the magnificent cathedrals in and around the city. The wonder of these ancient buildings is their spiritual atmosphere and their extraordinary architecture. The most impressive, and perhaps the most famous, of these cathedrals is Our Lady of Chartres, about seventy miles south of Paris.

While visiting this cathedral, I learned that it had been burned nearly to the ground three times, destroyed by the Vikings once, by warring French dukes twice, and even stripped of its religious statuary during the French Revolution when it was turned into civil offices. Today, however, some 1250 years since its founding, Our Lady of Chartres still stands and is used regularly as a place of worship and a site for pilgrims.

Wandering through the massive nave at this cathedral, and reflecting on its history, I thought of our little church in Jefferson. How different these two places of worship are! St. Giles is not yet sixty years old, has

never been plundered, (not even by mice, bats or termites), has never witnessed mass pilgrimages, and has enjoyed a relatively peaceful history. We've had our challenges for sure, especially over this past year, but like the artisans at Chartres, we have always recommitted ourselves to the important mission of maintaining and growing our parish no matter how daunting the tasks may have seemed at the time. Indeed, the addition of Jewett Hall stands as affirming evidence of the depth of our commitment of St. Gilesers to our Church in the Pines.

This month we will carry on that tradition, common to us and Christian congregations here and elsewhere, as we consider what paths our parish should follow in the months and years to come. Thus, on May 31, the vestry, parish leaders and Fr. Van Siclen will meet for a day long retreat at Tidewater Way in South Bristol. When we finish our day's work, it is my hope that we will have discovered new approaches to the stewardship of our parish as we strive to insure its spiritual and physical prosperity. We will be sure to report the results of our work to you.

One thing I am sure of, like the persistent worshippers at Chartres, together we'll address our challenges and build our church...no matter what the Vikings or Dukes might throw at us!

— John Atwood

Pine Hill Nursery School

The Friday class at Pine Hill Nursery School had a special treat last week. The class took a field trip to Moody's Diner in Waldoboro. Mrs. Moody and I were so impressed with how well the children did ordering their own breakfast. Each child demonstrated excellent manners and actually ATE! After breakfast Candy Moody, assistant teacher, gave the children a tour of the kitchen where her husband Steve Moody is the manager. What a wonderful fun way to end a school year.

For Fall registration information please call Dotti Meyer at 549-7452.

ECW

The ECW has decided to meet throughout the summer as a social group. We will rotate meeting at members' houses and share lunch on the first Tuesday of the month. Our June gathering will be at Linda Brown's home. Guests are asked to bring a bag lunch and Linda will provide drinks and dessert. We will meet at the church at noon to carpool. All women are invited to join our lunch brunch. Hope to see some new faces this summer.

— Dotti Meyer



Coming Before You Know It!

The 54 Annual St. Giles Country Fair and Chicken Barbeque.

Saturday, July 26

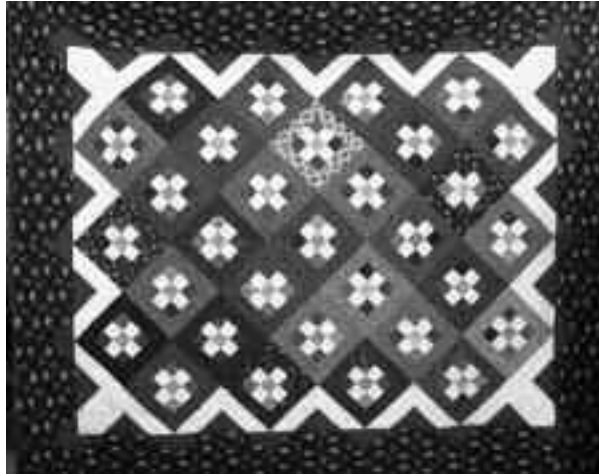
Country Fair 10:00 - 3:00 • Auction 10:00 • Barbeque 11:00 - 3:00 • Raffle Drawing 2:00

This year's Fair will be co-chaired by Jane Pickering and Anne Bills. Jane will do the organizing, and Anne will take over.

Donations for the Auction, White Elephant, Books, Tools, and the General Store should be placed in the Nursery School Room in their designated areas after mid-June. Please do NOT put donations in the Glory Hole. Keep in mind that used electronics do not sell and present a disposal problem for us.

All large items for the auction need to be approved by Cathy Sell, our auction chair, prior to delivery.

So, clean out your attic, shed, closets, storage rooms, or what ever so that we can benefit our beloved St. Giles' Church with your "kindly used leftovers". Call Jane Pickering 549 7120,



Cathy Sell 549 3513, or Anne Bills 549 7837 with any questions.

This year's raffle's grand prize is a sumptuous handmade quilt by Lu Archer. There are other items donated by members of St. Giles.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets may be purchased at church on Sundays, from members of St. Giles', or through the mail by sending a check to Betsy Lee, or on the day of the fair. You do not need to be present to win!

More information will appear in the July Pine Hill Press. Our Fair and

Barbeque are St. Giles' largest fund raiser; please participate. People are particularly needed for clean-up. The raffle tickets are now available in Jewett Hall - so, sell, sell, sell!

Tools of Hope Sunday

In the past few weeks we've heard about the devastation in parts of Myanmar and China as the result of natural disasters. Thousands have lost their lives and millions have been displaced with little to keep them warm and fed. Church World Service and its member churches have already mobilized relief efforts to the areas in critical need. Remember those blankets we purchased in the past? They are making their way to families who need shelter and bedding. Much will need to be done to help rebuild lives and communities. You can help by participating in Tools of Hope Sunday which falls on Father's Day, June 15th. Beginning on June 8th you are invited to purchase a CWS tool for \$5 or more. The money raised through Tools of Hope Sunday is used to not only buy tools but provides training opportunities for those who have been displaced and need to learn new job skills. Please consider a gift to CWS in honor or memory of your father or someone who has been like a father to you. We will pin a paper tool with that person's name on it to our CWS fishing net and display it in Jewett Hall.

Back Pack to School

The Outreach Ministry Team will begin collecting school supplies in July and continuing through August to be used by students at the Jefferson Village School and the Whitefield School. We already have a good collection of backpacks so we'll be looking for lined paper, pens and pencils, calculators, rulers, scissors, notebook dividers, etc. Keep your eye open for

school supplies and bring them to church with you in the summer months.

Stephen Lane Consecrated as Bishop Coadjutor

Seven members of St. Giles' Church attended the consecration of our Bishop Co-adjutor, Stephen Lane, at the Cathedral of St. Luke in Portland on May 3.

We were at first a bit disappointed to be seated in the parish hall instead of the church. The room in which we were seated had been outfitted with a large television screen. However, it turned out the church had been set up with numerous TV cameras and we had better than a bird's eye view of the proceedings which were majestic and stately. During the breaking of the bread we had the unexpected honor of a visit from the new Bishop himself. So we didn't miss a thing.

The consecration was presided over by Katherine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. She was attended by many bishops from our province, including our own Chilton. The service was an exultant blend of faith, tradition, music and gentle humor. The diocesan staff had thought of every possible detail, including the provision of box lunches for those who had traveled long distance and could not attend the very crowded reception afterwards.

For more on our new Bishop Coadjutor, log into:
http://episcopalmaine.org/bishop/lane_co-adjutor.html

— George Jones

Library Notes

During my recent stay in the hospital Kay Liss brought me a book to keep me occupied, which so impressed me that I thought I that I should share it with all of you. The book, by Tom Hayden, is entitled *The Lost Gospel of the Earth: A Call for Renewing Nature, Spirit & Politics or Reclaiming the Ecological Wisdom of Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism and Native Traditions for the Next Century*.

Tom Hayden is, of course, a California state senator, and chairs the Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee. He teaches and lectures on the subject of ecotheology. "It is, says Joan Halifax, "an impassioned call for us to understand where we are in the cosmos..." ..In *The Lost Gospel* Hayden brings to light the religious origins of our environmental understanding."

"Other cultures and religions," she adds, "have turned their backs on nature as well. The Garden of Eden, (the wilderness, if you will) has been destroyed by need and greed, hatred and ignorance, in our time and before."

In his introduction Thomas Berry says, "He understands the tragedy of so emphasizing the transcendence of the divine that the earth becomes desacralized. The tragedy, also, of so emphasizing the spiritual dimension of the human that the earth becomes only a resource base for whatever humans choose to do with the earth. "This book," Hayden explains, "is an effort to heal the divide between human spirit and the natural world, in which the earth is alive."

So what does he suggest we should do about this? First he enumerates the steps that have been introduced by the government since the first Earth Day in 1970, and of the backlash these proposals have produced

"So far," he reminds us, "there has been nothing like a spiritual manifesto and commitment to the environment of the sort that Dr. Martin Luther King expressed in his 'Letter from a Birmingham Jail' in 1963." In it he condemned "the appalling silence of good people" whose churches were remaining on the sidelines. "Where," Hayden asks, "is the Dr. King of the environmental cause?"

There are a few encouraging signs. He cites former vice-president Gore's bestselling book, *Earth in the Balance*, which includes a specific call for a religious ethic of stewardship. Gore is continuing his crusade against global warming, despite the pressure of high-powered politics opposing him.

Another early voice that had far-reaching effects he reminds us, is that of Rachel Carson in *Silent Spring* which first called attention to the devastation wrought by the wide-spread use of pesticides. "Her own mysticism shines through," says Hayden, in *The Sea Around Us*, published in 1951. In it she writes, "All.... return to the sea - to Oceanus, the ocean river of life, the overflowing stream of time, the beginning and the end."

E.F. Schumacher revived the idea in his *Small is Beautiful* (1974) which presents an alternative to the culture of consumerism. Other voices joined the growing chorus, among them Hayden cites Barry Commoner, Ralph Nadar, Hazel Henderson, Amory Lovens and Paul Hawke. Their proposed alternative looks like this:

A Quality-of-Life Index to replace the Gross National Product in order to monitor qualitative growth in employment, education, health, environment, and race relations.

A crash program of resource conservation, energy efficiency, and transition to renewable resources.

A foreign policy based on environmental sustainability and protection, including a global "green corps" modeled on the Peace Corps.

A maximum decentralization of citizen decision-making to neighborhood and bioregional levels, and the extension or constitutional protections to vital ecospheres such as old-growth forests and major watersheds, and new incentives for family farms and organic agriculture.

Writing in 1996, Hayden describes how, since the first Earth Day in 1970 "environmentalists have steadily developed the substance of an alternative: a transition to a sustainable democratic society, dedicated to improving the quality of life, in which the protection of nature is both a 'habit of the heart' and a constitutional consensus."

"What remains," he says. " is to arouse the spiritual energies of society into a movement strong enough to overcome the powerful inertia of bureaucracies locked into the status quo." Twelve years later I ask myself how far we have come in achieving these goals. Or have we actually lost ground during the Bush administration? You cannot pick up a newspaper, a magazine, or turn to your local news channel without seeing in some new instance this reversal. Do you agree?

I have purchased a copy of this book for our library Perhaps we could have a discussion on this topic at the church, maybe in our adult education program.

- Kay Dale

Ministry for May 2008

June 1st Third after Pentecost

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

June 8th Fourth after Pentecost

Readers: Raymond Anderson
 and Meegan Burbank
 Chalice: Dotti Meyer
 Intercessor: Mij Bradford
 Oblationers: Tom & Wendy Eichler
 Greeter: Trudi Hodgkins
 Server: Jean Greenwood
 Nursery: David & Rachael Richmond
 Coffee: Linda Pierpont & Betsy Lee
 Altar: Charlene Donahue & Kay Dale

June 15th Fifth after Pentecost

Father's Day
 Readers: John Atwood & Kay Liss
 Chalice: Jean Greenwood
 Intercessor: Ken Marden
 Oblationers: Richard & Joanne Gross
 Greeter: George Jones
 Server: Devon Huntley
 Nursery: Kevin & Christy Rousseau
 Coffee: Cynthia White
 and Trudi Hodgkins
 Altar: Jean Greenwood & Linda Pierpont

June 22nd Sixth after Pentecost

Readers: George Van Deventer
 and Trudi Hodgkins
 Chalice: John Atwood
 Intercessor: Jean Miller
 Oblationers: Linda Pierpont
 and George Jones
 Greeter: Cynthia White
 Server: Annamarie Lee
 Acolytes: Roberta Anderson
 and Emily Huber
 Nursery: Meegan Burbank
 Coffee: Jill Huber & Debbie King
 Altar: Tom & Wendy Eichler

June 29th Seventh after Pentecost

Readers: Richard Pickering
 and Jane Pickering
 Chalice: Charlene Donahue
 Intercessor: Carolyn Gray
 Oblationers: Richard & Jane Pickering

Prayer List

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

Mary Staab
 John Cudmore
 Gary Hatfield
 Steve Botka
 Dixon Kunzelman
 Linda Gold
 David Caron
 Pete Gribbin
 Victor Scofield
 Bill Murdoch
 Lee Burns
 Joyce Carey

Greeter: George Van Deventer
 Server: Laura Lee
 Nursery: Annamarie Lee
 Coffee: Jean Miller & Anne Bills
 Altar: Nancy Saulniers & Lamar Carroll
July 6th Eighth after Pentecost
 Readers: Tom Eichler & Jean Miller
 Chalice/Intercessor: Dotti Meyer
 Oblationers: The Anderson Family
 Greeter: Linda Pierpont
 Server: Jean Greenwood
 Nursery: Cathi Laweryson
 Coffee: Richard/Joanne Gross,
 Joe/Carolyn Gray
 Altar: Jane Pickering

Lessons For June

June 1st Third after Pentecost
 First Lesson Genesis 6:9-22; 7:24
 Psalm 46 or 31:1-5,19-24
 Second Lesson Romans 1:16-17; 3:2b-28
 Gospel Matthew 7:21-19

June 8th Fourth after Pentecost
 First Lesson Genesis 12:1-9
 or Hosea 5:15-6:6
 Psalm 33:1-12 or 50:7-15
 Second Lesson Romans 4:13-25
 Gospel Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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June 15th Fifth after Pentecost

First Lesson Genesis 18:1-15
 or Exodus 19:2-8a
 Psalm 116:1, 10-17 or 100
 Second Lesson Romans 5:1-8
 Gospel Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 22nd Sixth after Pentecost

First Lesson Genesis 21:8-21
 or Jeremiah 20:7-13
 Psalm 86:1-10,16-17 or 69:8-11, 18-20
 Second Lesson Romans 6:1b-11
 Gospel Matthew 10:24-39

June 29th Seventh after Pentecost

First Lesson Genesis 22:1-14
 or Jeremiah 28:5-9
 Psalm 13 or 89:1-4, 15-18
 Second Lesson Romans 6:12-23
 Gospel Matthew 10:40-42

Family Days in June

1st Robert and Anne Bills
 8th Kent & April Boucher
 15th Bob & Mij Bradford
 22nd Jimmy & Linda Brown
 29th George Jones

Birthdays in June

1st Michael Gunter
 4th April Boucher & Roberta Anderson
 5th Lindsay Laweryson
 7th Robert Bills & Krystyn Paules
 8th Louis Sell
 11th Eric Gould
 15th Linda Pierpont
 18th Emily Huber
 22nd Olivia Richmond
 25th Jimmy Brown
 27th Robin Lewis
 28th Robin Huntley
 29th Debbie King

Anniversaries in June

3rd Bob & Lee Burns
 5th Kevin & Christy Rousseau
 7th Tom & Wendy Eichler
 11th Ken & Judy Marden
 11th Cliff & Margaret Williams
 12th Richard & Joanne Gross
 14th Robert & Nancy Saulniers
 19th Joe & Carolyn Gray
 23rd John & Maggie Atwood
 25th David & Rachael Richmond
 26th Jerre & Carolyn Colby

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From Our Priest in Charge

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tions that have everything to do with helping us live under an active, life-giving rule of life. As a rule of life they are challenging. Challenging because the "you" referred to is the person about to be baptized or, in the case of an infant, the sponsors speaking for the child. "Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?" When I hear this question being asked of me, it causes me to take stock of my life, which is exactly the point of a covenant in the first place. And because the Christian life is both joyful and abundant, I don't waste time over how I haven't fulfilled the question, I see that in the Christian faith is the hope of life-giving change.

In last month's article the planning for our Vestry retreat hadn't yet taken place and I didn't have any idea of its direction. Now the planning has taken place but the retreat, itself, is yet to come. Though the outcome is to be decided, I can already say this. The Vestry is strongly committed to providing a time in the near future after the retreat to have a meeting with the parish in order to involve everyone in whatever we accomplish. As your new Priest in Charge, I'm sure you can understand how proud I am with the leadership, hard work and vision of our fine vestry.

Whenever this all-parish gathering takes place, I will try to remember (and if I forget, remind me!) to begin the

meeting with the Baptismal Covenant on page 304 of the *Prayer Book*, for without our understanding of these words our life together would resemble so many other un-capped foundations we encounter in the woods and empty fields of northern New England: falling down, empty cellar holes covered with vines, a remnant of a once promising future, with no living connection with the present.

Sincerely and faithfully,
 John

June Calendar

Sunday, June 1
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Thursday, June 5
 7:00 pm - Vestry meeting

Sunday, June 8
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 15
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
Newsletter deadline!

Sunday, June 22
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

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 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist