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A Note from Our Deacon

Dear St. Giles' family,

As I write this I am still reflecting on the past 10-12 weeks. My life has been filled with suffering and fear; mixed with joy, new life and new energy, and a deeper faith and awareness of God's love and grace in community.

First, the suffering and fear. As you all know, I had an adverse reaction to an antibiotic about ten weeks ago which gave me toxic hepatitis and jaundice. Doctors predicted a six week recovery period. I got worse for seven weeks before I started feeling better! As I continue to recover and heal, my doctors are hopeful that I will return to normal (what ever that is).

In the midst of my illness came joy and new life. The joy of watching my eldest daughter Laura, graduate from Bangor Theological Seminary with a Masters in Divinity. She is a postulant for Holy Orders (priest) in the Diocese of Maine. Witnessing not only new life blooming within her, but new life emerging all around me as spring brought new life to God's creation. As my healing progresses, I'm feeling a little of that 'new life' myself. And it is with joy that I find myself involved with our family at St. Giles' exploring new ministry and new adventures.

God's love was abundant as I attended Clergy Day with our Presiding Bishop, the Consecration of our new Bishop Coadjutor, an Ingathering of our seven regional churches and a retreat at the Society of Saint John the Evangelist.

I will continue to reflect on all the blessings and love that have come my way over these past few weeks, being ever grateful for prayers, family, new life and community.

As +Chilton Knudsen would say, "God is so Good", and might I add ~ Immensely so!

With love, joy and gratitude,
Lee

Independence Day Service to Mark Start of Summer Worship at St. Giles'

St. Giles' will begin its summer worship schedule on Sunday, July 6 at 9:00 a.m. with a special service of readings from American history and well-known patriotic hymns.

The service is meant to introduce worshippers to some of the great documents of our country's history that speak so clearly to some of today's challenges. The readings include: The Mayflower Compact, the Preamble to the Constitution, portions of letters from Abigail Adams, portions of Chief Seattle's 1854 Oration, portions of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's Letter from the Birmingham Jail. The readings will conclude with Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural in which he spoke about peace in a time of war.

Patriotic hymns to be sung will include the National Anthem, including the seldom sung second verse; "We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; "God bless our native land; "When Israel was in Egypt's land"; the Battle Hymn of the Republic and "O beautiful for spacious skies."

Don't miss this special service!

Altar Committee Meeting

The Altar Committee recently had its first meeting. The committee was formed to investigate changing the configuration of the altar area after several parishioners had accidents while ascending or descending its steps. The key components of the study are improving safety and accessibility behind and in front of the communion rail. Joining the committee for its initial meeting was the Rev. Byron Stuhlman, retired clergy from Round Pond who has considerable knowledge about church architecture.

Committee members were encouraged to brainstorm ideas for solving the safety problem and also to improve traffic flow during Holy Communion. Many creative ideas were voiced, and they will be studied as the work of the committee proceeds. To help members visualize hypothetical changes to the altar area, a small scale model made of cardboard will be constructed.

Notes from the Senior Warden

As many of you know, the vestry, other parish leaders, and Fr. Van Siclen met at Tidewater Way on May 31 in the form of a retreat. This get-together had two purposes. The first was to get to know one another better. This was easily accomplished as each of us was given four minutes to present an autobiography. Who knew that Ken Marden was once a champion boxer or that Charlene Donahue has piloted a helicopter?

More importantly, we spent the rest of the day, (well, not quite; we had a short reflective time in the chapel and a sumptuous lunch at the Van Siclens' home), exploring a vision for St. Giles' future. Where do we want our church to be in the months and years to come? Before being separated into groups to discuss this critical topic, there was consensus that Outreach (good works in the community), Fellowship (mutual support for parish members) and Christian formation (Christian education) presented the most promising avenues to strengthen our church and make our presence better known in the community.

As explained by Fr. Van Siclen in his sermon on June 22, the group assigned to Outreach issues felt that we should commit ourselves to helping to alleviate the soaring energy costs which will challenge many people of modest means this winter. The assembled retreat group sees this as sharing what we have and caring for others in a loving way. As one put it, "Kerosene and Propane instead of Loaves and Fishes". As exciting, it has been suggested that we partner with several area churches in this effort. With Cathy Anderson's leadership, we are taking our first steps to making this plan a reality.

The Fellowship group has advanced the idea that we should have a "Homecoming Dinner" to welcome back past parishioners and celebrate our patronal festival with current members. I'm sure each of us can think of old friends who used to attend our services regularly but haven't been seen at St. Giles for awhile. We think they'd be pleased to see and feel the same St. Giles spirit they once experienced. So, set aside Saturday, September 6, as a time for a special dinner to celebrate our heritage and the renewal of old relationships.

The group assigned to Christian Formation issues emphatically concluded that "Formation" implied a rigid approach to education, convincing the assembly that "Christian Exploration and Discovery" more aptly describes the efforts to learn more about our faith and extend those benefits to others, particularly our young people. And so it will be: "Christian Formation" is out and "Christian Exploration and Discovery" is in!

As the first steps in our renewed, and renamed, Christian education program, it has been proposed that we set aside particular Sundays for programs on other faiths. Thus, for example, instead of coffee hour, we'd have a brief presentation on Judaism and our common roots, followed by lunch. Another Sunday might feature Native American religious traditions or an explanation of Hinduism or



Scenes from the Retreat



Islam. Importantly, these programs would have a component for children's participation. Want to be a part of planning this? Contact me, Cynthia White, Raymond Anderson or members of the Christian Exploration and Discovery Ministry Team.

In short, the day was a success. We left Tidewater Way with a better understanding of each other and some concrete, realistic plans to respond to the question, "What is God calling us to do at St. Giles?" You are warmly invited to join in these initiatives and help shape them with your ideas and talents.

— John Atwood

St. Giles' Episcopal Church 54th Annual Country Fair and Chicken Barbeque Saturday July 26, 2008

Chair: Anne Bills Raffle: Betsy Lee, Chair. Raffle Tickets and flyers picturing Lu Archer's gorgeous hand-made quilt can be picked up at church. Let's sell many, many tickets as they are great advertising for the Fair. The quilt is hanging in the Parish Hall for all to see and enjoy. Other prizes from The Well Tempered Kitchen.

Auction: Cathy Sell, Chair. Items are needed: Furniture, Linens, Antiques. Please call Cathy for approval of large items.

Baked goods: Carolyn Gray, Chair. St. Giles cooks are famous for not only their pies, but cookies, cakes, pickles, beans... you cook it, we'll sell it.

Heavenly Pies: Jean Miller, Chair. The famous One and Only homemade pies.

Hot Dogs: Bob Saulnier, Chair. No one can cook a dog like Chef Saulnier and oh! That smell of onions - yum. Donations of sodas or water will be gratefully accepted. Please place all donations under the coat rack.

World renowned Chicken Barbeque: Antononi family. Helpers needed. Eaters wanted.

General Store: Jean Greenwood, Chair. Joan Dorman's hot pads are the greatest. Could you make something?

Tool Table: Joe Gray, Chair. Back by popular demand. Joe would like to sell any tool that you have and have

Fair open 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Auction 10:00 am

Barbeque 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Raffle drawing 2:00 pm

not used in the past two years.

White Elephant: Tom and Wendy Eichler, Chairs: Items are already piling up in the Nursery School room. Lots of help needed, especially from 12:00 - 2:00 We cannot sell obsolete electronics, tires, mat-

tresses.

Books: Krys Paules, Chair. Clean out your book shelves for the Fair. Children's Fun and Games: Clair needed.

Art Show and Sale: Rosa and Bob Sinclair, Chairs. Our Parish Hall looks so wonderful full of glorious works of art and we get a percentage of all sales.

Posters: George VanDeventer has again done a terrific job of design and printing. Sunday, June 20th: Strong backs needed to set up the booths.

Please note: All items donated should be put in the nursery school room. Signs have been put in the school room to help you know where items should go.

Early Sunday, June 26: The "Truck Brigade" to transport all items from the Nursery school room to the fair grounds.

Cleanup crew: We desperately need help taking down the fair at the end of the day to help the exhausted booth workers.

ECW at the Lake

ECW members will meet on July 1st at Kay Dale's summer cottage on Pemaquid Lake. Please bring a bag lunch and Kay will supply drinks and a dessert.

We will meet at the church at 12 o'clock and carpool to the lake from there. Any ladies from the church who would like to join us are very welcome. As we have no business meetings in the summer, this is just a social gathering.

Parish Youth News

Devon Huntley finished her junior year at Kents Hill School and will spend the summer skating and working again at County Fair Farm. At the end of the year she received three academic awards: the Bausch and Lomb Medal for excellence in the sciences; the Smith College Book award for academic achievement and leadership; and

the Phi Beta Kappa award for excellence in all areas of study and for the pursuit of learning outside the classroom. Stop by the farm for veggies and you might spot her!

Robin completed her first year of college at Carnegie Mellon and will be transferring to Hampshire College in Amherst, MA this coming year. This summer she is working at the Post Office Cafe in Mount Vernon (very good for breakfast and lunch if you are out that way!), working a little at County Fair Farm, and being a "handy woman" for friends in Jefferson.

Anna and Laura Lee have been accepted as participants for the Diocesan Youth Mission Team to the Dominican Republic in June 2009. This is Laura's first time on the team. Anna was on the 2007 mission trip and is excited to be returning to the village of Jalonga. The team will be meeting over the winter to prepare for the trip and to fundraise. The team of 15 teens and three adults are hoping to raise \$30,000 to put towards building hurricane-safe houses for the village.

Library Notes

Prince Caspian revisited

Prince Caspian, from *The Chronicles of Narnia*, by C.S.Lewis is our book-of-the-month choice. Since the six volumes, comprising this religio-fantasy date back to the fifties, I have no doubt that they are quite familiar to those of us of an older generation. I, myself, was in my thirties when I first read *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. But these are books of an enduring quality, and so many of you may be meeting with "Prince Caspian" for the first time today as a movie.

In its regular column, "Go See a Movie" the *Portland Press Herald* of May 15 advises "Prince Caspian makes for a darker, runnier Narnia," and it continues, "Blockbuster a welcome

diversion for Peter Dinklage," while *The Christian Science Monitor's* headlines read "Caspian, a (pretty) good prince. But Narnia's sequel," it adds, "is just a little too much of an action film." With all this publicity, Father Van Siclen suggested to me that we do our own review of *Prince Caspian*. So here goes...

The author, C.S.Lewis, was born in 1898. He and his good friend, J.R.R. Tolkien, the author of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, were part of "the Inklings" an informal writer's club that met at a local pub to discuss story lines. The publisher, Harper Collins, explain that Lewis's fascination with fairy tales, myths and ancient legends, coupled with the inspiration drawn from his childhood, led him to write *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* one of the best-loved books of all times.

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Hank Milligan Becomes an Eagle Scout

Henry David "Hank" Milligan is Jean Greenwood's grandson (Greenwood being her maiden name). On Sunday, May 4, 2008, Jean traveled to Ashland to watch as Henry joined the elite group of Eagle Scouts.

Obtaining the highest level in scouting is no small feat. It takes years of dedication, hard work and perseverance to advance through the many levels of the organization. Since its founding in 1910, it is estimated that over 100 million Americans have been members of the Boy Scouts of America, but of those members, fewer than 4 percent ever reach the rank of Eagle Scout.

At the ceremony, members of Ashland Boy Scout Troop 179, including Hank's younger brother Malcolm, took turns reading the qualities that make up the Scout Law. Before they read, each Scout lit a candle to symbolize each quality. To truly follow the way of scouting, one must demonstrate through their everyday actions that they are Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

Scoutmaster Linda Milligan and Assistant Scoutmaster Polly Libby presented Hank with his Eagle Award. As is customary, Hank then presented his mother and father, Dave, each with an Eagle Pin, which they may wear with pride as an outward symbol of his achievement.

Hank was recognized by Gov. John E. Baldacci, Sen. Susan Collins, and President George W. and Mrs. Bush for his Eagle accomplishment. Maine's District Boy Scout Commissioner presented Hank with the presti-

gious Joshua Chamberlain Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars Award and extended some words of wisdom. He reminded Hank to always give thanks to

those who help him and how he could help others by continuing his involvement in scouts throughout his life. Finally, he told Hank to expect nothing less than great things for himself. Hank also received many wonderful accolades about his character, ambition and citizenship from his football coach, Dick Engels; teacher Patricia Rafford; and his friend Forest Ranger Eric Hoar.

(A little history) Before Hank's father Dave became a game warden, he worked as a ranger on the Alagash Wilderness Waterway, stationed at Michaud Farm, where Hank spent his early childhood years and learned to paddle a canoe. Eric was the ranger at Round Pond nearby and they have all been friends ever since.

Hank's mother, Scout Master Linda Milligan, gave a history of Hank's experience in Scouting. This year Linda was named Scout Master of the year for Aroostook County

At age 17, Hank is a National Merit Scholar in the top 3 percent in the country. His other accomplishments include earning a black belt in Karate and being the captain and quarterback of his football team. Hank is also a dedicated Christian who has advanced through the years from acolyte to server and now trains the servers and acolytes at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Ashland. Hank loves to read the lessons in church which he has been doing for many years.

— Jean Greenwood



Ministry for July 2008

July 6th Eighth after Pentecost
 Readers Tom Eichler and Jean Miller
 Chalice/Intercessor Dotti Meyer
 Oblationers The Anderson Family
 Greeter Linda Pierpont
 Server Jean Greenwood
 Nursery Cathi Laweryson
 Coffee Richard/Joanne Gross
 and Joe/Carolyn Gray
 Altar Jane Pickering

July 13th Ninth after Pentecost
 Readers Ken Marden and Linda Pierpont
 Chalice Charlene Donahue
 Intercessor Carolyn Gray
 Oblationers Richard and Jane Pickering
 Greeter Jean Miller
 Server Devon Huntley
 Nursery Laura Lee
 Coffee Dotti Meyer and Linda
 and Jimmy Brown
 Altar Anne Bills

July 20th Tenth after Pentecost
 Readers George Van Deventer
 and Cynthia White
 Chalice Jean Greenwood
 Intercessor Trudi Hodgkins
 Oblationers Jill Huber and Carolyn Gray
 Greeter Kay Dale
 Server Annamarie Lee
 Nursery David/Rachael Richmond
 Coffee Lyndia Gould and Nancy Saulniers
 Altar Dotti Meyer

July 27th Eleventh after Pentecost
 Readers George Jones
 and Annamarie Lee
 Chalice John Atwood
 Intercessor Kay Dale
 Oblationers Richard and Joanne Gross
 Greeter Tom Eichler
 Server Laura Lee
 Acolytes Roberta Anderson
 and Emily Huber

Prayer List

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

**Steve Botka
 Mij Bradford
 Joyce Carey
 John Cudmore
 Gary Hatfield
 Lisa & Erica Evans
 Kay Gill
 Bill Murdoch
 Victor Scofield
 Harriet Werber**

Nursery Kevin/Christy Rousseau
 Coffee Charlene Donahue
 and Ken Marden
 Altar Cynthia White and Kay Dale

August 3rd Twelfth after Pentecost
 Readers Catherine Anderson and Kay Liss
 Chalice/Intercessor Charlene Donahue
 Oblationers Jean Miller
 and Nancy Saulniers
 Greeter Trudi Hodgkins
 Server Jean Greenwood
 Nursery Meegan Burbank
 Coffee Betsy Lee and Cynthia White
 Altar Linda Pierpont
 and Jean Greenwood

Family Days in July
 6th Alan and Elizabeth Williams
 and Family
 13th Meegan Burbank and Family
 20th Robert and Lee Burns
 27th Lamar Carroll

Birthdays in July

4th Tristan Lewis
 5th Malcolm Ridley
 14th John Atwood
 21st Fran Hargreaves
 23rd Frank Bridges
 24th Rosa Sinclair
 30th Frank Canarelli

Anniversaries in July

1st Ricky and Kim Lash
 3rd Bob and Dotti Meyer
 31st Bob and Fran Hargreaves

Lessons For July

July 6th Eighth after Pentecost
 First Lesson Genesis 23:34-38,42-49,58-67
 Psalm 45:11-18
 Second Lesson Romans 7:15-25a
 Gospel Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

July 13th Ninth after Pentecost
 First Lesson Genesis 25:19-34
 Psalm 119:105-112
 Second Lesson Romans 8:1-11
 Gospel Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

July 20th Tenth after Pentecost
 First Lesson Genesis 28:10-19a
 Psalm 139:1-11,22-23
 Second Lesson Romans 8:12-25
 Gospel Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

July 27th Eleventh after Pentecost
 First Lesson Genesis 29:15-28
 Psalm 105:1-11,45b
 Second Lesson Romans 8:26-39
 Gospel Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

*The Rev. John Van Siclen, Priest in Charge
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In this first book the four Pevensies children, Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy find their way through a wardrobe, to the land of Narnia, a land "between the lamp-post and the castle of Cair Paravel, where animals talk and magical things happen." There they rule for a time as wise kings and queens. In the current volume, the fourth of the series, the four children are summoned back, by Susan's own magic horn. They must return to this land where their help is desperately needed.

"Although the first Narnia movie was much discussed in terms of C.S.Lewis' Christian symbolism, this new film is more of an action film," says Peter Rainer in his review for *The*

Christian Science Monitor, mentioned earlier. So it makes sense to actually take the time to read the book itself.

Since it is published as a children's book (ages 8 and up), with no upper age limit indicated, it is replete with illustrations. I must confess that I love illustrated books, even if the artist's concepts do not exactly accord with that of my own imagination.. There is even a beautifully colored map of Narnia and its surroundings. It is a small paperback, only 223 pages, so you can finish it in a couple of nights, if you are like me and do your reading when you are safely tucked into bed.

Good night and good reading.

- Kay Dale

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Thank you, Meegan!

Meegan Burbank, left, has concluded her ministry as Church School Coordinator. Unseen and without fanfare, she has managed the educational enrichment of some of our youngest members each Sunday. We won't soon forget the performances she has produced at Christmas and Easter. Thank you for your ministry, Meegan!

July Calendar

Sunday, July 6
9:00 am - Holy Eucharist

Thursday, July 10
7:00 pm - Vestry meeting

Saturday, July 12
2:00 pm - Dedication of
Memorial Garden

Sunday, July 13
9:00 am - Holy Eucharist

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