

Homecoming Dinner

Saturday Sept. 6
5:30 pm



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From the Priest in Charge

Dear Parish Family,

It is not surprising that so much of Jesus' ministry took place with others gathered for a meal. Physical hunger in the Gospel stories so often included spiritual hunger. In the breaking of the bread Jews and Gentiles, saints and sinners were fed and came to believe.

Our focus over the next few weeks will be two meals in which believers will gather. Both meals will be occasions in which deep spiritual aspirations will be addressed and we will seek the Lord's blessing.

In just a few days on Saturday, September 6, you are invited to a grand pot luck supper at St. Giles' beginning at 5:30 p.m. Church pot luck suppers have a reputation for being the best feed in town for good reason. When everyone is expected to be creative and share something they have made it brings out the best in them and creates a great level of fun and excitement. We are calling this a Homecoming Dinner, because the Vestry is making phone calls to members of the St. Giles' family whom we haven't seen in a while and inviting them back to their spiritual home. Weather permitting following dinner, we will move outside around a camp fire and sing some songs and make so'mores. It should be a great evening. The next day, Sunday, September 7, is the day we return to the Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. with our Patronal Festival when we remember St. Giles. This year it will be a grand occasion of poetry and special music. For the first time we will use the Arlene Van Deventer Music Fund and in so doing offer thanks to our former organist and choir director whose life touched so many.

Continuing through September and into October you will be hearing a great deal about another dinner to take place on Saturday, October 18. Our hope is that a huge turnout will result so that we may raise a great deal of money to support our friends and neighbors in Jefferson and Whitefield who will need help this winter paying their fuel bills. Earlier this summer we

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Camping Rewards

As many of you know, this summer I went camping with my daughter Gretchen and her two boys Ethan and Milo. We were hoping to share our memories of camping when the girls were little. We arrived at the campground, set up the tent, organized equipment and sat at the picnic table to make further plans. As we looked around we noticed a bird's nest in the corner of our wooden canopy over the picnic table. At first glance it seemed to house a mother sitting quietly. Then we noticed more wiggling and as the birds moved we realized it was a nest with 3 almost full grown babies. The boys were very excited to see the birds so close. To our surprise the mother bird came regularly to feed the birds in spite of our closeness. The boys watched wide eyed as she dropped worms and bugs into the babies' beaks, sometimes going after a bit to feed another bird! We took lots of pictures. We talked about how the birds were growing and what would be next. We watched them stand on the edge of the nest and flap their wings. After 3 days of careful observation, the birds flew away. The boys were blessed with a lifetime memory. Thanks be to God!

—Dotti Meyer

Notes from The Senior Warden

This August, as we have for some years, my family rented a cottage on Little Cranberry Island (off Northeast Harbor) for three weeks. Little Cranberry, or "Islesford", is a small island of 373 acres and a year round population of less than a hundred. In the summer it grows ten-fold, and perhaps more with boat loads of day trippers.

Interestingly, despite the small year round population, Islesford boasts two churches. a large Congregational church and a small Roman Catholic chapel. Both of these appear to enjoy good attendance on a summer Sunday due, I expect, to the influx of "summer people" who worship at these churches. (A dutiful Episcopalian can attend one of several of our churches on the mainland, but it entails a \$24 roundtrip boat fare!). My guess is that the summer worshipers at Islesford support these churches financially but that most attend, as we would, for only a few weeks at a time while they're on vacation.

At St. Giles we have our parish changes in the Summer, too, and while we do have a few who worship with us for a week or two, we have an important contin-

gent who are with us for months, sometimes right into October. These wonderful people are not just summer visitors but are integral and important members of our parish family. They lead activities, have roles in our service, and one has even served on our vestry!. Most importantly, they share an important part of their lives with St. Giles so that, even though they are not with us in the winter, we think of them as part of our family that is separated only by distance for part of the year.

So, count this "change" in the summer as another of many blessings of and for St. Giles. Our church is situated in a beautiful place which attracts many people in the fairest seasons. We are most fortunate that some choose to worship at our little church and abide with us as part of our greater family until other places and commitments call them away until next year. If you are one who is with us for part of the year, please know that the St. Giles community treasures your commitment to this church as part of its family and will eagerly await your return in the Spring.

— John Atwood

Outreach Ministry Team News

Back(pack) to School

Once again, our back to school mission project was a success. Twenty backpacks were filled with notebooks, paper, pens, and other school supplies and will be donated to the Jefferson and Whitefield schools. Thanks to everyone who donated supplies or money (\$180) to our summer mission project! Also special thanks to Nancy Saulniers for coordinating the project and purchasing supplies.

Community Supper to Raise Funds for Heating Assistance

A group of folks from the First Baptist Church and St. Giles Episcopal Church met on August 4th to begin planning for a community dinner to raise money for heating assistance to families in Jefferson and Whitefield. Other partner churches who have been invited to join in the event are St. Denis Roman Catholic church, Calvary Baptist Church in Whitefield, and Trask Memorial Baptist church in Jefferson. The next meeting date has been set for August 25th.

The date of the dinner will be October 18th beginning at 5pm at the Jefferson Village School. Anyone interested in participating is invited to contact Cathy Anderson at 549-5148.

Points to Ponder

About the time our original thirteen adopted their new constitution in 1787, Alexander Tyier, a Scottish history' professor at the Umversity of Edinburgli, had this to say about the fall of the Athenian Republic some 2,000 years earlier:

"A democracy is always temporary m nature and simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government."

"A democracy will continue to exist up until ;up until the time the voters discover they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury."

"From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a dicatorship."

"The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history, has been about 200 years."

During those years, those nations always progressed through the followmg sequence:

1. From bondage to spintual faith;
2. From spiritual faith to great courage;
3. From courage to liberty;
4. From liberty to abundance;
5. From abundance to complacency;
6. From complacency to apathy;
7. From apathy to dependence;
8. From dependence back into bondage.

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Lay Ministry for September 2008

Sept. 7th Seventeenth after Pentecost

Patronal Feast of St. Giles
 Readers: George Van Deventer
 and Wendy Eichler
 Chalice/Intercessor: John Atwood
 Oblationers: Tom & Wendy Eichler
 Greeter: Trudi Hodgkins
 Server: Annamarie Lee
 Nursery: Rachael/David Richmond
 Coffee: Lyndia Gould & Nancy Saulniers
Blueberry Bash for all
 Altar: Dotti Meyer

Sept. 14th Eighteenth after Pentecost

Readers: George Jones & Linda Pierpont
 Chalice: Dotti Meyer
 Intercessor: Kay Dale
 Oblationers: Richard & Joanne Gross
 Greeter: Cynthia White
 Server: Devon Huntley
 Nursery: Cathy Anderson
 Coffee: Linda/Jimmy Brown
 and Charlene Donahue
 Altar: Cynthia White & Kay Dale

Sept. 21st Nineteenth after Pentecost

Readers: Ken Marden & Jean Miller
 Chalice: Jean Greenwood
 Intercessor: Carolyn Gray
 Oblationers: The Anderson Family
 Greeter: Linda Pierpont
 Server: Laura Lee
 Nursery: Meegan Burbank
 Coffee: Joanne/Richard Gross
 and Dotti Meyer
 Altar: Jean Greenwood & Linda Pierpont

Sept. 28th Twentieth after Pentecost

Readers: Richard and Jane Pickering
 Chalice: Charlene Donahue
 Intercessor: Cathy Anderson
 Oblationers: Richard and Jane Pickering
 Greeter: Tom Eichler
 Server: Annamarie Lee
 Nursery: Laura Lee
 Coffee: Cynthia White White
 and Ken Marden
 Altar: Tom & Wendy Eichler

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
 Kay Gill
 Charles Knapp
 Judy Marden
 Andrea McGowan
 Margaret Pham
 Tim Pickering
 Victor Scofield

October 5th Twenty-first after Pentecost

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

Family Days in September

7th—Debbie King & Family
 14th—Kay Dale
 21st—Robert & Gladys Buck
 28th—Richard & Jane Pickering

The Rev. John Van Sicken, Priest in Charge
The Rev. Leonetta Burns,
Deacon / Assistant Pastor
Valerie Chipman, Minister of Music
Carroll Smith, Organist

Birthdays in September

1st—Brad Tait
 2nd—Lee Burns
 8th—George Van Deventer
 10th—Louis Sinclair, Jr.
 15th—Kay Liss
 19th—Peter Liss
 19th—Linda Brown
 19th—Ricky Lash
 22nd—Melissa Bills

Anniversaries in September

8th—James & Glenda Capper
 17th—Peter & Kay Liss
 19th—Paul & Jill Huber
 27th—Frank & Lynn Canarelli

Lessons For September

Sept. 7th Seventeenth after Pentecost
 First Lesson Exodus 12:1-14
 or Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm 149 or 119:33-40
 Second Lesson Romans 13:8-14
 Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Sept. 14th Eighteenth after Pentecost
 First Lesson Exodus 14:19-31 or
 Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Psalm 114 or 103:8-13
 Second Lesson Romans 14:1-12
 Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Sept. 21st Nineteenth after Pentecost
 First Lesson Exodus 16:2-15
 or Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalm 105:1-6,37-45 or 145:1-8
 Second Lesson Philippians 1:21-30
 Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Sept. 28th Twentieth after Pentecost
 First Lesson Exodus 17:1-7 or
 Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

Psalm 78:104,12-16
 Second Lesson Philippians 2:1-13
 Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

ECW Meeting

The September meeting of the ECW will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 9th, please note change of date. We will meet at Jane Pickering's house for lunch at 12:30. Please bring a bag lunch, Jane will provide beverage and dessert. If you wish to carpool please be at the church at 12:20. I will be driving over after school!

Pine Hill Nursery School

By the time you are reading this the playground equipment will be cleaned, the windows will be painted, the bathroom will be painted, the furniture will be set up and the welcome mat will be in place! (I hope!) Our Open House is scheduled for Sunday Sept. 7th from 1-3. Yes... on St. Giles' Day. Classes begin on Monday, Sept. 8th. We are expecting 20 children to participate this year with daily numbers ranging from 9 to 15. Candy Moody and I are looking forward to a very busy, exciting year.

— Dotti Meyer

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From the Priest-in-Charge

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heard the Sunday Gospel of the multiplication of loaves and fishes. At this dinner we hope to multiply our resources so that everyone in our community can have the basic necessity of warmth during a winter that is predicted to be very cold. In addition to paying for the supper, my hope is that you will dig deep for some extra stewardship. The need is great.

When Jesus wanted to draw people together to be present with God he gathered them around a table for a meal. I hope you feel this same call and make a choice to be with your friends and neighbors at these two suppers in September and October. May we hear Jesus' call and may we serve him with joy.

Sincerely and faithfully,
 John

Remember our Service Men and Women

We pray daily for your protection and guidance of our men and women in the military service of the United States. Keep them from all harm and deliver them home safely.. We ask too, for healing of body and mind of our service men and women who lie recovering in our hospitals. And Lord, be with the families waiting and praying for their loved ones in the military to return home safely.

Amen.

September Calendar

Saturday, September 6
 5:30 pm - Homecoming Dinner

Sunday, September 7
St. Giles Patronal Festival
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
 1:00 - 3:00 pm - Pine Hill Nursery School Open House

Thursday, September 11
 6:00 pm - Vestry meeting

Sunday, September 14
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, September 21
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
Newsletter deadline!

Saturday, September 28
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist