

Annual Meeting Reveals a Vibrant Parish

From the Priest in Charge

Dear Parish Family:

At our Vestry meeting this month, I shared the following words from Marcus Borg, Bible scholar and theologian. He writes: "In my judgment, the single most important practice is to be part of a congregation that nourishes you even as it stretches you. Some of you already are involved in such a church. But if you are not involved in any church or are part of one that leaves you hungry and unsatisfied, find one that nurtures and deepens your Christian journey." Choosing a church is not primarily about feeling good, of course, but church is meant to nourish us, not to make us angry or leave us bored. If your church gives you a headache, it may be time to change." (*The Heart of Christianity*, p 193-194)

As I shared these words of Marcus Borg, I also stated that growth is an assumption. After all, if all churches cared about growth, we would never associate headaches with churches! I then asked the Vestry, "do we want to grow?" It is very risky and unproductive for clergy to assume behavior on the part of parishes they serve. Here are some of my notes from the comments made from members in response to the question: "No growth the church becomes a country club; no growth the church becomes mired... we've always done it that way before; no growth: same 'ol, same 'ol." It was a lively and spirited discussion which will lead us to next month's discussion: "O.K. we firmly say we want to grow; how is God calling us to grow this year at St. Giles?" My hope is that out of our response to this question, we will shape the theme for our Vestry retreat on March 14.

What I would like to do is to look ahead at the coming year, to share with you some of the topics the Vestry has been discussing and then, finally, to throw

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The Annual Meeting of St. Giles' parish was held on Sunday, January 25 in Jewett Hall. The meeting had been postponed from January 11 on account of weather. Members of the parish heard reports from our Priest in Charge and Deacon, vestry officers and ministry team conveners. The continuing vitality of our parish is amply demonstrated in the following reports, which have been condensed somewhat for space considerations.

Acolyte Report

This past year saw no significant change in the number of acolytes and servers. We continued to have only a server for Sunday services, and used Acolytes for holidays and other special occasions.

Anna Lee, Laura Lee and Devon Huntley rotated Server duties on a regular basis from January to June. Jean Greenwood has filled in for servers when they were simply not available

Acolyte Recognition was held on November 23. Devon Huntley was recongized for completing 11 years of service; Anna was recognized for completing 10 years of service; and Laura was recognized for completing 8 years. Emily

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Senior Warden's Report

I think that by any account 2008 must be considered a successful year for St. Giles. While I have listed some of the highpoints of the year in the January edition of the Pine Hill Press, and some will be listed in the ministry team reports, let me touch on a few of them here with apologies for those which I have neglected to include here.

First, we had a smooth transition from Jeff Lewis' tenure as priest in charge to John Van Siclen's with the result, as I've often pointed out, that we have sound and stable pastoral leadership which includes, of course, our committed and talented deacon, Lee Burns.

Thanks to Meegan Burbank, Raymond Anderson and Debbie King, and their corps of dedicated teachers, Christian Discovery, (sometimes known as Sunday School), is thriving with good attendance and a popular curriculum.

We also enjoyed some special social occasions, including the Italian Dinner in January, the New England Boiled dinner in February, the Easter Brunch, the Homecoming Dinner in September, and the Christmas Greening of the Church and Luncheon. Although I may have omitted other such occasions, of particular note was the 2008 Patronal Festival with its special service including poetry and music arranged by George Van Deventer and underwritten by the Arlene Van Deventer Memorial Music Fund.

We had visits in 2008 from our bishops; the first being that of Bishop Knudsen in February who was here to dedicate Jewett Hall and to honor the memory of Father Bob on the first anniversary of his death. As it turned out, this was to be the last visit by Chilton to our church.

The second visit was by Chilton's successor, Stephen Lane on December 7. This was Bishop Lane's first visit to St. Giles and was marked by a wonderful reception, a meeting with the vestry, and a clergy luncheon with the Van Siclen and Bums families.

We also had a vestry and leadership retreat at the Van Siclen's Tidewater Way in May. This was the first time the vestry had participated in such an effort in a number of years. The result was four initiatives including the revision of our adult and children's educational program to be called "Christian Exploration and Discovery", the idea for a Homecoming Dinner, an ecumenical effort to raise funds for heating assistance, which was carried out successfully in October, and a speakers' series on other religious traditions.

In July, we dedicated the Memorial Garden designed by Bob Jewett and we look forward in 2009 to work by the Memorials Committee to further this work. Also in July, we had a special 4th of July service as well as another successful Country Fair with, as usual, fair weather and

robust attendance.

In 2008, we were also fortunate to secure the services of Valerie Chipman as our Minister of Music and Carroll Smith as organist. With these additions, the tradition of great music at St. Giles fostered by Arlene Van Deventer continues.

Under the leadership of Charlene Donahue, we also began an examination of our worship space which will continue on into 2009.

As everyone knows 2008 witnessed some very difficult financial times in our country and our area was not spared. Nevertheless, we conducted a successful stewardship program, were blessed by more pledging units, and will close out 2008 in good financial shape. Moreover, church attendance is up and the energetic spirit that is so much a part of St. Giles' traditions is alive and well.

Although the report I submit here is a positive one, 2008 also witnessed two very sad events, namely the losses of two important parishioners, Arlene Van Deventer and Betty Ann Dill. Arlene was our talented music director for over twenty-five years, and Betty Ann was a long time and active member of St. Giles where she undertook a number of roles through ECW and the altar guild. Both these losses were recognized by memorial services which, in typical St. Giles fashion, celebrated the lives of these two wonderful women.

In conclusion, I want to thank Dotti Meyer for continuing to serve as my mentor as I work to learn about the role of senior warden, I also want to thank Jimmy Brown for his service on the vestry. He has, to my memory, not missed a meeting, and worked diligently for the good of our parish during his tenure. His wisdom, support and counsel will be missed. Also, I want to thank Betsy Lee for her day in day out efforts to keep the business side of our parish in a sound condition. I also want to thank Ken Marden and Dick Pickering for their hard work in maintaining our building, especially painting the rear outside wall and installing the sound proofing on the ceiling of Jewett Hall. Thanks also to the 2008 vestry. I appreciate very much your hard work and support for our parish; it is a blessing that all but one of you will be returning in 2009. Finally, I want to thank John Van Siclen and Lee Bums for their tireless and caring pastoral leadership.

—John Atwood, Senior Warden

Parish Annual Meeting Reports

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Huber and Roberta Anderson began their second year as Acolytes.

The 2009 church year will see the loss of both Devon and Anna to college. A suggestion is to have an adult fill the server role.

Diane Huntley, having handled the recognition of Acolytes and Servers for the past 21 years, respectfully submitted her resignation.

— Diane Huntley

Altar Guild Report

The St. Giles Altar Guild currently consists of eleven members, having lost one to resignation during the year. Charlene Donohue has taken over the directorship from Jean Greenwood. Jean and the other members of the Guild, along with Lee Burns and Father John, have helped Charlene navigate through the year.

The costs of the altar needs are provided by ECW, with donations of wine, weekly flowers and Easter and Christmas flowers.

Discussion of altering the altar space to make it more accessible began in 2008. These discussions will continue.

—Charlene Donohue, Director

Christian Discovery Report

In planning for the 2008 church year and our children's education program, the Christian Discovery Committee felt it was important to focus on a number of the biblical themes with our children which provide a foundation of the Judeo Christian faith. With the help of Catherine Anderson we discovered the Rotation Model of Christian education which is built upon the belief that children learn best through repetition and creativity. In using this model we have been able to draw upon our own curriculum resources, free materials from the Rotation web site and our incredibly creative parishioners.



With feedback from our teachers, parents, and students we believe that this has been a very successful start. Our children's program has grown this year. With the addition



of some new faces we now have had up to nine children in attendance from ages three through ten.

As we know, children and young families are the future of our church and it is very important and exciting to be able to offer this creative learning experience for our church family.

Please offer a word of thanks to our committee and our teachers, (we are always looking for folks to volunteer and would be glad to orient you to the program). Our committee consists of Cynthia White, Debbie King, Co-Chair for children's Programming, Jean Miller, Dotti Meyer, Nancy Saulniers, Catherine Anderson and Raymond Anderson Co-Chair children's programming. Teachers have been Catherine Anderson, Raymond Anderson, Dotti Myer, Cynthia White, Debbie King, Jean Miller, Meegan Burbank, Pam Van Sicle, Nancy Saulnier, George Jones, Trudi Hodgkins and Kevin Rousseau.

— Raymond Anderson, Co-Chair with Debbie King

Communication Ministry Team

The Communication Ministry Team met twice in 2008, on March 8 and November 9. At the first meeting *Pine Hill Press* editor George Jones explained that the PHP publishes the lay ministers schedule to include the first Sunday of the following month in case delivery of the issue is delayed. Dotti Meyer and Carolyn Gray produced a new version of the telephone tree to notify parishioners in case church services are cancelled by weather. At the second meeting, discussion centered around whether to use email or to continue to use the telephone to make last-minute announcements to the parish. After considerable discussion it was decided to retain the email system, with John Atwood calling those people who do not have email. Joe Gray volunteered to send emails reminding lay ministers of their assignments for the coming week. General satisfaction was expressed to the editor of the PHP for his work on that and

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Jean Miller is New Recipient of Arrow of St. Giles Award

Each year for the past seven years, the highlight of the annual meeting is the announcement of the recipient of The Arrow of St. Giles Award. Unlike many awards in our competitive culture, this one does not focus on winning any particular contest. Rather, the inspiration comes from St. Giles himself because humility characterizes his sainthood and the arrow which is awarded is his particular emblem.

This year's recipient meets these standards in every respect: it is Jean Miller. Originally from Connecticut, she settled here and became an active participant in the life of St. Giles'. She served on the vestry, has been the parish clerk, has been a mainstay of ECW. She has been greeter, reader and intercessor and has hosted countless coffee hours and ECW catered events.

One of the nominators writes, "One of the first people I met when I came to St. Giles was... the petite lady handing out the programs as I walked through the door. She had a big smile on her face and said, 'Welcome to St. Giles.' When the decision was made to build Jewett Hall, I offered to bake 100 pies for Thanksgiving and she was there to support me."

Another wrote, "[Jean] is a quiet doer, provider,



helper, planner supporter and faithful member of St. Giles.

True to her self-effacing character, Jean was aghast when she was prompted to come forward to have the Award presented to her by last year's recipient, Dotti Meyer (above).

Congratulations to you, Jean!

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the website; to Joe and Carolyn Gray for distributing the PHP and their weekly bulletins, and to Tom Eicher and Kay Liss for keeping the local press informed of church news.

— *John Atwood, Chair*

Deacon's Report

We began our year in January by meeting with the Rev. Dr. Richard Hall as we were still grieving the death of our pastor and friend, Bob Jewett. We were also saddened by the illness of Arlene Van Deventer. Days later Arlene passed away and unexpectedly, Betty Ann Dill passed nine days later. Arlene's funeral was the day after Betty Ann's death and Betty Ann's funeral was on the anniversary of Bob Jewett's death. During Holy Week I became ill which resulted in the need to take an antibiotic. Within days, I became deathly ill from a severe reaction to the antibiotic. This led to my being out of work for three months and away from St. Giles' church for four consecutive Sundays.

Even with all this, our year continued and some wonderful events took place. Bishop Chilton joined us on the anniversary of Bob's death to bless and dedicate Jewett Hall. In May, the clergy of this diocese had a whole day with the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Katherine Jefferts Schori, a once in a life time event. She is a woman filled with wisdom, compassion and Christ's love, we all enjoyed our day with her. The next day was the Consecration of our new Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane.

The Cathedral was packed and we were all moved by the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst. The following week I attended my daughter's graduation from Bangor Theological Seminary. I was the proud Mom as I watched Laura receive her diploma and shared in the celebration with family and friends.

As a deacon, I have served this past year with both Bishop Chilton and Bishop Lane. I was invited to preach and talk with parishioners about the diaconate at St. Peter's in Rockland. That was great fun and my husband and I enjoyed the sights of Rockland. For the third year in a row I assisted the Bishop at St. Barnabas as they celebrated St. Barnabas Day and again at the Ingathering Service at St. Mark's in Augusta. The Diocese gathered in September to say good-bye to The Rt. Rev. Chilton R. Knudsen who had been our Bishop for ten years.

As I reflect on the year, there was much sadness, some fear, and lots of tears shed. Yet, God was with us. I was greatly blessed by the outpouring of your love, prayers and support while I was sick. All of you continued to offer yourselves in service to St. Giles, each other and our community. Our family has grown, some of our dreams have come true and exciting ideas for the New Year have surfaced. I am filled with hope and excitement as we begin another year together, knowing that we will continue to share the spirit of God's love, joy and peace, not only inside these walls, but in the world around us, because we are a reflection of God's light in the world. Your servant in gratitude and love,

— *Leonetta Burns, Deacon*



ECW Report

The St. Giles ECW is one of the few remaining such groups in Maine. Its mission is to support the church. ECW supplies all necessary supplies for the coffee hour as well as for the altar guild, which includes vestments for the clergy, chalice bearers and acolytes. ECW also provides the Sunday bulletin inserts, Episcopal Church calendars and the like. It prepares luncheons and receptions for memorial and funeral services and sends meals to families who are in need. It caters the Easter Brunch and the Wreath Decorating Luncheon.

To raise money, ECW holds bake sales and caters events. Carolyn Gray keeps ECW busy and in the black by having them cater Elderhostel lunches and dinners several times each summer.

This year ECW tried something new. Its members met socially once a month over the summer. This worked out so well it has been decided to continue this format. Although these meetings still function as meetings, they are much less formal than previously and the lunchtime conversation helps keep everyone connected to the church.

— Dotti Meyer, President

Fellowship Ministry Team

The team wishes to thank everyone for their participation in and attendance at the greening of the church and Christmas dinner. The following is the tentative calendar for the coming year.

February 22 Shrove Sunday pancake breakfast
 February 25 Ash Wednesday soup and Supper preceding evening service
 May 10 Mother's Day breakfast
 June 28 Parish family picnic
 July 21 Sea Dogs game
 Sept. 13 St. Giles Day and Blueberry Bash
 Oct. 31 Pumpkin carving and Halloween party
 December 20 Greening of the Church and Christmas supper

— Tim Badgeley

Junior Warden's Report

Responsibility for the maintenance of St. Giles facilities and grounds, and scheduling the use thereof, is the primary duty of the Junior Warden. 2008 saw the completion of the following projects:

- With the help of Dick Pickering and Tom Eichler, the entire outside back of the original church building and Jewett Hall was scraped, sanded, Cloroxed, primed, and final painted with top grade paint which should last many years. Next spring, the same treatment is scheduled for the entire front of the church.
- All interior windows of the Pine Hill Nursery School were sanded and repainted.
- Both bathroom block walls in the Pine Hill Nursery were painted.
- A baffle was constructed and installed in the vestment closet to prevent contact with the baseboard heating system; Jim Brown reconnected the system which warms the office.
- Ten 4'x4' framed limestone sound-absorbing panels, designed by Dick Pickering, were manufactured by the Pickering/Marden team. Installation was completed via scaffolding with the assistance of Ray Anderson, Tom Eichler, and David Mason.
- Plastic sheeting and hay bales donated by Bob Bradford were installed around the exterior base of the office for the winter. The office has no foundation and this process prevents cold air from coming up through the floor.
- A drainage system was dug and covered with pea gravel in the area immediately in front of the main entrance walkway to prevent water accumulation.
- New St. Giles Church signs and posts were purchased by Kevin Rousseau and installed by Kevin and Dave Richmond.
- At Father Van Sicken's request, two racks to hold the

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collection plates were constructed and installed on either side of the aisle on the front pew barrier. At the same time, the barriers were anchored to the floor with angle irons to prevent their rocking when communicants use them to steady their passage to the communion rail.

- The new Memorial Garden, complete with flowering plants and trees, was faithfully watered and cared for until frost time thanks to our many "lay weeders".
- A platform with fold-up stairs was constructed in the library closet which provides substantial additional storage space and better access to pipes that occasionally freeze.

There were the mundane duties such as snow shoveling, minor maintenance, thawing pipes, and setting up for outside groups using Jewett Hall. In closing, I would like to remind our parishioners that as part of our Outreach to the community, we encourage the use of our parish hall by local organizations. However, it is imperative that all such requests be scheduled only through your Junior Warden.

- Kenneth A. Marden, Junior Warden

Memorial Garden Committee

The Memorial Garden Committee began discussions of creating a garden in the fall of 2007. Three landscape garden centers were contacted for ideas and estimates. Out of these, Anne Cox and Julie Wortman from Hedgerow Designs were selected to bring to fruition an adaptation of the design Father Bob had created for a meditative area. Brooks Monuments of Warren was hired to create the stone centerpiece that had been designed by Father Bob.

The presence of ledge presented some temporary difficulty, but it was incorporated into the design and the result



Susan Kraus to be celebrant at Ash Wednesday service

Susan Kraus, a new parishioner at St. Giles, will be the guest celebrant at the Ash Wednesday service on February 25. Susan is a psychologist who worked with developmentally challenged children and in private practice before going to General Theological Seminary in New York City to study Christian spirituality. This step eventually led to her ordination to the priesthood in



2005. She has been an assistant at Grace Church, Millbrook, NY and at St. Paul's on the Green in Norwalk, CT. Susan moved to Washington, ME last summer and her husband, Don, the Bible editor at Oxford University Press, will be joining her soon. "Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the holiest season of the church year, as we begin to prepare for the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter," Susan says. She is looking forward to leading us in worship that evening.

has a beautiful, meditative space which embodies many of the plants and trees suggested by Father Bob. It was completed in time for the scheduled interment of his ashes in July. However, legal permission to do so was not secured by that time, so at the service, at which Father Bob's children was present, only a ceremonial sprinkling of ashes took place. Sometime afterwards permission to build a columbarium was received from the state.

Dotti Meyer and Gail Montgomery had conversations with Hedgerow Designs about building a columbarium, using photos Gail had of the columbarium at Father Bob's previous parish in Nyack, NY. The design proposed is a stone bench which conceals a cement box with a grid inside to hold twelve individual urns. This would be an extension of the existing wall in the meditation garden, permitting future expansion. If approved, this part of the plan could be implemented in early spring.

— Dotti Meyer

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Music Ministry Report

The music ministry at St. Giles saw a lot of changes in 2008. Following the death of our music director, Arlene Van Deventer, Linda Pierpont graciously agreed to play for Sunday services until a permanent replacement could be found. Valerie Chipman was hired to play for a special service honoring Father Bob Jewett in February of 2008, and for several months continued to play for Sunday services on a fairly regular basis, with Carroll Smith occasionally filling in. Pam Van Siclen's mother played for Easter week. The Vestry voted in June to hire Valerie as Minister of Music, to direct the choir and play for Sunday services with the exception of one Sunday each month when Carroll Smith will serve as organist.

The St. Giles choir has sung at several special services this year including the 4th of July celebration, the thirteenth annual St Giles Patronal Festival, Bishop Lane's first visit to our church, and the Christmas Eve service. The Arlene Van Deventer Memorial Music Fund was used for the first time for the Patronal Festival. George Van Deventer has been a key force in planning the music for some of these events; many thanks to George for sharing his talents.

Special thanks to the ECW for purchasing two music stands for the choir program.

In November the choir voted to sing the last Sunday of each month. On Sundays when the choir has not sung, our special music has been supplied by Cathy Anderson, George Van Deventer, Brigid Griffin, Jessica Corwin, Pam Van Siclen and Valerie Chipman. Larissa Chipman sang on Christmas Eve. Apologies to anyone who has been left out!

— Valerie A. Chipman Minister of Music

Outreach Ministry Team

The St. Giles Outreach Ministry Team invited members of the congregation to participate in several outreach pro-

grams. The first was the Church World Service Blanket and Tools program, held on Mother's and Father's Days. St. Giles was recognized with a certificate as an honor roll church for its generous gift of \$450.00.

During the summer the backpack program fulfilled its goal of providing 10 filled backpacks each to the Whitefield and Jefferson Community Schools.

As identified at the vestry retreat, the Outreach team worked ecumenically to raise funds for heating assistance in Whitefield and Jefferson. About 175 attended the fundraising supper on October 18, and \$3000 was raised that evening, a little over \$500 of which came from proceeds from a raffle for a beautiful quilt made by Lu Archer.

Cathi Sell knit 58 prayer shawls in 2008!

Fifteen shoeboxes were filled with gifts in November for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. These were delivered to the Calvary Baptist Church in Whitefield where they were sent on to children around the world.

— Cathy Anderson, chair

Pine Hill Nursery School

The Nursery School has 15 students in the second semester of the school year, with Candy Moody assisting Dotti Meyer. Joe Gray made a visit with a program called Beaks, Feathers and Feet. The End of Year Parent program was a standing room only event in Jewett Hall.

As a result of many inquiries, the school opened with 24 children in the fall. Caroline Bond volunteered to come spend time with some students who needed extra attention. The larger group has taken a toll on the quality of the program, taxing the ability of the school to meet the social, academic and personal needs of the preschoolers. Therefore, the difficult decision was made to limit class size for next year.

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out a "provocative idea," which is meant to give us further direction and challenge.

On the first Sunday in January, Lee Bums discussed some of the practical dimensions of her deacon's ministry at St. Giles'. The deacon is called to bring the world into the church and the church into the world. We see this as service. In our conversations, we have come to the understanding that there is not enough traction to our understanding of servanthood. What are the hows and whys of serving others? It is a breakthrough to say that we are not sure. I've suggested to Lee that we have a sermon series on servanthood and invite three deacons from Maine to come and preach and help us reflect on how we can be servants to others. In addition, I'm pleased to let you know that Terry Berry, a parishioner from St. Matthew's in Hallowell, and a candidate for Holy Orders for the diaconate will be doing his mentored practice of ministry here beginning on the First Sunday of Lent. As we help Terry sink his teeth into the reality of his service of Jesus with others, I believe we will gain clarity into ours. This is all very exciting. It means we are not merely doing the "same 'o', same 'ol," but we are nourishing ourselves and stretching ourselves to see the Christ who is within each of us.

The last of the three action plans from last year's retreat which is yet to be accomplished is in the area of Christian Exploration and Discovery. It is a look at three religions-Islam, Judaism, Buddhism and Native American belief. Beginning with Judaism this Lent, we will take three sessions to learn about faiths beyond our own. During the first two sessions, we will gain a basic understanding and in the third session we will host a person of faith from each. Thanks to the vision and energy of Cynthia White, we have gotten this off the ground. Now we need teams of two for each of the four who will do some advance reading and serve as facilitators of the sessions. I have my pad to take down your names at Coffee Hour!

Now for the provocative thought. Churches around the country over the last several years have developed and grown when they have had the courage to tinker with their Sunday morning schedule in response to a clearly understood craving on the part of their people. What has happened is a major change. It has been called Christian Education for All Ages, or at St. Giles', Exploration and Discovery for All Ages. It starts with an admission on the part of adults. The admission is that exploration and discovery of the faith is not only fun, but it brings people closer to God and Jesus. In parish after parish, the schedule has been changed in order for children and adults to experience a Sunday morning in which there is education or exploration and discovery, worship and fellowship. Congregations have grown as parishioners leave Sunday morning and share with friends and neighbors what is happening in their lives. Friends and neighbors become curious and the whole thing repeats in people's lives.

Beginning this summer, I would like St. Giles' to add exploration and discovery every Sunday. We will have to tinker with our worship time, but it will be much easier for us with only one service. I believe all of us will benefit and I believe we will be even more the church that Marcus Borg describes, one in which we are all nourished and stretched with no Tylenol in sight.. .but that has never been the case here.

Finally a very big thank you to Lee Bums and Valerie Chipman, both of whom in their own ways have led us effectively and faithfully this year coping with more change than they would probably have desired. My thanks to each of you.

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— Dotti Meyer

Treasurer's Report

Anna Lee gave the report for her mother, Betsy, who could not attend.

Financially, 2008 was a strong year for St. Giles. Operating income from all sources was \$68,970.94, which was \$1,267.00 more than budgeted. Operating expenses were \$2,107 below budgeted costs. This left us with a surplus of \$6,960.67. This was due in part from 40 members pledging. Although some paid less and some paid more, in the end we collected 100% of the original pledged amount.

In 2008, St. Giles collected and disbursed the following funds for outreach:

Loose offering, first Sunday of the month, to Priests' Discretionary Fund.	\$484.00
Third Sunday loose offering, to Deacon's Discretionary Fund..	\$210.00
Jefferson Food Bank...	\$165.00
United Thank Offering	\$346.75
Church World Service Blankets and Tools...	\$450.00
School supplies...	\$140.00
Bishop Knudson's gift...	\$88.00
Community Energy Fund...	\$25.00

In addition, the St. Giles family raised over \$1,000 towards Anna and Laura Lee's participation in the Diocesan Youth Mission to the Dominican Republic. Income from the Fair and the suppers totaled \$723.90.

The following grants were made from the General Outreach Fund:

Whitefield Rescue (for first responder kit for Callie Saulniers)..	\$250.00
2007 Giving Tree..	\$100.00
Youth Ministeries Scholarship	\$35.00
School Backpack Supplies...	\$37.83

— Betsy T. Lee, Treasurer

Lay Ministry for February 2009

February 1 Fourth after Epiphany
 Readers: Raymond Anderson
 & Jean Greenwood
 Chalice/Intercessor: Charlene Donahue
 Oblationers: Linda Pierpont
 & Ken Marden
 Greeter: George Van Deventer
 Server: Anna Lee
 Nursery: Laura Lee
 Coffee: Liz Jones & Carolyn Gray
 Altar: Dotti Meyer

February 8 Fifth after Epiphany
 Readers: Dotti Meyer & Kay Liss
 Chalice: John Atwood
 Intercessor: Pam Van Siclen
 Oblationers: Charlene Donahue
 & Carolyn Gray
 Greeter: Linda Pierpont
 Server: Devon Huntley
 Nursery: Kevin/Christy Rousseau
 Coffee: Trudi Hodgkins & Jean Miller
 Altar: Tom & Wendy Eichler

February 15 Sixth after Epiphany
 Readers: Tom Eichler & Wendy Eichler
 Chalice: Sidney Harvey
 Intercessor: Carolyn Gray
 Oblationers: Anderson Family
 Greeter: George Jones
 Server: Laura Lee
 Nursery: Meegan Burbank
 Coffee: Joanne/Richard Gross
 & Debbie King
 Altar: Linda Pierpont

February 22 Last after Epiphany
 Readers: George Van Deventer
 & Jean Miller
 Chalice: George Jones
 Intercessor: Trudi Hodgkins
 Oblationers: Jill Huber
 & Nancy Saulniers
 Greeter: Kay Dale
 Server: Anna Lee
 Acolytes: Roberta Anderson
 & Emily Huber
 Nursery: Catherine Anderson
 Coffee: Lyndia Gould
 & Nancy Saulniers
 Altar: Kay Dale & Cynthia White

Prayer List

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

**Caitlin Bazinet
 Carolyn Calvin
 Douglas Henson
 Luke Hodgkins
 Meghan Innis & family
 Diana Koldenhoven
 Ryan LeClair
 Judy Marden
 Edie Murphy
 Margaret Pham
 Mike Rice
 Steven Sinclair
 Leon Tsomides
 Anne Waugh**

March 1 First in Lent
 Readers: Ken Marden & Liz Jones
 Chalice/Intercessor: Tim Badgeley
 Oblationers: Richard & Joanne Gross
 Greeter: Jean Miller
 Server: Devon Huntley
 Nursery: Anna Lee
 Coffee: Jill Huber
 & Linda/Jimmy Brown
 Altar: N/A

Family Days in February

1st Betsy Lee & Family
 8th Peter & Kay Liss
 15th Ken & Judy Marden
 22nd Sue McKeen

The Rev. John Van Siclen,
 Priest in Charge

The Rev. Leonetta Burns,
 Deacon/ Assistant Pastor

Valerie Chipman, Minister of Music

Birthdays in February

1st Kristin Colby
 4th Cliff Williams
 5th Meegan Burbank
 7th Brian Redonnett
 8th Trudi Hodgkins
 11th Joanne Gross
 14th Rosa Redonnett
 19th Judy Marden
 25th Jane Pickering
 28th Seth Antognoni
 28th Charlene Donahue

Anniversaries in February

1st Robert & Gladys Buck
 24th Don & Carol Doe

Lessons For February

February 1 Fourth after Epiphany
 First Lesson Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 Psalm 111
 Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
 Gospel Mark 1:21-28

February 8 Fifth after Epiphany
 First Lesson Isaiah 40:21-31
 Psalm 147:1-12, 21c
 Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
 Gospel Mark 1:29-39

February 15 Sixth after Epiphany
 First Lesson 2 Kings 5:1-14
 Psalm 30
 Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
 Gospel Mark 1:40-45

February 22 Last after Epiphany
 First Lesson 2 Kings 2:1-12
 Psalm 50:1-6
 Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
 Gospel Mark 9:2-9



February Calendar

Sunday, February 1

9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
 Slide show by Brett Dunham

Sunday, February 8

9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Thursday, February 12

7:00 pm - Vestry meeting

Sunday, February 15

9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, February 22

9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
 "Shrove Sunday" Pancake breakfast follows

Wednesday, February 25

6:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Soup Supper
 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday service

St. Giles' Episcopal Church

The Rev. John Van Siclen, *Priest in Charge*
 644-1132

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 622-6811

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 586-5557

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Junior Warden
 549-4783

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 563-2942

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 549-7872

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 (2010)
 549-4704

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 (2011)
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 (2012)
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Cursillo

The next Three-Day Cursillo Weekend in Maine will be April 16 to 19 at the Sky-Hi Conference Center in Topsham. Cursillo is "a short course in Christian living." Committed members of the Cursillo Community sponsor others who are seeking a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and have the potential to grow from the weekend experience. To be matched with a sponsor contact your priest. For more information call or email: Lee Burns 622-6811 LwbDidache@aol.com or Jane Johnson 729-7940 jmj@sus-com-maine.net or the Rev. Chuck Bradshaw 288-4849 shalomcoof@verizon.net