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Camp St. Giles set for August 21-23

Following in the footsteps of this year's Christian Discovery Program for children, Saint Giles' will offer a "school-free" Camp this summer rather than the more traditional Vacation Bible/Church School. We are anticipating an opportunity to inspire our children to love our creation, in order to better love our Lord (and vice versa). The children will be divided into two groups - under six and six and up. The second group will be sleeping overnight in the church on Saturday night, and waking up on Sunday to prepare the church and present to God and to the congregation a Service of Celebration of God's Creation!

In order to make this weekend event work, we will need lots of help from the entire parish. If you think that you don't have anything to give, you are wrong! As we develop our curriculum and schedule, we will need everything from fabric odds and ends to clay and crafts to food and, of course, adult and teen counselors. So please, if you feel called to inspire the fire of lifetime learning about our Creator and His masterpieces, set aside August 21-23 or any portion of that weekend and the thoughtful preparation leading to it. Pass the word to area youth that all are welcome, and this is a free camp. *Continued on page 4*

A Note from the Priest in Charge

Dear Parish Family,

Can you imagine the parish without committees? Granted committees have their problems and in some cases the work of the church would be much swifter if one person set out to accomplish a task, but the work of committees gives people a voice and a place. They help to define a direction for parish life and in doing so they help to spread the good news.

At St. Giles' we call committees Ministry Teams. I like that. Team-work conveys something deeper than just the task of a committee and we are all involved in a ministry that is not our own agenda, but the much larger ministry of Jesus Christ.

For several months the Vestry has been talking about strengthening the Ministry Teams in a very specific way. We can call this Ministry Team Night. Here's how it would work. About three times a year (September, January and May), all Ministry Teams would meet at the same time. On these evenings, we would gather in the church for brief prayer and announcements and then each Ministry Team would meet together to work on the issues that pertain to them. Finally for the last fifteen

minutes or so, everyone would re-convene in the church to briefly report back on the work of each MT.

You can probably see the benefits of this process, but there is also a challenging surprise. The benefits are regular meetings, apart from Sunday morning, at regular intervals so that the work of the church can be accomplished in a timely fashion. In addition, because everyone hears a brief summary at the end, there is not only the opportunity for very good communications, but real ownership. In hearing about the programs of Christian Exploration and Discovery, I can get excited about a future program that would appeal not only to me, but also to my neighbor. See how the church grows! But there is a surprise that makes this all work and goes far towards developing a deeper theology of ministry. For Ministry Teams Night to work, each parishioner can have only one ministry, not three or four.

At our special Parish Meeting on July 19th, I will discuss this and have a form available for you to fill out to indicate the Ministry Team with which you have an interest in serving. We will also have a date for the first meeting in September.

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55th Annual Country Fair and Chicken Barbeque

Saturday July 25

Raffle: Betsy Lee - Chair. Raffle tickets can be picked up at the church along with flyers picturing this year's lovely Lu Archer quilt and Bob Sinclair's beautiful framed Maine photographs. Flyers have also been e-mailed so if you want to print your own or more please feel free. Tickets will be mailed to parishioners who have not picked up theirs to sell by July 17th. We have other great prizes this year including gift certificates to Country Corners, The Jefferson Scoop and Jefferson Market. So SELL, SELL, SELL! Let's see if we can sell twice as many this year as last year!

Auction: Cathey Sell - Chair. This year we are having not only our usual donations of furniture, antiques and great quality merchandise, but services and exciting certificates as well. We have a weekend at Tidewater Way, a Dominican Republic oil painting, Sea Dog Tickets, 3 yards of crushed stone, a free weekend at King's Camp on Dyer Pond, beautiful dishes and glassware from The Well Tempered Kitchen and many more surprise items that are ready for auction! So get your auction items into the nursery school area and spread the word! Items that go into the auction will be approved by Cathey Sell.

Bake Sale: Carolyn Gray - Chair. Cookies, cakes, pickles, jams and jellies—you cook it we will sell it! Carolyn will be calling all our great cooks for donations.

White Elephant: Deb Lipton Morin - Chair. We need a lot of help particularly the morning of the Fair from 8:00 to 12:00. Items can be brought to the church at any time and placed in the nursery school in the designated area - we will sort as much as possible prior to Fair Day. Keep those "treasures" coming!

Hot Dogs and Hot Dog Meal Deal: Bob Saulniers - Chair. Bob's dogs with onions - yum. Cold drinks, chips and veggie dogs will also be available.

General Store: Jean Greenwood - Chair. Lots of new and handmade items PLUS many wonderful cooking gadgets and novelties donated by the Well Tempered Kitchen. Always a busy spot!

Books: Cynthia White - Chair. We need great books of all sizes, kinds, and shapes; books for older adults, children and everything in between. Hobby books, fishing books, books about animals, dog training books - we like to have something for everyone.

Heavenly Pies: Jean Miller - Chair. The famous ONE and ONLY. Homemade pies! Runners needed to bring pieces of pie up to the Fair area as desserts for our chicken eaters and anyone who may just want to sample one of our awesome pies.

Chicken Barbeque: Raymond Anderson and Erin King - Chairs. Helpers needed, EATERS wanted! (We're still serving the famous secret Antognoni chicken sauce!)

Art Show and Sale: Rosa Sinclair, Bob Sinclair - Chairs. This is a huge success every year in the parish hall! Rosa also has raffle tickets available and will be happy to sell them to you as she oversees the Art Show.

Publicity: Rosa Sinclair - Chair. Along with Rosa's work with newspapers, TV and radio, Kay Liss has done a great article about the history of this year's quilt for the Lincoln County News. Gearge Van DeVenter has used his artistic flair once again to create the "eye catching" 2009 fair poster.

Children's Table: Cathy Anderson - Chair. Carnival games, face and fingernail painting, activities for the

younger set (and for those young at heart!)

Coffee and Doughnuts: Debbie King and Dotti Meyer - Chairs. Available outside (we hope) for those setting up the fair and auction goers.

Fair Set Up: Betsy Lee and Dick Pickering - Chairs. Much help needed the Sunday before the Fair, Friday before the Fair, and Fair morning.

Fair Clean Up: George Jones - Chair. Much help needed, especially those who may not have manned a booth for the day.

Financial Committee: Dotti Meyer - Chair. See Dotti for start up money and St. Giles Fair aprons.

If you have items for any of the booths (books, auction items, white elephant, general store) and you need help transporting them to the church, please call the appropriate chair person and they will find someone to help. If you need a phone number call Debbie King at 549-7872.

Sign up sheets are available on an easel in the parish hall. This will be a big and busy fair needing everyone's help. Please sign up right away so everyone can be refreshed and ready to go on fair day!

Sunday, June 19th - Strong arms and backs are needed to set up booths after church for the fair, so wear your work duds that day. Betsy Lee will direct our efforts as she has done so ably in the past.

Thank you to everyone for your time, talent and donations!

Lay Ministry for July 2009

July 5 Fifth after Pentecost

Readers: Carolyn Gray & Jean Miller
 Chalice/Intercessor: John Atwood
 Oblationers: Charlene Donahue & Nancy Saulniers
 Greeter: Linda Pierpont
 Server: Betsy Lee
 Nursery: Cathi Laweryson
 Coffee: Cynthia White & Betsy Lee
 Altar: Dotti Meyer

July 12 Sixth after Pentecost

Readers: Raymond Anderson & Liz Jones
 Chalice: George Jones
 Intercessor: Ken Marden
 Oblationers: Tom & Wendy Eichler
 Greeter: Cynthia White
 Server: Laura Lee
 Nursery: Nancy Saulniers
 Coffee: Linda Pierpont & Charlene Donahue
 Altar: Tom & Wendy Eichler

July 19 Seventh after Pentecost

Readers: Tom Eichler & Jean Greenwood
 Chalice: Sidney Harvey
 Intercessor: Pam Van Siclen
 Oblationers: Jane & Richard Pickering
 Greeter: George Jones
 Server: Anna Lee
 Nursery: Kevin/Christy Rousseau
 Coffee: Linda Brown & Jean Miller
 Altar: Linda Pierpont

July 26 Eighth after Pentecost

Readers: Dotti Meyer & Kay Dale
 Chalice: Richard Pickering
 Intercessor: Jane Pickering
 Oblationers: Jean Miller & Carolyn Gray
 Greeter: Carolyn Gray
 Server: Devon Huntley
 Nursery: Meegan Burbank
 Coffee: Ken Marden & Jill Huber
 Altar: Jane Pickering

Prayer List

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

Carter Abramson
Ron Aho
Bob Bradford
Mini Chazen
Vicki Emery
Bob Ferrier
Douglas Henson
Josey and Ian
Jim Kellaway
Judy Marden
Blair May
Phyllis Miller
Amy and Lennie Mullen
Jim Nelson
Betty Ross
Steven Sinclair
Jo Steneck
George Van Deventer

August 2 Ninth after Pentecost

Readers: Richard Pickering & Jane Pickering
 Chalice/Intercessor: Jean Greenwood
 Oblationers: Linda Pierpont & George Jones
 Greeter: Wendy Eichler
 Server: Anna Lee
 Nursery: Laura Lee
 Coffee: Dotti Meyer & Debbie King
 Altar: Cynthia White & Kay Dale

Family Days in July

5th—Don & Susan Kraus
 12th—Ray & Deb Morin
 19th—Eric & Liz Jones
 26th—The Anderson Family

Birthdays in July

5th—Pam Van Siclen & Malcolm Ridley
 14th—John Atwood
 21st—Fran Hargeaves
 24th—Rosa Sinclair
 30th—Frank Canarelli
 31st—John Van Siclen
Anniversaries in July
 1st—Ricky & Kim Lash
 3rd—Bob & Dotti Meyer
 5th—John & Pam Van Siclen
 31st—Bob & Fran Hargeaves

Lessons For July

July 5 Fifth after Pentecost
 First Lesson 2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10
 Ezekiel 2:1-5
 Psalm 48 or 123
 Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
 Gospel Mark 6:1-13

July 12 Sixth after Pentecost
 First Lesson 2 Samuel 6:1-5,12b-19
 Amos 7:7-15
 Psalm 24 or 85:8-13
 Second Lesson Ephesians 1:3-14
 Gospel Mark 6:14-29

July 19 Seventh after Pentecost
 First Lesson 2 Samuel 7:1-14a
 Jeremiah 23:1-6
 Psalm 89:20-37 or 23
 Second Lesson Ephesians 2:11-22
 Gospel Mark 6:30-34,53-56

July 26 Eighth after Pentecost
 First Lesson 2 Samuel 11:1-15
 Kings 4:42-44
 Psalm 14 or 145:10-19
 Second Lesson Ephesians 3:14-21
 Gospel John 6:1-21

From the Senior Warden

As I occasionally write in this monthly column, "Things are Happening at St. Giles!" But are we clear on what those things are?

In order to make sure that the congregation is up to speed on the status of various initiatives, and to be sure that everyone has the opportunity to express their opinions on the operations of their church, the vestry and Fr. Van Siclen have proposed a mid-year parish meeting after the service on July 19. So, the service that day will be somewhat briefer than usual, and the meeting will certainly last only as long as folks wish to discuss the topics before us.

So, what are these topics? A number of these are quite important to us. Thus, for example, we need to inform ourselves on the status of, and future of, our clergy leadership. Also, it is always worth reviewing our finances. Is there a relationship between pastoral leadership and our balance sheet?

Are we growing? Are we growing enough? If the answer is "yes" to either question, how does growth impact how we worship and interact at St. Giles?

What is the final plan for the altar space? Will the carpentry interfere with our Sunday services?

These and a number of other issues dominate the con-

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July Calendar

Sunday, July 5
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Thursday, July 9
 7:00 pm - Vestry meeting

Sunday, July 12
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, July 19
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
 Parish meeting follows

Saturday, July 25 - St. Giles' Country Fair
 Fair open 10:00 am - 3:00 pm; Auction 10:00 am
 Barbeque 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Raffle drawing 2:00 pm

Sunday, July 26
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

St. Giles' Episcopal Church

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our mission is to bring all people to unity with God and each other in Christ, through worship, education ministry and service.

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 644-1132

The Rev. Leonetta Burns, *Deacon*
 622-6811

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John Atwood, *Senior Warden*
 586-5557

Ken Marden
Junior Warden
 549-4783

Betsy Lee
Treasurer
 563-2942

Tom Eichler
Clerk
 549-3869

Debbie King
 (2010)
 549-7872

Jan Greenwood
 (2010)
 549-4704

Linda Pierpont
 (2011)
 549-4663

Trudi Hodgkins
 (2012)
 549-3941

Kevin Rousseau
 (2010)
 549-4902

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Camp St. Giles

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Sunday morning August 23rd, the church service at Saint Giles' promises to be one of the best youth-led services ever. Don't miss it! For more information, call Deb Lipton-Morin, 226-3787, 701-9770 or Meegan Burbank 549-3851, 242-2262

From the Priest in Charge

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We know that Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. It wasn't very long, however, before the first disciples set up a committee as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. I hope this new beginning for our Ministry Teams is just as effective.

Sincerely and faithfully, John

Senior Warden

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versations among us on Sundays, but need to be aired, explained, and explored together so that we can all participate in the dialogue about the future of our parish. In this regard, if you have topics of parish wide interest you'd like to have as part of this discussion, let me know, hopefully before the vestry meeting on July 9.

Let's discover together our path forward, share our ideas, and insure that we have a mutual understanding as to the course of our parish in the months and years to come.

See you on the 19th!