



St. Giles' Episcopal Church, Jefferson, Maine
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A Note from the Priest in Charge

Dear Parish Family:

As our summer continues, we have more opportunities to do what St. Giles' does best: extend a warm welcome. On the Sunday after the Country Fair I greeted someone at the door of the church for the first time. Some time later someone said about this person, "she came to the Fair yesterday and was so warmly greeted that she came back today."

Time and time again it has been proven that people come to "try out" a church because they have received an invitation from someone that they know and trust. If I could succeed in just one thing in parish ministry it would be to firmly plant this seed and create a little cause and effect. What do I mean? I want to spread this responsibility around. I want parishioners to see that at a deeper level that as they rave about what the wonderful church they attend, they are creating an opening for others to explore their faith in a community that is known for its deep and generous spirit.

Here's what I mean. Those who live in Jefferson and Whitefield all know of some young children who tend to be bored at the end of August as they and their parents wait for the school bell to ring. Why not call up the parents and ask, "Have you heard about Camp St. Giles', the vacation Bible school?" It runs from August 21-23. By just passing on the information, you are creating a great opportunity for a family and a way for that family to be connected to this loving parish.

I also want to call to your attention to the beginning of regular Sunday adult education opportunities happening on August 9 and 23. Don and Susan Kraus and I will be offering a chance to learn more about the Episcopal Church in a simple question and answer format that I am calling, "Stump the Chumps." Three by five cards are in a basket on the round table in Jewett

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St. Giles Country Fair and Chicken Barbecue A Huge Success... Again!

Thanks to the hard work, dedication, and "true grit" of our volunteers, the 55th annual St. Giles Country Fair and Chicken Barbecue was once again a huge success. Each and every person involved went above and beyond the call of duty and helped make this year's fair the best that it could be. From the beautifully designed fair posters back in June to fair clean-up on July 25th, every fair worker demonstrated their individual ministry and love for St. Giles.

We are grateful to have had the support of many talented people. You made it look easy, when in reality it was your expertise, experience and hard work that made everything come together beautifully that day.

We also had added support from the community and congregation this year in the form of donations for both our auction and raffle. Many thanks to parishioners Lu Archer, Bob Sinclair, Betsy Lee, Father John Van Sicle, Gail Montgomery, and John Atwood for their wonderful gifts. Mow and Grow Landscaping, Country Farms Restaurant, Legend Lawn and Landscaping, Country Corners Grocery, The Jefferson Market, Nathan Northrup Construction and The Jefferson Scoop also made generous contributions.

And then, there was the sun! In between two rainy overcast days we were blessed again this year with a beautiful day.

We will be having a post fair meeting on Monday, August 10th at 7:00 PM for all fair volunteers and anyone else who would like to attend. This is something new and will help us make next year's fair even better. Please plan on attending.

Again, you are all amazing and a true gift to our congregation.

— Debbi King

Notes from the Senior Warden

This year's St. Giles Country Fair was a great success. As everyone in our parish understands, the Fair is our principal fund-raising event and our Fair exchequer, Dotti Meyer, advises that we did quite well.

But success can, and ought to, be recognized in other ways. This is particularly true of church affairs, including our Fair. Permit me to list a few of the non-monetary accomplishments of the 2009 version of the Country Fair.

What first comes to mind is the spirit of volunteerism and giving which pervades the Fair endeavor from its planning to its close on Saturday afternoon. Virtually everyone in our parish comes forward to take up their traditional Fair roles or accept new responsibilities.

This article isn't long enough to list all the hard-working people who offered their time and efforts on July 25, but I'll venture to identify three who took on new and important jobs for this year's Fair. First is Dick Crossman, educator and antique expert, who succeeded the effective and entertaining Brian Huntley as our auctioneer. Dick did a fantastic job with this marathon of selling to the profit of the bidders and our fair account. Raymond Anderson and Michael Gunther took over the great responsibility for the chicken barbeque which had been overseen for many years by the Antognoni family. This is a big part of the Fair's attraction and Raymond and Michael expertly performed the necessary culinary tasks resulting in hundreds of perfectly cooked chickens.

Related to the blessing of numerous cheerful volunteers are the gifts that the Fair's leaders brought us this year. Debbie King, with the help of chief logistician, Betsy Lee, organized the Fair this year in record time, solicited the help that would be needed, and made sure that we would have another successful Fair. Debbie has already started planning next year's Fair!

We should also be proud that we have maintained the tradition of the St. Giles Fair for fifty-five years now. So, virtually from the year we had a church building, we have conducted this Fair for the benefit of our parish and the community who mark the last Saturday of July as an important Summer event.

Next, the energetic and welcoming spirit of our church is showcased every year at the Fair. Have you noticed that with all the busy work going on that people, both workers and guests, are smiling? Yes, there's hard work involved in putting on the Fair, but it's also fun, and our visitors always join in the spirit of the event.

Finally, I dare not tread into the complex nature of the interrelationship between matters meteorological and theological, but have you ever noticed that the sun always shines on St. Giles Fair Day?

— John Atwood



From the set up (top) to the various booths, to the art show, graciously staffed by Rosa Sinclair (above), the Fair was an example of true team spirit. More photos — in full color, can be viewed on the St. Giles' website: www.stgilesjefferson.org

Lay Ministry for August 2009

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

August 9 Tenth after Pentecost

Readers: Catherine Anderson
& Wendy Eichler
Chalice: Charlene Donahue
Intercessor: Jean Miller
Oblationers: The Anderson Family
Greeter: Tom Eichler
Server: Dotti Meyer
Nursery: Cathi Laweryson
Coffee: Lyndia Gould
& Nancy Saulniers
Altar: Jean Greenwood

August 16 Eleventh after Pentecost

Readers: Ken Marden
& Trudi Hodgkins
Chalice: Pam Van Siclén
Intercessor: Tom Eichler
Oblationers: Charlene Donahue
& Jill Huber
Greeter: Jean Miller
Server: Jean Greenwood
Acolytes: Emily Huber
& Roberta Anderson
Nursery: Nancy Saulniers
Coffee: Linda Pierpont
& Betsy Lee
Altar: Dotti Meyer

August 23 Twelfth after Pentecost

Readers: Sidney Harvey
& Cynthia White
Chalice: Dotti Meyer
Intercessor: Kay Dale
Oblationers: Jane & Richard Pickering
Greeter: Trudi Hodgkins
Server: Laura Lee
Nursery: Anna Lee
Coffee: Carolyn Gray & Liz Jones
Altar: Tom & Wendy Eichler

August 30 Thirteenth after Pentecost

Readers: Meegan Burbank
Chalice: George Jones
Acolytes: Robert Anderson
and Emily Huber
Intercessor: Dotti Meyer
Oblationers: Joanne & Richard Gross
Greeter: Joe Gray

Prayer List

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

Bob and Mij Bradford

Steven Sinclair

Phyllis Miller

Jim Kellaway

Douglas Henson

Judy Marden

Blair May

Jim Nelson

Betty Ross

Vickie Emery

Mini Chazen

Amy & Lennie Mullen

Jo Steneck

Richard Chick

Helen Greenwood

Alice Hayden

Aline Saulniers

Ann Hanyen

Gerald Miller

Owen Delormier

Bill Comiski

Trudi Hodgkins

Linda Henderson

Betty Ross

Server: Anna Lee
Nursery: Kevin/Christy Rousseau
Coffee: Brigid Griffin & Cynthia White
Blueberry Bash
Altar: Linda Pierpont

September 6 Fourteenth after Pentecost

Readers: Tom Eichler & Jean Miller
Chalice/Intercessor: John Atwood
Oblationers: Ken Marden
& Carolyn Gray
Greeter: Kay Dale
Server: Nancy Saulniers
Nursery: Meegan Burbank
Coffee: Jill Huber & Trudi Hodgkins
Altar: NA

The Rev. John Van Siclén,
Priest in Charge

The Rev. Leonetta Burns, Deacon

Valerie Chipman,
Minister of Music

Birthdays in August

3rd—Don Doele
5th—Carolyn Gray
8th—Kent Boucher
9th—Parker Lash
12th—Colby Dill, Devon Huntley,
Cynthia White
16th—Emily Laweryson
19th—Gilbert Domenech-Burbank
29th—Joan Dorman

Anniversaries in August

12th—Richard & Jane Pickering
21st—Cliff & Krystyn Paules
30th—Lewis & Cathey Sell
30th—Bob & Donna Antognoni
31st—Robert & Anne Bills

Lessons For August

August 2 Ninth after Pentecost
First Lesson 2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a
Psalm 51:1-13
Second Lesson Ephesians 4:1-16
Gospel John 6: 24-35

August 9 Tenth after Pentecost
First Lesson 2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33
Psalm 130
Second Lesson Ephesians 4:25—5:2
Gospel John 6:35,41-51

August 16 Eleventh after Pentecost
First Lesson 1 Kings 2:10-12,3:3-14
Psalm 111
Second Lesson Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel John 6:51-58

August 23 Twelfth after Pentecost
First Lesson 1 Kings 8:22-30,41-43
Psalm 84
Second Lesson Ephesians 6:10-20
Gospel John 6:56-69

August 30 Thirteenth after Pentecost
First Lesson Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2,7-10
Second Lesson James 1:17-27
Gospel Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Family Days for August

2nd—Lucilla Archer
9th—John & Maggie Atwood
16th—Tim Badgely
23rd—Richard & Pat Bamforth
30th—Robert & Anne Bills

August Calendar

Sunday, August 2
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 9
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 16
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
 Parish meeting follows

Friday, August 21 - Sunday, August 23
Camp St. Giles

Sunday, August 23
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 30
St. Giles Day
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
 Blueberry Bash follows service

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.

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

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

Vestry

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

Jean Greenwood
 (2010)
 549-4704

Linda Pierpont
 (2011)
 549-4663

Trudi Hodgkins
 (2012)
 549-3941

Kevin Rousseau
 (2010)
 549-4902

George Jones
 (2011)
 832-7412

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From the Priest in Charge

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Hall for you to add your question. It should be a fun way to learn a bit more of the history and tradition of our church

Finally on August 30, it is our pleasure to welcome the Rev. John Lewis as our preacher on St. Giles' Day, In addition to being Jeff's father, John Lewis is a deacon, who cares passionately about the witness of Christ in the community.

There are so many reasons why St. Giles' is attractive to others. Please think about those you know who need to be with us on Sunday morning. You will be opening the door to a lasting relationship.

Ever gratefully,
 John