



St. Giles' Episcopal Church, Jefferson, Maine  
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## From The Priest in Charge

Dear Parish Family,

On the church's calendar of saints, October 4 is the day we remember St. Francis of Assisi. It was on that day in 1226 that he died. As the son of a wealthy cloth merchant, Francis had encounters with lepers and beggars that changed his life. In a stunning move, he took a vow of poverty in order to serve the poorest of the poor. The Franciscan monastic order grew from this charismatic individual, whom others wanted to follow. And, in addition to his love of the poor, he is known for his love of all creation. He wrote the *Canticle of the Sun* that begins with these words:

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord,  
To thee be ceaseless praise outpoured,  
And blessing without measure.  
Let creatures all give thanks to thee  
And serve in great humility.

I love the understanding that creatures beyond humans are to serve God "in great humility." While there are some cats and dogs I have known who haven't gotten this message, Francis somehow saw all of God's creatures in a circle of life with no beginning and no end. Thus the circle, in the form of a ring, not only becomes the symbol of marriage between two persons, but also between God and all of God's creatures.

On Sunday, October 4th we will celebrate the timeless ministry of Francis... and I mean celebrate! You are encouraged to bring YOUR creatures, furry and small, long and short, round, chubby and tiny. We will bless them as Francis would have. During the sermon time, I will invite our children to gather around me as I read portions of a wonderful children's book by Tomie De Paola entitled, *Francis the Poor Man of Assisi*. Our Prayers of the People will come Prayers for the

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## Penny Drive for Food Banks Planned in Jefferson and Whitefield

Representatives of churches and civic groups in Jefferson and Whitefield are planning a penny drive in October to benefit local food banks. Pennies will be collected October 13 to 23 in schools and in area churches, organizations and businesses.

Large penny jars will be placed in school classrooms to collect pennies from students, and jars for others will be found at collection locations around the towns. "This will give townspeople a chance to empty out those spare change jars they keep at home that have a way of filling up quickly, and they won't have to worry about counting the contents," said campaign chairperson Earl Lemieux of Whitefield. "We hope students and other residents will participate enthusiastically, to help our neighbors in these tough economic times."

Paul Bond of the Jefferson Area Food Bank offers as inspiration for the penny-raising effort an 8-year old girl at this year's Jefferson Day celebration in August who picked up 120 pennies during a penny hunt and then brought them, mingled with grass, to the food bank's donation bucket. "If the rest of the community supports this drive with that kind of spirit," Bond said, "we'll have great success."

All proceeds from the drive, called "Pennies with a Purpose," will go to the Whitefield Food Pantry, located in the basement of the Whitefield Union Church in Kings Mills, and the Jefferson Area Food Bank, located in the basement of Jefferson's First Baptist Church parsonage. They will use much of the money obtained in the drive at the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn, where they purchase food items at a deep discount, making the money go much further than it would if it were spent at area supermarkets.

Churches and organizations represented on the organizing committee are Whitefield Union Church, Whitefield Food Pantry, Willow Grange of Jefferson, First Baptist Church of Jefferson, St. Giles Episcopal Church of Jefferson and the Jefferson Area Food Ban

— Tom Eichler

# Camp St. Giles Brings Out the Best!

Camp St. Giles brought out the best of St. Giles' of Jefferson. From our opening ceremony to the youth-led service on Sunday, August 23rd that concluded the session, the wide realm of talent, devotion, and spirit that attracts many to become a part of St. Giles' Episcopal Church of Jefferson was apparent. A team of five counselors and three adults



were present during the entire camp, with many other adults joining camp from time to time to instruct sessions, preside over our campfire, or help with food and care of the children. Our camp welcomed about 15 young people in all this year, and we made every moment

count. Our theme, "To Every Season: Caring for God's Creation" led us to creative talks about our environment, our animals, plants, insects, air, water, and people, and how we can take good care of



all that God has entrusted to us. We went on a "Creation Walk", made trees, tie-dyed t-shirts, and made art out of bubble gum. We learned songs, made collages and jewelry, learned a new way to pray, played cooperative games, and went swimming at Damariscotta Lake State Park. We spent the night in the quiet peace of the church.



The directors would like to thank each and every one of the Saint Giles' family for your support for summer camp this year. We look forward to next year, more campers, and lots more fun. A special thanks to the bakers, makers, lenders, caregivers, teachers, and servers who gave their time and money to make the camp a success. Keep St. Giles' summer camp in mind next year when you are thinking about spreading the Good News around and about our local towns. We can't think of a more delicious way to share God's love than over a freshly toasted s'more!

—Meehan Burbank



## ECW News

The women's group will meet at Linda Brown's house on Tuesday, October 6th. We will carpool from the church at noon. Please bring a lunch and join us. Drinks and dessert will be provided. We will be planning our monthly fall bake sales and the annual wreath making party. Watch for posters soon.

Speaking of posters, I guess we need one for the Chair Challenge!! The ladies are sincerely hoping people will help fund new chairs for Jewett Hall. We only have 30 red chairs. Our goal is to purchase cushioned folding chairs to supplement the red ones for parish functions especially suppers. ECW will match up to twenty chairs paid for by you. That will give St. Giles forty new chairs. Please help us with this project. Thanks!

—Dotti Meyer



## Notes from the Senior Warden

A former rector of St. Giles once pointed out to this congregation that if you visit any Episcopal church you will notice that only a small number of pages in the Book of Common Prayer appear to be used. Typically they are dog-eared and darkened at the edges of these pages while the remainder of the volume looks nearly new. While he lamented the disuse of the rest of this special book, he was certainly right about the wear and tear of the typical *Book of Common Prayer*. At St. Giles we've noticed the same phenomenon so much so that some of our books are ready to fall apart, especially in the middle of the volumes where the text concerns the liturgy of the Holy Eucharist - the most frequently used part of each book.

So, spurred by several vestry members, we have ordered fifty new volumes. To help pay for these and to continue a popular tradition at St. Giles, the vestry is offering us the opportunity to dedicate one or more volumes "In Memory of..." or "In Thanksgiving for..." a particular person, event, or the like. So far, over thirty of the new books have been spoken for, but, as the math will tell you, there are more if you wish to participate in this opportunity.

To have a new *Book of Common Prayer* dedicated, please see me soon. We are asking for a donation of \$20 per volume and are hoping that all fifty new books will bear a ded-

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## Facts About Islam

### True or false?

- Islamic concepts are close to Judeo-Christian concepts.
- The word Islam means peace
- Islam believes in predestination
- Islamic women can vote and hold political office.

Join us for three Sundays beginning on Oct 11th and continuing on Oct 25th and Nov. 8th to learn the answers to these and many other questions about a religion which counts as its followers one sixth of the human population and is the fastest growing religion in the West.

We will have the opportunity to learn about the religion of Islam and about its relationship to Christianity. At our second session it is our hope to be able to share our time with a practicing Muslim and in the final session to feed not only our intellect but also stimulate our taste buds with some wonderful middle eastern delights. So grab your coffee after church and join Pam and Raymond for a wonderful learning opportunity.

— Raymond Anderson

## My Favorite Stewardship Reflection, Shared by John Van Siclen

Fund-raising is an institutional demand that the top leader of a nonprofit cannot shirk except in peril of losing institutional momentum. It can and must, to some extent, be delegated, but without vigorous cheer-leading and a push from the principal leader, fund-raising will falter. Fortunately, I enjoyed pushing for funds. Money raised is a concrete measure of achievement, superficial in some sense, but it is an outward and visible sign of energy successfully applied. More than that, it goes to the heart of what I believe is the deepest satisfaction that attaches to money, namely the glow of giving it away.

There is a personal story here worth telling. About halfway through the years of my ministry, I faced the need to launch a fund-raiser for some good reason, and I quailed before it. I hated asking people for money. I must have nursed that resistance for days, maybe weeks, until suddenly something clicked into consciousness. It was a brand-new recognition, never before heard or thought. Out of my struggle with resistance to fund-raising it suddenly dawned on me that of all the money I had spent on myself, I'd like tons of it back. There were shirts and shoes and ties, and "stuff" that I scarcely used, some of it I actually loathed. And there were a couple of cars that

quickly disenchanted me, one of them turning me quite sour and another, an antique Model A Ford that cost an ugly bundle of money to repair and maintain until I found another sucker to haul it away at far less than I paid for it. In sum, there were whole checking accounts spent on Bennett that I would love to have back. But the money I had spent on my children, on their schools and colleges, and mine, on their mother and our church and our family in those precious years—not a single nickel of that did I want back, not a dime, not the warehouse of cash that I had spent on others and give away over the years. What a recognition! Suddenly it became clear to me that the human soul is much more built to give than to get, amazingly just like Scripture says. From then on I have believed that when you ask people for money, you are doing them a favor—whether they think so or not, or whether they give you a brass farthing or not. Asking people for money is knocking on their secret door of freedom and joy. God is the great giver who makes all this come true. Made as we are in God's image, what fulfills God is sure to fulfill us.

*The Rt. Bennett J. Sims, late Bishop of Atlanta*

## Music Notes

Dear Church Family:

It's been quite a summer! A lot of rain, and finally in August a lot of sun. (Thank you God!) Also – a lot of music! While the choir has been on hiatus, we've been privileged to have many people willing to share their talents to enhance our time of worship. It has been a real treat to have Jessica Corwin play her viola for us several times. Likewise, we all love hearing Pam Van Siclen and Cathy Anderson play their flutes; and what a pleasant addition to have Carrie Emerson join in with her trumpet! Marielle Chipman sang on Mother's Day while Doreen Demarest sang on St. Giles' Day. And, as always, Liz Jones' pure soprano voice brought home what it is to truly worship through music. Thank you everyone for your willingness to serve.

For those of you who have been away, I'd like to tell you about the blue binder on the table in Jewett Hall: it contains the entire index of The Hymnal 1982! I ask that you take a few moments and mark off your favorite hymns which will enable me to more often choose the familiar rather than the obscure. Don't feel that you have to do it all at once as it can be rather overwhelming. Take a few minutes each Sunday and go through a few – or sit down with a hymnal before you leave some week and make a list of your favorites which you can then transfer to "The Binder". I appreciate the input. I will be putting together a binder of "Wonder, Love and Praise", so you might like to start thinking about the songs you like in there as well.

We have done something new a couple of times recently in that the congregation has become my choir, and sang beautifully! We sang Hymn #711, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" as a canon and it truly was a joyful noise. I hope you enjoy doing that as I have a few more songs I would like to teach you as a congregation.

I have been polling the previous choir members to find out what night will work best for everyone so that we may begin rehearsals. The majority rules that Thursday nights will be the most convenient. We will plan on singing one Sunday each month in addition to special services. We will rehearse one night each month, as well as before church on the Sunday we sing. The first rehearsal will be October 8 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 353-8004 (home), 320-0165 (cell) or through my email which is [valeriec@roadrunner.com](mailto:valeriec@roadrunner.com).

I look forward to an interesting and meaningful musical journey with all of you in the months ahead. Thank you for this opportunity!

Musically yours,

Valerie Chipman

## Robert Earl Buck 1916-2009

Robert Earl Buck, 93, of Skippack, Pennsylvania and Jefferson, Maine died August 25, 2009 at Cove's Edge in Damariscotta.

Bob was born on May 22, 1916 to J. Howard and Mary Ambra (Beck) Buck in Womelsdorf, PA. He was a graduate of the School of Civil Engineering at Duke University, class of 1937.

A veteran of World War II, he served as Captain in the Army Field Artillery in France, 1942-45. He was employed by the Budd Co. in Philadelphia, and upon retirement became Health Officer for Upper Dublin Township, Ft. Washington, PA.

He was a life member of the Jefferson Historical Society and served on the Veterans Memorial Committee in Jefferson, 2007. He was treasurer of Ft. Washington Fire Co. #1 for 25 years and long-time treasurer of Rushlight Club, and Deed under Trust of Joshua Morris. He was a member of the American Legion, S.A.R., Edw. Doty Society, and an honorary member of Ft. Washington Historical Society.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys Clarke Buck; son, Robert Eric Buck and wife Jan; daughter, Mary Elizabeth Buck; stepson, W. Barrett Geiger and wife Elizabeth; stepson, W. Clarke Geiger and wife Kathleen; grandchildren, Jennifer S. Buck, Barbara B. Phillips, John P. Giovinazzo, and Judith L. Giovinazzo; and step-grandchildren, Daniel C., Rebecca M., and James F. Geiger.

A memorial service was held at St. Giles' on Saturday, September 5 with Father Van Siclen officiating.

Contributions in his memory may be sent to St. Giles' for the Memorial Garden.

## Pine Hill Nursery School

We had our Open House and our first week of school. What a wonderful group of children we have this year. In spite of high numbers, we are having a blast. The children are happy, full of questions and eager to learn. Our first unit is called Blast Off To Preschool. The children have made rocket ships, astronauts and space scenes with stickers. Our songs match the projects and the kids are quickly learning the words and tunes. Even our snacks are out of this world. We have eaten a spaceship, the moon and stars. There are pictures hanging outside our classroom if you want to check out playground fun.

Our first field trip will be to Bailey's Orchard in Whitefield. I will share pictures of our trip next month.

—Dotti Meyer

# Lay Ministry for October 2009

**October 4 Eighteenth after Pentecost**

Readers: Ken Marden & Sidney Harvey  
 Chalice/Intercessor: Charlene Donahue  
 Oblationers: Tom & Wendy Eichler  
 Greeter: Joe Gray  
 Server: Betsy Lee  
 Nursery: Catherine Anderson  
 Coffee: Dotti Meyer & Carolyn Gray  
 Altar: Linda Pierpont

**October 11 Nineteenth after Pentecost**

Readers: Cynthia White & Trudi Hodgkins  
 Chalice: Jean Greenwood  
 Intercessor: Pam Van Siclen  
 Oblationers: Carolyn Gray & George Jones  
 Greeter: Gladys Buck  
 Server: Dotti Meyer  
 Nursery: Kevin/Christy Rousseau  
 Coffee: Lyndia Gould  
 and Nancy Saulniers  
 Altar: Cynthia White & Kay Dale

**October 18 Twentieth after Pentecost**

Readers: Catherine Anderson & Kay Liss  
 Chalice: George Jones  
 Intercessor: Kay Dale  
 Oblationers: Charlene Donahue  
 and Ken Marden  
 Greeter: Cynthia White  
 Server: Laura Lee  
 Nursery: Meegan Burbank  
 Coffee: Brigid Griffin & Betsy Lee  
 Altar: Linda Pierpont

**October 25 Twenty-First after Pentecost**

Readers: Tom Eichler & Wendy Eichler  
 Chalice: Pam Van Siclen  
 Intercessor: Meegan Burbank  
 Oblationers: Richard & Joanne Gross  
 Greeter: Kay Dale  
 Server: Jean Greenwood  
 Nursery: Laura Lee  
 Coffee: Cynthia White  
 and Trudi Hodgkins  
 Altar: Dotti Meyer

## Prayer List

We pray for those whose lives are closely touched by ours who are in any kind of need or trouble. We pray especially for:

- Mij & Bob Bradford
- Bill Comiski
- Vickie Emery
- Bob Ferrier
- Christine Guyerette
- Ann Hanyen
- Judy Marden
- Jean Miller
- Phyllis Miller
- Amy & Lennie Mullen
- Jane Pickering
- Ailine Saulniers
- Steven Sinclair
- Joe Steneck
- Cliff Williams

**November 1**

Readers: Trudi Hodgkins  
 and Raymond Anderson  
 Chalice/Intercessor: John Atwood  
 Oblationers: Nancy Saulniers  
 and Carolyn Gray  
 Greeter: Dotti Meyer  
 Server: Betsy Lee  
 Nursery: Cathi Laweryson  
 Coffee: Jill Huber & Linda Brown  
 Altar: Tom & Wendy Eichler

**Birthdays in October**

- 4th—Raymond Anderson
- 11th—Mij Bradford
- 13th—Roberta Giampetruzzi
- 14th—Bob Bradford
- 14th—Kim Lash
- 15th—Betsy Lee
- 20th—Jacob Rousseau

- 26th—Emily Gould
- 30th—Martha Tait
- 31st—Jean Greenwood

**Anniversaries in October**

20th—Jimmy & Linda Brown

**Family Days for October**

- 4th—Joan Dorman
- 11th—Ed & Diane Grant
- 18th—Richard & Jane Pickering
- 25th—Robert & Lee Burns

**Lessons For October**

**October 4 Eighteenth after Pentecost**

First Lesson Job 1:1;2:1-10  
 Psalm 26 or 8  
 Second Lesson Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5-12  
 Gospel Mark 10:2-16

**October 11 Nineteenth after Pentecost**

First Lesson Job 23:1-9,16-17  
 Psalm 22:1-15 or 90:12-17  
 Second Lesson Hebrews 4:12-16  
 Gospel Mark 10:17-31

**October 18 Twentieth after Pentecost**

First Lesson Job 38:1-7 or Isaiah 53:4-12  
 Psalm 104:1-9,25,37b  
 Second Lesson Hebrews 5:1-10  
 Gospel Mark 10:35-45

**October 25 Twenty-first after Pentecost**

First Lesson Job 42:1-6,10  
 Psalm 34:1-8 or 126  
 Second Lesson Hebrews 7:23-28  
 Gospel Mark 10:46-52

**November 1 All Saints Day**

Song of Solomon 3:1-9  
 Psalm 24  
 Second Lesson Revelation 21: 1-6A  
 Gospel John 11:32-44

November 13 is the first Ministry Team Night. Please mark your calendar! This three-times-a-year gathering is for all who have signed up for a Ministry Team and all those who haven't and would like to spend an exciting, hands-on evening with your parish family. The schedule is as follows:

- 6:45 pm: Dessert and Coffee in Jewett Hall
- 7:00 pm: Gathering in the Church
- 7:15 pm: Group meeting of the seven Ministry Teams

## Ministry Team Night

Mark your calendars and plan to bring the kids. Friday Nite Flicks for the kids...with popcorn! In mid-October an email will go out to all who have signed up for MT's with more information.

- 8:15 pm: Wrap-up and reports from the meetings in the church.
- 8:30 pm: Adjourn

— John Van Siclen

## October Calendar

**Sunday, October 4**  
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

**Thursday, October 8**  
 7:00 pm - Vestry Meeting

**Sunday, October 11**  
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

**Sunday, October 18**  
 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

**Sunday, October 25**  
 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.*

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

The Rev. Leonetta Burns, *Deacon*  
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*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

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## From the Priest in Charge

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Stewardship of Creation, passed on to us by our parishioner, the Rev. Molly Scherm. And, we may even have some nibbles at Coffee Hour for our pets.

Is all of this the church trying to be cute or trendy? Or, is it worth our attention as points to something beyond the human realm in which we live? The very best worship makes a point. The very best worship is rich in symbols that point beyond the ordinary to the holy. And the very best worship causes us to walk from the worship space to the coffee hour to the parking lot with more joy than when we came and with deeper questions to ponder about how God loves us in extravagant and boundless ways.

Sincerely and faithfully,  
 John

## From the Senior Warden

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ication plate inside its front cover for people to see and appreciate for years to come.

Incidentally, my informal research shows that the last time we did this was 1983. So, it appears that a Book of Common Prayer in a small parish like ours should last for at least 25 years!

— John Atwood