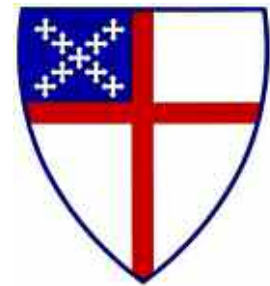




Pine Hill Press



Dear Parish Family,

Yesterday's picture of Senator Snowe touring Casco Bay with the Coast Guard was easily worth a thousand words. As each day brings harder news from the Gulf of Mexico, it is not lost on anyone that what happened along that coast could have happened with a tanker spill on these shores. Thank God our elected officials are thinking ahead!

This is on my mind because of two things close to home. It was announced in church last Sunday that Kevin Rousseau would be joining other members of the Maine Coast Guard in Louisiana for several weeks this summer. They will be joining hundreds of others helping in the clean-up of the Gulf coast. While we will join Kevin's family in missing him, we are proud to be able to send off one of our own to do this heroic work. You may remember that this February Pam and I sent a week in Apalachicola, Florida visiting Dick and Jane Pickering. Just before that we saw Diane and Ed Grant in Baton Rouge. The purpose of the trip was to pursue an idea that a group from the Pickering's Florida parish might visit us on a mission trip to Maine this summer and a similar group might head south to Florida sometime in the future. As events have unfolded, none of this now seems right. Those of us who have been talking about this feel that our efforts should be focused on the obvious mission field in the Gulf of Mexico, not up here. To that end, we are pursuing joining a mission team to Louisiana in October or early November.

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Come to the Fair!

This year we are taking a break from the chicken barbecue and offering more traditional Maine fare. Our meal will be a generous hand picked lobster roll, fresh Maine grown corn on the cob, chips, a dessert and drink at a very reasonable price. Now doesn't that make your mouth water? We

are looking forward to the fun and fellowship of "lobstah" picking Friday afternoon/evening before the fair. If you would like to join us please speak to Debbie King. There will be a few novice pickers from Florida joining us who may need an experienced mentor!

Another new feature of the 56th Annual Fair is entertainment. We will be enjoying the music of Pixie Lauer and

**The 56th Annual St. Giles'
Country Fair
Saturday, July 31, 2010
Country Fair 10:00 - 2:00
Auction 10:00
Lobster Roll Lunch 12:00 - 2:00
Raffle Drawing 1:00**

Dan Townsend following the Auction (around 12:00.) Both are accomplished folk singers and guitarists. Their performance will add a wonderful new flavor to the Fair atmosphere. Those of you who heard Pixie last year at a before the fair function will agree that we are fortunate to have her. Just one more thing that

makes our St. Giles' Fair unique.

The Fair Raffle will once again feature the grand prize of a beautiful, full size, handmade quilt created by our own Lu Archer. There will be many other great raffle items donated by area businesses and members of St. Giles which gives ticket holders numerous chances to be a "winner"!

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and may be purchased on Sundays after church, by sending a check to Betsy Lee, or on the day of the fair. See Betsy any Sunday to pick up tickets to sell to your friends and neighbors. Remember LOTS of great raffle prizes this year! Make sure to pass the word that you do not need to be present to win.

We will once again be having the St Giles Auction as well as the White Elephant Table(s), Books and The General Store. Donations should be placed in the Nursery School Room in their designated areas after mid June. Please do NOT put donations in the

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Glory Hole. Keep in mind that most used electronics do not sell and present a disposal problem for us.

If you have questions about any large items for the auction please contact Cathey Sell 549-3513, our auction chair, prior to delivery. Clean out your attic, shed, closets, or storage rooms so that we can benefit our beloved St. Giles with your "kindly used leftovers". It would be great if you would ask your friends and family to do the same. Most people are glad to donate items they no longer need or use to a worthy cause. Remember one person's trash is another person's treasure!

This year's Fair is co-chaired by Debbie King and Deb Lipton Morin. If you have any suggestions or questions please feel free to call either Debbie (549-7872) or Deb (226-3787) or attend the Fair Meeting in July. Or you can go to our NEW St. Giles Fair page on the St. Giles website: /www.stgilesj-efferson.org/countryfair.html

More information will follow in the July Pine Hill Press and on our new web page. Our Fair and Lobster Roll Luncheon are St. Giles' largest fund raiser, provide moneys for outreach and are part of our yearly budget; please participate. There are many opportunities for involvement before, during and after the Fair. The raffle tickets are now available in Jewett Hall-so sell, sell, sell!

— *Debbi King*

Safe Church training

Two Safe Church programs will be held in June: June 5th at St. Thomas' in Camden, and June 12th at St. Matthew's in Hallowell. Martha Hughes of the Maine Episcopal Diocese is encouraging members of all Maine congregations to sign up for these important training programs, perhaps including them in the Sunday bulletins.

In addition to training modules on Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Preventing Adult Sexual Exploitation, an Elder Abuse Prevention module has been incorporated into the program. For more information, visit

Win this Quilt!



This handsome quilt made by Lou Archer is one of raffle prizes at the Fair.

http://www.episcopalmaine.org/resources/safe_church_training.html .

Pine Hill Nursery School

Wow! what a fun celebration we had with parents, siblings, grandparents and friends on our last days of school. The children were amazing sharing their knowledge of dinosaurs, singing songs and reciting rhymes. The audience was obviously impressed and shared their enthusiasm with wonderful applause. The kids LOVED it!

Jen St.Cyr and I want to express our thanks to everyone who has helped in so many ways this past school year. We certainly had our challenges, but thanks to our wonderful parents and supportive parish family we were able to cope and succeed. So thank you all!

Looking ahead to next year we have 3-4 openings left depending on how many days are requested. Spread the word that if friends are interested they need to call now. And once again thanks for helping make this year so great.

— *Dotti Meyer*

ECW

The June meeting will take place at Schooner Cove in Damariscotta. We had a wonderful lunch with Carolyn Gray last summer and decided to 'do it again'. We will meet in the lobby shortly before noon on Wednesday, June 9th. Please note the date change. Cost of the lunch is \$10. Following lunch we will take care of any necessary business at Carolyn's apartment. We do need a head count for the kitchen so please let Carolyn know if you plan to attend.

— *Dotti Meyer*

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Altar Guild Tea Party

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon the St. Giles Altar Guild and clergy gathered in the library for an old fashioned tea party. May 16th saw the ladies decked out in their 'best bib and tucker' including some members in hats and one even with gloves. Father John wore his baseball cap which he left at the door. I brought my grandmother's bone china tea cups, china and silver for the special event and poured the tea for all. We had a delightful time balancing our teacups on our laps while we nibbled at sweets and visited. We discussed no politics, just spent time enjoying one another's company. It was wonderful to see how happy a tea party could make people feel.

—Charlene Donahue, Altar Guild Director



Above, Linda Pierpont, Jean Greenwood and Dotti Meyer. Below, it looks like Cynthia White can't bear to watch John Van Sicen ham it up!



Above, Cynthia White and Kay Dale. Below, Altar Guild Director Charlene Donahue, Sue Kraus and Jane Pickering.



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Raymond Anderson and Tom Eichler have been on this trip before in helping clean-up and rebuild following Hurricane Katrina. We hope that more can go this fall, including parishioners from Trinity, Apalachicola, Florida.

These developments are the seeds of Christian response. Since March the Vestry has been working on a new mission statement. It is: "St. Giles' Episcopal Church is a Christ-centered community with vibrant worship, reaching out with love and active support to each other and the wider community." In taking the time to carefully choose words that reflect the nature of our church, we are also saying that we will try to join our words

to our actions as we strive to live faithfully. In order to do this we have to listen carefully with the ears of faith and the heart of Jesus so that our actions are not hollow, but inspirational.

The new Mission Statement has come alive to me through our response in Maine to what is happening in the Gulf of Mexico. We ARE "reaching out with love and active support to each other and the wider community" through the coincidence of a variety of events that I have described above. This is what most of us care about. We don't see a church as an effort to maintain a building so that we will have a place to worship once a week. We see a church that is somehow, some way able to respond to others because we have discovered to love of Jesus Christ.

Gratefully, John

On the Road with the Atwoods

Whenever we travel, Maggie and I enjoy visiting other churches to enjoy their architecture, meet the people and, of course, worship. In April we followed this course when we spent a month in Cedar Key, Florida. Cedar Key is a small island on the West coast of Florida, near the mouth of the Suwannee River. It is lightly populated and fishing is the primary activity, sort of like Vinalhaven or Isle au Haut except it is accessible by causeways through the bayous.

On the island are three churches, Christ Episcopal



The church building is humble, cinder block construction with minimal trim on the outside. The inside, however, was beautiful with cedar wood and oak used for the pews and most furnishings. Most like St. Giles, though, was the wel-

Church being the smallest, at least in the size of its church building. It reminded me in many ways of St. Giles.

coming spirit. Maggie and I were quickly made a part of the parish family and invited to participate in parish activities. (I attended the men's weekly breakfast meeting each week). So, while we very much missed celebrating Easter week at St. Giles, we found a home away from home at this warm and inviting little church.



Incidentally, also like St. Giles, this little Florida church is growing. Even though it is small physically, it boasts an average weekly attendance of 51 and a choir of twelve. Curiously, the local Methodist minister sings in this choir and then dashes off afterwards to conduct services at the his church about 100 yards away!

In the end, though, we were very happy to come home to St. Giles and our friends here. There's no place like home!

—John Atwood

The Vestry met for its May meeting. As a follow-up to the discussion at the April meeting, the Christian Discovery Ministry Team joined the vestry to discuss reinvigorating our Sunday School and nursery programs with the goal that whatever services we provide for children on Sunday mornings will be reliable, predictable and interesting for the kids. The Ministry Team recommended dividing the kids into two groups. The first would consist of children under three years of age who would be in a nursery program separate from the older kids. The older children, over age three, would be in Sunday School which would be divided by age into an older and a younger group, although all would be in the same room. The Ministry Team recommended that we use the "Colorado Curriculum", known as "Living the Good News", which has age appropriate activities and learning for several age ranges and class sizes. This teaching program was used by our church years ago and was very popular. As you might expect, it has been updated and appears to be ideal for our needs.

Dotti Meyer, who has years of experience in teaching younger kids at Pine Hill Nursery School and St. Giles' Sunday School, has offered to lead a cadre of teachers in what the Ministry Team characterizes as a renewed determination to have a teacher led Sunday School Program

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each week of the school year which parents and children can rely on and enjoy. More details need to be worked on, including the scheduling of classes, teaching assignments, and the responsibility for the

Nursery program; the energy behind this effort, though, is genuine. Want to participate? Stay tuned. Dotti will have an update on this plan, probably in the July or August Pine Hill Press.

On the same topic, vestry member Debbie King offered to serve as liaison between the Christian Discovery Ministry Team and the vestry.

As part of the on-going work on St. Giles' strategic plan, the vestry has adopted the following as our parish's mission statement: "St. Giles is a Christ centered community with vibrant worship, reaching out with love and active support to each other and the wider community." Those who worked on this at our March 13 will recognize that this is the same mission statement we recommended then with the omission of the word "beautiful" before "vibrant". Further, at the June vestry meeting, we will discuss "outward issues" as part of our strategic plan, that is, we will work to identify the genuine needs in the community that we can or should address as part of our mission.

— John Atwood

Ministry for June 2010

Reminder: If you cannot fulfill your ministerial duties on the date specified, it is your responsibility to find a substitute.

June 6 Second after Pentecost

Celebrant: Rev. Susan Kraus
 Readers: Jean Miller & Kay Liss
 Chalice/Intercessor: Jean Greenwood
 Oblationers: Jane & Richard Pickering
 Greeter: Trudi Hodgkins
 Server: Dotti Meyer
 Nursery: Meegan Burbank
 Coffee: Liz Jones & Ken Marden
 Altar: Tom and Wendy Eichler

June 13 Third after Pentecost

Celebrant: Rev. John Van Siclén
 Readers: Meegan Burbank
 and Catherine Anderson
 Chalice: John Atwood
 Intercessor: Kay Dale
 Oblationers: Ken Marden
 and Trudi Hodgkins
 Greeter: Tom Eichler
 Server: Emily Huber
 Acolytes: Nick Huber
 and Roberta Anderson
 Nursery: Kevin/Christy Rousseau
 Coffee: Jill Huber & Charlene Donahue
 Altar: Jane Pickering

June 20 Fourth after Pentecost

Father's Day
 Celebrant: Rev. John Van Siclén
 Readers: Richard Pickering
 & Jane Pickering
 Chalice: Charlene Donahue
 Intercessor: Cynthia White
 Oblationers: Tom and Wendy Eichler
 Greeter: George Jones
 Server: Jean Greenwood
 Nursery: Laura Lee
 Coffee: ECW Father's Day Brunch
 Altar: Nancy Saulniers & Lamar Carroll

June 27 Fifth after Pentecost

Celebrant: Rev. Susan Kraus
 Readers: Camp St. Giles
 Chalice: George Jones
 Intercessor: Liz Jones
 Oblationers: Camp St. Giles
 Greeter: Camp St. Giles
 Server: Roberta Anderson
 Acolytes: Gilbert Burbank
 and Zachary Anderson
 Nursery: Cathi Laweryson
 Coffee: Betsy Lee and Cynthia White
 Altar: Jean Greenwood

July 4

Celebrant: Rev. John Van Siclén
 Readers: Ken Marden
 and Trudi Hodgkins
 Chalice:/Intercessor: Pam Van Siclén
 Oblationers: Jean Miller
 and George Jones
 Greeter: Cynthia White
 Server: Laura Lee
 Nursery: Catherine Anderson
 Coffee: Jean Miller & Brigid Griffin
 Altar: Dotti Meyer

Sixth after Pentecost Independence Day

Birthdays in June

1st—Mike Gunter
 4th —Roberta Anderson
 5th—Lindsay Laweryson
 8th—Louis Sell
 11th—Eric Gould
 12th—Sidney Harvey
 15th—Linda Pierpont
 18th—Emily Huber
 25th—Jimmy Brown
 28th—Robin Huntley
 29th—Debbie King

Anniversaries in June

3rd—Robert & Lee Burns
 7th—Tom & Wendy Eichler
 11th—Ken & Judy Marden
 12th—Richard & Joanne Gross
 14th—Bob & Nancy Saulniers
 19th Joe & Carolyn Gray
 23rd—John & Maggie Atwood
 26th—Jerre & Carolyn Colby

Family Days for June

6th—Malcolm & Mona Ridley
 13th—Louis & Catherine Sell
 20th—Rosa, Robert
 and Elizabeth Sinclair
 27th—Cynthia White

Lessons for June

June 6 Second after Pentecost

First Lesson 1 Kings 17:8-24
 Psalm 5: 1-8
 Second Lesson Galatians 1:11-24
 Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

June 13 Third after Pentecost

First Lesson 1 Kings 21:1-10, 15-21a
 Psalm 5:1-8
 Second Lesson Galatians 2:15-21
 Gospel Luke 7:36—8:3

June 20 Fourth after Pentecost

First Lesson 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a
 Psalm 42 and 43
 Second Lesson Galatians 3:23-39
 Gospel Luke 8:26-39

June 27 Fifth after Pentecost

First Lesson 1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21
 Psalm 16 or 77:1-2,11-20
 Second Lesson Galatians 5:1,13-25
 Gospel Luke 9:51-62

Prayer List

We hold in prayer:

Sick/convalescent	Alice Hayden
Valerie Chipman	MaryAnn Lounsbury
Jack Fles	Judy Marden
Rich Gribbin	Cullen McReynolds
Michael Gunter	Betty Ross
Andrea Pratt	Rena Wynn
Home-bound/ Chronic illness	In the Armed Services:
Mij & Bob Bradford	Mike Sprague
Bob Ferrier	

Holy Eucharist Rite II Sundays at 9:30 am · Child care available

Bible Study: Each Monday at 6:00 pm in the Library

Vestry meets monthly on the second Thursday at 7:00 pm

CAMP ST. GILES

Come join us for a weekend filled with learning, music, food, and new friends!

THEME:

“God is the Captain of Our Ship”

Learning to Trust God

WHERE:

St. Giles’ Episcopal Church, Jefferson, Maine

WHO:

All Children age 4 to 12

Teenagers and young adults will be junior counselors.

WHEN:

June 25th, 26th and 27th

(Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

Sleepover at the Church for ages 6+!!!

PRESENTATION DURING CHURCH SERVICE

on Sunday morning!

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