



# Pine Hill Press



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Dear Parish Family,

My sermon on June 20 was a refection on St. Paul's inspiring claim that for followers of Jesus Christ there are no distinctions. "All," everyone of every group, are one with Him, according to the Apostle to the Gentiles. At the end of the sermon, I gave the congregation an assignment. It had to do with the Country Fair on July 31st. Since this is the day of the year when we see more visitors than any other, I asked the congregation to ask their friends and neighbors whom they know from Jefferson and Whitefield to respond to a deep need within these two communities. Why did I do this? I did it because the Vestry has completed work on a new mission statement and we have begun to discern two goals that give us a focus for the next years of our life. The mission statement 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."

Our first goal is to strengthen our ministry to our youngest parishioners and age-group, everyone who is an infant to a middle-schooler. Our second goal is seen as one that is primarily beyond the walls of the church, but one that very well may bring the community into the church as we reach out and serve. And so THE question to be asked on July 31st is something like (use your own words!), what are the needs of the community at this time? I look forward to hearing your responses in August so that our St.

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## The Low-Down on the Fair

Saturday July 31, 2010 — 10 am - 2 pm

### Raffle

Betsy Lee - Chair. Raffle tickets can be picked up at the church along with flyers picturing this year's lovely Lu Archer quilt. 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 18th. We have other great prizes including one of Bob Sinclair's beautiful framed Maine photographs, gift certificates to Country Corners, Damariscotta Lake Farms Restaurant and Country Farms

Restaurant and a lovely piece from the Well Tempered Kitchen. 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 including beautiful dishes and glassware from The Well Tempered Kitchen, a 4 hour boat ride and picnic lunch along the Damariscotta



This 17-foot runabout will be auctioned off on Saturday July 31 at 10:00 am

River and many more surprise items that are ready for auction. ALSO among the items to be auctioned is a 17-foot aluminum runabout with 70-horse Yamaha motor and trailer! 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. Please have your items for the auction and white elephant table to the church by July 25, 2010, the Sunday before the fair.

## Coffee and Donuts

Dotti Meyer – Chair. Chase Farm home-made donuts and coffee available outside (we hope) for those setting up the fair and auction goers.

## 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! This year Carolyn is adding fresh strawberry shortcake to her menu of home made goodies!

## Entertainment

Something new! John and Pam Van Siclen and John Atwood - chairs. We are excited to welcome back noted performers Pixie Lauer and Dan Townsend who will provide live music following the Auction. Both are accomplished folk and bluegrass musicians and we are fortunate to have them at the St. Giles Fair. We will also have a clown/mime to delight our fair goers throughout the day. This will be a day that has something for everyone!

## 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 through Sunday July 25th. We will be doing all our sorting prior to Fair Day. Keep those “treasures” coming!

## Hot Dog Meal Deal

Bob Saulniers – Chair. Bob’s dogs with onions – yum. Cold drinks, chips and veggie dogs will also be available.

## Lobster Roll Luncheon

Fair Committee-Chair. NEW in 2010. Plan on attending just to try our fresh, generous, HAND PICKED “lobstah” roll accompanied by fresh corn from Beth’s Farmstand, individual bags of chips, your choice of bottled water or iced tea, and dessert!

## General Store

Susan Kraus and Jane Pickering – Co-Chairs. Lots of new and handmade items including Susan’s beautiful totes *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. The book sale

## You Can Help!

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. Dick Pickering and Ken Marden will direct our efforts.

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

will be in Jewett Hall so there will be plenty of shade for browsing.

## Children’s Table

Liz Jones – Chair. Carnival games, face and fingernail painting, activities for the younger set (and for those young at heart!)

## Heavenly Pies

Jean Miller – Chair. The famous ONE and ONLY- Homemade pies! Jean will be newly located, along with her pies, in Jewett Hall!

## The people behind (and in front of) the Fair

**Publicity:** Tom and Wendy Eichler – Co-Chairs. Tom and Wendy have done a great job notifying and writing articles for newspapers, TV and radio. They have also invited other nearby Episcopal churches to attend our event. Kay Liss has contributed her time and talent by doing a piece for the Lincoln County News and George Van DeVenter and Elizabeth Sinclair have used their artistic flair to design our “eye catching” 2010 fair posters. George Jones added a Country Fair page to the St. Giles’ web site. Go to [www.stgilesjefferson.org/countryfair.html](http://www.stgilesjefferson.org/countryfair.html). NEW this year is the posting of the St Giles’ Fair as an Event Page on Facebook and an e-mail “tree” to be started and sent to all parishioners a week or so before the fair! Please help by forwarding the e-mail to your friends and relatives.

**Fair Set Up:** Dick Pickering and Ken Marden – Chairs. MUCH HELP NEEDED— the Sunday before the Fair, Friday before the Fair, and Fair morning.

**Fair Cleanup:** Dick Pickering – Chair. MUCH HELP NEEDED—especially those who may not have manned a booth for the day. We need fresh legs to replace the weary ones.

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

The St. Giles vestry met on June 10 at the usual time.

Our Priest-in-Charge, John Van Siclen, shared his thoughts about reaching out to the community and opined that the Country Fair offers us an opportunity to reach out to engage fair-goers in discussions about the community's needs. Later, he discussed the issue of stewardship, noting that our deficit figure has doubled. He recommended that we form a stewardship committee for canvassing parish members. He offered several ideas for interim fund-raising and will discuss these in greater detail at our mid-year parish meeting in July.

The vestry voted to send a \$100 contribution to the Newcastle-Alna Baptist Church for its steeple fund.

The senior warden advised the group that Deb Lipton-Morin had resigned from the vestry due to personal reasons which news was received with regret by the assembled. A subcommittee of Trudi Hodgkins, George Jones and John Atwood were given the task of finding a replacement for Deb until the annual meeting to be held in January, 2011.

The senior warden also led a discussion on pastoral succession which will be continued at the July meeting.

The junior warden, Ken Marden, reminded the group that the church yard clean-up day would be June 23.

There was no presentation by the treasurer as she was absent, but Betsy arranged to have her report circulated.

The vestry was reminded of the Fellowship sponsored excursion to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens on Sunday, June 13. They were also advised that Raymond Anderson has tickets available for the parish trip to the Sea Dogs game on July 11.

## Vestry Notes

Trudi Hodgkins reported that she continues to work on arranging for shopping totes with our logo on them so that parishioners can use them to bring food for the Sunday offertory. She also reported that she and Raymond are working on an outreach project through ERD to send a goat to Haiti. The plan is to have the children of the parish involved.

John Van Siclen voiced support for another relief trip this Fall to assist survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

It was reported that plans for Camp St. Giles, June 25 - 27, are coming along nicely.

Debbi King advised that fair planning continues to proceed well, and expressed appreciation for George Jones and Dick Pickering filling in for Kevin Rousseau's assignments at the Fair. (Kevin is in New Orleans on Coast Guard deployment). She

also advised that the substitution of lobster rolls for barbecued chicken should work well financially.

The senior warden advised that design for the columbarium has been created and that the next step was to select the stone design. The committee to develop by-laws for the columbarium will consist of George Jones, Cathy Sell and Colby Dill with John Van Siclen as consultant. The committee will await further developments on the columbarium before meeting.

The July 8 vestry meeting will feature a pizza supper courtesy of Debbie King, a salad prepared by George Jones, and dessert by Trudi Hodgkins. Meeting time will be 6:00 p.m..

— John Atwood

## From the Priest in Charge *continued from page 1*

Giles' community can focus on Goal # Two in the months ahead.

The second thing on my mind this month has to do with George Jones. He holds a special place in our hearts. Our parish would not be the same without his clear, strong, loving presence and leadership. George is preaching on Sunday, July 18th to mark the occasion of his graduation from Education for Ministry (EFM). EFM is a demanding four-year course of theological education, primarily involving Scripture, church history and theology. It is some of the finest education for ministry in the church today and has a wonderful thirty year-plus track record throughout the country. George's mentor/teacher, Jim Bowditch, from St. Peter's in Rockland

will be here to give George his diploma and I thought the only way to mark this important event for George and for us was to ask him to help us to reflect on our Christian faith from the pulpit.

Both of these two pieces of are life together are connected, as St. Paul rightly understood. We truly are the sum of many parts that all seem to come together in worship and service, celebration and reflection. Praise be to God for so many tangible signs of the love of Jesus Christ in our midst.

Sincerely and faithfully,  
John

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# *Fathers' Day Brunch*



# *Camp St. Giles presents Jonah and the Whale*



# Ministry for July 2010

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

**July 4 Sixth after Pentecost**  
 Celebrant: Rev. John Van Siclen  
 Readers: Ken Marden & Trudi Hodgkins  
 Chalice:/Intercessor Pam Van Siclen  
 Oblationers: Jean Miller & George Jones  
 Greeter: Cynthia White  
 Server: Laura Lee  
 Nursery: Catherine Anderson  
 Coffee: Jean Miller & Bridgid Griffin  
 Altar: Dotti Meyer

**July 11 Seventh after Pentecost**  
 Celebrant: Rev. John Van Siclen  
 Readers: Tom Eichker & Wendy Eichler  
 Chalice: Dotti Meyer  
 Intercessor: Jean Greenwood  
 Oblationers: Charlene Donahue  
 and Ken Marden  
 Greeter: Jean Miller  
 Server: Emily Huber  
 Acolytes: Nick Huber  
 and Zachary Anderson  
 Nursery: Kevin/Christy Rousseau  
 Coffee: Linda Brown & Debbie King  
 Altar: Cynthia White

**July 18 Eighth after Pentecost**  
 Celebrant: Rev. Susan Kraus  
 Readers: Cynthia White  
 and Jane Pickering  
 Chalice: Richard Pickering  
 Intercessor: Kay Liss  
 Oblationers: Nancy Saulniers  
 and Jill Huber  
 Greeter: Wendy Eichler  
 Server: Annamarie Lee  
 Nursery: Meegan Burbank  
 Coffee: Dotti Meyer & Carolyn Gray  
 Altar: Linda Pierpont

**July 25 Ninth after Pentecost**  
 Celebrant: Susan Kraus  
 Readers: Raymond Anderson  
 and Liz Jones  
 Chalice: Jean Greenwood  
 Intercessor: Trudi Hodgkins  
 Oblationers: Richard & Jane Pickering  
 Greeter: George Jones  
 Server: Roberta Anderson  
 Acolytes: Gilbert Burbank  
 and Emily Huber  
 Nursery: Laura Lee  
 Coffee: Lyndia Gould  
 and Nancy Saulniers  
 Altar: Tom & Wendy Eichler

**August 1 Tenth after Pentecost**  
 Celebrant: Rev. Martha Harris  
 Readers: Catherine Anderson  
 and Jean Miller  
 Chalice:/Intercessor: John Atwood  
 Oblationers: Tom & Wendy Eichler  
 Greeter: Trudi Hodgkins  
 Server: Jean Greenwood  
 Nursery: Cathi Laweryson  
 Coffee: Jill Huber & Charlene Donahue  
 Altar: Jane Pickering

## Birthdays in July

5th—Malcolm Ridley  
 5th—Pam Van Siclen  
 14th—John Atwood  
 24th—Rosa Sinclair  
 3th—Frank Canarelli  
 31st—John Van Siclen

## Anniversaries in July

3rd—Bob & Dotti Meyer  
 5th—John & Pam Van Siclen

**Family Days for July**  
 4th—Birthday of our Country!!  
 11th—John & Pam Van Siclen  
 18th—Molly Scherm & Family  
 25th—Brigid Griffin

## Lessons for July

**July 4th Sixth after Pentecost**  
 First Lesson Isaiah 66:10-14  
 Psalm 66:1-8 or 30  
 Second Lesson Galatians 6:7-16  
 Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**July 11th Seventh after Pentecost**  
 First Lesson Deuteronomy 30:9-1  
 Psalm 25:1-9 or 82  
 Second Lesson Colossians 1:1-14  
 Gospel Luke 10:25-37

**July 18th Eighth after Pentecost**  
 First Lesson Amos 8:1-12  
 Psalm 15  
 Second Lesson Colossians 1:15-28  
 Gospel Luke 10:38-42

**July 25th Ninth after Pentecost**  
 First Lesson Genesis 18:20-32  
 Psalm 138  
 Second Lesson Colossians 2:6-15  
 Gospel Luke 11:1-13

**August 1 Tenth after Pentecost**  
 First Lesson Hosea 11:1-11  
 Psalm 107:1-9  
 Second Lesson Colossians 3:1-11  
 Gospel Luke 12:13-21

## 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	

## New Spiritual Growth Group

Are you looking for a place to deepen your relationship with God and grow in Christian discipleship? Would your spiritual life benefit from the sharing and support which comes from the company of others? Would you like a place to explore what it means to walk with Christ in the midst of everyday life? If so, you are invited to join a small group of men and women who have begun to meet once a month after church on Sunday mornings. Our first two meetings have helped lay the foundation for an on-going spiritual support group with shared leadership. Our next meeting will take place on July 18th from 11am-12pm in the library downstairs. If you would like to know more about the group or are interested in joining but cannot make the next meeting, please call Cathy Anderson at 549-5148.