

## “Blessing of Work” on Labor Day Sunday!

August 31 is the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. On that morning we will ask **God’s blessing on each person’s work** – paid or unpaid; children, youth, and adults. You are invited to bring a token or representative object of that work. If you are retired, feel free to bring something representing the work you retired from, or something new which you are now pursuing. The point is that as Christians, God calls each of us to be in the world and to live out the Good News wherever we find ourselves, and that each **person’s work is important, holy, and helps to build and sustain the communities** in which we live and function. There will be a special rite in the liturgy that morning to recognize our work and dedicate it to God.

*Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good....(from the Collect for Labor Day; BCP 210, 261)*

## Frontal Project Off to a Fine Start!

Work began June 22 on the new frontal, designed by Melly Schwartz and Belinda Chandler and created by YOU, the community of St. Giles! Our newest arts-in-liturgY project will complement the colors and patterns in our stained glass windows, and will feature a Tree of Life design. It all takes place in the rear of the nave at the conclusion of the liturgy, each and every Sunday. All ages welcome – no artistic experience necessary!



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### Our Summer Schedule

#### Sundays

Christian Formation — 9 AM

Holy Eucharist — 9:30 AM

#### 3rd Sundays of the Month

Healing & Anointing  
at the service

#### Thursdays

Evening Prayer — 4:30 PM  
(prayer room, ed. bldg.)



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Monday: By appointment  
Tues-Thurs: 9 AM - 2 PM  
Friday: Office closed

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## Rector's Reflection: The Learning Never Stops!

As some of you are aware, I took two continuing education classes in June, both offered by my alma mater Seabury-Western, now known as the Bexley-Seabury Federation.

The first course, **“Congregations in the 21st Century”**, is part of Seabury's Doctor of Ministry curriculum, also open to non-degree participants. Dwight Zscheile, the instructor, is an Episcopal priest and Assistant Professor of Congregational Mission and Leadership at Luther Seminary in St. Paul MN. (He also authored *People of the Way: Renewing Episcopal Identity*, which the vestry is currently studying.) The course examined the need for both a renewal of mission and a new understanding of what mission means in light of cultural upheaval, and how congregations and leaders might go about such renewal. The church must be a community of new creation; those who follow Jesus are renewed **through God's own creative, active Trinitarian presence in their midst.** The kind of cultural transformation that we are called to effect requires a renewal of a common theological imagination, one that allows us to be a relational presence **in the neighborhood outside our church doors, serving and witnessing to God's** love. It is all too easy to identify problems to be solved, but mere problem-solving is temporary and insufficient. The kind of individualistic freedom that characterizes much of our culture is antithetical to the gospel. We are not free *from* one another, we are free *for* one another. Our identity is not found in what we do or have or accomplish; it is found in our relationships with God and with each other. This extends beyond the church into the neighborhood.

The second course was the Kellogg Institute Leadership Course through **Seabury and taught by Kellogg's best and brightest.** We gathered at the Chicago campus of the Kellogg Institute at Northwestern University on East Superior Street. This was much more business-like: how do good business practices translate into a parish setting? How is leadership developed and nurtured? **How does a church find its niche? (In other words, can we “brand” our congregations?)** How do we solicit and develop funding for mission? A favorite instance for many of us was an interactive exercise in leading and following, using the Argentine tango as an example! Lots of questions there to reflect on! Thank you for the opportunity to have both the financial resources and the time off to **attend such classes. Over the years I've learned that while the results may not be immediately seen or named, they “percolate” and surface over time as** knowledge and experience build.

*A few other pieces of news:*

- With regret, I have accepted the resignation of Monique Howard from the vestry due to family responsibilities. Monique will continue working with youth formation and fundraising. Many thanks for your service, Monique!
- With the end of the regular celebration of Rite I at 8:00 a.m., some of you have asked if we will ever do Rite I again. Here is the plan: beginning with **the new liturgical year in Advent, we will take a “Journey through The Book of Common Prayer”.** Over the course of the year we'll proceed chronologically through Rite I, Rite II, and the newer rites in *Enriching Our Worship* (which are also considered Rite II prayers). **We'll do this with intention,** learning and observing what changes with each rite and more important, what has remained the same!
- I have accepted a very, very part time position with the Bexley Seabury Federation, serving as a Core Group Facilitator for some of the students in the Doctor of Ministry program. Though technically considered adjunct faculty, the work consists mainly of keeping online conversation going among the students, all of whom are active parish clergy from across the United States. I will also be auditing two courses per year with them, one in January and the other in June.

Peace and blessings in Christ,

-Cynthia+



## July & August Birthdays/Anniversaries

### July Birthdays:

- 3 Jan Hutchins-DeWitt
- 5 Bill Baker
- 16 Roy Tambourine
- 25 Doris Whitaker
- 26 Jim Brooks



### July Anniversaries:

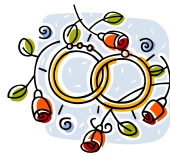
- 6 Bill & Barbara Perley (40th!!)
- 16 Martha McGuire & Roy Tambourine

### August Birthdays:

- 2 Nancy Maroulis
- 3 Alex Williams
- 9 Barbara Perley
- 10 Diana Abouchar McCluskey
- 13 Bob Robinson
- 16 Annie Westerberg
- 17 Meredith Brooks, Nick Solano
- 20 Chris DeWitt, Anne Lehman, Linda Williams
- 23 Steve Maroulis
- 25 Chuck Kolar

### August Anniversaries:

- 4 Solomon & Kay Okoli
- 21 Cliff & Linda Williams
- 27 Bonnie & Norman Frankel



## July/August Lectionary Readings

### July 20 (6 Pentecost)

Genesis 28:10-19a  
 Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23  
 Romans 8:12-25  
 Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

### July 27 (7 Pentecost)

Genesis 29:15-28  
 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b  
 Romans 8:26-39  
 Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

### August 3 (8 Pentecost)

Genesis 32:22-31  
 Psalm 17:1-7,16  
 Romans 9:1-5  
 Matthew 14:13-21

### August 10 (9 Pentecost)

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
 Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b  
 Romans 10:5-15  
 Matthew 14:22-33

### August 17 (10 Pentecost)

Genesis 45:1-15  
 Psalm 133  
 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
 Matthew 15:21-28

### August 24 (11 Pentecost)

Exodus 1:8-2:10  
 Psalm 124  
 Romans 12:1-8  
 Matthew 16:13-20

### August 31 (12 Pentecost)

Exodus 3:1-15  
 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c  
 Romans 12:9-21  
 Matthew 16:21-28

## Sr. Warden's Report:

### Summer Vacation Quiz

Fill in the blanks using the following words:

endeavor  
 fail  
 neglect  
 strive  
 try  
 work

I \_\_\_\_\_ to sing/play music well enough.

I \_\_\_\_\_ to help my church/community.

I \_\_\_\_\_ to be a good Christian/to do God's will, today.

**These are some of the false worries I have felt and also heard from others. As a recovering perfectionist, I've learned that well-intentioned but misguided untruths like these are unproductive. Are you also a perfectionist? Consider laying down that burden.**

Bonus Points: What does Matthew 6:27 say? Gotcha! Enjoy the summer.

*Yours in Christ, Meredith Brooks*

**Bonus Answer: "And can any of you, by worrying, add a single hour to your span of life?"**



## How Things Were-

My instinct was to mistrust the book that resides at 220.9/READ in our St. Bede's Library because of its publisher: the Reader's Digest Association, an organization rarely lauded for its scholarly output. To make matters worse, the book is readable and attractively illustrated. Okay, okay, I'm over-reacting. You wouldn't use it as a source for your PhD thesis and Cynthia wouldn't cite it in a sermon, but here's the problem: once you start looking at that book – Great People of the Bible and How They Lived – it's hard to put it down and you might find you're actually learning something.

The book was published in 1974 and has been through at least three editions since. No author is listed on the title page (another source of my suspicions), but there is a group of highly qualified professors and clergy – Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish – listed as consultants. They're from such places as the Harvard Divinity School, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Department of Judaic Studies at Brandeis University. The writing was done by staff members who knew how to reach a general audience (a skill lacked by most scholars) and the staff members' work was then reviewed (and, where necessary, corrected) by the experts.

One of the first things we learned about the Bible in Sunday School was that it describes a culture vastly (and confusingly) different from ours. (When, for example, is the last time you saw a mustard seed?) Explaining that culture is where this volume excels. For example, we all know that David downed Goliath by using a sling. But do you know what a Biblical sling was and how it worked? No, it wasn't Y-shaped and it didn't use a rubber band. It was a widely used military and hunting weapon, and Great People shows us how David's feat was possible.

The authors skate over the tricky stuff – the parting of the Red Sea, for example – by simply quoting from the Revised Standard Version rather than writing their own account. But they do provide useful background information. (The Red Sea, they tell us, probably wasn't the actual Red Sea but the Reed Sea, a swampy area between the Gulf of Suez and the Mediterranean Sea.) The book doesn't begin in the Beginning, but with Abraham, explaining that he “was the first of the great people who can be placed in a historical period.” For earlier figures – Adam and Eve, for example, or Noah – “the Bible gives us no clues as to when they lived, so no details can be provided of place, customs, or contemporary events.” This approach avoids offending those who take the entire Bible literally and, on the other side of the coin (a shekel, no doubt), those who do not. (But not entirely. One customer on the Amazon Web site complained that the Reed Sea story was a “false fact.”)

The section on the Old Testament is three times the size of that of the New – almost the same ratio found in the Bible itself. Although you won't find Adam, Eve, or Noah, you will find Moses, Joshua, Ruth, Saul, David, Solomon, Jeremiah, Esther, the Maccabees, and many more. The New Testament section covers, of course, Jesus, John the Baptist, the Twelve Apostles, and Paul as well as many other familiar figures. There is less cultural information in this section because less of it is needed – we're no longer in a totally unfamiliar world.

One of this book's strengths is its collection of illustrated sidebars – short articles accompanying the main text and providing supplementary information. These include such varied topics as the potter's wheel (driven by toe power), how water was raised from the Nile, the weaving of material for tents, and how to catch a quail with a blanket. There's also a wonderful illustration of a wealthy couple sipping a beverage through ridiculously long straws.

Don't think you can take just a quick look at this book.

–Doug Downey





# Vestry Work Session Scheduled for July 15:

Instead of a usual monthly business meeting, the vestry will once again gather at Covenant Village of Northbrook for a summer evening work session, or mini-retreat. Please keep the vestry in your prayers, not only for this particular session, but for its ongoing work.

FYI – The vestry meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. With rare exception, all vestry meetings are open for observation by members of the parish. If you would like to address the vestry about a particular topic, you must notify the rector no later than noon on the Thursday preceding the meeting.

## ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Congratulations, Graduates!



Congratulations to those connected with the parish who are graduating from middle school, high school or college, receiving advanced degrees, or completing other programs of study.

Ngozi Okoli graduated from St Norbert Middle School, and will attend Loyola Academy for high school.

Scott Bonebrake graduated from Highland Middle School, and will attend Libertyville High School.

**Scott is Ellie's grandson.**

Joel Hutchins graduated from DePaul University. Joel is Jan Hutchins-DeWitt's son.

Benjamin Robinson graduated from Florida University with a degree in Environmental Science.

**Benjamin is Bob's grandson.**

Mallory Robinson graduated from Southeast High School (Bradenton, FL), and will attend Missouri University in the Communications Dept.

**Mallory is Bob's granddaughter.**

Christine Schultz graduated with a Bachelor of Athletic Training *Magna Cum Laude* from Ball State University.

**Christine is Bob and Nancy's daughter.**

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**PENTECOST**  
Sunday, June 8:

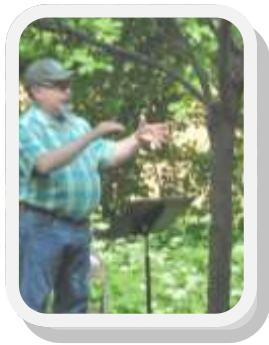




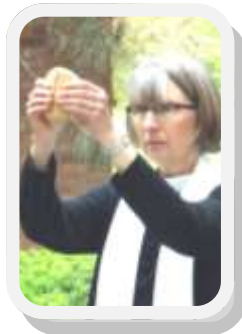
# ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH • AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>CAMPANELLA CHOIR USES THE CHURCH ON SUNDAYS FROM 5-6:00 PM</i>					<b>1</b> Office Closed  Bible Challenge 1:30 (Prayer Rm)	<b>2</b> Campanella Choir 9 AM - 1 PM  Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM – 12:15
<b>3</b> 8 Pentecost 9 AM: Formation 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist	<b>4</b> Office Hours by Appointment Coffee@ Starbucks, 1-2:30 PM	<b>5</b> Yoga, 9:00 AM  Campanella Choir, 5:15-7:15 PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Yoga, 9:00 AM  Evening Prayer, 4:30 (Prayer Room)  Campanella Choir, 5:30-7:00PM	<b>8</b> Office Closed  Bible Challenge 1:30 (Prayer Rm)	<b>9</b> Campanella Choir 9 AM - 1 PM  Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM – 12:15  Perley-Trausch Wedding 4 PM
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<b>17</b> 10 Pentecost Healing/ Anointing 9 AM: Formation 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist	<b>18</b> Office Hours by Appointment Coffee@ Starbucks, 1-2:30 PM	<b>19</b> Yoga, 9:00 AM Campanella Choir, 5:15-7:15 PM  Vestry meeting, 7:30 PM	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Cathedral Shelter pick-up Yoga, 9:00 AM Evening Prayer, 4:30 (Prayer Room) Campanella Choir, 5:30-7:00PM	<b>22</b> Office Closed  Bible Challenge 1:30 (Prayer Rm)	<b>23</b> Campanella Choir 9 AM - 1 PM  Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM – 12:15
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<b>31</b> 12 Pentecost 9 AM: Formation 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist	***SEE PAGE 8 FOR LATE JULY CALENDAR***					





### “Gather in the Garden”



All photos by John Hanzel



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