

St. Giles Day~ Sunday, September 9

Christian Formation:

Youth & Adults @ 9:00 a.m.

Preschoolers during 10:15 service (begins 9/16)

One Service Only @ 10:15 a.m.

Festive Picnic Follows • Sign up is in the narthex!

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Our Schedule

Sundays

Holy Eucharist — 8:00 AM

Christian Formation — 9 AM

Holy Eucharist — 10:15 AM

3rd Sundays of the Month

Healing & Anointing
at both services

Thursdays

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

The 98%: The Collects

Part of an ongoing series that explores the vast resources of the BCP not used regularly on Sunday mornings!

Every Sunday the presider prays a special prayer just before we begin the readings. Known as “collects” (COL-lects): they gather, or collect, the prayers of the faithful into one prayer just as the faithful are gathered, or collected, into a worshipping community. (Technically, the collects are part of the 2% that we use each Sunday, but since we seldom think of them all together, we’ll feature them here.) There is a different collect each Sunday of the liturgical year: all Sundays in the seasons of Advent, Lent, Christmastide and Eastertide, as well as “ordinary time” or the Sundays after Epiphany and Pentecost. Feast and fast days, such as All Saints Day, Epiphany, and Ash Wednesday, and feasts that honor saints all have their own collects, as do other occasions such as funerals, weddings, and ordinations. There are special collects for various occasions: ministry and mission, teachers, unity of the Church, social justice, education, rogation days, Labor Day, Independence Day. The list goes on. They are beautiful prayers.

So, who wrote all these prayers? Many were crafted by Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury (under Henry VIII and Edward VI), considered chief architect of the first and second *Books of Common Prayer*. Others are much older, coming from medieval Eucharistic rites; others are brand new.

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Rector's Reflection: Inspiring Vestry Dreams

The eighth chapter of the Book of Acts tells us what happens after the stoning of Stephen in Jerusalem, when a severe persecution begins and the believers are sent out by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the gospel. (Philip, for example, finds himself on the road toward Africa — where he encounters, teaches, and baptizes a eunuch from Ethiopia.) Based on what happens in this portion of scripture, an Acts 8 movement has begun in the Church. The recent General Convention of the Episcopal Church featured an “Acts 8 Moment;” participants were asked to complete the sentence “I dream of a church ...” You may watch that video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=yaFQ0ByAQY4.

Capitalizing on this momentum, I asked the Vestry to engage in a similar exercise during our summer work session held on July 17. We met to begin a discussion of how better to define our mission and vision, with the eventual goal of drafting statements that will convey these to the world outside our doors. In addition to the Acts 8 idea, we also used as a springboard the Baptismal Covenant and the *Five Marks of Mission* of the Anglican Communion. The Vestry members responded with enthusiasm, creativity, and a sense of adventure. Their **dreams** include “a church where the joy of liturgy is realized by all, the love of Christ is lived out, spirituality and the life of faith are on a seamless continuum with attention to and action on justice issues, where Christians become one in Christ and spread the gospel without fear, and where they will ‘know we are Christians by our love;’ a church that young people find more popular than video games, sports, and other contemporary attractions, one that is encompassing of and welcoming to everybody [someone said ‘We already have that!'], and is open, available, and trusting enough to keep its doors open physically 365/24/7.”

We next talked about **translating those dreams into reality** “through education, formation, knowing we are ‘sent;’ through openness (be *who* you are, come *as* you are), liturgical diversity, being invitational to the [wider] community and an expression of [Christian] community, and by opening the labyrinth and Community Garden to the larger community.” We also made a list of things to take away in order to pray and think about further. You will be hearing more about these in the coming months.

Finally, Jim Brooks inspired us all with this, his own statement of vision:

I Dream of a Church ...

- . Passionate in its convictions, unafraid to take risks and spread its message.
- . Purposeful in its good work, focused on inviting new members and cementing established relationships.
- . Powerful in its energy, tirelessly working for justice, peace, and dignity for all.
- . Positive in its message, proclaiming the apostles' fellowship and teachings.
- . Populist in its scope — welcoming everybody, everywhere, regardless of ethnicity, social status, age, gender, or sexual orientation.

Amen! When you see the members of your Vestry, please be sure to thank them for their dedication, faith, and hard work. And ask yourself: *What kind of church do I dream about?*

Cynthia+



September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 7 Tom Page
- 12 Ellie Bonebrake
- 14 Bonnie Frankel
- 18 Dan Jariabka
- 22 George Miller
Kay Okoli
- 23 Monique Howard
Deborah Page
- 25 Jim Brown
- 28 Carter Howard
- 29 Marlea Robb

Anniversaries:

- 5 Warren & Margaret Pearson
- 7 John & Dorothy Dygos
- 11 Jon & Cynthia Hallas
- 15 Bill & Beverly Baker
- 24 Jim & Meredith Brooks



September Lectionary Readings

September 2 - 14 Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-2

September 9 - 15 Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 16 - 16 Pentecost

Proverbs 1:20-33
Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 23 - 17 Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 30 - 12 Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Guest Preacher September 30

You may have heard of CROSSwalk (www.crosswalkchicago.org), a response by the Diocese of Chicago to the violence in some of Chicago's neighborhoods. The prayerful procession on April 2, 2012, was only the beginning, and the group continues to seek ways to help those who suffer most from the violence that is the result of much deeper societal issues and inequalities. CROSSwalk's chief organizer, Jacqueline "Jack" Clark of All Saints, Chicago, will be our guest preacher and presenter on the last Sunday in September and will help us all further understand the challenges faced by youth and their families in these situations, as well as how to approach possible solutions.

July Treasurer's Report

Total revenues for the month of July were \$13,066.46. Total expenses for the month were \$13,637.86 resulting in a deficit of \$571.40 for the month and a surplus of \$1,784.00 for the year. A complete financial report for the year through July 31, 2012, can be found on the far-left bulletin board in the narthex.

— Gloriann Harris
Treasurer



Who Was Saint Giles?

Considerably more has been written about Saint Giles than is known about Saint Giles. He was held in high veneration in Britain and France during the Middle Ages and, as might be expected, stories about him popped up and blossomed. In researching this article, I checked a number of sources and found a wide range of stories, some of them presented as absolute fact, while others were full of such phrases as “is said to” and “may have.” Giles, known in early writings by his Latin name of Aegidius, was born in Athens in the mid seventh century. He is reputed to have been the son of Athens’s ruler, Theodore, and his wife Pelagia, although it is generally believed that this story was an embellishment added by his admirers. His parents died when he was a young man and, stricken with grief, he gave all his possessions to the poor and left Greece for France. (That’s one version. In another, he had already become a saintly person and left Greece because his admirers were making it impossible for him to find the solitude he was seeking.) He settled in southern France and became a hermit, living, it was said, in a cave. He subsided on herbs and the milk of a hind (a female red deer; city boy that I am, I had to look that one up) that he had adopted as a companion.

One day when the hind was out of the cave she was encountered by a hunting party led by Wamba, king of either the Visigoths or the Franks (stories vary). She dashed for the cave, and an arrow aimed at her hit Giles instead — in either his leg, his arm, or his hand (again, stories vary). When the king saw this, he rushed to assist Giles. Giles refused help and was permanently disabled; he later became the patron saint of disabled persons. Wamba much admired this devout, brave man and established a monastery in his name: the Abbey of Saint-Gilles-du-Gard. Giles was ordained and made abbot. (Some sources consider it unlikely that a hermit would have agreed to become an abbot.)

A 10th century biography of Giles tells how he celebrated a mass to forgive Charlemagne for his sins. During the service an angel put a letter on the altar describing a sin so terrible that Charlemagne never confessed it — the Unspeakable Sin of Charlemagne. There is a problem though: Charlemagne didn’t manage to get born until about 30 years after Giles’s death. Giles is believed to have died on September 1 (which became his feast day) in about 710. In addition to being the patron saint of disabled persons, he is also the patron of beggars, hermits, lepers, outcasts, and the poor. And of a number of churches in Europe (especially in France and Britain) and at least two in the Chicago area: ours and St. Giles Catholic Parish in Oak Park. Among the notable St. Giles churches in Britain are:

St. Giles’ Cathedral of Edinburgh, where John Knox once preached, is considered the mother church of Presbyterianism. Although it hasn’t been an actual cathedral since the 17th century, that name is more widely used than its official one: the High Kirk of Edinburgh.

St. Giles Without Cripplegate, London, is where Oliver Cromwell was married and where John Milton is buried. John Bunyan (author of *The Pilgrim’s Progress*) and Daniel Defoe (*Robinson Crusoe*) were both parishioners. The church is without (outside of) what was once a low opening (a *crepel* in Anglo-Saxon) in the London Wall.

St. Giles in the Fields is in London near the British Museum. Its fields (now long gone) were the site in 1414 of a decisive defeat of the Lollards, followers of John Wycliffe who were attempting to overthrow the Catholic Church.

St. Giles Stoke Poges, in Buckinghamshire, is where the poet Thomas Gray composed *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard* (famous for the line “The paths of glory lead but to the grave”). Gray himself is buried here.

— Doug Downey, Resident Gilesologist

The 98% (cont. from page 1)

If you listen or read closely, you’ll notice that collects usually begin with a preamble, continue with a petition, and end with a conclusion or mediation. Take, for example, the collect for Proper 15B (prayed recently on August 19):

Preamble: Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life:

Petition: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life;

Mediation: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

This structure, known as the “collect formula,” is helpful to remember if you are ever called upon to offer a public, extemporaneous prayer! With the exception of those found in the lesser feasts and pastoral and episcopal offices, the collects with so-called “traditional” wording begin on p. 159 of the BCP; the contemporary versions begin on p. 211. We Episcopalians, it seems, have a prayer for everything. And that’s good, because nothing is outside of God’s scope.



ESLR Results Presented to Vestry

At its meeting on August 21, members of the Episcopal Spiritual Life Renewal Workshop (ESLR) Team made a presentation to the Vestry about the data compiled from the survey and the resulting recommendations for follow-up in the parish. Margaret Pearson (Workshop facilitator), Jan Hutchins-DeWitt, and Chris DeWitt discussed the findings and potential future actions. Approximately 69% of our average Sunday attendance took the survey last spring. While St. Giles's results in terms of spiritual development and maturity as presented in the survey were fairly low compared to the nearly 2,000 congregations who have already taken the survey, we are at roughly the same level as our Episcopal neighbors in the Diocese. A few highlights (with an "Episcopalian spin" versus the Willow Creek language):

- 23% described themselves as those for whom nothing is more important than their faith in Jesus Christ
- 11% report being "stalled" in their faith journey; there are various reasons for this, the majority of which are external in nature

According to the summary points developed by Chris DeWitt, St. Giles are below average (of all churches surveyed) in several basic Christian practices, and are concerned that the parish and its leadership provide ways to improve their practice and to challenge them to en-

gage more fully with Scripture and share the good news. Just over 40% are satisfied with the church's role, and that of its leadership, in their spiritual growth. Based on the overall survey results, the Workshop Team makes the following recommendations (comments in italics are editorial):

- **Improve and increase mentoring** (*which for us likely means having spiritual friends or partners rather than a true mentor relationship*)
- **Increase personal prayer**, providing examples and opportunities to practice it
- **Increase number of small groups** (*small group ministry has helped many a church to thrive and grow; we need to figure out how that would look for us*)
- **Increase Bible study** (*there are many ways to engage with scripture, and how do we create a passion for that?*)

The Workshop Team members, in addition to those named above, included Bill Baker, Meredith Brooks, Jim Brown, Eleanore Chambers, Colette Dim, Curt Jones, George Miller, Melly Schwartz, Gloria Simon, Nancy Stoddard, and the Rector. They put much time and effort into both interpreting the results and recommending follow-up, and deserve the gratitude of the parish. Beginning on September 9, the summary, recommendations, and survey results will be available in the narthex.

Junior Warden's Report

As most of you know, the labyrinth project has been the focus of much of my attention this summer! I am happy to report that we have made good progress and are hoping to have the labyrinth installed very soon. The committee has investigated different designs, and we appreciate all of you who have walked one or both of the two designs we have drawn. The first was spray-painted in the southwest corner of the property; the second was constructed with orange extension cords (!) on the site of the old playground, just adjacent to the south end of the education building. Feel free to walk the second design; it's currently still in place. This site best fits the basic design we have chosen, and we think it will be more conducive to a meditative experience. Eventually, plantings will give more privacy to the space.

We have made a final decision on the contractor for the



installation, and the work is expected to begin soon after Labor Day, with dedication expected later this fall. Feel free to contact me or any other committee member (Ellie Bonebrake, Jim Brooks, Meredith Brooks, Belinda Chandler, Colette Dim, Cynthia Hallas, Adrienne Miller, Tracey Solano) with questions or comments.

We are excited to bring the labyrinth project to fruition and believe it will provide a way to deepen our spiritual life and give us new insights.

I am constantly aware of how caring the St. Giles community is, and I am daily grateful for our parish. I have two requests. As we move into autumn, let us stay mindful of those baskets in the narthex waiting for our food pantry contributions and our gifts of warmth. And let us keep our senior warden, George Miller, in our prayers as he moves through his surgery and recovery during the coming weeks.

— Linda Williams



Parish Devoted: Jesus above & Christ within the Ordinary

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”

The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, Chapter 12, Verse 27 (NRSV)

Our clergy offered a special service on Monday evening, August 6, to mark the Transfiguration of Jesus. We heard readings from Exodus and from 1st Peter and Luke 9. Cynthia reflected on the story and asked us to share our own thoughts, which we did before celebrating the Eucharist. As we moved around the altar, with Deacon Lee unfolding the corporal linen, I glanced up at the crucifix. Lit as it was in the otherwise darkened space of the nave, I found myself fixed upon the face of Jesus, and his peaceful countenance amazed me. I did not, as I admit I still do when seated in the pews, see a painful death portrayed against a stark, brick wall. Instead, I felt warmth and love radiating down from this Jesus, who seemed to hover just above our heads and within reach. This was not Jesus “dazzling white” on a mountaintop with Moses, Elijah, Peter, James, and John. I claim no vision! I attempt only to share the lovely *feeling* of His presence I experienced there with us, casually assembled as we were, inside the chancel rail, standing beneath that cross, familiar and unfamiliar.

We passed the bread and the cup to one another — Cynthia, Meredith, Gloria, Tracey, George, John, Lee. The “body of Christ” there in Jesus, the Eucharist, and the congregation. Paul’s words were brought to life in a way that was extraordinary to me. I have studied other sources to understand this before. In Harvey Cox’s 2009 book, *The Future of Faith*, for instance, I found this: “The stories of the Resurrection, as hard as they are for modern ears to comprehend, mean that the life Jesus lived and the project he pursued (the Kingdom of God) did not perish at the crucifixion, but continued in the lives of those who carried on what he had begun. This is what the theological language about Christians as the ‘Body of Christ’ or the ‘extension of the Incarnation’ attempt — with only limited success — to articulate.” Cox continued helpfully for me: “The ‘Christ Spirit’ is not restricted to the Christian community alone, but is present, albeit often unrecognized, throughout the entire created order.”

I do find it extremely hard to put thoughts about God, let alone my mere feelings, into words. We have the beautiful language of theologians and of saints to form us and to use in prayer, but sometimes it is best to be brave, or at least bold, and offer our ordinary selves “as is” at worship and at work in the world.

Thanks,
Tracey Solano (trsolano@comcast.net)

Rector to Attend CREDO Conference

The (Episcopal) Church Pension Fund (CPF) sponsors an eight-day retreat known as Clergy Renewal Education Discernment Opportunity, or CREDO. *Credo* is Latin for “I believe;” before the Church reclaimed the original version of the Nicene Creed as a corporate statement of faith, its Latin translation began this way. But more than simply belief, *credo* actually means “I give my heart to.” Once or twice throughout an eligible cleric’s ministry, he or she is given the opportunity to join colleagues at a retreat center somewhere in the U.S. for eight days of financial, health, spiritual, and vocational counseling by trained expert staff. All costs of the conference, including transportation to and from, are born by the CPF, with the exception of a \$500 deposit paid from the cleric’s continuing education funds. There is no additional cost to the parish.

I will attend a CREDO 2 Conference in Prescott, Arizona, from September 17 through 24. CREDO 2 is designed for those who have already attended one such event (for me, that was October 2005). During my absence, Belinda Chandler will provide liturgical coverage on Sunday, September 23, and Lee Gaede will be available for pastoral concerns. I am grateful to have such capable colleagues who are also well known to the parish to cover while I am away. I am also grateful to the Church Pension Fund for its generosity (and incredibly capable stewardship of the money entrusted to it) that allows so many of us to enjoy this opportunity!

Cynthia+



ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH • SEPTEMBER

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p><i>Campanella Choir uses the church Sundays, 2:30 - 8:00 PM</i></p> | | | | | | <p>1 CC 9 AM - 4 PM OA 11 AM - 12:15</p> |
| <p>2 14 Pentecost 8 AM: Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Formation 10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist</p> | <p>3 Labor Day Office Closed</p> | <p>4 Campanella Choir, 5 - 8 PM</p> | <p>5 Extraordinary Kids, 9:15-11:15 AM Campanella, 6 - 8:30 PM HRN Directors Meeting, 6:30 PM</p> | <p>6 Extraordinary Kids, 12:45-2:45 PM Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Room)</p> | <p>7 Office Closed Bible Study 9:30 AM</p> | <p>8 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM - 12:15 PM</p> |
| <p>9 ST. GILES DAY 15 Pentecost 9 AM: Formation 10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist Potluck Picnic</p> | <p>10 Office Hours by Appointment Coffee @ Caribou, 1-2:30 PM Yoga Class, 6:30</p> | <p>11 Campanella Choir, 5 - 8 PM</p> | <p>12 Extraordinary Kids, 9:15-11:15 AM Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:30 PM</p> | <p>13 Extraordinary Kids, 12:45-2:45 PM Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Room)</p> | <p>14 Office Closed Bible Study 9:30 AM</p> | <p>15 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM - 12:15 PM</p> |
| <p>16 16 Pentecost Healing/Anointing 8 AM: Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Formation 10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist</p> | <p>17 Office Hours by Appointment October Bells Submissions Due Coffee @ Caribou, 1-2:30 PM Yoga Class, 6:30</p> | <p>18 Campanella Choir, 5 - 8 PM Vestry Meeting, 7:30 PM</p> | <p>19 Extraordinary Kids, 9:15-11:15 AM Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:30 PM</p> | <p>20 Cathedral Shelter Pick-Up EKids, 12:45-2:45 PM Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Room)</p> | <p>21 Office Closed Bible Study 9:30 AM</p> | <p>22 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM - 12:15 PM Stitches & Sack Lunches 12:30 - 3 PM</p> |
| <p>23 17 Pentecost 8 AM: Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Formation 10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist Campanella Recital 6 PM</p> | <p>24 Office Hours by Appointment Coffee @ Caribou, 1-2:30 PM Yoga Class, 6:30</p> | <p>25 Campanella Choir, 5 - 8 PM</p> | <p>26 Extraordinary Kids, 9:15-11:15 AM Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:30 PM</p> | <p>27 Extraordinary Kids, 12:45-2:45 PM Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Room)</p> | <p>28 Office Closed Bible Study 9:30 AM</p> | <p>29 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM - 12:15 PM</p> |
| <p>30 18 Pentecost 8 AM: Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Formation 10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist AGO Guild Service, 5 PM</p> | <p>ST. GILES ANNUAL HARVEST FEST</p> <p>JOIN US!</p> <p>Saturday • October 13 • 6-10 p.m.</p> <p>More information to follow</p> | | | | | |



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Time-Sensitive Material



Music Notes

NEW CHOIR SEASON BEGINS SEPTEMBER 6



The choir reconvenes after the summer break on Thursday night, September 6, at 7:30, to prepare for St. Giles Day on September 9. New choir members are encouraged to join — especially men. Please see me if you are interested. The choir is a wonderful and important ministry at St. Giles!

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS, SEPTEMBER 30

The North Shore chapter of the American Guild of Organists will hold a Guild Service at St. Giles, Sunday, September 30, at 5:00 p.m. Cynthia Hallas will preside and preach, new board members will be installed, and several organists from the north shore (including me)

Recent percussion music at St. Giles

will play the organ. Wonderful hymns will be sung by all! You are encouraged and welcome to attend. A potluck will be held afterward in the undercroft, and you are welcome to stay for that as well. I am organizing this. Please see me for more information.

— Jim Brown

What We Do

Every so often, we need to create a list of what we do as a parish and who does it so that people know whom to contact if they need something or if they want to volunteer. We have such a list, and it's available in the narthex. Feel free to pick up a copy! Ministries include, but are not limited to: Christian formation, liturgy & worship, hospitality, outreach, pastoral care, and administration & maintenance. Thank you to all who give of your time and talent in these areas. If you would like to start something new, please contact Cynthia or me.

Yours in Christ,
George Miller