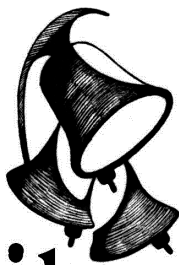


The Bells of St. Giles



*We feed people — body,
mind, and spirit.
Come as you are.*

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Sunday Forums 2021 – 2022

St. Giles Episcopal Church

9:00 – 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall

October 31, November 7 & 21

Celtic Spirituality and its connection to the creation and rhythms of life

November 28, December 5 & 19

Immigration and the Christian call to welcome the stranger.

February 6 & 20

Healthcare Reform: Is healthcare a right? Is it a sin that some don't have it?

February 27, March 6, & 20

Homelessness: What does God expect of us?

March 27, April 3, & 24

Racism in the U.S.

May 1, 15, & 22

Women in the Bible



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Our Schedule

Sundays

Forum 9-9:45 AM
(in the Undercroft),
except second Sundays

Choral Eucharist
at 10:15 AM

Wednesdays

Healing Eucharist in
the church; 10:30 AM

Saturdays

Bible Study on Zoom;
9:00 AM

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General Office Hours

Monday: Office closed
Tues & Thurs: 9 AM - 3 PM
Wed: 9 AM - 2 PM
Friday: Office closed

Rector's Office Hours

Tues — Friday: 10 AM - 4 PM

Diocese of Chicago

The Rev. Paula Clark,
Bishop-elect
The Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen,
Assisting Bishop

Vestry

James Brooks, Sr. Warden
John Hanzel, Jr. Warden
Ellie Bonebrake
Glenn Hunt
William Perley
Mike Piskel

Tracey Solano, Clerk
Gloriann Harris, Treasurer
Tom Page, Chancellor

Team Leaders

Building & Grounds (Facilities) -
Bob Schultz
Communications - John Hanzel
Fundraising - Huw Williams
Green - James Brooks
Hospitality - Jan Hutchins-DeWitt
Pastoral Care - Leslie Ruttenberg
And Kris Hunt
Social Justice - Jocelyn Turner

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The Rev. Court Williams
Rector
The Rev. Charles Hensel
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From the Rector: Living Lives of Trust and Hope

We, as a parish, are in the midst of something new. We are working together to discern God's will for this parish and what that means for our future. We have banded together in one commitment to pray and to discuss and to discern where God is calling us. We have committed to telling the stories of this parish, to remember its history, from its families to its worship to its work and outreach. We have committed to sharing what this parish means to each one of us, and to our families, and to the community. And we have committed to asking God to direct us in what lies ahead for this parish.

To do all of this work, we must have trust, trust in God, trust in the parish leadership, and trust in each other. One of my favorite quotes, whenever I am facing into an unknown future is this:

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."
Author Corrie Ten Boom (1892 – 1983)

Discerning the future of our parish can be a daunting and scary thing. We have memories of this place that bring us joy. We have created friendships here that have lasted for decades. We have raised families here. We love this place and want it to continue forever just as we have always experienced it. But as we all know, the only permanent thing in life is change. Life moves forward, in us, in our families, in our community and world, and what was today is not the same tomorrow. This is true for our church as well. The St. Giles that was founded in 1956 is not the St. Giles of 1976, which is not the St. Giles of 2016, nor the St. Giles of 2021.

That inevitable change may scare us, but we can live, and thrive, through that change if we remember this:

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,
plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.
Jeremiah 29:11 (NRSV)

God has a plan for us here at St. Giles. God has a future for St. Giles, we just have to discern what that future is and enter into God's plan for us. We can trust that whatever future God has planned for us, it will be a good plan and that God will be present with us in whatever that planned future is. We need not fear an unknown future, because God, who loves all of his blessed children, will be with us in that future.

I encourage each of us to pray daily during this discernment process. Pray for the unveiling of God's divine plan for us. Pray for your parish leadership, that they may have strength and wisdom during this process. Pray for each other, that we might sit together in loving interaction and discussion, caring for each other as we step together into God's mission here at St. Giles.

We, as Christians, are called to live lives of trust, trust in God and God's plan. We are also called to live lives of hope. We have a tomorrow because of God and we can enter that tomorrow with trust and hope because of God. And we can make that step because God has given us one another to make that step together.

I look forward to being with you in this process, and in whatever God has in store for us in the future. No matter what future we discern God has called us to, St. Giles will always be the place with transformative worship, wonderful music, outreach which makes a difference, and caring fellowship. Many blessings on you all!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Court.



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

4	Ted Chabraja
18	Bob Schultz
20	Christine Schultz
23	Joe Williams
30	Pat Miller



Stewardship In-gathering is Sunday, November 14!

From Tracey Solano: Stewardship in all its forms will be on our minds during November. I am reminded of this recent entry from the Forward Day by Day devotional published by Forward Movement. The writer is Jerusalem Greer, staff officer for evangelism for the Episcopal Church. She is a gardener, too, always planting seeds.

I am not sure that anything can teach you more about the importance of being attentive to the present than a garden. Take tomatoes. If you pick them too soon, they are hard and mealy. If you wait too long, then they rot, completely useless to anyone but the compost pile and the chickens.

We never managed to grow just the right amount of tomatoes. In the spring, we get greedy and plant too many. I look at twenty small pots and think, "Is that enough?" But come July, it is more than enough. And come late September, when we have eaten, canned, and given away more tomatoes than we can count, it is too much. Our tomato treasures begin to rot. By then, we are busy with school, raking up leaves and chestnut burrs, and dealing with our pumpkin patch. We have moved into a new season that demands a new task, and there is no time to can even one more pint of sauce.

I wonder: what other "treasures" have I been greedy about that just lead to rot? My list of worries? My grudges? My stubbornness? My image? What coffers need to be emptied so that a new season can flourish?

Matthew 6:19a: Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth.

November Lectionary Readings

November 7—All Saints' Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 14—25 Pentecost

1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 21—Last Pentecost

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-13 (14-19)
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November 28—1 Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36
Psalm 25:1-9

All Saints' Sunday - November 7

Our customary liturgy for the Sunday after All Saints includes lighting of votives from the Paschal candle in memory of departed loved ones, a litany for All Saints, and the reading of the necrology (names of those who have died)*.

Incense will be used, and the beloved hymn "For all the Saints" will be sung.

Parishioners are encouraged to bring pictures to the service of loved ones who have passed away.

* Please send names of the departed to Cathy (admin@saint-giles.org) by November 3 for inclusion in the bulletin.



St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in Deerfield will start an EFM Group and Invites Parishioners from St. Giles to join in!

Want to grow faith and live faithfully? Do you have questions about your faith? Education for Ministry (EFM) was developed by the School of Theology in Sewanee, Tennessee, to work through those questions. This four-year course of study (to which you commit only one year at a time!) provides the framework for the group to connect faith to their daily lives through reading and discussion. Meeting once a week in small groups with people from your community, led by mentors trained to facilitate the experience, you will begin to think theologically, reflect faithfully, and speak civilly when confronted by beliefs and principles in opposition to your own. And that's something we can all appreciate in today's world. You will learn how to articulate your faith. You will learn how to shape your faith into action, and you will make a difference. New participants are invited to join our group beginning in January (almost always over Zoom). Interested? Contact Jon and Susie Dutcher (sbritta1@yahoo.com) by early December.

'Be Thankful'

Be thankful you don't already have everything you desire.
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?
Be thankful when you don't know something;
for it gives you the opportunity to learn.
Be thankful for the difficult times;
during those times you grow.
Be thankful for your limitations.
They give you opportunities for improvement.
Be thankful for each new challenge.
It will build your strength and your character.
Be thankful for your mistakes.
They will teach you valuable lessons.
Be thankful when you're tired and weary.
It means you've made a difference.
While it's easy to be thankful for the good things,
a life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also
thankful for the setbacks.
Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.
Find ways to be thankful for your troubles and
they will become your blessings.
(While the author of this poem is unknown, we do know
that Betty Jean Weidaw was our source for it. Thank you, BJ!)

—Submitted by Donna McCluskey

Building a new Vestry

Please reflect and talk about how you can join the Vestry to lead OUR parish through OUR discernment of God's will, along with knowing up front and in-person about how everything else gets accomplished.

Our Next Vestry Meeting:

Tuesday, November 16, 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room. Come see how it's done. ALL are welcome!



October Vestry Meeting Recap:

The meeting was opened by a prayer from Glenn. We had in-depth discussions about our Stewardship campaign, and especially regarding our discernment plans. Those were discussed at our Parish Meeting on October 24, small groups are under way and various forms and letters are being distributed, so I won't delve deeper. If you have more questions or concerns, please talk directly with a Vestry member.

We did discuss our holiday schedule, and as voted on at the parish meeting it looks like the "late" Christmas Eve service will be a bit earlier, with the music starting at 8:30 pm.

On the "operational" front, we discussed the possibility of several promotional flags. Chris DeWitt is taking the lead on wiring the church building for better internet access. A new copier / printer / scanner is being reviewed to replace the current antique model. The ceiling in the undercroft kitchen will be cleaned soon, so the rest of the basement can be cleaned and reassembled.

2021 is drawing to a close, so it is time to look forward to adding new members to the vestry. Several of us have been members for more than the length as approved in our bylaws, and now that it is getting much safer to meeting in person please think about joining the vestry to help guide the congregation through the process of discerning God's will for our future. More details will be coming, but it is NEVER too soon to ask questions and contemplate your role. As always, our minutes and financials are regularly posted on the bulletin board in the narthex, and all [are welcome to join our next vestry meeting on November 16 at 7:00 p.m.](#)

Respectfully submitted, John Hanzel

Sr. Warden's Report:

Greetings All Saint Gileans,

Our parish impresses me with its collective energy and commitment to helping others in need. Our Community Garden of Feedin' gardeners donated about 400 lbs. of fresh produce to the Northfield Food Pantry so far this year. Hunger Resource Network continues to distribute food to food pantries and soup kitchens in the Chicago area. CROP Walk (October 17) featured St. Gileans walking to raise money for hungry people in the big, wide world. The St. Giles food rescue team continued its mission of collecting food and donating it to food pantries and soup kitchens in the area.

IMPORTANT NEWS: Our Discernment process has begun, and it is critical that ALL PARISHIONERS participate. All of our voices must be heard during this important process, and if you cannot attend our meetings, please, please, please share your thoughts, ideas, concerns via email or telephone. We want all of our members to feel they are participating and being heard when we discuss St. Giles' future.

I hope other Saint Gileans have noticed how much easier it is to see oncoming traffic when trying to turn left (west) out of our driveway. Many, many thanks to our tree trimming crew, Meredith & Alex Brooks, for their hard work cutting and pruning the trees there. It sure makes for safer driving, which is a comfort during this "COVID-recovery" period.

Harvest festival returned...in a subdued fashion. Gardeners gathered outside near our meditation labyrinth for snacks and music. It was BYOB, and people swapped tales of their growing season, coyote sightings, and more. We missed our potluck feast, live country music, and square dancing, but maybe in 2022 we'll have our traditional festival once again.

Another annual event coming at the end of this month is the [Diocesan Convention](#). This year St. Giles will be represented by these three voting delegates: Meredith Brooks, Chris DeWitt and John Hanzel. If you have any questions or concerns you would like our delegates to bring to the convention, you still have time to talk with them.

As we approach the winter equinox, we need new Vestry members! We currently have six Vestry members (including two wardens), and in January 2022, John and I will be retiring from our warden positions. This will create four Vestry vacancies in January. We hope four parishioners with energy and vision will commit to joining our Vestry to help lead our parish into its future.

A fresh look: Take a few minutes and walk over to our rectory. You may be pleasantly surprised by how different the yard looks. A large tree was recently removed and a fresh carpeting of sod was laid out, and now it looks very inviting and new. Even our sacristy has a new look: Windows and blinds have been installed, and now our Altar Guild team can regulate how much sun gets into this small area. Our kitchen and undercroft will soon be ready for use, and I, for one, am looking forward to resuming our Second Sunday Breakfasts.

Let's all have a wonderful, safe November and Thanksgiving! **Please remember St. Giles in your will and charitable giving plan. Thank you.**

Respectfully Submitted, James Brooks, Senior Warden

P.S. Does anybody else see that elephant in the room?



We had a beautiful sunny afternoon on October 17 for the **Glenbrook CROP Hunger Walk**, with our St. Giles Episcopal Church Northbrook team raising over \$1,000. After the "virtual only" event in 2020, it was fun to see old friends gathered again for this good cause that we've long supported. Twelve walkers representing St. Giles turned out for the three-mile trek along busy Willow Rd., hosted this time by Northfield Community Church. George Miller will report the final fundraising total soon.



**2021
Garden
Work Day**



**and
Harvest Festival**



(Photos by John Hanzel)



ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH • November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Tree of Life Community Church <i>uses the church 12:15-1:15 p.m. on Sundays.</i>	1 Office Closed	2	3 Healing Eucharist 10:30 AM	4 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 Office Closed	6 9 AM Zoom Bible Study Campanella 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM—12:15 PM
7 All Saints' Day Forum 9-9:45AM Choral Eucharist With Necrology —10:15 AM	8 Office Closed	9 <i>Men's Night Out, 7:00 PM at Grandpa's in Glenview</i>	10 Healing Eucharist 10:30 AM	11 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	12 Office Closed	13 9 AM Zoom Bible Study Campanella 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM—12:15 PM
14 21 Pentecost Choral Eucharist — 10:15 AM and <i>Pledge Ingathering</i>	15 Office Closed <i>December Bells submissions due</i>	16 <i>7 PM-Vestry Mtg. Multi-purpose Rm.</i>	17 Healing Eucharist 10:30 AM	18 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	19 Office Closed	20 9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study Campanella 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM—12:15 PM
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28 I Advent Forum 9-9:45AM Choral Eucharist — 10:15 AM	29 Office Closed	30				

Time Change!

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 7.

Please set your clocks back one hour before retiring on Saturday night!



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Look for us on Facebook!

Time-Sensitive Material



Pet Blessing

***John Hanzel got this great shot
of a bee in the garden!***

