

The Bells of St. Giles

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

St. Giles
Episcopal Church
Northbrook, Illinois

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"Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun ..."

A cool, rainy spring season had seeds screaming for some nourishing, dry heat. Mr. Sun, captured in the photo here, agreed to make an appearance at our Summer Solstice Evening Out on June 21. It wasn't break-out-the-tank-top weather, as guests donned windbreakers and sweatshirts, but a good time was had by all, nonetheless. Music included "oldies" such as *That Lucky Old Sun (Just Rolls Around Heaven All Day)* by Frankie Laine and more recent songs such as *Shine* by Mondo Cozmo.



A sweet assortment of gardeners, labyrinth walkers, and pickleball players shared food and surprisingly sporty fellowship throughout the fun evening. Mr. Sun generously came through with beautiful "pink skies at night" just in time for the group labyrinth walk at 8:30 p.m.

Thanks to everyone who showed up with festive food, drinks, and significant others to celebrate, in community, the start of the summer season. If you want to play pickleball again (or try it for the first time), please let me know. It is easy for me to set up the net, and I love putting the St. Giles parking lot to good use for this healthy, happy purpose! — Tracey Solano



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Our Schedule

Sundays

Choral Eucharist - 10:15 AM

2nd Sundays of the Month

Community Breakfast - 9 AM

3rd Sundays of the Month

Healing & Anointing

Thursdays

Evening Prayer — 4:30 PM

(prayer room, ed. bldg.)



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Monday: Office closed
Tues-Thurs: 9 AM - 2 PM
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The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee,
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Vestry

James Brooks, Sr. Warden
Kay Okoli, Jr. Warden
Ted Chabraja
John Hanzel
Glenn Hunt
Lewis Kirkwood
William Perley
Leslie Ruttenberg

Jocelyn Turner, Clerk
Gloriann Harris, Treasurer
Ned Libby, Bookkeeper
Tom Page, Chancellor

Team Leaders

Building & Grounds (Facilities) -
Bob Schultz

Communications - John Hanzel

Fundraising - Huw Williams

Green - Sue Uelmen

Hospitality - Jan Hutchins-DeWitt

Newcomers - George Miller

Pastoral Care - Mary Reid, and
Leslie Ruttenberg

Social Justice - Jocelyn Turner

Staff

The Rev. Charles Hensel
Assisting Priest

Jim Brown
Director of Music

Cathy Leimbeck
Parish Administrator
admin@saint-giles.org

~Parish Profiles~

Meet Kay Okoli



I have been attending St. Giles for 14 years. When we moved here from Cleveland, we first lived on Walters Avenue, and we looked for the nearest Episcopal Church. I am a "cradle Episcopalian." We also looked at an Episcopal church in Glenview, but when Ngozi refused to get out of the car, we decided St. Giles was our new church.

The people at St. Giles and the awesome choir here are what I love most about this church. Before I came to St. Giles, I had never felt the impact of a choir.

I have been on the Vestry for four years now, and this is my first year as a warden. I had been asked to join the Vestry before, but because of my job I couldn't serve. Now that I don't have to travel as much for work, I can be more available. I also wanted to become more involved in church.

Three items you may find in my fridge:

- Avocado
- Yogurt
- Fresh fruit

In my cabinet you will always find a variety of (loose) teas and British biscuits. I enjoy having "British tea" every afternoon!

Three "fun facts" about me:

1. I am an accomplished long-loom weaver (I make hand-woven textiles).
2. I love singing, and I was in choirs when I was in college.
3. I ran track while in college: 100m, 200m relay and long jump. Unfortunately, after I did my Youth Service (mandatory duty in Nigeria), and began my master's program, I couldn't run anymore!

At the University of Lagos (Nigeria), I earned a B.A. in Economics and an M.A. in General Management.

Come talk to me if you have any questions about Vestry or church issues. You're always invited to any of our Vestry meetings (7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month).



Late July~August Birthdays & Anniversaries

July Birthdays:

26 Jim Brooks

August Birthdays:

3 Alex Williams
 9 Barbara Perley
 13 Bob Robinson
 16 Annie Westerberg
 17 Meredith Brooks, Nick Solano
 20 Chris DeWitt, Anne Lehman,
 Linda Williams
 25 Chuck Kolar



August Anniversaries:

1 Leslie & Bruce Ruttenberg
 4 Kay & Solomon Okoli
 13 Colette & Ron Dim
 14 Emily & William Hanzel
 21 Linda & Cliff Williams
 27 Bonnie & Norman Frankel



Our friend Leslie Hunter with Holy Family students at their service on May 29

Late July~August Lectionary Readings

July 14 - 5 Pentecost

Amos 7:7-17
 Psalm 82
 Colossians 1:1-14
 Luke 10:25-37

July 21 - 6 Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12
 Psalm 52
 Colossians 1:15-28
 Luke 10:38-42

July 28 - 7 Pentecost

Hosea 1:2-10
 Psalm 85
 Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)
 Luke 11:1-13

August 4 - 8 Pentecost

Hosea 11:1-11
 Psalm 107:1-9, 43
 Colossians 3:1-11
 Luke 12:13-21

August 11 - 9 Pentecost

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
 Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24
 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
 Luke 12:32-40

August 18 - 10 Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7
 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18
 Hebrews 11:29-12:2
 Luke 12:49-56

August 25 - 11 Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10
 Psalm 71:1-6
 Hebrews 12:18-29
 Luke 13:10-17

A Report from Holy Family School:

During the last school assembly service of the 2018-19 school year, the staff of Holy Family School made a wonderful tribute to Leslie Hunter, who has visited us before and preached at our Sunday services. Leslie was touched by the special recognition---one of the teachers even sang a song for him!

Our tour guide was Jolan Moore, a graduating eighth grader. His story encapsulates the larger Holy Family story. He has been admitted to La Lumiere School in Laporte, Indiana with a full scholarship. The going rate for tuition, room and board there is \$49,000 per year. So, as a result of the generous Holy Family donors and their gifts, a young man from Chicago's west side is now able to receive a first rate high school education, that we hope paves the way to a productive life and career.

Thank you, St. Giles, for all your support of education on the west side since we started this outreach way back in 1987!

Yours in Christ,
 George Miller



A Word From Your Senior Warden:

Greetings All Saint Gileans:

I am writing this report in June, hoping for a sunny and summery July. Right now it is raining and the outdoor temperature is 52 degrees. This weather is what I expect in April, not June, though it offers good conditions for growing lettuce, spinach, peas and other “cool weather” vegetables (speaking as a community gardener).

My notes for this month shall be brief and optimistic. Kay and I have been spending time meeting and discussing financial matters with Bonnie and Gloriann. We are trying to ascertain the financial state of our church in order to make responsible decisions about renovating our rectory, hiring an interim rector and searching for and hiring a new rector.

While the consensus among our regular service attendees seems to be that Father Tom Scott is serving us well as a long-term supply priest, we must move toward hiring an interim priest because this person will have the training to help us make a successful transition.

When the Vestry met on June 18, we discussed the renovations that should be done in the rectory and when and how we shall pay for it. These were difficult discussions that will lead to important decisions. I hope that when you read this, you will have attended the CAT survey presentation that Victor and our Rector Search Committee was planning to make June 30 after service. My hope is also that you will have asked questions (and received satisfying answers) and raised any concerns you have had about the survey and the search for our next rector.

We should have all participated in the small group discussions led by search committee members because these meetings were an opportunity to openly share our concerns and questions about what our church needs and wants in a new rector.

I also hope that you will continue to ask questions of and offer suggestions, concerns, prayers, and compliments to our search committee and Vestry.

Speaking of finances, I made an interesting discovery in late June. We had been paying Advanced Disposal \$135 per month for two garbage pickups. After discussing our needs with an AD rep, we changed our account so that we will have one pick up per week, and our bill will be \$18 a month. This represents a \$118 savings each month for garbage pickup. Our budgeted amount for garbage pickups this year was \$1,600. Needless to say, we will definitely come in under budget for this service.

Finally, I hope for, and look forward to, hot, sunny July weather. Let's all have a wonderful summer!

Respectfully and Optimistically Yours,
James Brooks, Senior Warden



Vestry Re~cap for June

By Bill Perley

Jim & Kay, the Wardens, led the meeting. Lew opened the meeting with prayers reflecting on renewal & tranquility and asking for guidance.

Jim, Kay, and the Search committee had met with Victor Conrado to review the results of the parish survey. Data was derived from the fifty six responses turned in.

Desires for the future that emerged from the survey were:

1. To make changes that would be attractive to families with children.
2. To foster a more educational aspect.
3. To strengthen calls to individual ministry & leadership.

One change in attitude of the parish noted since the last such survey was a shift toward more member driven initiatives and ministries and not so much clergy driven. There was a sense of satisfaction with the way the parish has been running was voiced by almost 30% of the respondents. Bill voiced disappointment with the survey, saying that it appeared to have been designed to be quick and convenient to complete, rather than deep or thought provoking.

There was still one prospect under consideration to be an Interim Rector. This person is currently living in Bolingbrook. We are receiving guidance from the diocese as to the compensation we would be expected to provide for an interim, either as a commuter or as resident clergy (in the rectory).

The habitability of the rectory came up for discussion. Some repairs are required (e.g. roof). Some improvements could be put off (e.g. kitchen cabinets). Current financial resources are not enough for everything on the wish list. Jim suggested a new perspective may be in order. Further discussions together with Bob will be needed. We hope he can meet with us.

Kay said that we should try to get Bonnie & Gloriann to meet with us to help put together a sobering look at what budgets in the next few years might be expected to look like.

Jim wanted us to take a look at our garbage contract to see that it was suited to our current needs, which include what is generated by Campanella.

Kay suggested we try to notice people who are not being seen as much as they maybe had been, and reaching out to them.

There were no minutes from the previous meeting to be reviewed. Lew closed the meeting by leading us in Compline.

Food and Fellowship

Community Breakfast July 14 & August 11

9–10:30 a.m. in the undercroft; Free and open to all!

Join us for food, conversation, and fun.

Our invitation extends to the community at large,
so be sure to invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

“Men’s Night Out” August 13

All St. Giles men, and their male friends and family,
are welcome to gather at Grandpa’s in Glenview,

1868 Prairie St., across from the downtown train station, at 7:00 p.m.

To arrange for transportation, contact Bill Perley, 847-272-6114.



Photos courtesy of Kay Okoli and Tracey Solano



ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH • AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sundays: <i>Tree of Life Community Church uses the church 12:30-3:30 p.m.</i> The calendar for late July is found on page 8.				1 Yoga Class 9 AM Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Rm)	2 Office Closed	3 Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM – 12:15 PM
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