



NEWSLETTER



St. John's by the Campus
Episcopal Parish and Student Center
October 2022



Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 2, 2022

Please join us for St. John's Annual Blessing of the Animals this upcoming Sunday, October 2, at 10 am at St. John's! The service will be held in the Parish Hall. The service will also be live streamed on our YouTube channel. There will **not** be Coffee Hour after this service.

Bring your pets for a blessing to be laid upon them by the Priest. We bless all different kinds of pets, such as dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, fish, and lizards! Please make sure your pets are on a leash or in a carrier. We recommend that you allow your pets to do their business before bringing them into the building, and we ask that you please clean up after them.

All are welcome to attend this service, even if you don't have a pet!

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church@stjohns-ames.org or
jgalyon@iastate.edu.

October Birthdays

- 1 Jeff Gostele
- 2 Lizzy Bowler
- 3 Ian Cobb
- 5 Sarah Jiles, Suzan Shierholz
- 7 Jane Joiner, Steve Prater
- 9 Wanda McCay
- 11 Diane Bjorklund, Elisabeth Gillott
- 12 Ann Rudi
- 13 Erin Rosacker
- 14 Susan Dykshoorn, Bob Elzer, Andy Wilke
- 15 Stella Fritzell
- 16 Emily Cobb
- 18 Shane Kavanaugh
- 19 Matthew Cobb, Erika Bjorklund
- 21 Anthony Palmer
- 23 Kate Townsend
- 24 Zara Bowler
- 25 Phyllis Heffron
- 26 David Keenan
- 28 Kelsey Eggink
- 31 Andrew Galyon, Keaton Peterson

October Anniversaries

- 18 Shane & Earl Kavanaugh
- 29 Helen Graham & David Jiles
- 30 Joanna & Tim Muggli

Fall Garden Party

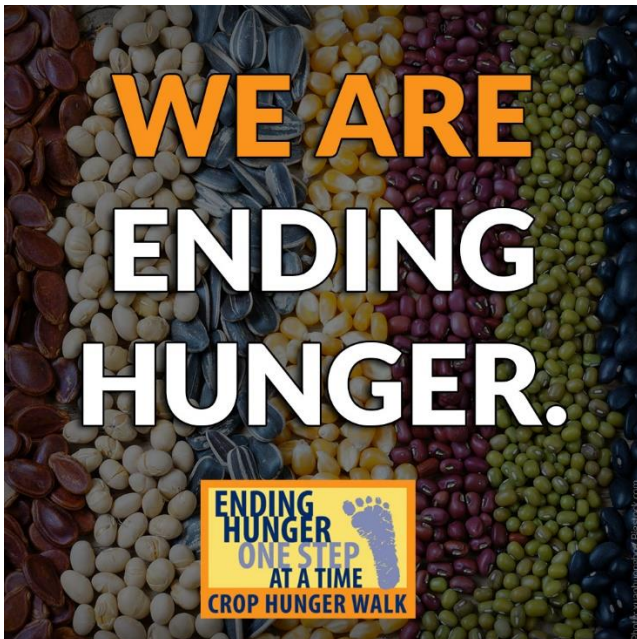
Save the date for Sunday, October 16th after the 10 AM service for a parish Fall Garden Party. We will share a light luncheon together in the parish hall followed by some garden and game time outside for those who wish to stay. We will also have a fire lit in an outdoor fireplace for toasting smores and marshmallows so bring your lawn chairs if you'd like to move outside to visit and play and plant after lunch (all the after-lunch activities are, of course, weather permitted – so plan and then pray for good weather!)

As part of our parish gathering, the Grounds crew is asking parishioners who have shade perennial plants to share (like lily of the valley, hostas, ferns) to dig up a few from your garden and bring them – root ball and all – in a plastic grocery bag to plant in designated areas that we aim to populate with chosen shade plants rather than

weeds! We will provide a map for where to plant these shade perennials and tools to do so – and tags to mark your plantings so you can check back on them in the spring!

For lunch, the main dish (hot dogs two ways) will be provided. We ask that parishioners who would like to and are able please bring a hot or cold side dish to share pot-luck style. For those who don't like marshmallows 😊, cookies/squares/fruit will be provided for dessert.

Looking forward to seeing you there!
Please contact Ed Gillott, Diane Gillott, Diane Rioux, Elizabeth Charbonnet, Debbie Haywood, Bronwyn Frame, or Joanna Muggli with questions.



CROP Walk 2022 – Sunday, October 9, 2022
1 pm at Brookside Park, Ames

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.” Matthew 25:35-40.

Please join us for the 2022 CROP walk, or support one of our walkers with a contribution to the CWS CROP program; 25% of the proceeds go to the following local Food Pantries and Assistance programs. The 5K walk will begin at Brookside Park in Ames. This is a fun event for the entire family!

Online registration is available at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/st-johns-by-the-campus-episcopal-church-ames-ia> Select “St. John's by the Campus Episcopal Church” to join our team. Walkers can pick up a donation envelope at a table in the gathering space at St. John's. If you pick up an envelope at St. John's, please send an email to Ed (edg813@gmail.com) to let me know you are collecting donations.

If you would like to donate to CROP and support one of the walkers, you may do so at the same link: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/st-johns-by-the-campus-episcopal-church-ames-ia> If you prefer writing a check, please make the check out to “Church World Services – CROP” For more information, please contact Ed Gillott or Dave Oakland.

St. John's Young Adult Group Pumpkin Patch Trip

The Young Adult group at St. John's will be visiting Center Grove Orchard on October 2 after the 10 am service. We'll leave after lunch (Blaze Pizza since it's next door) and head to Center Grove Orchard for a fall afternoon there! Please bring cash or card for any pumpkins, food, or other activities that you want. We'll carpool to Center Grove so if you have a car and are willing to drive, please let me know!

David Moore, Chaplain

More than Enough - Theological Statement (Stewardship Campaign Theme, Kickoff)

When Elijah meets the widow of Zarephath, as the story is told to us in First Kings, he asks to be fed from the very last of her stores. She explains to him that she's gathering wood for the fire she'll make to cook the last meal she expects to eat before she and her son die of starvation. Still, he asks her to make him some bread.

Even though Elijah promises that she won't run out of flour and oil, how can she know this is true? The first miracle of the story is that she shares the very last that she has with this entitled man who is asking for food and drink. In my

opinion, it overshadows the other miracles that follow – the never-empty jugs of oil and flour – because for the first miracle to be effective, the widow must first make the most daring risk.

I see this miracle replayed often in the Church. When faced with diminished resources, I have witnessed congregations get creative, roll up their sleeves, and find ways to engage their mission. In situations where old models were failing to attract new energy, I have seen members volunteer their ideas, their wisdom, to help a congregation move beyond its capacity. I have seen vestries take risks in order to extend more services, and more ministry in their communities, even if the path to staffing or funding it wasn't immediately clear.

In every one of these circumstances, miracles were present, because in every one of these circumstances there was more than enough. More than enough people to do the work, more than enough money to cover the costs, and more than enough creativity to carry the project forward. Even when we feel depleted, there is more than enough.

Maybe the recent pandemic has made you wonder if your congregation will be able to continue, able to provide ministry, and pay the bills. Maybe you have had to make serious adjustments in your own household budget or your plans. Our stewardship of our personal and collective resources reminds us of the abundance around us. There will be more than enough because our faith will unlock the generosity of others. Expect miracles. |

By Davey Gerhard, Executive Director of TENS and a member of Holy Innocents, San Francisco

Daughters of the King

The DOK will resume meeting after the 10 a.m. service on the 3rd Sunday of the month beginning September 18.

Dorothy Yoerger and Jan Payer

Adult Forum

The Adult Forum between the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services started on September 11 with a book study of "Church Cracked Open." It is not too

late to join the discussion. There are still one or two books available in the office.

Bible Study

Bible Study resumed on Wednesday, September 14th, at 10:30 a.m. We have begun the study of Elijah! The Bible Study group meets in the Conference Room at St. John's – and on Zoom for those who are remote. See you then! If anyone else wants to join us, we welcome new members.

*Sarah Terrones, Bible Study Coordinator
515-290-6931*

St. John's Flowers

Thank you to those who have donated Fresh Flowers to adorn the Altar over the past two months: Helen McRoberts, Bronwyn Frame, Ed and Diane Gillott, and the family of Beverly Van Meter.

If you are interested in donating flowers for the Altar in honor of a special date or person, please sign up on the sheet on the long table in the Parish Hall. The instructions for donating are printed and available there as well.

Poinsettias have been ordered for the Advent season. If you would like to donate to the Poinsettia Fund, please write a check to St. John's and designate the funds to go "to the Poinsettias" in the memo area. The Poinsettias will arrive on December 18 and will be used until Epiphany Sunday.

Thank you very much for supporting the St. John's flower fund.

*Diane Rioux, Flower Coordinator
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EfM Seminar at St. John's

The Education for Ministry (EfM) group at St. John's is beginning a new class under the guidance of Rev. Diana Wright. We will continue to meet using the zoom platform so that several students who started with this group but have moved will be able to continue with familiar classmates. We are looking forward to another excellent year! There is still time to register if you are interested. For more

information, please contact Ed Gillott at edg813@gmail.com.

“Education for Ministry (EfM) invites participants into small, mentored groups that provide the framework for understanding life and shaping actions as Christian faith is deepened. EfM seminar groups meet in local settings and online and provide a four-year curriculum that develops a theologically informed, reflective, and articulate laity.” This is not a class just for those seeking ordination. Every baptized person is called to ministry.

We meet by Zoom on Sundays at 6:30 pm for 90 minutes. Classes begin with a review of the reading for that week, followed by a theological reflection. The 36-week course meets every week from September through May. The best way to learn more about EfM is to talk to an EfM graduate or visit with one of the current students. The EfM program is administered by the School of Theology in Sewanee, Tennessee, and the tuition is \$330. For information about scholarships, please contact Ed Gillott.

3rd-year students: Diana Walsh, Mary Jo Pfeifer Wulf, Scott Thomson; 4th-year students: Brenda Freeman, Greta Muller Levis, Kathleen Sallee, Wendy Ware, and Kimberly Patterson
Since its inception in 1975, more than 100,000 people have participated in this vital program. EfM groups meet regionally in nearly every diocese of The Episcopal Church, in six provinces of the Anglican Communion, and some in virtual classrooms with participants from across the globe. We would love to have you join us!

Altar Guild

St. John's 2022 Altar Guild Annual Meeting will be held in St. John's library, in person, at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 5. This will be our first in-person meeting since 2020 so it will be wonderful to gather again. The meeting will end by 10:15 should you need to fit it into your Saturday plans. ☺

We invite anyone in the congregation (in high school or older) to attend this meeting if you are curious about Altar Guild's role and perhaps interested in being a part of this ministry. Please contact Altar Guild Co-Directors, Diane Rioux (dirio02@msn.com) or Bronwyn Frame (bronwyn.rf@gmail.com) with questions.

Nametags

If you need a nametag or just need your old one updated, they are available by request in the office. Please let Rachel, the Church Administrator, know that you need a nametag, and she will have one made up for you by the following Sunday. Please also note that someone with a green nametag with a silver cross on it is a Vestry member. There is always a Vestry member present on Sunday, so please feel free to find them if you have any questions or concerns, or just to chat!

Choir Scholarships

Scholarships are provided to members of the St. John's Singers who are pursuing higher education. You can help improve our choir and provide for our students by donating to the Choir Scholarship Fund. A \$500 scholarship could help a student with one semester of classes, but any donation helps! If you would like to donate to the Choir Scholarship Fund, you can write a check to St. John's, and include “Choir Scholarship” in the memo. Please contact the office with questions.

Audio/Video Upgrade

The upgrade to our Audio and Video system is now ongoing! Triad Productions has been in throughout August and early September to install the upgrades to the audio/video system. So far, the chapel has been upgraded to have speakers so a microphone may be used during Wednesday Eucharist or other services and the new speakers have been hung in the Sanctuary. We are hoping to wrap up this process in early October and have a brand new, fully functional system. If you are interested in giving a donation to balance out the cost of the new Audio/Video System, you can write a check to the church with “A/V System” in the memo.



Fall blooming Mums in St. John's west garden, gifted by Mary Kay Abbott from her garden and planted fall of 2021.

Food at First

The Food at First program continues to serve a free meal every day at the First Christian Church, 611 Clark. As always, everyone is welcome, and no questions are asked. They typically served over 100 meals every day.

- Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri Meals are served from 5:45 pm – 6:15 pm
- Saturday meal served from 11:30 am-12:15 pm

The Free Market program distributes food three times a week:

- Monday and Thursday 4:30 – 5:30 PM
- Saturday 10 – 11 AM

It takes an army of volunteers and support from the community to provide this critical ministry to the Ames community every day. For more information or to volunteer, go

to <https://foodatfirst.wordpress.com/> or check out the latest post at

<https://www.facebook.com/FoodAtFirst>

Music News

You are invited to ...

Saturday, October 8, 2022 (1:30pm ISU Martha- Ellen Tye Recital Hall (MET) “*34th Annual Organists of Iowa Concert*” with guest organist Dr. Charles Barland from the University of Dubuque, followed by his Workshop on Hymnody and Chorale Preludes at 3:30pm at St. John’s Episcopal Church. For more information, please visit the ISU Music & Theatre website: <https://www.music.iastate.edu/events>

Tuesday, October 25 (7:30 pm ISU MET) “Octubaween Concert” with tuba & euphonium from the studio of Christian Carichner, and pipe organ from the studio of Miriam Zach. For more information please visit the ISU Music & Theatre website: <https://www.music.iastate.edu/events>

Saturday, November 12 (1:30 pm ISU MET) “Organ Concert” from the studio of Dr. Miriam Zach For more information, please visit the ISU Music & Theatre website: <https://www.music.iastate.edu/events>

St. John's Parking Lot Reminder

Please remember that we have a shared parking lot and be sure to park in one of the spaces with **white lines** designated for St. John’s when you are attending Sunday services or other church-related activities during the week. We have leased parking spaces (marked with an E) along the east and west sides of the parking lot, but **all** St. John's spaces are available for parking on Sunday mornings and for special events such as funerals.

Online Parish Services

You can join us live in-person or online for our Sunday Services at 10 am! Services are livestreamed on YouTube and service leaflets are included in the email we send out beforehand and in the YouTube video description box. It is best to print this service leaflet out before the video is released at 10 am to be able to easily follow along with the service.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5_rLO158IPaJi07zLzC7FQ

After the service, you can join us (in person now) for Coffee Hour at St. John’s!

**The Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
St. John's by the Campus
August 17, 2022, at 6:30 pm**

Present: John Joiner (Sr. Warden), Diane Rioux (Clerk), Brenda Freeman, Leigh Ann Long, Debbie Haywood, Diane Gillott, The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland, David Moore

The meeting was called to order by John Joiner with a prayer at 6:35 pm.

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting on June 22, 2022 were approved.
Financial Report for July 2022 approved pending a few clarifications.

Priest in Charge Update:

Advertisement will close on August 20th.
John and Corey will work on itinerary for interviewing candidates.
Interview questions will be prepared and presented at next meeting.

New Business:

Business Administrator/Bookkeeper Job Description and hours are being updated and modified by Office Oversight Committee (sub-committee of Vestry): John Joiner, Corey Mellies, and Diane Gillott.

2021 Property Tax Statement was presented. Taxes showed a slight increase

Old Business:

Audio/ Video Update

Work has begun on wiring for new speakers. A diagram was presented to show where wires will be placed. Parts and supplies have been on back order, which has caused a delay in the installation of the system.

PO Box Update

Vestry approved purchase of a PO box at Stanton Ave Post Office. A PO box means safety for packages and mail delivered outside of office hours. Cost will be \$90.00 a year and will begin 9-1-2022.

Summer Youth Camp

Two of our Youth Camp Participants were Youth Leaders. This saved St. John's \$100.00 per Leader. The Rushing Memorial Fund will be replenished for next year's Camp funds.

Liturgy Committee

The liturgy committee is planning a variety of changes in services for Fall.
Exploring options to include more people and to encourage growth.

Submitted by Diane Rioux, Clerk of Vestry
Edited by Rachel Thevenot, Office Administrator/Bookkeeper