



NEWSLETTER



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

Reopening of Adult Education

9 a.m. Adult Forum - September 18, 2022

We are delighted to announce that, this fall, St. John's by the Campus will be resuming our Sunday morning forum at 9 a.m. We will be discussing issues of social justice and race in the Episcopal Church, using a book written by Rev. Stephanie Spellers, Canon to our Presiding Bishop, during the Pandemic. The 136 - page book is entitled *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline and New Hope for Beloved Community*.

During the past two years, members of St. John's by the Campus completed a series of classes on this subject called Sacred Ground, which explores racism in America, its history and reconciliation. This series focuses more exclusively on the history of racism in the Episcopal church, where we are today, and how we can move on from where we are. It is appropriate for anyone, including those who have completed the Sacred Ground Series **and** those who did not.

The book has ten relatively short chapters, which we will explore through discussion every Sunday beginning shortly after 9 a.m. and finishing by 9:45 a.m. starting September 18. This journey through her book explores the American Episcopal Church's involvement in slavery and racism and its reconciliation in becoming a beloved community as well as a call to reframe our mission as a community and our journey as Christians.

We encourage everyone to read the book as much as they are able, but you are welcome to come whether or not you have had the chance to complete the reading. We will have a few books available (6 copies) through the church. The book can also be purchased through Church Publishing <https://churchcrackedopen.com/> for \$16.95, or Amazon, new for \$14.95 or used for \$12.95. Ames Christian Supply Store on Main St in Ames has copies for purchase.

Look for a sign-up sheet at Church, or email Kathleen Sallee or Greta Muller Levis that you wish to attend and if you are purchasing your own book or need to have one of the Church's copies. We look forward to resuming the Adult Forum and sharing our discussion of Rev. Spellers 'book.

Kathleen Sallee and Greta Muller Levis

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church@stjohns-ames.org or
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September Birthdays

- 1 Helen Graham, Pat Kavanagh
- 2 Diane Rioux, Diana Walsh
- 10 Quinn Eggink, Mike Marr
- 11 Joan Aiton
- 12 Marie Anderson
- 17 Nathaniel Matthews
- 19 Rob Rioux
- 20 Earl Kavanaugh
- 22 Brenda Freeman
- 27 David Moore, Shelby Peterson
- 28 David Jiles
- 29 Pat Hentzel
- 30 Mike Moon

September Anniversaries

- 1 Deb & Jim Fisher
- 1 Diane & Rob Rioux
- 3 Pat & Leroy Svec
- 6 Diane & Ed Gillott
- 6 Vicki & Scott Saienga
- 18 Amy & Corey Mellies
- 24 Daniel Appau & Rachel Semenew
- 28 Barbara & Craig Forney

Matthew 25 House Presentation

On Sunday, September 11 at 9 am between services, speakers from Matthew 25 House will be giving a presentation to kick off the Adult Forum.

Daughters of the King

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

Dorothy Yoerger and Jan Payer

Bible Study

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 14th, at 10:30 a.m. We will begin the study of Elijah! I can lead the first session. Plan on meeting at the church in the parlor. See you then! If anyone else wants to join us, we welcome new members.

Sarah Terrones, Bible Study Coordinator
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EfM seminar at St. John's

The Education for Ministry (EfM) group at St. John's will begin a new class in September 2022 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. At this time, we have 8 students returning from 3 states, but alas, no first-year students at this time. 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!

Sacred Ground Fall Kickoff with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Sept. 15, 1:30 p.m. ET

WEBINAR INVITATION:

For: Sacred Ground facilitators and participants—and all Episcopalians interested in learning more about this dialogue series on race.

What: Bishop Curry will share his vision for racial reckoning and justice ministry over the next two years and how to engage using **Sacred Ground** curriculum. Other leaders will discuss how to welcome people into race conversations and explore strategies for transitioning into action and community engagement.

Join: Find out how Sacred Ground furthers the work of racial justice, healing, and reconciliation—and how these small groups become experiments in Beloved Community.

Register here:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMscuCupjLiE9VrKJWmo6-FM_zYBiYjc2eH?mc_cid=bbc8888e03&mc_eid=acc7b8a84c

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild 2022 Annual Meeting will be held in St. John's library at 9 AM on Saturday, November 5 as per our decision to fix the first Saturday in November for our Annual meeting going forward. **Save the Date** and mark your calendars! If you are contemplating becoming a member of the Altar Guild, consider attending our annual meeting in the fall to learn more about us!

Bronwyn and Diane

Altar-Guild co-coordinators

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Coffee hour help is needed on September 11, 18, and 25, because Joanna is getting her second shoulder replaced on September 7th. Set up for Coffee Hour includes setting out cookies or treats, napkins, and plates, making coffee, putting out water bottles, and cleaning up afterward. Please contact Joanna Muggli if you can help. Thank you!

Funeral Planning

Funeral Planning packets are available to those who wish to fill out their end-of-life plans with the Church. It is important to know and record what you would like to happen at the end of your life and recording this can take a large burden off the shoulders of the family that will be carrying it for you. If you believe you have already turned in your funeral plans with the church, please contact the office. Many of our files have been lost, and we only have 2 sets of funeral plans in our files at this time. Even if you have previously turned in your plans, please consider filling out a new plan, as the things that speak to us spiritually change through the years. These Funeral Planning packets are available near the South Entrance of the Church on the table beneath the bulletin board with our Vestry members' bios. They are also available for pickup in the church office.

Choir Scholarships

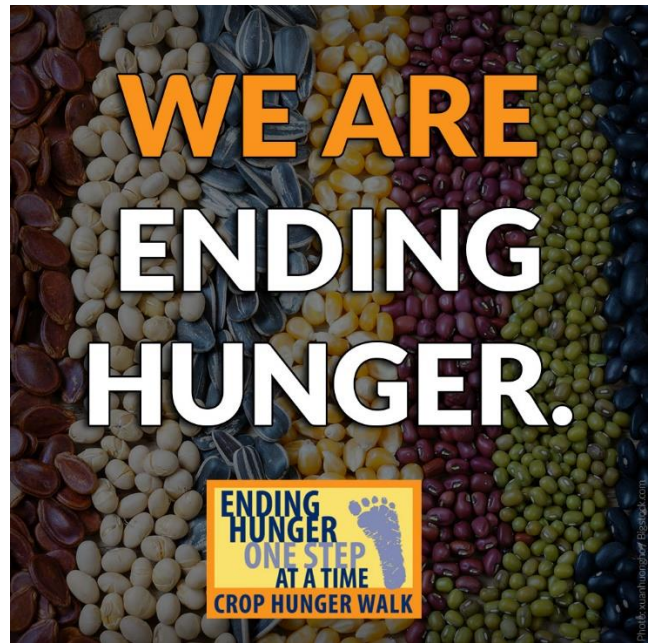
Scholarships are provided to members of the St. John's Singers who are pursuing higher education. You can help improve our choir and provide for our students by donating to the Choir Scholarship Fund. A \$500 scholarship could help a student with one semester of classes, but any donation helps! If you 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.

Deepening Faith Group

The Deepening Faith contemplative prayer group has taken a pause this summer as we have a conversation with the St. John's community about where we go from here. Plans for September are in the works, but no decisions have been made yet. For more information, contact Ed Gillott or Steve Prater.

Mid-Year Giving Updates

Keep an eye out for an update on your giving status with St. John's for the 2022 fiscal year. This update will be sent via email, or by mail for those who do not have access to email or have not given an email to the church. Make sure to watch your spam inbox!



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!

On-line 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 donations 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.

Thank You

The Parish thanks to the Martin Family for their kind donation of gardening tools and snow shovels towards the upkeep of St. John's Garden.



Safe Church Training Courses

If you are a leader in any area of the church, please complete the Safe Church Training Courses soon. You can find a list of leadership roles and the corresponding courses that need to be taken on our website [HERE](#). Please contact Amy Mellies to get set up in the system so you can take the courses.

Amy Mellies (she/her/hers),
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Outreach Hours Log

Remember to keep logging your outreach hours! St. John's wants to know what kind of work is being done by our parishioners within the surrounding community. All volunteer work counts, including work for the Altar Guild, reading on Sunday, helping at Food at First, local clean-up projects, helping your neighbor with yard work, and more. There are Outreach Hours Logs available for pickup in the church office, so please stop by to pick one up!

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.

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 September 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.

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. Major renovations of the dining area and kitchen are now complete!

- 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

Volunteers are needed more than ever this summer now that meals are served inside once again. 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 ...

Thursday-Saturday, September 8-10, 2022 the Iowa State University "*Iberian Keyboard Festival: A Woven Tapestry*" in the Music building. Concerts and Lectures will be presented by guest artists, and ISU keyboard faculty and students who play carillon, harpsichord, organ, and piano repertoire from Spain and Portugal. For more information please visit the ISU Music & Theatre website: <https://www.music.iastate.edu/events>

Tuesday, September 20 (7pm Collegiate Presbyterian, 159 Sheldon Avenue, Ames) "Central Iowa American Guild of Organists (CIAGO) Commissioning service"

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. For more information please visit the ISU Music & Theatre website: <https://www.music.iastate.edu/events>

Tuesday, October 25 (7:30pm 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 (1:30pm 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>

Sunday, December 11 (10am St. John's Episcopal Church) "Nine Lessons and Carols Service."

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.

Please do not park in the spaces with yellow lines on the south portion of the lot. These spaces are leased to the apartment residents, and a private towing company checks vehicles several times a day. As you exit your vehicle, please verify that you are parked in one of the spaces with the white lines which are designated for St. John's and be sure to have your EPOA parking sticker visible in the rear window, or the driver-side back window. Free overflow parking is available on Chamberlain St. or in the City of Ames parking lot to our south on Sundays. See Rachel in the parish office if you need an EPOA parking pass. The cost to recover a vehicle from the towing service is over \$250. Unauthorized vehicles are towed early Sunday morning before church on a regular basis when school is in session.

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.

Here is the link to our YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5_rLO158IPaJio7zLzC7FQ

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

**The Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
June 22, 2022, Special Meeting**

Present: John Joiner (Sr. Warden), Corey Mellies (Jr. Warden), Joan Aiton (Treasurer), Diane Rioux (Clerk), Elizabeth Charbonnet, Christine Mincheff, Brenda Freeman, Leigh Ann Long, Diane Gillott, The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland

Guests: Marlene Strathe

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

The Minutes of the Vestry Meeting on 6/2/2022 were approved.

The Financial Report for May 2022 was approved.

New Business:

- Summer Camp Scholarships
Approval for 6 scholarships to the Diocesan Summer Camp for Youth were approved to be paid in full. A total of \$2,100.00 was approved. These funds will be taken from the Rushing Memorial Funds, which were designated for EYC use.
- Priest In Charge Update
Marlene Strathe updated the Vestry on the progress of the Transitional Committee.
Ministry Profile, Parish Portfolio, Advertisement Budget, and Proposed Wage all were approved to post publicly to prospective candidates.
The proposed Annual Wage was approved at a range of \$75,000-\$80,000 depending on experience and qualifications.
The advertisement for the position will post June 24th – August 20th for a cost of \$900.
Marlene reviewed the CAT survey and the Parish response. Concerns from the Parish included communications, website, and finances; these concerns are in process of being addressed.
- Website Update:
The Website has been updated with a new narrative and photos.
Thanks goes to Marlene Strathe, Bronwyn Frame, and Rachel Thevenot.
- Email Hosting:
Some Email accounts that were being hosted but no longer used will be deleted.
St. John's will keep hosting Rev. Kim Turner Baker's email until 1-1-23 for archival purposes.
- Outreach Updates:
St. John's will continue to give \$2,500 to each of our charities:
Good Neighbor, Bridge Home, and Matthew 25 House.
The 5th Sunday donations will be given to St. John's Maintenance Funds.

Old Business:

- Update on AV upgrade project: Delay is caused by supply backup. Work should begin in 4-6 weeks
- Mid-Iowa Enterprises is scheduled to paint the parking lot in the 3rd week of June
The cost will be \$1,000 for painting, stencils, and cleaning of the lot.
- Safe Church Training needs to be updated for all leadership volunteers before 10-1-22

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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