



ST. JOHN'S

DISCIPLE CONNECTIONS

October 6, 2023

Josh's Jottings

There's a Celtic Christian blessing that starts, "Would it not be the beautiful thing now, if you were just coming instead of going?" I have been thinking about that blessing for the last few weeks as we prepare for this Sunday when we will say goodbye to Rev. Tiffany Hollums who has served as the Associate Pastor here at St. John's for the last two years. In a short time, Tiffany has brought new energy and joy into the youth and children's programs, comforted hundreds of you during difficult times, brought insight and wisdom to Sunday worship, and so much more. In a short amount of time, I too have enjoyed working with Tiffany and grown to respect all her energy and giftedness.

This Sunday, we will honor Tiffany at all three services. If you wish to bring cards or gifts, we will be having receptions to honor her between services in the SonShine Café, or in the Family Life Center after 11 a.m. worship.

Like many of you, I am excited to see how Tiffany will use her gifts to transform McCurdy Ministries in Espanola. But we wish she were just arriving at St. John's rather than leaving. Best wishes to you, Pastor Tiffany!



EVENTS

Memory Café Albuquerque Tomorrow

The next meeting of Memory Café Albuquerque is tomorrow, October 7 at 1:30-3:00 in the

Sonshine Café. High Desert Therapy Dogs will be joining us for fun and games. Bring a photo of your dog to share. Gary Darland will also be providing musical entertainment. Snacks and information for caregivers and loved ones will also be available.

Memory Café meets the first Saturday of each month at 1:30-3:00 in the Sonshine Cafe. It is a supportive fellowship for anyone affected by memory loss/Alzheimer's and their caring partners. Meet and share with others on a similar journey. This is not a drop-off event. For more information (505) 323-7522 or ssmjens@aol.com.

Reception for Pastor Tiffany on October 8

We are extremely grateful to Pastor Tiffany for all she has contributed to St. John's as our Associate Pastor/Children and Youth Director/Congregational Care person. Her impact on St John's has been enormous. Celebrate Pastor Tiffany on her final Sunday, October 8 between services starting at 9:15 a.m. in the SonShine Café and noon - 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center.



Jolly Elders October 11

Jolly Elders will meet on Wednesday, October 11 at 11 a.m. in Room 245. Carol Wiggins finished following the Lewis and Clark Trail this summer. Come hear about some of the interesting facts about the 1804-1806 Expedition.

Women's Bible Study Psalm 23 by Jennifer Rothschild

Tuesdays, October 24 - December 5 (7 weeks), 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
IN-PERSON, facilitator: Barb Stanfield

Every woman longs for someone to protect and care for her - someone to guide her when she's not sure of her next steps, to provide rest when she's worn out, to walk with her when the valley is dark. God is the Good Shepherd whose companionship provides the comfort and confidence every woman needs. No matter what season a woman finds herself in, she is safe with her Shepherd.

Join Jennifer Rothschild to:

- explore the depths of God's care tucked in the psalm you've always loved,
 - trade in the myth of self-reliance for the truth that God will take care of you, no matter what,
 - know that your vulnerability is not a liability - God made you to need Him,
 - release fear and trust the Shepherd's goodness in every season of life.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Popcorn Sales by Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scout troops will be out front again this Sunday between services selling popcorn. Scouts engage in this fundraiser not only to raise funds but also to advance in their ranks and earn merit badges. The popcorn sale provides them with a platform to showcase their dedication and determination.

Safe Sanctuaries Certificates

Those who have completed the Safe Sanctuaries training, certificates and reminder packets are available to pick-up at the check-in tables for worship the next few Sundays. Please stop in to get your certificate.

Alta Mira will be offering a 6 week training on Parenting with Love and Logic®

Parenting with Love and Logic® is a way of working with children that puts parents back in control, teaches children to be responsible, and prepares young people to live in the real world, with its many choices and consequences.

October 11, 2023 - November 15, 2023

Classes will be held in-person every Wednesday from 6:00 PM – 8:00 p.m.

\$45 per person

\$65 per couple

Parenting with Love and Logic® workbook and training certificate included.

Please click the link below to register. Click the Training tab at the top of the page and then Parenting Classes. Select the Special Courses tab to register.

<https://altamiranm.org/services/parenting-classes/>

The class has availability for 20 people.

Questions? Please contact Ann W. Fenton afenton@altamiranm.org or (505)366-2163

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Practice of Presence

If you enjoyed the mindfulness meditation experiences Susan shared on Sunday during the second half of the sermon, you might also like to join the free online weekly mindfulness meditation sessions she leads every Friday at 9:30 a.m. called *The Practice of Presence*. You can find more information (and a link to join) on the church's website calendar. Or just join the meeting from [this link](#): which is the same every week. Many recordings of past sessions are also available on [Susan's YouTube channel](#). Still have questions? Call Susan Brumbaugh at 505-506-6716.

Thank you From the Asbury Pie Café

We did it! A huge and well deserved "Thank You" to the several dozen volunteers that helped with the Asbury Pie Café this year. Over the summer months, we had an amazing turn out for pie parties. With volunteers taking over the kitchen and FLC on Tuesday evenings. We had pies being stored in freezers all over Albuquerque. Many people donated supplies and money to help get to our goal of 350 pies. During the State Fair, St. John's stepped up in a big way by baking pies and working at the Café. With everyone's help, St. John's surpassed its goal of 350 pies and the Asbury Pie Café came very close to the sales we brought in last year. We don't have the final numbers in quite yet, but I consider this year a huge success!

Passing of St. John's Member

St. John's member Bob Humble passed away on September 20. Bob was a member of St. John's for 11 years. St. John's is not aware of any service, at this time. Please keep the Humble family in your thoughts and prayers.

Request for Ushers

As you are aware, Karen Hall has agreed to be the Head Usher for all of the usher teams.

We are in need of volunteers to join our teams. We would love to have you join, either as a member of a specific team or an "on call" volunteer. We need greeters at the main entrance and ushers for the service to complete handing out bulletins, lighting the alter candles and other duties.

The best situation is 5 team members, so that, if possible, one member per week would not need to be available to serve. On-call volunteers could also assist when there are members not available during their assigned months.

Also, teams of 8 will be necessary for Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, and Christmas service if falls on a Sunday, for the offering. This is necessary, as we have full attendance during these services and 8 ushers allow for the offering to be completed during the choir hymn.

Please consider serving our church, membership and staff by joining one of our usher teams or on call volunteer list. If you should have any questions, please contact Karen Hall, klhall66@gmail.com or 505-259-6797.



CHILDREN & YOUTH

St. John's Youth Are Going To The UMCOR Depot

- Preparing disaster relief supplies for the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR), which will aid people around the world.
- Serve the Louisiana community in schools, children's programs, and housing rehab.
- Meet youth and other groups from across the U.S. as we serve God together in mission.
- Eat Cajun food, tour an alligator reserve, fish on the bayou, and laissez bon temps rouler! (Let the good times roll!)

All youth who have completed grades 6-12 are invited to join us for this adventure. Sign up by November 15, and turn in a \$50 nonrefundable deposit. Total cost for the trip is \$475 per youth and includes all food and activities. (Financial aid and fundraising is available)

Trunk or Treat APS Clothing Bank Drive

APS Clothing Bank needs clothes of all sizes! Please donate your new or gently used clothes for preschoolers to high schoolers (adults) at St. John's United Methodist Church Fall Festival Sunday, October 29th from 4 to 6.

After hosting the APS Clothing Drive for three years, Illuminata has passed the torch to us. She'll help run games and paint faces while David and I host a Medieval Monarch themed clothing drive trunk.

I hope you can come! If you can't make it over to St. John's, just call me at 505-252-4099, and we'll pick up your clothes.

Thanks & hugs, Celeste

Fall Festival October 29

Fall Festival 2023, and Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. – Join us for fun games and fellowship. A free dinner will be served inside the Family Life Center. Bring your kids and grandkids. Free admission. Bring your truck or car and decorate it for the Trunk or Treat event to pass out candy in the east parking lot. People are encouraged to wear costumes (that are preschool appropriate).

PRAYER



Prayer Quilt Recipient

Tiffany Hollums is the recipient for the prayer quilt currently on display in the Hospitality Center.

If you pass through the Hospitality Center this week, please tie a knot in the quilt while praying for Tiffany. Won't be in the Center this week? No worries, either way please pray this prayer (or your own prayer) for Tiffany. "Father, we thank you for providing Tiffany with the opportunities that led her to new ministry with McCurdy Ministries. May she honor you through her work, whether through actions or speech. Please continue to give her the creativity, enthusiasm, endurance and will that so marks her ministry. Amen."

GIVING

October Special Offering: World Communion

In October Christians throughout the world remember the unity in Christ that Holy Communion brings to us.

We also have the opportunity to provide scholarships to needy students around the world. Students such as Clarice in the Congo, who hopes to improve health care in her community through a degree in Public Policy, Dillozon in the Philippines as he studies to be a much needed doctor, Johnny from Peru as he studies to be a pastor, and many

more.

Whenever we take communion, let us especially remember that even in our very fractured world, we are One in Christ.

Please give generously this month.

Family Promise Fundraiser *"Night Without a Bed"*

Family Promise is holding a fundraiser where you raise money and awareness by spending one night sleeping away from your bed at the Family Promise location off Montgomery. **On Saturday, October 21st** people will be sleeping in their cars or outside in cardboard boxes or tents to support Family Promise. Please click on [Night Without a Bed 2023 - Family Promise](#) to register, pledge a donation or learn more about the event. If you have any questions, please contact Jenn Shields 505-450-9978 or jennshields200@yahoo.com.

Family Promise Host Week in October and November

We need your help for Family Promise host week October 29 through November 5, 2023.

Family Promise is a national program that supports homeless families in cities across the United States including Albuquerque. For six weeks during the year, St. John's is responsible for meals brought to the Montgomery site. In addition, we are asked to stay on site for two hours to give relief to the permanent staff. If you would like to pair up with someone to provide a meal and stay for two hours, please contact Jenn or Linn, see contact information below.

To volunteer, go to this link: [Sign-up Genius Link](#) or sign up at the Hospitality Center, at the Abide service, or contact

Jenn Shields jennshields200@yahoo.com, 505-450-9978, or Linn Furnish swimsew@comcast.net To see more information about Family Promise [click here](#).

Collecting for New Beginnings

New Beginnings, Navajo United Methodist Center, Inc., located in Farmington, NM, provides transitional living for survivors and families of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. They offer families a safe, community-based living environment for up to a year. Their emphasis is on breaking the cycle of violence, being safe and becoming independent. Support services include helping residents locate and secure permanent housing and employment while providing life skills and independent living assistance. Their mission is to help survivors and their families learn to heal and thrive.

During the month of October, St. John's will be supporting United Women in Faith (UWF) in collecting items for New Beginnings. Many of these items are gifted to survivors when they exit the New Beginnings program and move into their own home. This is a very important achievement in their lives and they are gifted with items that will last them for years to come. New Beginnings politely request **NEW** items are donated. The items needed are: bed in a bag (twin size only), pots and pans, microwaves, measuring cups, paper towel holders, coffee pots, cooking utensils, dish drying racks, Tupperware storage containers, kitchen towels, laundry baskets, trashcans (kitchen and bathroom size), brooms, baby wipes, diapers (sizes: 2, 3, 5) and pull-ups for children (varying sizes). Please place your donations in the bins in the Hospitality Center. Questions? donnabruce@comcast.net.

Zuni Weekend Meal Bag Project

As always, our Zuni weekend meal bag project can use any help you provide - either through monetary support or by donating any of these **SINGLE-SERVE** items: vegetables, pudding or jello cups, shelf-stable white or chocolate milk, microwavable ravioli, nut-free granola or cereal bars, nut-free cookies, microwavable mac and cheese, snack size chicken salad with crackers, snack size tuna salad with crackers, cereal boxes and oatmeal. You can place your donations in the bins in the Hospitality Center. You are a blessing, St. John's! Questions? donnabruce@comcast.net



LIVESTREAM

Our worship services are livestreamed so you can watch them from home. To watch a worship service live, click on the service that you would like to watch on Sunday morning at its scheduled time.

8:15AM Mosaic
Worship

9:30AM Abide
Worship

11AM Traditional
Worship

Submission Deadline for Disciple Connections is noon on Wednesday for the Friday weekly edition. [Click here](#) to send your articles to the editor.

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