



# ST. JOHN'S

## DISCIPLE CONNECTIONS

August 18, 2023

### Josh's Jottings

David Adam, writes about the nature of our mission in the world. He invites us, in *Celtic Daily Prayer*, to picture the busiest intersection or crossroads in our town. For us at St. John's, Menaul and Louisiana isn't a bad location to use for this mental exercise. Imagine all the people coming and going from that intersection, particularly during a busy time of day. Picture, with me, the comings and goings for just a moment - people waiting for their light on their way to work, those in expensive cars, those in more modest ones, and pedestrians crossing the street. Imagine all the places people are going as they pass through that place - jobs, appointments, meetings with friends, and daily routines. Imagine the sounds, the voices, the motors. Then, Adams writes, "picture interposed over that crossroads the cross of Christ. All of the people, the rich, the poor, the men and women, all the people of all colors and nations - the cross of Jesus Christ is testament to God's deep love for all of us. In our comings and goings, in our daily journeys, in our hopes and dreams, Jesus' mission was to come, to save, and to love."

In our own journeys, when we are feeling impatient or self-important, remember that Jesus' mission is intricately woven into the crossroads of all our lives. His purpose is to bring life to all. He deeply cares about every person who crosses our path. So should we.

Have a good week!

-Pastor Josh



## Mobile Food Pantry this Saturday

Our next Mobile Food Pantry is Saturday, August 19. Volunteers arrive at 9:00 a.m. and distribution begins at 9:45 - 10:00 a.m., depending on the time the RoadRunner truck arrives. We are usually finished by noon. I invite you to come and join this worthwhile ministry. For more information, please contact Debby Smith at 505-554-4238 or [dysmith0427@gmail.com](mailto:dysmith0427@gmail.com).

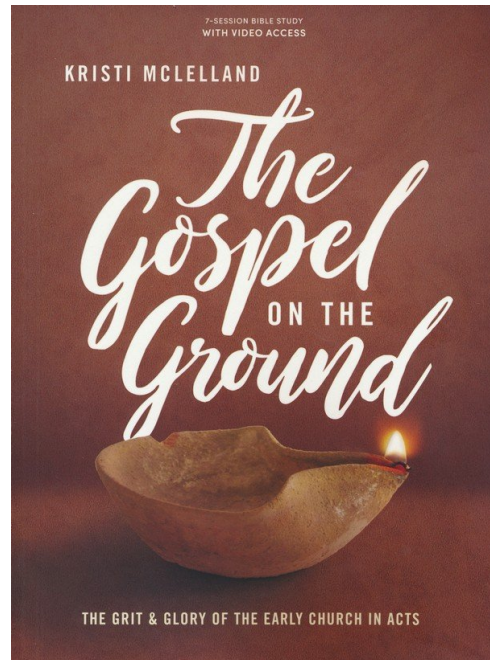
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### Women's Bible Study Gospel on the Ground by Kristi McLelland

Tuesdays, September 5 - October 17, 2023 (7 weeks), 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.,  
IN-PERSON, led by Shanlii Payment

Come along with biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland in this 7-session study as she unpacks the life of the early church in the book of Acts and shows us that the kingdom of God is always on the move, always looking outward to bring meaning and joy to a world searching for true fulfillment and hope. Explore the call of Jesus to His disciples then and to us today, see how God's Word can sustain us even in the most difficult of times, and embrace the transformative grace we experience as children of God in His kingdom of celebration.

To register for the class, contact Susan Perry at [teachersusan@comcast.net](mailto:teachersusan@comcast.net), or sign up in the Hospitality Center on Sunday morning.



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### WeCare meets on Sunday

WeCare is meeting this Sunday, August 20 at 1 p.m. in the Hospitality Center. Enter through the east doors. This group is designed for people who are caring for a loved one to connect with each other. Our goal is to provide mutual understanding and support on our caregiving journey. For more information contact Pastor Tiffany, Fay Barz, or Rachel Perovich.

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### Omelet Bar Mix and Match on August 27

Omelet Bar Mix and Match is happening Sunday, August 27. Enjoy a delicious 3 egg or egg white omelet that you can fill with a smorgasbord selection of meats and veggies. Each omelet comes with a piece of toast with jam or butter and a drink, all for just \$7! Omelet Bar is in The SonShine Café between 7:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. Bring a friend and enjoy a quality, made from scratch breakfast and great conversation in the fun sun of the café.

We need volunteers to take money and be a runner—no running required. To sign up, click [HERE \(link to Sign-up Genius\)](#) text or call Nancy Douglas de Baca at 505-238-5895.

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### Memorial Service for Larry Oliver

There will be a memorial service held for St. John's Church member, Larry Oliver, this Saturday, August 19 at 10 a.m. in our Sanctuary. All are invited to join in this service of remembrance for Larry. Please park in the west parking lot off Arizona St.

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## **Memorial Reception for Ben McCarty**

There will be a memorial reception held for St. John's Church member, Ben McCarty, this Saturday, August 19 at 2 p.m. in our Family Life Center. All are invited to join in this service of remembrance for Ben.

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## **Memorial Service for Charles Williams**

There will be a memorial service held for St. John's member, Charles Williams, Saturday on August 26 at 11 a.m. in our Sanctuary. Charles was a long-time member since 1962.

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## **Mountain Cathedrals Moonlight Walk Sunday, August 27**

There will be a second Mountain Cathedrals hike this month, a relatively easy walk by the light of the second (blue) full moon! Meet in St. John's east parking lot at 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 27th to carpool to the base of the Tramway and our trailhead. Alternatively, meet us at the Tram at 7:30. Since we'll be three days ahead of the full moon, we should have good moonlight by the end of twilight around 9. Plan to be back at the church before 11. We'll either walk south on trail 365 or north - to be decided later. Bring lights, a snack, and walking shoes.

Consider: What does the verse "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Ps 119:105) mean to each of us?

Next hike (probably a canoe day): September 16

Contact: Mike Furnish, CLM, [mdfurnish@comcast.net](mailto:mdfurnish@comcast.net); 505-440-7292



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## **Chancel Choir Resumes**

St. John's Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals for the new season this Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30pm in the Choir Room. All singers high school age or older are welcome. There is no audition, and no experience is required! For more information, contact Matt Greer, [mgreer@stjohns-abq.org](mailto:mgreer@stjohns-abq.org).

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# **Family Spirit Class - study and discuss new book, *Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus***

Please join us during August and September 2023, as we study and discuss the lessons from the recently published in 2022 book by Amy-Jill Levine.

The Family Spirit Class will be discussing this book (Signs and Wonders) in August and September 2023. We will also make use of a DVD player to watch some instructional video clips from the author, as well. We can watch the video clip and then discuss it. The Family Spirit Class meets in person on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in room 257. This is a small group class. All adults are welcome to attend.

In *Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine explores selected miracles of Jesus in historical and theological context. For each miracle, she discusses not only how past witnesses would have understood the events, but also how today's readers can draw meaning from Jesus's words and actions. Quote below from Abingdon Press, [link here](#).

Watch this quick 90 second [video introduction](#) to the book, video by the author.

Click [this link](#) to read a free sample of pages 1-6 of the book, to see if you like this new book and want to buy it.

If you have questions about the Family Spirit Class, please contact: Brian A. Eagan, Coordinator, email: [eagan.brian@gmail.com](mailto:eagan.brian@gmail.com).

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## **Safe Sanctuaries Training**

Safe Sanctuaries training is for anyone who serves with youth, children or vulnerable adults here at St. John's UMC. We have a holy and sacred calling as Christ's church to love, disciple, and nurture children, youth and vulnerable adults. This training is required, along with a background check every 2 years for those of us who serve with the vulnerable among us, but it is also a wonderful and important training for all of us as we seek to live out our calling to Love God, Love Others and Change the World.

There are 2 opportunities for training here at St. John's UMC ABQ and more to follow.

August 27 | 1-2:30 p.m. | Room 149-151

September 5 | 12:30-2:00 p.m. | Room 149-151

Please RSVP to Tiffany at [thollums@stjohns-abq.org](mailto:thollums@stjohns-abq.org)

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## **St. John's Book Swap**

The Book Swap is starting over with empty shelves. Donations of books in excellent condition are welcome for people of all ages. DVD's that accompany Bible Study or Sunday School materials are welcome. Popular movie DVD's with no religious or moral value should not be donated. Please recycle your VHS tapes, cassette tapes and magazines elsewhere. For more information, please contact Debbie Eagan at 505.889.3774 or send email to [deborah.eagan@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.eagan@gmail.com).

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## **Asbury Pie Café at 2023 State Fair**

St. John's is continuing to support the Asbury Pie Café at this year's state fair in

Albuquerque, September 7-17, 2023. Sign-up sheets to work at the Café on the fair's Main Street are available on tables under the canopies by the east doors on all Sunday mornings in August. Come see which St. John's work slots will fit into your schedule!

If you are unable to work at the Café, there are plenty of other ways for you to be involved. Pie-making parties are still being held Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., last one on August 22nd.

In-person training classes: Wednesday, Aug. 23rd & Monday, Aug. 28th upstairs in 245/257.

Many volunteer opportunities: WORKERS, BAKERS, STORING FROZEN PIES, HELP ORGANIZE PIES, HAND OUT PASSES, COUNT MONEY, DELIVER PIES...spread the word! If you can work shifts that are not on St. John's sign ups, please write down your availability and we'll ask around. If you have questions contact Jenn Shields 505-450-9978 or [jennshields200@yahoo.com](mailto:jennshields200@yahoo.com).



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## Children's Chapel

Children's chapel is our Sunday worship school time every Sunday (including communion Sundays) during the 9:30 and 11 am worship services in the upstairs Children's chapel rooms. We would love you to serve and experience what a joy it is to join with children to worship God in the ways that children experience their world: through play, laughter, art, dance and wonder.

If you are interested and feeling a calling to invest in the lives of children, please reach out to Pastor Tiffany ([thollums@stjohns-abq.org](mailto:thollums@stjohns-abq.org)) to serve a Sunday.

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## Collecting School Supplies

The Youth and children are collecting school supplies for Pajarito Elementary school, which serves children in the south valley and is in desperate need of school supplies. You may place your donations in the wire baskets in the Hospitality Center.

We are collecting the following:

- spiral notebooks
- composition notebooks
- pencils #2
- pink erasers
- color pencils
- water based markers
- crayons
- scissors
- glue sticks
- Elmer glue

pencil sharpeners  
plastic folders with pockets  
boys' and girls' backpacks

Anything you can help with, will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Tiffany Hollums for more information, [thollums@stjohns-abq.org](mailto:thollums@stjohns-abq.org).



## Prayer Quilt Recipient

Thora Jackson is the recipient for the prayer quilt currently on display in the Hospitality Center.

In lieu of tying knots, please pray this prayer (or your own prayer) for Thora: "Loving God, we know there is healing in your touch and we trust in your goodness. May Thora dwell within your gentle embrace as she heals from surgery. Amen."



## Zuni Weekend Meal Bag Project

Our St. John's Missions' focus for September is the Zuni Weekend Meal Bag project. We'll collect the following items: in single-serve sizes: shelf-stable white and chocolate milk, nut-free granola or cereal bars, nut-free cookies and oatmeal. You can place your donations in the bins in the Hospitality Center. We really appreciate you, St. John's, and all you do to help make this project possible. For questions, email [donnabruce@comcast.net](mailto:donnabruce@comcast.net).

**August Special Offering:**



# Wesley Foundation at UNM

School is starting up again, and that means UNM and Wesley Foundation as well. The group continues to meet at Central UMC under the leadership of Pastor Lisa Baylock. There will be a fall kick off barbecue on August 21.

The old Wesley House is in the process of being sold to UNM. Sadly, given the condition of its electrical, plumbing and heating systems, the Wesley Foundation Board believes this is definitely the right thing to do. Meeting at Central is a good fit for the group.

Speaking of the Board, there are a couple of spots to fill on the board of this very important ministry. What a wonderful way to help spread the gospel to the students at UNM! Contact Pastor Baylock at Covenant UMC if you are interested. We have the opportunity to generously support Wesley in the month of August as school begins.

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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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## St. John's United Methodist Church

2626 Arizona Street NE | Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110  
Office Hours (call only): Monday - Thursday, 9a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

## Pastor 24-Hour Hotline | (505) 808-1624

Pastoral care is available for after-hours emergencies. Please send any congregational care needs to Pastor Tiffany at [thollums@stjohns-abq.org](mailto:thollums@stjohns-abq.org) as we all work together to love one another well.



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