



ST. JOHN'S

DISCIPLE CONNECTIONS

July 28, 2023

Josh's Jottings

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field." Matthew 13:44
Be sure to come to the UWF Rummage and Treasures and Trinkets Sale this Friday and Saturday in the FLC. You could find something unexpected and useful.

I like how Jesus talks about the hidden treasure in the parable. Our first reaction is that the man who found it is rich! Yet, to obtain it, he sacrifices everything. He becomes poor, and yet the joy of the treasure is worth the sacrifice.

Many of us responded to the message of Jesus in just the same way. The Gospel is a treasure - a source of joy beyond words. Against all odds, it is in the giving, the sacrifice of Christian discipleship that we become rich. That is our treasure.

Go to the Rummage Sale and find something - a curiosity - that interests you. Then remember that Jesus has made all of us wealthy in love.

Pastor Josh



UWF Annual Rummage Sale and Trinkets & Treasures Sale This Weekend

This year, the United Women in Faith's annual Rummage Sale and Trinkets & Treasures Sale are happening on the same weekend! This combined shopping event will be held on

Friday, July 28, from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 29, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Proceeds from both of these sales benefit local missions. Come find that special item you've been waiting for in your shopping excursions. Details for these sales are below:

Rummage Sale

- Friday, July 28 from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Saturday, July 29 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- In the Family Life Center
- Almost anything and everything can be found at our Rummage Sale, including tools, books, glassware, art, small appliances and linens
- Questions? Contact Regina Hampton at hamptonmason1@msn.com or Doris Bowen at bowen_g@msn.com

Trinkets & Treasures Sale

- Friday, July 28 from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Saturday, July 29 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- In the narthex
- Here you will find collectibles, vintage items, depression glass, pottery, jewelry, home decor, etc.
- Questions? Contact Donna Bruce at donnabruce@comcast.net

Memory Café Meets on August 5

Memory Café Albuquerque is having a Hawaiian Luau for our August meeting. Join us on the beach on August 5 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Sonshine Café. Our entertainment is a Hula Dancer who will also be teaching us a dance! We will also have beach ball games, trivia, snacks, and information for caregivers and loved ones. [Click here](#) to see the event flyer.

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

Hospitality Center Orientation/Reorientation on August 6

On Sunday, August 6, immediately following the 11 a.m. service, current volunteers and potential volunteers will gather for fellowship and lunch, in addition to an orientation / reorientation for what happens in the Hospitality Center on Sunday mornings. **We REALLY NEED more volunteers** so if you think you would be a good "fit" for greeting and helping people on Sunday mornings through the Hospitality Center, then please plan to join us on August 6. We will provide the training and place you with an experienced person! You can volunteer as little or as much as you want. Shifts are 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Come join us! It's a great way to meet people and also to use that gift of hospitality! For planning lunch numbers, please contact donnabruce@comcast.net to RSVP by Tuesday, August 1.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Media Communications Process

St. John's staff members are working together to continue the successful procedures established by our former Media Coordinator, Nicole Creaturo. We want to inform you of the current process for submitting items for the Disciple Connection. The Disciple Connection includes both the emailed E-Disciple on Friday and the printed Newsletter (containing the same information) on Sunday.

Please email your notices for the Disciple Connection to communicate@stjohns-abq.org by the new deadline of **noon on Wednesday** for them to be included in the weekly communications to our congregation on Friday and Sunday. Your message must include the date, time, and location of your event, plus the name and contact information of a person who can answer questions. Please contact Joy Heaviland at the Church Office (505-883-9717), if you want to schedule a meeting at the church. Disciple Connection notices will be published for a maximum of three consecutive weeks.

Proposed edits for the church's website will be considered by the new Media Coordinator after that position has been filled.

Social Concerns: ABQ Reads

If you have time during school hours, and would like to help children who are a little behind in reading, please consider volunteering as a part time tutor at ABQReads.com. There are a number of elementary schools where tutors are needed. You can volunteer for three sessions a week or just one. These sessions begin in early September, You could also volunteer to be a substitute, on an as needed basis. Each session is about an hour and a half. During that time you'll help two children. There are children who are falling behind because there aren't enough tutors to help them. Please consider volunteering. Call Dennis Scherlacher, 505-918-5991, if you have any questions.

Servers Needed for Zuni/St. John's Preschool Plus Teacher Appreciation Lunch

On August 2, St. John's will be serving a free lunch to appreciate the teachers at our neighbor, Zuni Elementary, and the teachers at our own Pre School Plus. We are in need of servers to set tables with linen and flatware, serve drinks and lunch, eat with the teachers, and bus dishes and clean up. If you are interested, please contact Chef Tim at tuzum@stjohns-abq.org or 505-883-9717 x141.

Please Help Host Family Promise Week in August

We need your help for Family Promise host week August 13-20! 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 (jennshields200@yahoo.com and 505-450-9978) or Linn (swimsew@comcast.net). [Click here](#) to sign up to volunteer online.

To see more information about Family Promise [click here](#).

Asbury Pie Café Needs Help

I see postcards around the church, why? - 2023 Asbury Pie Café NEEDS help! Volunteers are gearing up for another New Mexico State Fair. There are many, many, many ways to help make the Asbury Pie Café successful. Just to list a few - attend pie parties, bake pies, store frozen pies, work at the Café, and/or donate. [Click here](#) to see a list of ways to help and [click here](#) to see an invitation to the pie parties. Both can also be found at the Hospitality Center and the Abide Service. Contact Jenn Shields at jennshields200@yahoo.com or 505-450-9978 for more information.



Thanks to All Our Stellar Volunteers

Stellar Vacation Bible School and St. Kid's Camp would like to thank everyone for their incredible support, prayers and a truly *stellar* out of this world week! Thank you to the many adult and youth volunteers and everyone who gave donations! We had a *stellar* time!



Prayer Quilt Recipient

Ora Keller is the recipient of the prayer quilt currently on display in the Hospitality Center.



In lieu of tying knots, please pray this prayer (or your own prayer) for Ora:
"Heavenly Father, we ask that you give Ora the hope and courage she needs today and every day. Comfort her pain, calm her fears and surround her with your peace. Amen."

GIVING

Family Promise Needs

Family Promise is in a difficult position. The funding for the renovations is on a reimbursement basis - which will make it hard to cover day to day costs, once construction starts. Please go to the [link](#) to see the entire issue, and how to donate.
Thank you. Linn Furnish, Family Promise Coordinating Team

Albuquerque Christian Children's Home

Thank you, St. John's, for your generous donation to the Albuquerque Christian Children's Home (ACCH) through the May special offering. Alicia O'Rear, Development Director for ACCH, stopped by the church to personally thank us!

We can continue to help them through purchasing gift cards for ACCH for use in buying school supplies and needs for the children as they arise. They are in need of Amazon, Target, Visa and WalMart gift cards. You can purchase these in any amount and bring to the Hospitality Center on Sundays or the church office during the week. A representative from ACCH will pick them up from the church.

If you have questions, come by the Hospitality Center or contact Donna at 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 Wednesday evening for the Friday weekly edition. [Click here](#) to send your articles to the editor.

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Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

Pastor care is available for after-hours emergencies. Any congregational care needs, please send those to Pastor Tiffany at thollums@stjohns-abq.org as we all work together to love one another well.



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