



ST. JOHN'S

DISCIPLE CONNECTIONS

October 20, 2023

Josh's Jottings

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he [God] utters his voice, the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
(Psalm 46:6-7, NRSV)

United Methodists, along with other people of faith and prayer, are stewards of God's shalom. In all circumstances we are to pray for peace. We may disagree about the ways to achieve peace, but together we are followers of the Prince of Peace.

Today as the world struggles and as peace seems illusive, I encourage you to pray. We can pray for the innocent people who are caught up in conflict. We can pray for leaders in the world to make wise choices and work for the common good. We can pray for a time when conflict will melt away and justice will reign instead of the power of violence. In praying for such things, our own hearts can also be changed. This week pray for peace in our world, in our community, and in our own lives.

-Pastor Josh



Memorial Service for Jenna Hamilton

Tomorrow

All are invited to comfort Jenna's family, and to celebrate her life and ministry at St. John's tomorrow, October 21 at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. A reception will follow in the Family Life Center.

The service will also be available by livestream, at the link below.

[Click here Saturday at 2 p.m. to join the livestreamed service.](#)

Memorial Service for Bob Humble Tomorrow

Bob Humble's memorial service is scheduled to be tomorrow, October 21, at 3 p.m. at La Vida Llena, 10501 Lagrima De Oro Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111. A reception will immediately follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider becoming a blood donor, and or donate your time or resources to the Vitalant Foundation.

Mountain Cathedrals Hike Tomorrow

Let us celebrate the warm colors of autumn with a foliage hike in the Albuquerque Bosque (entering at Campbell Road). Logistics: Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the St. John's UMC East Parking Lot to carpool or drive alone to the hike, or at the trailhead at 8:30 a.m. (please do RSVP!). Plan to return by about noon to allow hikers to attend the 2 p.m. funeral for Jenna Hamilton. This should be an easy walk (very little vertical; smooth trail walking < 3 miles). Bring sturdy walking shoes, lunch, water, sun protection and enthusiasm!

Psalm 96 inspires us to identify what is God's and what is of God. This applies in our everyday lives and in extraordinary times as well. How does this affect our approach to life?

Please join us for this hike of meditation, wilderness, and time apart from our normal schedules.

Organizer: Mike Furnish, 505-440-7292; mdfurnish@comcast.net.

Save the date: The next Mountain Cathedrals hike is planned for Saturday, November 18th.

Mobile Food Pantry Tomorrow

Our next Mobile Food Pantry is tomorrow, October 21. Volunteers arrive about 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. For more information, please contact Debby Smith at 505-554-4238 or dysmith0427@gmail.com.

Empty Bowls Event

October 28

The public is invited to the Albuquerque Empty Bowls fundraising meal at St. John's United Methodist Church at 2626 Arizona St. NE in Albuquerque on Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are for sale at Storehouse website: <https://storehousenm.org> or can be purchased at St. John's front office during normal office hours. \$35 includes bowl, soup, bread, dessert, drink. Children under 12 can eat for \$5, no bowl. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Handmade bowls made by Albuquerque potters and food donated by area restaurants and food establishments will be provided for the popular fundraiser to help alleviate food insecurity in our area. Storehouse New Mexico, a nonprofit community-based food pantry that provides free groceries to people in need, will benefit from all bowl sales.

Empty Bowl Volunteers Needed

St. John's volunteers are needed to help in the set up, serving and in various capacities at the Empty Bowls event. If you are interested in serving for this wonderful event, please contact Chef Tim at tnuzum@stjohns-abq.org or 505-883-9717.

Omelet Bar Mix and Match October 29

Omelet Bar Mix and Match is happening on Sunday, October 29. You can get a made to order 3 egg or egg white omelet that you can fill with a smorgasbord selection of meats and veggies. And 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](#) text or call Nancy Douglas de Baca at 505-238-5895.

Memory Café November 4

On Saturday, November 4th Memory Café will be giving thanks for our veterans and all our blessings! Entertainment will be a special program by the Corbins on the steel drums. We may even play a game or two!

Memory Café is a supportive community fellowship for all persons with memory loss and Alzheimer's' Disease along with their family/caregivers. We meet the first Saturday of the month from 1:30 - 3 p.m. in the SonShine Café. For more information contact Sharon Jensen at 505-323-7523, or ssmjens@aol.com.

Scandinavian Festival November 4

A Scandinavian Festival will be held at St John's United Methodist Church on Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring Scandinavian food, folk art, dance performances, ballad singer and musicians. Admission and parking is free.

Terry Clements and Friends November 4

We are excited to announce that Terry Clements and Friends, Richard Bray and Roger Eaton will return to Solid Grounds Coffee House on Saturday, November 4.

We will be playing our popular original songs both new and familiar. Richard (guitar and dobro), Roger (U-bass), and harmonica will also be featured on folk, bluegrass and gospel selections.

November 4, 2023, 6:30 p.m., Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Solid Grounds Coffee House
St. Stephens United Methodist Church
4601 Juan Tabo NE, Albuquerque, NM

WeCare November 19

WeCare is not meeting in October and will resume on November 19. Our goal is to provide mutual understanding and support on our caregiving journey. For more information contact Rachel Perovich at rachel.perovich@gmail.com.



Passing of St. John's Member

St. John's member Betty Davis passed away this week. Betty has been a member of St. John's since 1983. The service in celebration of her life will be Saturday, October 28, at 11 a.m. in our sanctuary.

Preschool News

We had a lot of fun learning about the Farm. Our Learning Topic for October will be All About FALL! This is a great topic for learning about changes in weather, leaves, plants, and here in New Mexico the Balloon Fiesta. We live in such a beautiful State. Come see our New Mexico Bulletin Board in the Preschool Hallway.

We had our third annual Saint John's Preschool "mini" Balloon Fiesta on our playground this week. Each child released helium balloons in the air along with wishes and prayers for

our families. We will have our Costume Parade at the end of the month.

Blessings and Peace,
Cathy Lubold, Preschool Director

St. John's 75 Anniversary!

Can you believe it? St. John's will celebrate its 75 anniversary in 2025! And we do want to *CELEBRATE*, so we are currently putting together a team to make the celebration happen! This team will start brainstorming ideas before the end of 2023 and then start putting some of those ideas into action in 2024. You do not have to know the history of St. John's; we have our historian to keep us on track for that information. We just need people with ideas and who are willing to work to make these ideas happen. If you would like to be part of this 75 Anniversary team, please contact Donna at donnabruce@comcast.net.

How can you help the Hamilton family at this difficult time?

With the shocking news of the death of our bookkeeper and nursery manager, Jenna Hamilton, several members of St. John's have reached out to ask how they can help. Here are a few ways you can surround Jenna's family with love and care.

Contribute to a memorial fund established for the family: St. John's is establishing a support fund to assist Jenna's family. They will need extra help especially with medical bills, funeral expenses, and more. If you wish to make a donation, please designate it for the "Family Survivors Fund."

Provide a meal: Jenna's daughter, Alanah, is home from the hospital but still on a recovery journey. If you would like to provide a meal to the family, please use this [link](#) to sign-up.

Send a condolence card or get-well card to the family: If you are on the church app, you can find the Hamilton's address. Otherwise call the church office.

Pray, Pray, Pray: Keep on praying for Jenna's family, particularly her daughter, that healing will continue and God's love will be felt.

The Hamiltons are grateful for the love and support over these last few days. They have a hard road ahead, and St. John's will be ready to support them through this tragic loss.

Scripture: It's more complicated than we think.

Entire denominational doctrines have been created around *nature* of scripture, with surprisingly little *basis* in scripture. Scripture places great value on what is written, but for the biblical writers, what "is written" is the Old Testament, and we also take the New Testament as scripture. Scripture places value on scriptural study, but sometimes what scripture *says* isn't what it *means*. Be cautious about taking errors, approximations, and personifications literally. Scripture guides behavior, but as God's self-revelation unfolds, some scriptures explain or supersede other scriptures. What gives scripture power is the word it contains, but it doesn't contain Jesus, who *is* the Word of God. Join more than 100 fellow-readers as we examine some of the complexities of what is written. A scripture passage and a brief study tip are distributed to most participants by email five days a week. The study tips are made available outside our walls through an archive at www.daily-bible-study-tips.com, where they are accessed daily by readers throughout the world. Answers to reader questions and other supplements occasionally come out on

Saturdays. Paper study guides will be available in the Welcome Center beginning October 8. To receive daily study tips by email, write or call Regina Hunter at drhunter@nmia.com or 294-2877.



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

- Located at Baldwin, Louisiana, the week of July 13-21, 2024.
- 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. Registration Document [linked here](#). (Financial aid and fundraising is available)



Prayer Quilt Recipient

Dennis Scherlacher 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 Dennis. Won't be in the Center this week?



No worries, either way please pray this prayer (or your own prayer) for Dennis. "Lord, we come before you today in need of your healing hand. In you all things are possible. We place Dennis under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. 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 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](#).



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 Josh at jkouri@stjohns-abq.org as we all work together to love one another well.



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