



ST. JOHN'S

DISCIPLE CONNECTIONS

November 10, 2023

Josh's Jottings

You will want to mark your calendar for January 5-6, 2024 when St. John's will be hosting an event we are calling GATHER. *Gather* is an opportunity for us to offer a vision for a new chapter in our church's story.

We know that the way people do church is changing. Many of you connect with our church through online worship. For those of you that do, we want to offer new ways for you, and others to connect with small groups, community gatherings, and other groups where you can grow as a disciple.

You may also know people around our conference who lost their United Methodist community due to disaffiliation. For these folks, *Gather* will introduce them to our church, and equip them to rekindle a United Methodist presence through St. John's in their local community.

Along the way, we will have great teaching and insight from Rev. Charity Goodwin and the uplifting music from Ken Medema. This is going to be an exciting weekend, one which I think will leave you excited and full of hope for the year to come. Registration will be up soon. I'm looking forward to seeing you all when we GATHER on January 5!

-Pastor Josh



EVENTS

Jazz Vespers Saturday

Join us for Jazz Vespers this Saturday, November 11 at 5 p.m. Performers will include vocalist Dianna Hughes, pianist Robert Lah, guitarist Michael Anthony, guitarist Linda Davidson, bassist David Parlato, and drummer Cal Haines. Our preacher will be Rev. Josh Kouri. Join us live, or by [livestream](#).

***Braving the Holidays* Workshop Saturday**

For those experiencing the loss of a family member or friend, the holidays can be an especially trying time. It may be your initial holiday season without your loved one, or you may have traversed this path before and are contemplating how to manage the approaching weeks. In either case, join us for this upcoming workshop and take away some tips for navigating the holiday season. Click [here](#) to view the flyer.

Who: Adults grieving the loss of a loved one

When: Saturday, November 11, 2023, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Where: Asbury United Methodist Church

RSVP: EmbracingtheJourney505@gmail.com or call 505.299.0643

Thanksgiving Sunday Turkey Feast November 12

The St. John's Food Ministry is inviting everyone to a Thanksgiving Slow Roasted Turkey Feast with sides on Sunday, November 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center. No reservation required. But a love of from-scratch pumpkin pie, apple pie, or green chili apple pie is a plus! Just \$12 for adults, \$6 for ages 12-17, \$3 for ages 5-11, and under 5 is free. Give thanks for Food, Fellowship and Fun.

A donation basket will be out if you would like to buy a meal for a person experiencing homelessness—we will be taking 180 meals to feed 180 food insecure people at HopeWorks at the end of the month.

We need volunteers to help put on the lunch. If you are available, please sign up [HERE](#). If you have questions, text or call Nancy Douglas de Baca at 505-238-5895.

Quilters Sale November 12

St. John's Quilters will have a sale on Sunday, November 12, starting at 10:30 a.m. in the hallway north of the Family Life Center and then moving into the FLC during Sunday's turkey lunch. The sale will feature mainly Christmas items, along with small quilts and other gift items (all priced under \$100). Eighty percent of the proceeds will be given to Silver Horizons, ten percent to the Food Ministry, and ten percent to the quilters group.

Asbury Café Volunteer Reception November 12

Asbury Café Volunteer Reception will be held at Asbury UMC, 10000 Candelaria Rd NE, on Sunday, November 12, at 2 p.m. There will be a presentation of checks to the various charities from 2:30 - 3 p.m. and sometime after the presentation to fellowship and share stories of your time at the Asbury Café. No need to RSVP. If you have questions, please email Jenn Shields at jennshields200@yahoo.com.

Mountain Cathedrals November 18

The November Mountain Cathedrals Hike will be held Saturday, November 18. Going a bit further afield this time, we journey to the Rio Puerco area south of Cabezon peak. The Hoodoo Trail in the Ojito Wilderness awaits. This walk is of moderate difficulty (4 miles, a few hundred feet of elevation change), and is a good introduction to the fabulous desert scenery in this part of NM. The area is interesting for its geology (numerous volcanic necks, sandstone formations and convoluted structures), botany (Ponderosas below 6000 feet elevation), human history (the Navajos and Apaches did not always get along), and what we may find in ourselves on this journey. Plan to be at St. John's (east lot) by 7:30 a.m. Prepare for cold weather and sun and bring lunch; return by 2:00 p.m.

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, December 16.

Mobile Food Pantry November 18

Our next Mobile Food Pantry is Saturday, November 18. Volunteers arrive about 9:00 a.m. and distribution begins at 9:45 - 10:00 a.m., depending on the time the Road Runner truck arrives. We are usually finished by noon. For more information, please contact Debby Smith at 505-554-4238 or dysmith0427@gmail.com.

Music at St. John's Presents Alexis and Hovey Corbin and Friends

"Music at St. John's" presents a magical afternoon of exciting contemporary music curated by two of Albuquerque's favorite percussionists. Join us on Sunday, November 19 at 2 p.m. for a concert by Hovey and Alexis Corbin and friends (including violinist David Felberg, and percussionists Douglas Cardwell, Jeff Cornelius, and Alan Zimmerman). This will be a unique and unforgettable concert!

Hanging of the Greens Celebration November 26

Please join us November 26 to prepare our facility for the season of Advent!

Come and go as your schedule provides, work, eat and have some fun with the St. John's community and start the season of Advent in church creating a beautiful space for people to feel welcome, and to worship. A light lunch will be served.

The following is the schedule of events and locations throughout the church building.

- Following the Abide service at 10:30 a.m., we will begin set up/staging for Family Life Center-side of the building, banners, greens in FLC, wreath fluffing/ fixing/ hanging.
- Following the sanctuary service at noon we will quickly put away banners, altar cloths, etc.
- Around 12:30 p.m. a light lunch of soup and salad will be served in the FLC.
- Following lunch at 1:30 p.m. we will continue decorating around the FLC, sanctuary, narthex, and music wing.

Sign-up sheets can be found in the Hospitality Center as well as in the FLC. Or, you can sign-up using this link [HERE](#). An approximate number will be needed for Tim to know how much food to make.

See you at St. John's!



Family Spirit Class New Series

Please join us at St. John's UMC on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in room 257 as we study a new book and DVD, *Adult Bible Studies*. Each week we will watch a short 5 minute video in class with comments from the author and then discuss questions. In November 2023, we will study Unit 1 - Food. And folks are welcome to drop by any week to sample the class and try it out. Free admission and open to all adults.

Preview for Unit 1:

Scripture recognizes that hunger, famine, and food insecurity make people vulnerable to a variety of threats. It also testifies to God's generous provision of food for humans and wild creatures and to human responsibility to help those who are hungry and in need. From God's provision of manna in the wilderness to divine provision during famine, from Jesus' feeding of crowds to his teaching of a new way of being with the poor and marginalized through table fellowship, Scripture bears witness to God's graciousness and our responsibility as its recipients. Bible lessons in this unit are based on Exodus 16, 1 Kings 19, Mark 6, and Luke 14. Spiritual Practice: Feasting

Chef Tim Will Cook Your Thanksgiving Turkey or Ham

Are you too busy to cook the turkey or ham this year for Thanksgiving? Are you feeding scores of people and your oven won't fit a 24 lb. turkey? Have Chef Tim slow roast your turkey or ham for you. \$40 if you buy the turkey or ham and bring to the kitchen Sunday, November 19; \$60 if Chef Tim buys the turkey or ham.

Pick up in the kitchen: Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 23, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. For more information and to sign up, contact Chef Tim at 505-883-9717 x 141 or tnuzum@stjohns-abq.org.

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree ministry has been supported by St. John's for many years. If you're not familiar, Angel Tree provides gifts for children whose parents are incarcerated, in the name of the parent. Of course, it could not be done without the generosity of the people of St. John's. You will have two opportunities to pick your "Angel" from the Trees that will be in the Narthex and the Family Life Center on November 12 and 19. Then you're off to shop for a gift of clothing and a "fun" gift for "your" Angel, spending \$20 on each gift. You can return the wrapped gifts, with the Angels attached, to the church on November 26 and December 3. Volunteers will sort the gifts into family groups, and then make certain they are delivered to the Angels before Christmas!

If you are unable to shop, but would like to support the program, please pick your Angel, and give the volunteer at the tree your \$40 contribution. Volunteers will do the shopping and wrapping for you!

Should you be interested in volunteering in some way, please contact Kathy Scherlacher at 505-918-5990.

Each year this Christmas Season ministry brings great joy to the children and the love of Christ to their parents. Thank you, St. John's for your time, your gifts, and your support of Angel Tree.

All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas by Amy Valdez Barker (Advent Study)

**Tuesdays, November 21 - December 19 (5 weeks), 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., IN-PERSON,
facilitator: Dara Bell**

In "*All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas*," a group of diverse Wesleyan scholars will take you on an Advent journey guided by the practices in John Wesley's means of grace. In these sessions of study, prayer, and conversation, readers will look at preparing the way for God, the discipline of prayer, the substance of good works, and the recognition of God's presence with us in communities that are called to serve the world.

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



Children's Celebration for Jenna Hamilton Saturday

The youngest members of our church family will honor Jenna Hamilton in their own special way with a balloon release and memory tree creation on Saturday, November 11. Anyone who would like to join us can meet in the SonShine Café at 10:00 am. Please contact Angela Lybarger at childrensdirector@stjohns-abq.org or (505) 250-3875 with any questions. All children of nursery age or older are welcome to participate in this special event.

Children's Ministry Lunch & Christmas Event

Calling all children in pre-school through grade 5, and their families! Hard to believe it's already that time, but we need your help to create unique Christmas ornaments for our church this year. Come enjoy some lunch and make Ojo de Dios with us for the Christmas trees at St. John's.

When: Saturday, November 11, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(immediately following children's celebration for Jenna Hamilton)

Please RSVP to Angela Lybarger with the number of people in your family who will be attending so Chef Tim has plenty of food for everyone (include any special dietary needs, food allergies, etc). Send an email to childrensdirector@stjohns-abq.org or call/text to (505) 250-3875. Hope to see you there.

We will also be talking about scheduling for Christmas pageant practices, the Christmas Eve family service, and other issues for November & December.

Families of Faith Meal

Families of Faith meal starts at 5 p.m. every Wednesday. Children are welcome to join the NewSound Choir at 5 p.m. and then enjoy a warm meal at 6 p.m. Bible Club starts at 6:30 p.m. for ages Kindergarten through the fifth grade. All families are welcome to the meal and activities. For menus, click here: [Families of Faith Oct-Nov Menu](#).



Prayer Quilt Recipient

Kathy Elrick 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 Kathy. Won't be in the Center this week? No worries, either way please pray this prayer (or your own prayer) for Kathy. "Eternal God, we ask that you help Kathy in times of weakness and pain. Please sustain her by your grace so that her strength and courage do not fail. In Jesus's name. Amen."

GIVING

November Special Offering: UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

Wildfires in Hawaii; Tornadoes in the Midwest; huge Hurricane in Mexico, and Wars are creating refugees around the world.

UMCOR is there providing aide to the victims. In the summer of 2024, our youth will be there, too. They will be volunteering at the UMCOR warehouse in Louisiana assembling care packages for distribution around the world. And we, too, can be there by giving generously this month. Our financial gifts will lay the foundation for all UMCOR does by underwriting its administrative costs so that 100% of the donations to a specific UMCOR project go directly to that project. Crises seem never ending, and we may often feel helpless, but our financial gifts to UMCOR in November can make a difference.

BIG BOX OF LOVE, Senior Food Drive

American General Media's BIG 98.5 FM is answering Silver Horizons' call for help with a "Big Box of Love" radio promotion soliciting food and monetary donations to help low-income senior citizens. Through November 17, pick up empty boxes from American General Media's office (Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at 8009 Marble Ave. NE, or at Thrift Smart, Silver Horizon's Thrift Store, (Tuesday - Friday, 12 - 4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.) at 3100-A San Mateo Blvd. NE. Once filled with nonperishable food items, the boxes can be dropped off where you picked up the boxes (during normal business hours listed above).

HOWEVER, we can make it easier than that for you to contribute to this drive if you don't want to do the above suggestion. Bring your food items to St. John's and we'll get them to

Silver Horizons.

For more information, or to make a monetary donation, please call Silver Horizons at 505-800-1400 or click here to donate online: <https://www.silverhorizons.org/donate>.

Show your care about struggling, low-income senior citizens by filling a "Big Box of Love"!



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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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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