



August 25, 2023

Josh's Jottings

If you've been a part of St. John's for very long, you've heard our Bluegrass singers perform *Methodist Pie*. It's a light fun song that remembers part of our heritage - the old Methodist camp meetings. Thousands, if not tens of thousands, would gather regionally to hear speakers, sing and praise God, and revive God's word in their lives. In 2010, I was lucky enough to visit the historic Methodist campground in Des Plaines, Illinois, one of the oldest and largest sites where such revivals would take place. It felt like a holy place.

Today, revival is something we are looking for, yet seems elusive. One needed element is for us to work harder than ever to bring the church beyond the walls. Camp meetings didn't happen in churches. People would invite their neighbors to the events who never would have invited them to church. It seems we have gotten stuck inside the institution. Yet we can reclaim that heritage.

One thing we could do is look for places beyond the walls where our witness is still felt. As it turns out, "Methodist pie," points us in the right direction. The Asbury Pie Café at the State Fair is looking for helpers who can sell pie, but also share love and community at one of the biggest gatherings in New Mexico. If you can help, contact Jenn Shields today.

One more note - Methodist pie is a thing. In fact, there are recipes for it on the internet. It's a rich nutty cake topped with chocolate pudding and whipped topping. Honestly, it sounds pretty good!

-Pastor Josh



Memorial Service for Charles Williams

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

Omelet Bar Mix and Match this Sunday

Omelet Bar Mix and Match is happening this 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.

Mountain Cathedrals Moonlight Walk this 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; 505-440-7292

Memory Café September 2

Memory Café in Albuquerque is celebrating Labor Day for our September meeting. Randall Preston will entertain by bringing music of the sixties, Elvis, and a little bit country on September 2, 2023, at 1:30-3:00 p.m., in the SonShine Café. Snacks and information for caregivers and loved ones will also be available. Click [here](#), to view the flyer.

Memory Café meets the first Saturday of each month at 1:30-3:00 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 on a similar journey. This is not a drop-off event. For more information (505) 323-7522 or ssmjens@aol.com.

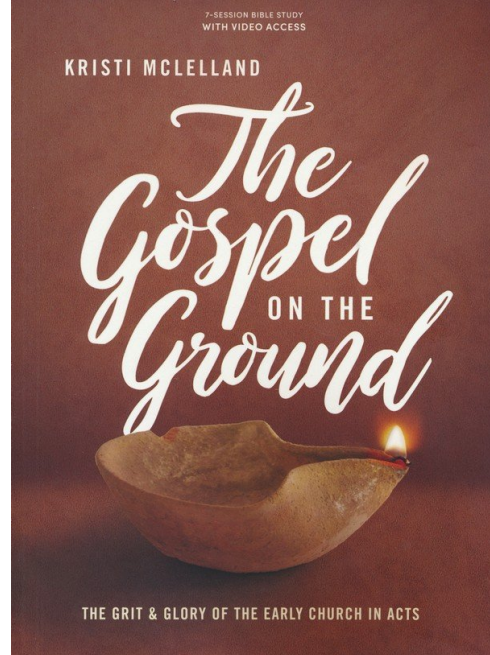
Women's Bible Study Gospel on the Ground by

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, or sign up in the Hospitality Center on Sunday morning.



UWF Meeting September 7

United Women in Faith's next meeting on Thursday, September 7 at 10:00 a.m., will feature special guest, Sera Kahruman and company from the Raindrop Foundation. We will have traditional baklava and other Turkish treats. Sera will talk about Muslim women in the US and will answer questions about why Muslim women wear scarfs and what obstacles Muslim women face in today's society. Below is a short bio of our guest speaker, Sera Kahruman Anderoglu.

Sera Kahruman Anderoglu is a member of the Turkish-American community and a volunteer at Raindrop Foundation in Albuquerque. She has a BS degree in Industrial Engineering from Bogazici University, Turkey and a PhD degree in Industrial Engineering from Texas A&M University. She currently works as a Senior Data Scientist. Sera and her husband moved to New Mexico after graduating from Texas A&M, and have been happily raising their three daughters in the Land of Enchantment.

Come sing with JOY

The Joy Singers will resume rehearsals on September 11. All are welcome to attend; no experience or training necessary. We enjoy singing together every Monday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Choir Room, and occasionally sing for the community. Join us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

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.

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!

The next in-person training class is scheduled on 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.



Youth (and parents) serving at Asbury Pie Café

The youth, along with parent volunteers, will be serving at this year's Asbury Pie Café on Friday, September 15th from 6:45 p.m. to 11 p.m. We will meet to leave from St. John's UMC west parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and return around 11:30 p.m. Training for those serving will be Monday, August 28 at 6 p.m. in rooms 245/257. If interested in volunteering, please reach out to Tiffany at thollums@stjohns-abq.org.

Youth Sunday School

Our 9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday class is going strong and welcomes all youth. Then September 10, we will add an 11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday class for those youth in Sunrise Choir at 9:30 a.m. Jason Mauck is leading Youth Sunday School, but we need adults to help be a second support for him. If you are interested in serving a week or two please contact Tiffany at thollums@stjohns-abq.org.

Children's Chapel

Children's chapel is our Sunday worship school time every Sunday (including communion Sundays) during the 9:30 and 11 a.m. 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) to serve a Sunday.

Families of Faith

Families of Faith and NewSound Choir will start after Labor day. More information to come.

Fall Retreat

Mark your calendars for Fall Retreat happening on October 13 through 15, 2023. More details to come.



Prayer Quilt Recipient

Steve Maggart 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 Steve: "Lord, you have been beside Steve each step of the way, watching over him through this surgery. Please give him rest and peace each moment of the day and may he dwell in your love and truth. Amen."



Youth Snack Donations

We have a growing and hungry group of youth coming Sundays from 4-6 p.m. If you or

your class or small group would like to provide tasty treats (nachos, home baked yummys, fruit, chips....pretty much anything thrills this group) for 25-30 (yes....you read that correctly!) please sign up at the Youth Snack sign-up at the Hospitality center or contact Tiffany at thollums@stjohns-abq.org.



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



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