

NEWSLETTER



Episcopal Parish of Ames

June 2016

GILEAD

For a number of years our Diocese of Iowa has been looking for new ways in which to fulfill the need of creating strong leadership. We are presently in the Feasibility Study area of a “capital campaign to raise money that will create strong leadership development in an age of mission.” This campaign has been entitled GILEAD – GROWING IOWA LEADERS, ENGAGING ALL DISCIPLES. It has been more than thirty years since our diocese carried out a comprehensive fund-raising campaign. During May, June, and July consultants will confidentially gather ideas and reactions to both strategy and initiatives and determine if there is enthusiasm and financial commitment to move forward with this campaign. I hope that if you are called on to participate that you will answer the questions faithfully so that the Board of Directors will have an accurate picture of the response of the people of our diocese.

The funds from GILEAD would be used to:

1. Increasing our congregations’ leadership skills as evangelists, strategic thinkers, stewardship strategists, communicators and community organizers.
2. Providing teams that will bring tailor-made leadership development resources to every congregation.
3. Increasing gifts to facilitate the hiring, when needed, of our seminarians and other newly ordained clergy.
4. Creating a fully equipped communications center, housed in existing facilities, to facilitate learning and communications within the Diocese.
5. Executing “Remaking Our Spaces” strategies, where needed.
6. Coordinating leadership development [GILEAD] as a follow up to the Diocesan wide Mission to be launched in the final year of current Diocesan Plan – Year Five: In Mission with Christ through Each and All.

The campaign will ask each congregational family to consider giving three percent of their annual income each year for three years or a one-time gift of three percent of their assets. The funds raised by each congregation, after our 10% Tithe to our Companions [Partner Dioceses in Swaziland, Brechin and Nzara], will be allocated:

- 50% to their own church for locally identified needs as we determine
- 50% to the Diocese to establish THE GILEAD FUND

We will keep you posted on this effort.

Faithfully,

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Deaths

Kim Townsend, May 23

June Coffee Hour

5 8 & 10 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
12 8 & 10 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
19 8 & 10 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
26 8 & 10 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

July Coffee Hour

3 8 & 10 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
10 8 & 10 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
17 8 & 10 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
24 8 & 10 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
31 8 & 10 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

June Lectionary

June 5

The First Lesson: 1 Kings 17:8-16
The Psalm: Psalm 146
The Second Lesson: Galatians 1:11-24
The Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

June 12

The First Lesson: 1 Kings 21:1-10, 15-21a
The Psalm: Psalm 5:1-8
The Second Lesson: Galatians 2:15-21
The Gospel: Luke 7:36-8:3

June 19

The First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a
The Psalm: Psalm 42 & 43
The Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29
The Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

June 26

The First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
The Psalm: Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
The Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13-25
The Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

July Lectionary

July 3

The First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-14
The Psalm: Psalm 30
The Second Lesson: Galatians 6:7-16
The Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10

The First Lesson: Amos 7:7-17

The Psalm: Psalm 82

The Second Lesson: Colossians 1:1-14

The Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

July 17

The First Lesson: Amos 8:1-12

The Psalm: Psalm 52

The Second Lesson: Colossians 1:15-28

The Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

July 24

The First Lesson: Hosea 1:2-10

The Psalm: Psalm 85

The Second Lesson: Colossians 2:6-15

The Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

July 31

The First Lesson: Hosea 11:1-11

The Psalm: Psalm 107:1-9, 43

The Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

The Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Finances and the Summertime

Summer is upon us; thoughts of vacations and busy family schedules are now taking the center stage. Please remember, as a parish, our income needs don't change because the weather warms up. Looking at the income verses expenses statements compared to the budget and seeing that 1/3 of the year is behind us; we have money in the bank. But tracking budget numbers as of April 30, we have only 30% of the pledged income budget in while expenses are at 35% of budget. This is just a subtle reminder to try and stay as current as possible with pledged income. It goes a long way in not having a cash- strapped budget in the fall for the Parish.

*Scott Saienga
Treasurer*

Pilgrimage to Colorado

Please keep the youth of St. John's in your prayers the week of June 6 - 12th. Ian Hillier, Olivia Galyon and Jane Joiner along with chaperones Kevin Isely and myself, Amy Mellies, as we will be traveling to Estes Park, CO and Denver, CO. We will be staying at the

YMCA of the Rockies in a cabin where we will be hiking, white water rafting and spending some quality time with each other and God. We will then travel into Denver and volunteer with Volunteers of America and stay at the Church of the Ascension.

Vacation Bible School

We will be partnering again for VBS this summer with First United Methodist Church and United Church of Christ. The dates will be June 27-30 from 9am - 12pm. You can register your child(ren) online at

<http://2016.cokesburyvbs.com/amesvbs2016/>

Please consider contributing supplies for Vacation Bible School. There is a white board in the Parish Hall with Post-It notes. Each note contains something that is needed at VBS. If you are willing to donate, please take a note and bring the items to St. John's by June 22. Thanks!

Food at First

St. John's serves the Food at First meal on the 4th Saturday of each month. Our next meals will be served on June 25, July 23 and August 27. Please check your summer calendars and consider bringing the family to help serve a meal at the First Christian Church. We begin meal prep at 10 a.m. and serve the meal from 11:45 to 12:15. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. For more information, contact Jeannie at the parish office.

St. John's Work Days

We have scheduled several opportunities to help with the landscaping around St. John's in the next several months.

Saturday June 11 - 8 am to 10 am - Work day - weeding & pruning, clear roof drains and gutters

Wednesday, June 29 - 8:30 am to 11 am - **4H youth** will be at the church as part of a service project to help with landscaping projects. We need two or three helpers to work alongside the 4H youth. The number of youth we ask for will depend on the number of adults we have on hand. Please let Ed Gillott know if you are available.

Saturday July 9 - 8 am to 10 am - Work day

Saturday August 20 - 8 am to 10 am - Work day and spruce up before ISU classes start.

Student move in weekend - August 20 and 21 - Fundraising opportunity for youth or college group to raise money 'leasing' parking spaces for students moving back in.

Date to be announced - Painting the parking lot striping.

More volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, please contact Ed Gillott or George Smith. Some projects can be done any time that fits your schedule, and George or Ed can meet you at the church to show you areas that need a little TLC. This can be a great opportunity for a family, youth/student or parish group service project.

Volunteers Needed

Iowa Cubs Game

We need someone to organize the ICUBS Baseball Game this year. If you are interested, please call the office at 292-6655 for more details.

Readers for the 10:00 a.m. Service

We need volunteers to sign up to read for the service. A signup sheet is on the table in the Parish Hall.

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns in remembrance of memorials or celebrations. The **2016** schedule is now on the Parish Hall table for everyone to sign up for the coming year. You are also welcome to call 292-6655 or email church@stjohns-ames.org if you are interested in a certain date. Open dates include **July 24 and Dec. 18**. We do ask that you pay \$3 per entry as this offsets the cost of the candles.

Emergency Residence Project

If you are willing to provide the evening meal for the Emergency Residence Project shelter on **the second Wednesday of each month** please sign up on the signup sheet on the table in the Parish Hall. Open dates include: **June 8, Sept. 14 and Nov. 9**.

Contact person is Dorothy Yoerger (232-4384) for scheduling and questions, and Vick Moss, Executive Director (232-8075) for information about the number of residents to be served.

Monday Daisies

We need volunteers to take flowers to shut ins or to people who are in need of encouragement. Open dates include June 5, 19, 26; July 10, 24, 31; and all of August.

Altar Flowers

There are a few open dates on the flower chart: June 25, September 18 and 25. Flowers are given for celebration of thanksgiving of events in our lives or in memory of loved ones and friends.

Metro Chapter Events

St. John's is one of ten Episcopal Churches in the Metro Chapter of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa. There are several opportunities before convention to get to know our neighbors better.

June 24, 2016 - Racial Reconciliation as Spiritual Formation: a conversation led by Heidi Kim, Grinnell College Campus -1 p.m.

June 24 - 26, 2016 - Summer Ministry School and Retreat, Grinnell College Campus

August 13, 2016 - Metro Chapter Fall meeting - St. Andrew's Church, Des Moines. Anyone who plans to attend convention should try to attend this meeting. More information on time and topic to be announced later.

October 1-2, 2016 – Bishop's Teaching Weekend and regional visitation, Metro Chapter – Ames, St. John's Church.

October 28 - 29, 2016 - Diocesan convention in Des Moines.

More information is available on the [Diocesan Website](#), and the Metro Chapter Facebook page. Ed Gollott, Metro Chapter representative to the Diocesan Board of Directors.

Christian Formation News SummerFest

St. John's will have a table at SummerFest again this year. Please sign up to help out for an hour or two from 3-7 p.m. on June 4. It is a fun event and we will have snow cones and a Plinko board with a lot of fun items to hand out. Please sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45aaa629a2fa7-summerfest>

Sunday School Thank You

Thank you to all of the volunteers that make up our awesome Sunday school team! Thank you to Marie Schwartz, Jane Galyon, Wanda McCay and Stacy Joiner for being in the Godly Play Classic room. The children in there adore you all! Thank you to John and Greta Levis for taking care of the Godly Play Extreme room. You both are such wonderful storytellers and I know the kids really enjoy listening to you both. Thank you to Summer Marr and Corey Mellies for taking on #JesusSquad! You were a great fit in there this year and I know the youth really responded to you both. I also need to thank Chris

Moon for taking on The Den. It has been a year of great discussion and planning for pilgrimage. The youth really enjoy having you in there and I do too!

I also need to thank Jeanie Hume for leading the children's choir. It was a great success and I know the children are really looking forward to starting again in the fall.

Thank you so very much to each and every one of you! It takes so many wonderful people to keep this program running and I hope you know I don't take any of you for granted. - Amy

EYC

Thank you so much to all of the youth who have attended EYC over the past school year! We have had a lot of fun, but you have also touched many lives by making blankets, meals for ERP, completing the Little Shared Library, helping out at Food at First and painting in the Godly Play rooms. You make my job so meaningful and I can't thank you enough for showing up on Sunday evenings. Thank you also to the many people who provided meals for EYC, we really truly appreciate it! - Amy

Youth Breakfast

Thank you to all of those who donated during our breakfast last month. The youth and I are truly blessed and grateful for your donations. All of the money raised will assist on our pilgrimage to Colorado.

Congregational Picnic

Thank you to all who came to the picnic, we had a great meal and a lot of fun!

Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Youth Events:

Pilgrimage - June 6-12

Summer Ministry School and Retreat - June 24 - 26

VBS - June 27 - 30

Book Club

We have set the next three books for book club on Wednesday evenings. Our next book will be “Day After Night” by Anita Diamant. We will discuss this book on June 8 and 15 at 6 p.m. in the library. We will start “The Color of Water” by James McBride and “Eve” by W.M. Paul Young this fall.

June 2016 Events

June 4 (Saturday) 3 – 7 p.m.
Summerfest in Campustown

June 11 (Saturday) 8 – 10 a.m.
St. John’s Work Day

June 6 - 12 (Monday – Sunday)
Pilgrimage

June 19 (Saturday) 11:15 a.m.
Daughters of the King

June 21 (Tuesday) 7 p.m.
Vestry Meeting

June 24 - 26 (Friday - Sunday)
Summer Ministry School & Retreat

June 25 (Saturday) 10:30 a.m.
Food At First

June 27 - 30 (Mon. – Thurs.) 9- 12 p.m.
Vacation Bible School at First United Methodist Church

June 29 (Wednesday) 8:30 – 11 a.m.
St. John’s Work Day

July 2016 Events

July 4 (Monday) Independence Day
Offices Closed

July 6, 13, 20, 27 (Wednesdays)
No Holy Eucharist

July 9 (Saturday) 8 – 10 a.m.
St. John’s Work Day

July 17 (Sunday) 11:15 a.m.
Daughters of the King

July 19 (Tuesday)
NO Vestry Meeting

July 23 (Saturday) 10:30 a.m.
Food At First

July 25 (Monday) Newsletter deadline