

NEWSLETTER



Episcopal Parish of Ames

October 2016

Management of What We Have Acquired

On page 445 of The Book of Common Prayer we find the following rubric:
The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.

Last month we talked about the management (stewardship) of the creation that God has blessed us to live in. In this creation we all gather things – some of great value and some sentimental in nature. We all clearly understand that we cannot take anything with us when we leave this life yet depending on the statistics one believes; almost half of Americans do not have a will they have written. Notice that I say “that they have written.” There are laws in each state that determine the distribution of property in lieu of a will, but they are rigid and make no provision for anyone you want to remember outside your immediate family. They also may distribute your property to your family in a manner different from what you would desire, and most importantly of all, make no provision for guardianship of minor children.

So if you do not have a will call your attorney today! Make the future more secure for your loved ones and distribute what you have in the way YOU want it distributed. This is an important act of Christian stewardship. If you have a will and have not looked at it in a long time take it out and read it to see if it still accomplishes what you desire. In amending it consider all of the people, causes, and institutions that have brought meaning to your life. Consider leaving them a portion of your estate when you no longer need it. Make a list of personal property that you want to go to specific people and leave it with your will.

Being prepared in this manner is not morbid or gloomy. It is just being a good manager of all that you have gathered in life as a result of your hard work. Please do not put it off for tomorrow!

Faithfully,
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October Coffee Hour

October 2
8 & 10 a.m. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

October 9
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October 16
8 & 10 a.m. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

October 23
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October 30
8 & 10 a.m. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

October Lectionary

October 2
The First Lesson: Lamentations 1:1-6
The Psalm: Psalm 137
The Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14
The Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

October 9
The First Lesson: Jeremiah 22:13-16
The Psalm: Psalm 148:7-14
The Second Lesson: Galatians 6:14-18
The Gospel: Luke Matthew 11:25-30

October 16
The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:27-34
The Psalm: Psalm 119:97-104
The Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
The Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

October 23
The First Lesson: Joel 2:23-32
The Psalm: Psalm 65
The Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
The Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

October 30
The First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
The Psalm: Psalm 119:137-144
The Second Lesson:
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
The Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Deepening Faith

Deepening Faith (formerly called Exploring

Faith) is a small group at St. John's open to any members of the congregation, of any age, who want to experience some of the Christian spiritual practices that have existed over the centuries and are practiced, by individuals or groups, of lay people or monks and nuns, outside of the regular church services. Among these are ways of praying and meditating, using the Bible, icons, rosaries, or simply sitting in the presence of God in silence. Our meetings last an hour and a half in the evenings, two Thursdays a month. In October we will meet on Oct. 13 and 27, in the parlor, from 7:00 to 8:30. Our time together includes sharing, twenty minutes of silent prayer (with instruction for beginners), and (at least this month) listening to a Bible passage being read slowly by different people, about three times through, followed by praying and sharing our responses to the passage. The passage will be one that will be heard again on Sunday in the regular service, so that we are prepared to hear it more deeply than we otherwise would. For more information contact Jim Murdock (515-708-2985 cell, 232-7945 home) or Ed Gillott (292-5021). You are welcome to "drop in" without advance notice.

Altar Guild

Our annual meeting has been scheduled for **Saturday, October 22** at 9 a.m. in the library. We will be filling out the Altar work schedule for the next year, as well as socializing and discussing any issues that you may have. Please put this date on your calendar; we look forward to seeing everyone.

Marti Elzer

Book Club

We will begin discussions on the book "Eve" by W.M. Paul Young. We will discuss chapters 1-5 on **Wednesday, October 12 at 6 p.m.** If you have any questions, contact Amy Mellies.

Food at First

St. John's Church serves the Food at First Community Meal on the fourth Saturday of each month. On Saturday, September 24 we had a crew of 8 and served 28 guests. Thanks to Laurie Bryant, Beverly Baustian, Jim Murdock, Helen

McRoberts, Daniel Appau, Dorothy Yoerger, and head chef Michael Howell for a job well done. Our next dates will be **October 22, November 26, and December 24**. Please check your 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 11:30 to 12:15. We usually finish cleanup by 2 pm. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

In addition to the meal we serve on the 4th Saturday, there are many opportunities to volunteer with the meal program and the free market online at [Food at First](#). This is a great opportunity for service to others and fellowship for a family or a group of students. For more information contact Ed Gillott or Jeannie in the parish office.

St. John's Building and Grounds

The City of Ames recently roto-tilled and seeded the parkway along Stanton Avenue that has been damaged by utility work and illegal off street parking over the last 5 years. Unfortunately, two days after the work was complete, Ames was hit with a 3 inch downpour that washed out or puddled most of the hydromulch that had been applied to the area. More damage was done as pedestrians tromped over and through the fresh mud. We have attempted to stake off the area, but our attempts so far have been kicked down each night. The saga continues...

We have a lot of work to do on the grounds this fall, and we need your help! Please join us on Saturday, **October 8** from 8 to 10, and Saturday **November 12** from 8 to 10. For more information, contact Ed Gillott or George Smith.



2016 CROP walk - Sunday October 9, 2016

1:00 pm at Brookside Park, Ames

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.” Matthew 25:35-40

The front page of the Ames Tribune recently reported on the increased need at our community food banks now that the students are back in town. Church World Services (CWS) and CROP support food security programs around the globe while 25% of the proceeds go to the following local Food Pantries and Assistance programs:

Please join us for the walk, or support one of our walkers with a contribution to the CWS CROP program. Our walkers this year include Ed Gillott, our Chaplain David Moore, Fr. Al, Leigh Ann Long, and Dave Oakland. For more information, contact Ed Gillott or Dave Oakland

Parking Lot Reminder

The students are back and once again we have new folks in town. Please be sure to park in one of the spaces designated for St. John's when you are attending Sunday services or other church related activities during the week. It is okay to park in our leased spaces marked with an E on the west side on Sunday morning. **Do not park in the spaces with yellow lines on the south portion of the lot.** These spaces belong to the apartment residents, and a towing company checks them several times a day. Please see Jeannie in the parish office if you need an EPOA parking pass.

Readers for the 10 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.

Monday Daisies

We need volunteers to take flowers to shut ins or to people who are in need of encouragement. A new chart for signups is on the bulletin board by the water fountain.

Metro Chapter Events.

St. John's is one of 10 Episcopal Churches in the

Metro Chapter of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa. Twelve people attended the Bishop's Teaching Weekend for the Metro Chapter at St. John's Church on October 1. Thanks to Joanna, Michael and Diane for providing food for the clergy gathering Saturday evening, and to all who provided food on Sunday October 2 after the 10:00 service. The weekend's conversations were based on some of the issues raised in the book: [The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus](#) by Robin Meyers.

Other events this month:

October 7-9 New Beginnings #17, Cathedral of St. Paul, Des Moines. Several youth from St. John's are attending as team, or first time participants. Please keep them in your prayers.

October 28 - 29 Diocesan Convention in Des Moines. The Diocese is changing the focus of convention to provide more opportunity for worship, fellowship and relationship building with less emphasis on the procedural structure. In future years we hope to move convention to a Saturday and Sunday event to encourage greater participation from people with work or school activities.

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

Fr. Al's 25th Anniversary Celebration

Thanks to everyone who attended the celebration of Fr. Al's 25th year as Rector of the EPOA. We had a great turnout, including a few people from Des Moines Churches. There were some great stories shared, good food, and good fellowship. Thanks to everyone who helped to organize the event and who contributed food and photographs. *Ed and Joanna*



Christian Formation Announcements:

Sunday School Classes

4yo - 4th grade will be in GodlyPlay.

5th-8th will be known as #JesusSquad.

9th - 12th will be in The Den.

Godly Play will meet October 2, 16, 23 and 30.

#JesusSquad and The Den will meet on October 2, 16 and 30.

New Beginnings #17

Please keep all of our participants in your prayers. Serving as staff will be Charlotte Bowler, Cole and Ian Hillier and David Keenan. Adam Hillier, Sam Keenan, Natalie Long and Maggie Matthews will be participating in the weekend. If you would like to join in on the closing service for the weekend, please join us at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral in Des Moines on October 9th.

Reggie's Sleepout

If you haven't signed up yet, but are interested in Reggie's Sleepout, please contact Amy soon. The sleepout is Oct. 22nd.

Concession Stand Help

Mark November 19 on your calendar. St. John's will be running a concession stand at Jack Trice Stadium for the ISU vs Texas Tech football game. If you are 16+ please sign up to help as the money will go towards the youth funds and college student funds.

Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Youth Events:

October 7-9 - New Beginnings #17 at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Des Moines

October 9 - (No Sunday school classes)
St. Francis Day

October 16 - Sunday school classes for all - EYC
at 5 p.m.

October 22 – Reggie's Sleepout

October 23 - Godly Play at 9 a.m.

October 28-29 - Diocesan Convention

October 30 - All Sunday school classes at 9 a.m.
- EYC at 5 p.m.

October Events 2016

October 2 (Sunday)

Bishop will be with us at **9:00 a.m.** for conversation
and for worship and the healing service at **10:00 a.m.**

October 5 (Wednesday)

Soup lunch following Holy Eucharist 12:30 p.m.

October 7-9 (Friday – Sunday)

New Beginnings #17 for 6 to 9 grades
Cathedral of St. Paul, Des Moines

October 9 (Sunday)

No Sunday morning programs due to Animal Blessing

St. Francis Service (10:00 a.m. service)

Animal Blessing

NO EYC due to Animal Blessing
CROP Walk 1:30 p.m. Brookside Park

October 13 & 27 (Thursdays)

Deepening Faith 7:00 p.m.

October 16 (Sunday)

United Thank Offering Sunday (both services)
Daughters of the King Meeting
Potluck Sunday after 10:00 a.m. service

October 18 (Tuesday)

Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 22 (Saturday)

Annual Altar Guild Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Food At First - 10:30 a.m.
Reggie's Sleepout

October 28-29 (Friday - Saturday)

Diocesan Convention