



Dear Friends,

On Saturday, St. Aidan's hosted a hiring fair for <u>Bitty and Beau's Coffee Shop</u>. The building was full of volunteers, interviewees, and more. At the same time, in the kitchen, the <u>Food Rescue Volunteers</u> were cooking food to be brought to unhoused people later in the day. It was a good day for me to dive into post-vacation paperwork and mail. Then, after church on Sunday (and what a glorious <u>Gospel Sunday</u> with musician Eric Smith!!), artist Jane Elvins held an Exhibit Reception in the <u>Muriel Sibell Wolle Gallery</u>.

What a joy it is that, as a congregation, a gathering of people and a community of love and discipleship, we provide a place for grace and joy to move and work. We do, you do, God does; love abounds.

And now, it is time for some to goback to school-this what's on my mind:

- It's a new and changing season for Bread+Belonging. Please pray for CU, for students, especially those starting, for faculty and staff, and for St. Aidan's as a witness of God's love and grace, and watch for ways to help.
- With Fall comes CU Football and Parking--see below about how tovolunteer with our largest fundraiser for our budget. We need you!
- Keep in your prayers kids and teachers and school administrators and staff--starting the rhythm of school again.
- Three households have already volunteered to add to our Ushers after I asked on Sunday morning. Hooray! We need some more--once a month commitment, arriving 15 minutes early for church, and helping welcome and greet. <u>Email me</u> if you can!
- Ticket sales for our catered dinner and 75th Anniversary Celebration on Friday,
   September 15 are slow--be sure to get yours soon! Scroll down for info.
- Our Office Hours are still in transition, but we'll beopen most weekday mornings, thanks to some volunteers.

 And finally, I can't wait tomeet you for coffee at Bitty and Beau's when they open in September!

Faithfully, joyfully, and happy to be amongst you again, M. Mary Kate Rejouis+

## Take Faith Home Proper 14 Sunday August 13, 2023

#### Parking Passes Available

If you know someone who is looking for an Annual (August 15 2023 to August 15 2024) Parking Pass in the St. Aidan's Lot, please let them know to check out <a href="https://www.saintaidans.org/parking">www.saintaidans.org/parking</a> while we're renewing and selling. These passes are for M-F 7am to 7pm and do not include overnight, weekend, or parking for special events like CU Football Games and Concerts at Folsom Field.

#### Sign up for our upcoming fundraiser!

If you would like to be a part of St Aidan's largest fundraiser, here's your chance!

For six weekends in the fall we host CU Football fans as they tailgate and then attend each game. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gingy Pat Hall - please join us if you can!

Questions? Contact Bal Patterson: 720 938-5250 or bal43rd@gmail.com





Next meeting of BeLoved Youth Group is Sunday, August 20 4-6pm

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 3700 Baseline Rd, Boulder, 80302

Click HERE to register for August 20 BeLoved Youth Group

Coming soon at St. Aidan's

## St. Aídan's 75th Anniversary Evening

Scan QR Code



# or <u>CLICK HERE</u> to buy tickets!

Come celebrate with us! Friday September 15, 2023 6:30 - 9:30pm

at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church 2425 Colorado Ave, Boulder, CO 80302

Any questions can be directed to Mary Martin (<u>marypmartin66@gmail.com</u>) or Melanie Sokhey (<u>melanie.sokhey@gmail.com</u>)

# ST. AIDAN'S FEAST DAY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 1-3PM FREE SWEET COW ICE CREAM TRUCK AND CU WELCOME



**SWEET COW** 



Have you ever felt in your heart that you are called to something? Have you ever wanted to read the Bible without feeling frustrated and confused? Have you ever yearned for a safe place to explore your faith? Do you often wonder how the words in the Bible are relevant in your life and the modern world? If you answer yes to any of these questions, please consider accepting this invitation to join the Education for

Ministry (EfM) group at St. Johns, Boulder.

A seminar like no other, EfM is much more than Bible study. You'll come to understand what your faith means to you and how you might better walk your talk in these complex times.

If you are interested in exploring what EfM has to offer and have questions or are ready to put your name on our list for the next year, contact Pamela White (pswhite@earthlink.net — 720-272-2024) or Amanda Schwartz (teamschwartz@gmail.com — 650-941-4840). We are happy to answer your questions and describe the EfM seminar in detail. This year the signup process is completely online. If you contact us, we will send you the online registration link as soon as it is available (usually in July). Space is limited so please contact us soon!

#### Anti-racism Work is a Lifelong Transformation



#### Sacred Ground Dialogue Circles, Fall 2023

A ministry of the Episcopal Church, Sacred Ground is a sensitive, prayerful resource that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism. Participants are invited to walk back through history in order to peel away the layers that brought us to today, reflecting on family histories and stories, as well as important narratives that shape the collective American story. It holds as a guiding star the vision of beloved community—where all people are honored and protected and nurtured as beloved children of God. Four circles, hosted by clergy and lay leadership across the diocese, are now open for registration. Episcopalians across the state are invited to participate. The list of dialogue circles below includes information about dates, leaders, and format, as well as a link to register. Questions? Please contact Missioner Tracy Methe.

- Circle 1: Every other Thursday via Zoom, 10:00-11:30 am; meet and greet September 7; session 1 September 14. Facilitators: the Rev. Nancy Johnson Bookstein, St. Brigit, Frederick, and Abby Mooney, Holy Comforter, Broomfield.
- Circle 2: Every other Monday via Zoom, 6:30-8:00 pm, beginning September 18. Facilitators: the Rev. Kaye Piper and Rob Merrill, St. John the Baptist, Granby.
- Circle 3: Every other Wednesday in-person at St. Michael's, Colorado Springs, 6:30-8:30 pm, beginning September 27. Facilitator: the Rev. Gary Darress, St. Michael's, Colorado Springs.
- Circle 4: Every other Wednesday via Zoom, 4:00-6:00 pm, beginning October 18. Facilitators: Suzanne Segady and Joan Ray, Grace & St. Stephen's, Colorado Springs.

Learn More About Sacred Ground

#### Register for a Sacred Ground Circle



We're growing a way to gather midweek as a church community. The final summer meeting is this Thursday, August 17th at 6pm for food (bring something to share), fellowship and prayer.

#### St. Aidan's Writing Group

This group and others in the Parish submit their writing and share with our congregation. This group has been meeting together for more than two years now. Curious? Email <u>Paul Voakes</u> for information.





#### St. Aidan's Book Group

On break for July and the first half of August.

Our first book when we resume in August will be "Look Homeward, Angel" by Thomas Wolfe.

If you are interested and are not currently receiving book group emails, please email <a href="Jim Paine">Jim Paine</a> at to receive the weekly Zoom meeting ID and password, and other information about the schedule and readings (and for any questions).

#### Monday Night Prayer at 7pm by Zoom

The Healing Team invites you to a quiet time of praying silently and voicing the requested prayers of our community. The prayer room is also open for individual, confidential prayer.

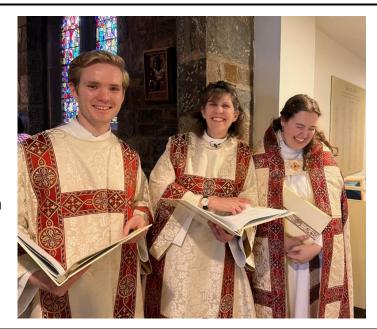
http://www.tinyurl.com/aidanmeet1



#### Send us your photos!

We are updating the parish bulletin boards in the hallway and we need parishioners to share photos of church events - especially from 2000 onwards! Photos can be shared digitally or physically – if someone has physical photographs we will scan them and return them.

Please contact Melanie Sokey at melanie.sokhey@gmail.com



#### Visioning & Discernment Update

The question before us is this: what is God calling St. Aidan's to be, to do, and to look like 75 years from now?

This update was shared at church services on Sunday, July 9.

Discernment Update + July 9, 2023 Paul Voakes, Senior Warden

Here's a **brief update** on our discernment process, which has now begun its second year of exploring our parish's long-term future.

Earlier this year our Visioning Committee morphed into the Partnerships Team, which has been slowly, deliberately, identifying possible partners who might be able to help us attain the goals we articulated in our voting process last fall. These potential partners include religious neighbors on the block (first and foremost Hillel, but also the Wesley Foundation and University Lutheran Chapel); a Jewish congregation in North Boulder looking for space to share; community organizations such as Boulder Philharmonic, Parlando School

of Musical Arts, and the Northern Colorado YMCA (whose primary interest in talking to us is providing affordable child care to the Boulder community); a private development company that is deeply committed to enhancing religious life on CU campus, and of course CU itself. We've had very preliminary "getting to know you" conversations with all of the above, and they've all been very positive.

And now: We've arrived at a point where we realize that we need legal expertise, financial expertise, city-politics expertise, and real estate expertise that we simply don't have. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our congregation, we are able to afford a consultant to help us into a more sophisticated stage of planning. We received two bids for consultant work, and the Vestry has accepted the better of the two: a bid from Trestle Strategies. This firm has a long record of successful work in Boulder. Their work includes consulting on the University Hill Hotel, the CU Conference Center, the Millennium redevelopment, the mixed-use development at Boulder Junction, and many, many more. The founder and owner, Danica Powell is a former member of the City of Boulder Planning Department, and she would personally lead the work on the St. Aidan's project.

#### Trestle's proposal is a detailed, three-stage plan to:

- Conduct a 10-part property analysis during July and August, including our longoverdue property appraisal, to give us the baseline information we will need going forward in conversation with potential partners.
- Conduct a 12-week Needs Assessment and Engagement, with both the St. Aidan's
  congregation and potential partners, from September to November. Please stay
  tuned for invitations to participate! The key document at the end of this stage will be
  their "Summary of Findings and Recommendations."
- Craft a Real Estate Strategy: a road map to help us make the key real estate
  decisions we will need to make over the following several months.

The Partnerships Team and Vestry are excited, and eager to move to these next steps. I also want to reiterate the Vestry's reassurance that St. Aidan's isn't going anywhere! Whatever we may decide, we will do our best to ensure that St. Aidan's has the financial wherewithal to continue indefinitely where we are right now, as an Episcopal parish, and that we'll keep asking the Holy Spirit to guide us in ways that deepen our faith and strengthen our service to the community. Please contact me, or any member of the Vestry or the Partnerships Team, if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you! Paul Voakes

Questions? Email Committee Co-Chairs <u>Bal Patterson</u> or <u>Pam Greene</u> or <u>Senior Warden</u> <u>Paul Voakes</u>.

## Make a Pledge Commitment to St. Aidan's for 2023

#### Commended to our Prayers

Prayers for Healthcare Workers & those working at high risk jobs: Danielle and Grant Muller, nurses at Denver hospitals, Cameron Muller, first responder and EMT for Denver Metro fire station, Michelle, Mike Murphy, Mike Greenwood, Edith Presler, Jen Watkins, Dowell Williams, Ryan, Marty Gilkey, Caitlin Fischer, teachers, those who work in schools, and caregivers in day care centers.

For our CU Campus, and especially the Bread+Belonging community and the LCM Board during this time of transition.

For the Long-term Recovery of Boulder County and surrounding areas after the Marshall Fire.

For those in need of bodily healing: Roy Faverty, Kay Gibson, Troyanne Thigpen, Bob Moore, Dowell Williams, Ruth, Lou Patterson, Mike Metzdorff, Greg Smith, Pat Galvin, David Huff, Kelly Boyer and family, Nancy Costello, Kevin Costello.

For those seeking God's guidance and strength all who seek employment, Patrick Costello and family, Diane Hayes, Luke, Barb Williams, Travis, Jonathan Nelson, Barbara Metzdorff, Heidi, Derek and Lauren Huff.

For those in need of prayers for our mission abroad: Richard and Catherine Ranger, former parishioners of St. Aidan's, are missionaries with SAMS, (Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders) and serve Uganda Christian University (UCU).

For those who serve in the US Military, especially: Parker Rost (Marine Corps), Commander Michael Stengel, for soldiers deploying and their chaplains and families.

For those who have died: Bill Austin, Rick Adams, Erin Lincoln

For those celebrating birthdays: Mary Kraus (8/15), Cameron Boyd (8/17).

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**Contact Us** 



#### Office Hours:

At this time, the office is staffed most weekday mornings 9am to 1pm-please email <a href="mailto:rector@saintaidans.org">rector@saintaidans.org</a> if you need to stop by at a different time.

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