



This week's email comes from Durango Jenkins while M. Mary Kate is away from the office:

Dear St. Aidan's Family,

I have to admit, I have felt a little twinge of FOMO (Fear of Missing Out) seeing the amazing things going on at St. Aidan's this summer (and all year round). I am particularly jealous of Charles, who gets to spend this summer back in Colorado and with you all while I am out in Virginia, wading through thick humidity to and from my summer chaplaincy internship (CPE) at Washington Hospital Center in Northeast DC.

During my internship, the supervisor asked everyone in my cohort "what is it the one thing that you know that informs your ministry?" I have to admit that I cheated a little. I responded with two things. The first thing that I know that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. The second is that Jesus Christ has redeemed us from sin and death, giving us newness of life. We are all sinful and we all completely, utterly, and irreconcilably belong to Christ and His Church.

During my internship, I have met all sorts of people. I have experienced joy, pain, trauma, gratitude, denial, anger, and laughter. I have met people who expressed opinions or worldviews that run in direct opposition to my own. There have been some patients who are a joy to talk to, while others have been tedious. Yet every encounter is guided by God. As Christians, we live in the world, not as outsiders, but as equals. We have experienced the beauty and the joy of new life in Christ and this spills out of us. Each time I enter a room or meet a patient, I remind myself that they are a sinner, just like me, and each one already belongs to God.

I learned this at St. Aidan's. St. Aidan's continues to be a living example of this type of Christian community. We are, first and foremost, a group of sinners. We aren't perfect. And yet, over the last nine years that I have been a member of St. Aidan's, I have seen the people commit to pulling people closer into a relationship with God and with one another. Whether this is through worship, Campus Ministry, choir, the food pantry, Bible study, or our community partnerships, St. Aidan's knows that we belong, first and foremost, to God.

I deeply miss all of you and the community that lifted me up to follow God's call to ordained ministry. Keith and I are continually grateful for your love and support. As the summer comes to an end and I begin my final year at Virginia Theological Seminary (with Kevin Criley!!!) I am excited to see where God leads us as we look to the future.

Yours in Christ,

Durango Jenkins



P.S. I hope you all know that this summer is not only chaplaincy internships and theological reflections! Keith and I have enjoyed experiencing all DC has to offer over the summer. Our current favorite is Wolf Trap, an outdoor concert venue, where we have seen three concerts/operas this summer. We, along with our dog Sullivan, are making sure that we find some time to relax!

Take Faith Home Proper 10 Sunday July 23, 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 www.saintaidans.org/parking 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.

"Stirring the Soul"

Exhibit of original artwork by Jane Elvins

July 16-September 10, 2023 Reception August 13, 12-2 pm

Artist Statement

"When out in the world, I often find a scene that calls to me on an emotional level, stirring my soul. It may be the colors, the lighting, the feel of the setting, the sounds I hear, or any combination of those stimuli. I feel myself moved to create an artistic interpretation I can share with others, with hope that their souls will be similarly stirred.

Note: All works are for sale, in original form where available, or in the form of giclee prints made from the original."

About the Artist

After a lifetime of living and traveling throughout the US and abroad, Jane settled in Colorado and pursued the main stream of her professional life, teaching in higher education. She retired from CU-Boulder in 2012. Painting was a hobby she started around 2000, and it has become more than just a hobby since retirement. These days, in addition to expanding her art, she gardens, herds two cats, and enjoys friends, walking, seeing movies, and practicing French and Spanish.

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Please contact 303-443-2503 for Gallery hours

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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 (marypmartin66@gmail.com) or Melanie Sokhey (melanie.sokhey@gmail.com)



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

Pedaling Minds at St. Aidan's!

Pedaling Minds' mission is to help every person have fun riding a bicycle with control and confidence!

Upcoming Tuesday thru Friday Camps:

8:30am - 12:30pm August 1 - August 4

Upcoming Saturday Sessions: 9am - 12:30pm (beginners), 1pm - 4:30pm (intermediate)

> August 5 August 12 August 19 August 26

Scholarships available! For more information and to register, visit <u>pedalingminds.org</u>



Hello Friends - It's that time of year!
The Boulder Flatirons Rotary is again bringing a truckload of juicy delight from the western slope next month. We are offering the 10lb case of peaches for \$35, and individual jars of the jams for \$10 each. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions. As always, you can pay by cash or check when you pick up your order. If you would like to use a credit card, the club website is live and ready to take your card payment for this year's treats

at <u>rotarypeach.org</u> (if you do use the website to order, please let me know so I can make sure to get you the correct order)

The peaches will be delivered on Saturday, August 12 - available for you to pickup between 9am and noon, at The NOTHING BUNDT CAKES store at 28th and Arapahoe

I hope you'll join us for another season of wonderful peaches! Best Wishes, Bal Patterson 720 938-5250



Bitty & Beau's Coffee – Boulder



Bitty & Beau's Coffee is coming to Boulder in the coming weeks to 1468 Pearl Street. You can read more about them at www.bittyandbeauscoffee.com

Bitty & Beau's Coffee is more than just a place to grab a cup of coffee — it's an experience. The shops are run by people with disabilities and guests love the vibe in the shop! St. Aidan's will be hosting their hiring fair at our facilities on August 12th to help them find incredible candidates. The hiring fair is a one-day event where all interested candidates gather to learn more about Bitty & Beau's Coffee and interview for a job. The aim of the event is to get a sense of everyone's personalities and interests so they can place them in a role that offers the greatest opportunity to shine. Their Hiring Fair is designed as a fun, relaxed and memorable experience for everyone!

We're growing a way to gather midweek as a church community. The next meeting is this week on Thursday, August 3rd 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.



• Dad by Beverly Coolidge Shaw

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 Jim Paine 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



In Music News!

Our music director Wesley Leffingwell will be traveling to San Francisco to perform on the

harpsichord and organ at the American Bach Soloists Summer Academy for the first two weeks of August. He will rehearse and coach cantatas and arias with other young professional aspiring baroque musicians from around the world. San Francisco is one of the centers of early music scholarship and performance in the USA, and he hopes to make connections and perform great music along the way.

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 long-

- overdue 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>.

Worshipping Christ, and shining His light to CU, Boulder, and the world.

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, Fr. Steve Wengrovius, Pat Galvin, David Huff, Kelly Boyer and family, Nancy Costello.

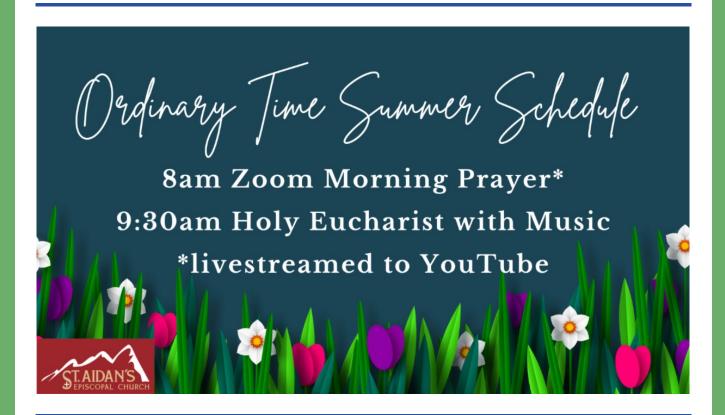
For those seeking God's guidance and strength all who seek employment, Patrick Costello and family, Diane Hayes, Luke, Barb Williams, Travis, Jonathan Nelson, Barbara Metzdorff, Heidi, Derek and Lauren Huff.

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: Esther Zago, Bill Austin.

For those celebrating birthdays: Thomas Cook (8/1), Nancy Jordan (8/2), Charles Martin (8/4), .



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