



This week's email comes from Seminarian Charles Martin while Mother Mary Kate is away from the office:

Dear St. Aidan's Family,

It has been a blessing to be back with you many times this summer, and to have greeted so many old and new friends in person. I am thankful for the opportunity to share an update with you all this week while M. Mary Kate is away on vacation. As many of you have heard, this week I will be completing my Clinical Pastoral Education at the University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora. This summer program has had me working as a hospital chaplain and doing a lot of reflection on my development as a minister. It's been hard but holy work.

I am excited to be returning to Sewanee, Tennessee next week (August 13 will be my last Sunday at church) to begin the third and final year of my Master of Divinity degree. It has been an amazing journey with great people and I am looking forward to what this year will bring. On top of my coursework, I will continue my field education placement at the Southern Tennessee Episcopal Ministry, a collaborative ministry of three Episcopal congregations near Sewanee.

In all of this, I carry with me a special gift: all of you! St. Aidan's continues to be my home parish, a place I call home filled with people I love. I am so grateful for the support, prayer, and encouragement I have found in this community even before I started discerning this call. Thank you for being part of my journey, and allowing me to be part of yours.

In Christ, Charles Martin

Take Faith Home Feast of the Transfiguration Sunday August 6, 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.

Pedaling Minds at St. Aidan's!

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

Upcoming Monday thru Friday Camps: 8:30am - 12:30pm

Upcoming School Days Off Sessions:

7am - 4pm

September 25th October 9th

August 7 - 11

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



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!

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



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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

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>)



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



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

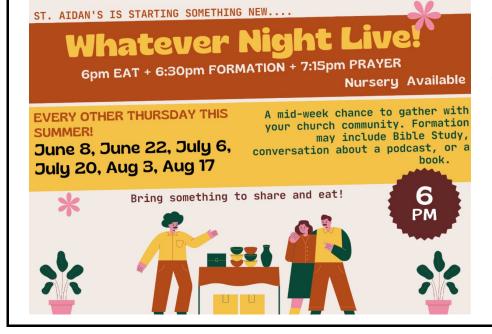
A ministry of the Episcopal Church, Sacred Ground is a sensitive, prayerful resource that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism. Participants are invited to walk back through history in order to peel away the layers that brought us to today, reflecting 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 on 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 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.

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> Paul Voakes.

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

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, 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: Esther Zago, Bill Austin, Rick Adams.

For those celebrating birthdays: Patt Anderson (8/9), Emeline Zarske (8/13).



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Office Hours:

From June 20 through August 11 the office will be staffed Tuesday-Friday 9am to 1pm most weeks--please email office@saintaidans.org if you need to stop by at a different time.

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