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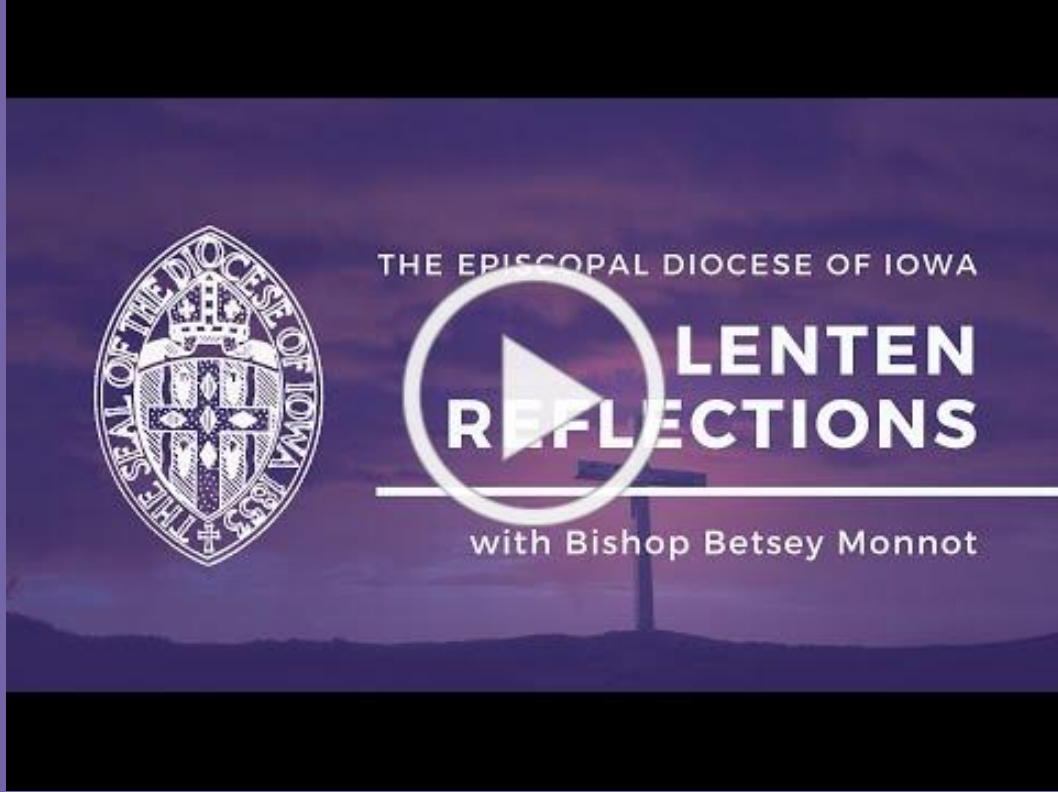


FEBRUARY 2024



From Bishop Monnot: An Invitation to a Holy Lent

Join Bishop Monnot for weekly video reflections on passages from Steven Charleston's book *Spirit Wheel: Meditations from an Indigenous Elder*. Videos will post on our diocesan YouTube and Facebook pages on Thursdays in Lent.



Watch on
Facebook

Watch on
YouTube

New:

This eNewsletter now comes out monthly on the **third Thursday** of each month. Have something you'd like to submit for consideration? Content is due the second Thursday of the month and submission information can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Events & Opportunities



FAITH IN ACTION 

Save the Date
Monday February 19

**EPISCOPALIANS
ON THE HILL**

at the Iowa State Capitol
1007 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines

Join Us On The Hill

Gather at the Capitol with Bishop Monnot and fellow Episcopalians to learn about public policy ministry and advocate with our legislators. Whether it's your first time at the Capitol or you'd consider yourself a "regular," all are welcome to join!

Learn More

Lent Online Offering

This event is currently full.

Email mwagner@iowaepiscopal.org to be added to the waitlist.

[Learn More](#)



LENT OFFERING

RESCUING THE GOSPEL FROM "CHRISTIAN" NATIONALISM

TUESDAYS
FEBRUARY 20, 27,
MARCH 5, 19

ON ZOOM



THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM AND
REV. CATHERINE QUEHL-ENGEL PRESENT

MIND, BODY, SPIRIT RETREAT



March 2, 10am-3pm
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Fort Dodge

Relax and Restore

Set aside some time to care for your whole self and join Rev. Catherine Quehl-Engel for a retreat day which includes gentle movement, meditation, and healing. This retreat is open to all and is free to attend! Download a flyer [here](#).

[Register & Learn More](#)

Online Film Premiere

This International Women's Day, watch the feature documentary film that tells the story of the first Episcopal women priests. Our diocese is proud to be a sponsor of this film.

[Learn More & Get Tickets](#)

SAVE-THE-DATE

WHAT: Online premiere of the feature documentary film *The Philadelphia Eleven*

WHEN: March 8th at 8pm ET / 5pm PT

WHERE: Online at Kinema.com

TICKETS: \$10, all proceeds benefit the film's distribution.

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Spring Joint Chapter Meeting

Save the Date

April 6, 2024

10am - Noon on Zoom



Mark Your Calendar

Important updates plus breakout time in your Chapter group with nearby churches. All are welcome; diocesan convention delegates & any in congregational leadership roles (clergy, vestry, wardens, communications, treasurer, etc.) are especially encouraged to attend.

[Register Here](#)

Save the Date

This is an opportunity for young people to "retreat" from their ever hectic world to consider some of the important relationships in their lives, and be led by caring youth and adult mentors. [Click here](#) to learn more & register.

Download a
Flyer

NEW BEGINNINGS

APRIL 12-14
ST. TIMOTHY'S, WEST DES MOINES

GRADES
6TH-9TH



LIVING GOD'S FUTURE NOW



with the Rev. Dr. Sam Wells

A formation event for clergy, musicians, and other lay leaders of parishes and institutions, available to our diocese through our partnership with Bishop Kemper School for Ministry.



MAY 15-16
in Mission, Kansas



Living God's Future Now

Focusing on themes of evangelism, community and parish development, and the Church's role in God's future. Music directors are especially invited as several seminars will focus on the role of musicians in the parish-neighborhood relationship.

Learn More

The Church in the World

Join President Ayala Harris and her engaging guests on the second and last Wednesday of every month through May as they unpack the resolutions and topics presented in the Blue Book that will shape the 81st General Convention this June.

Listen
Here

HOUSE OF DEPUTIES BLUE BOOK PODCAST



ORDINATIONS & TRANSITIONS





The vestry and people of
Christ Episcopal Church, Cedar Rapids
invite you to the

Celebration of Ministry and Welcoming
of a New Rector, the Rev. Brian K. Gross

The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot, officiating

Sunday, February 25
two thousand twenty four
at ten fifteen in the morning
Christ Episcopal Church
220 40th St. NE Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Your prayers and presence are requested
Festal color is red Reception to follow
Streaming available

- The Rev. Tom Early has been called as rector at St. John's by the Campus, Ames effective January 18, 2024.

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Diocesan Ministries, Formation, & News

- PUBLIC POLICY & ADVOCACY -



Why We Oppose the Death Penalty

Check out diocesan lobbyist the Rev. Wendy Abrahamson speaking to news station KCRG about our opposition to the bill that would reinstate the death penalty in Iowa.

Watch
Here

Faith in Action

Learn more about what's happening during the state legislative session, the bills we follow and declare on, and how to get



involved by checking out our website and Facebook page.

[Get Involved](#)

- YOUTH MINISTRY -



Save the Dates

April 12-14: New Beginnings (grades 6-9)

June 17-21: EPIC Summer Camp (grades 4-12)

[Events & More](#)

- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM -



Lent Reflection

Lent starts this month, February 14th to be exact. You may or may not be expecting a Kindness Calendar from me for Lent, but this year I thought we might go a slightly different route...

[Continue Reading](#)

- SUMMER MINISTRY SCHOOL & RETREAT -

Save the Date

Our annual Summer Ministry School & Retreat will be on Grinnell College Campus June 14-16. Tracks and more information to follow at a later date.



- GILEAD GRANTS -

Spotlight: 2023 Recipients

MUSIC SCHOLARS PROGRAM

at St. John's Dubuque
\$5,000

2023 GILEAD Grant Recipient

St. John's music scholars' program for young adults is targeted toward students attending one of the several academic institutions in Dubuque. Young adults who are gifted and interested in music, traditional and contemporary, will be invited into the life of St. John's for a semester, during which time they will be encouraged in their faith, and given opportunities to develop their musical talents and participate in regular fellowship and service opportunities.

[Read More](#)

Youth Minister

at St. John's by the Campus, Ames
\$5,000

2023 GILEAD Grant Recipient

The new Youth Minister at St. John's by the Campus is helping to gather youth already present, empower parents and volunteers, and advocate for the needs and gifts of this segment of our community. This Minister is helping create a safe environment for youth, teaching about and connecting youth with service opportunities in the church and local community, and is fostering a community of belonging where youth are empowered and supported to use their gifts and talents.

[Read More](#)

Leadership Notices & Trainings



Reminders for Congregational Leaders:

After your annual meeting: **send the diocesan office your updated leadership** (vestry, wardens, etc.)

Parochial Reports due March 1: fill out online [here](#)

- new this year: reporting of online worship participation is required
- Check out [The Episcopal Church Register App](#). This online system that can be accessed from any device is fully integrated into the Parochial Report filing system. That means that if you use it to track your service attendance each week, when you get to the end of the year all the information on how many services you held and what your attendance was will already be in the filing system.

Questions/More Information: diocese@iowaepiscopal.org



EPISCOPAL ASSET MAP

UPDATE YOUR SERVICE TIMES & PROFILE TODAY!

YOUR EPISCOPAL ASSET MAP PROFILE GETS THE MOST VIEWS DURING LENT

The banner features a colorful stained-glass cross in the center, set against a background of soft, abstract shapes in shades of purple, pink, and blue.

Update Your Profile

Did you know that the Episcopal Asset Map gets the most views during Lent? Many people look for a place to worship and connect with others during this time, so be sure to update your profile and include your seasonal and Easter service times.

[Click Here](#)

Resources



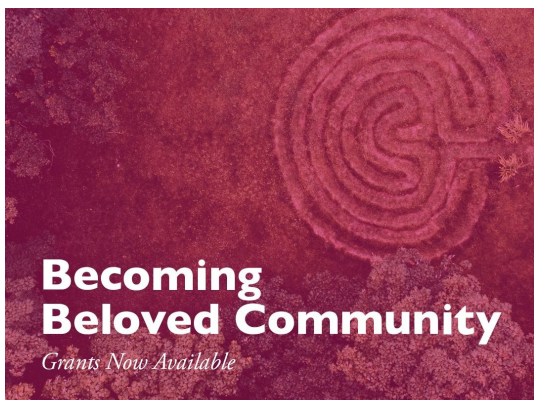
Lent & Holy Week Resources

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Lent & Holy Week

Find links to daily meditations, stations of the cross, activities, and other resources for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter on our website. Additional resources will be added as they become available.

[Learn More](#)



Becoming Beloved Community
Grants Now Available

The banner features a red background with a white labyrinth pattern.

Beloved Community Grants

Applications are open for another round of Becoming Beloved Community grants to help support The Episcopal Church's work of racial justice, healing, reconciliation, and creation care. The deadline to apply is March 1.

[Learn More](#)



Creation Care Grants

Grants are available for funding eco-ministry projects that address climate change, environmental degradation, and the inequitable and systemic impacts of environmental racism. The deadline to apply is March 22

[Learn More](#)



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