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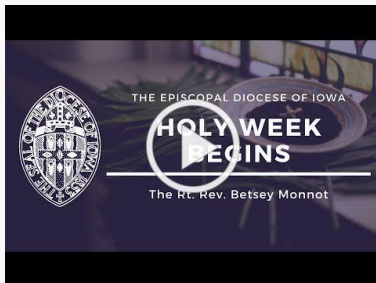
APRIL E-NEWS

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From Bishop Monnot

Holy Week Reflections and Easter Greetings.



Yours in the abundant life of Christ,
+ Betsey

The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot, Bishop of Iowa

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Contemplative Prayer Workshop

April 22 at Trinity Cathedral,



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Davenport

- Do you struggle with how to be still or how to gain some inner silence?
- Have you wondered what centering prayer is?
- Want to know more about it?
- Looking for a new and meaningful prayer practice?

The Episcopal Diocese of Iowa is pleased to partner with Br. James Dowd, who will present workshops on Contemplative Prayer. Br. James has practiced for many years as a Benedictine monk, and he will share his wealth of knowledge and experience with us. These are open to everyone; ALL are invited to these special events.

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June 23-25th at Grinnell College

Join us for the 33rd annual Summer Ministry School & Retreat!

WORSHIP. LEARN. RELAX.

Register by **May 19th** to take advantage of Early Bird pricing. Registration Deadline: June 9th

[REGISTER HERE](#)

For over 30 years Episcopalians in Iowa have gathered for a weekend in the summer to learn church leadership skills, explore personal spirituality, or just find Sabbath time. Praying together sets a rhythm and tone for the weekend that culminates in Eucharist on Sunday morning. During the weekend, 8 hours are set aside for “track time” to get in-depth study in one track topic of your choice (track offerings change each year), or choose to do a solo retreat. Spend time catching up with friends and making new ones during meals and morning and evening social times, and enjoy free time built into the weekend’s schedule to socialize, rest, or do an activity.

2023 TRACK OFFERINGS:

[STRENGTHEN CONGREGATIONS](#)

TRACK 1: Transformative Worship in the Absence of a Priest -- *The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot*

TRACK 2: Nurturing Spiritually Vital Congregations -- *The Rev. Cn. Meg Wagner*

SUPPORT CLERGY & LAY LEADERSHIP

TRACK 4: Church Office Administrator Retreat -- *Ms. Elizabeth Adams & Ms. Tina Austin*

TRACK 5: Ministry Amid the Eldering Process -- *Mr. Bob Sessions & The Rev. Stacey Gerhart*

DEEPEN OUR CONNECTION TO GOD

TRACK 6: In Times Like Ours: The Prophets Speak Today -- *The Rev. Jean McCarthy*

TRACK 7: Deepening our Connection to God through Art and Storytelling -- *Ms. Alescha Caldwell*

TRACK 8: Into The Oneness -- *The Rev. Dr. Catherine Quehl-Engel*

TRACK 9: Solo Retreat/ Spiritual Direction*

*optional Come Away and Rest -- *Ms. Helen L. Keefe & The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland*

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Leadership Notices & Upcoming Trainings

Dismantling Racism



APRIL 22

Upcoming Dates:

June 3, September 16 & November 4

Becoming Beloved Community

Grounded in The Episcopal Church's commitment to dismantling racism as essential to our formation as Christians, this ONLINE training is open to all persons who would like to deepen their understanding of racism, prejudice, and privilege.

This training is required of all lay and ordained leaders in The Episcopal Church (including vestries, search committees, diocesan leadership, etc.). The training will consist of 2 sessions from 10:00am-12:00pm and 12:30pm-2:30pm.

The Rev. Charles Graves IV, an Executive Council member from the Diocese of Texas, proposed a resolution related to teaching Black history.

The resolution expressed “profound concern with attempts by school boards, local, state, and federal officials in the United States to curtail, limit, or



RESOLUTION

hinder the teaching of Black History or African American History in any form.” It calls on Episcopal dioceses, congregations and other entities to be advocates against public policies that place such restrictions on education in their communities.

The proposal comes as Episcopal leaders **express concern about the actions of some state leaders**, most notably Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who are threatening to curb implementation of a newly released AP African American Studies curriculum over conservative perceptions of radical content included in some of the materials.

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Diocesan Ministries & Formation



Stay up-to-date on all of our upcoming events [HERE](#).



YMDT April Newsletter



Small Acts, Big Impact (6th-8th)
April 29-30 | Grace Church, Cedar Rapids

Youth will meet and stay overnight at Grace Church, Cedar Rapids and will also be visiting local congregations in the Iowa City area and learning about their outreach ministries as well.

The fee for this event is \$35. Scholarships are always available and you can fill out the request form [HERE](#).

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EPIC Summer Camp
Jesus: The Person, The Myth, The Legend

June 26-30, Christian Conference Center, Newton



WHO: All youth entering grades 4-12 (not limited to Episcopalians!)

WHEN: June 26-30, 2023

WHERE: Christian Conference Center in Newton, Iowa

HOW MUCH: \$375 per camper. Scholarships are always available!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Join youth from around the diocese as we learn about Jesus: The Person, The Myth, The Legend. Jesus was a person and sometimes we forget that. Our theme for EPIC focuses on the human being Jesus was. What did Jesus feel? How was his mental health? Did he deal with the same body aches I do?

Come learn about Jesus and have fun doing typical "camp" things: Singing, roasting marshmallows, swimming, hiking, doing crafts and building community in a safe, welcoming environment where you can be 100% you. We have trained and caring staff who will walk alongside our youth and be there for them, whatever they need. Registration is now open! Cost is \$375 for the week and scholarships are always available.

Young Adult Ministry



[APPLY NOW](#)

Gather at the River: Young Adult Companion Pilgrimage

Join young adults from the Diocese of Brechin in Scotland, the Diocese of Swaziland in Eswatini, and the Diocese of Iowa, on a pilgrimage in Iowa from August 8 - 17, 2023. Get to know fellow young adults as we spend time together learning, exploring, and having fun! Our activities and discussions will focus on the topics of Mission & Evangelism, Reconciliation, and Creation Care.

Open to young adults ages 18-30. Applications are open until **April 30**. The total cost is \$750 and \$100 deposit is requested at the time of applying.

Email diocese@iowaepiscopal.org for more information.

[SCEF FORM](#)

Service Corps Emergency Fund

Are you a service corps member looking for emergency funds for a medical bill, travel home or other expense that your stipend does not cover? If so, we've got your back. Through a GILEAD grant we can offer you funding to help offset emergency costs. Check the Young Adult page the diocesan website for more information.

Adult Ministry



[READ MORE HERE](#)

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. Since its founding in 1975, this international program has assisted more than 120,000 participants in discovering and nurturing their call to Christian service. EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.

Older Adult Ministry: Spirituality in Aging



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Bob and Stacey just finished a month-long seminar through Seabury Resources for Aging, "The Path Ahead: Spirituality & Purpose in Later Life." While our nearly decades long work on Older Adult Ministries has given us a good background in the resources available for our work with the diocese, this seminar has sharpened our abilities to present materials in helpful ways. We are anxious to visit with you to talk about how your church might incorporate our program in ways that are helpful to your congregants. Here's an example of the topics we might help you with:

- Ageism-- in our culture and in the church;
Introduction to contemplative practices
- Naming Our Spiritual Needs; Gratitude & Resilience; Embracing & Resisting Change
- Spiritual Maturity; Letting Go -- From Doing to Being
- Passion & Purpose; How is God Summoning You? Discerning the Path Ahead

Behavioral Health Ministry Team



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Mental Health and the Bible

Reflection:

We live.

Most of the time we are grateful for the gift of life, sometimes we are not. It is in our nature at times to feel depressed, anxious, or despondent as we deal with the snares and pitfalls of life. When problems at home, at work or at school bring us deep pain, it is not unusual to question the value of daily living.

GILEAD Grants

2022 Recipient Spotlight:



ThreeHouse Campus Ministry: The Listening Post, with St. Luke's, Cedar Falls -- \$5,000

Through campus and community conversations and in collaboration with UNI's Counseling Center, they have identified an increasing need for providing safe and welcoming listening spaces in which people can share their experiences of isolation, transitions, discernment, struggles, and joys. They believe a way to meet this need is through a project called The Listening Post: a regular and consistent space on campus staffed by trained volunteers from collaborative churches who will engage in active listening, offer compassion, and provide resources on campus and in the community for individuals to connect with. Grant funds will be used for volunteer trainings, supplies, print resources, and marketing materials.



Simpson Youth Academy Scholarships, in partnership with Rev. Eric Rucker -- \$5,000

The Simpson College Youth Academy is a year-long, ecumenical program for Iowan high school youth grounded in the conviction that young people have gifts and power that are essential for the healing of the world now. Through college-level intellectual engagement, training in worship and prayer leadership, and reflective service around community issues, we help youth step into mature young adult Christian faith as they discern their particular callings as agents of justice in their churches and the world. Grant funds will be used to provide 4 tuition scholarships for Episcopal youth, LGBTQ+ youth, and/or youth whose racial or economic status inhibit their ability to pay tuition for the program's summer residency.

Read more about these and other 2022 recipients here.

Online Around the Diocese



Do you have an online offering you'd like to share with others in the diocese? Let us know! Email: tpetty@iowaepiscopal.org

We'll highlight it here in the e-news, and there's a new page on the website [HERE](#)

Resources

The Episcopal Church Educational Scholarships

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

from The Episcopal Church

Deadline to apply:
April 12, 2023

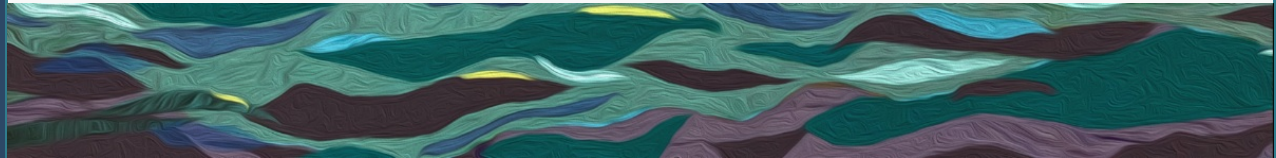


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The scholarships range from assistance for children of missionaries, bishops and clergy to individuals seeking theological education and training. All applicants must be Episcopalian. Deadline to apply is **April 12**.

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