

BULLETIN – THE WEEK OF Aug 9 – Aug 15, 2021

Judith will be celebrating with us on the 1st, of course the 8th!, and the 29th. If feeling up to it, she may be celebrating on the 15th and 22nd.

ELECTION OF BISHOP OF IOWA

The Rev. Betsey Monnot was elected as the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Iowa during a Special Convention held on July 31st in Des Moines, Iowa. She was elected on the 3rd ballot.

“I am beyond excited to be your new bishop-elect! My heart is full. Thank you so much for your confidence in me. I look forward to our ministry together as we follow God’s call into the future that God dreams of for the Episcopal Church in Iowa,” Monnot said in an address to the diocese via Zoom shortly after being notified of her election. “I am so excited to join you in ministry and to take the next steps soon! May God’s blessing be with all of us as we prepare for our future together, as we journey as disciples of Jesus on the road together, and as we continue to listen for God’s call for the Episcopal Church in Iowa. Thank you.”

Monnot is the first woman to be elected bishop of Iowa since the diocese was formed in 1853. She was chosen from a slate of all-women candidates that also included the Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly of the Diocese of Virginia and the Rev. Elizabeth Duff Popplewell from the Diocese of Iowa.

The Rev. Canon Kathleen Milligan, chair of the Standing Committee, said on behalf of the Standing Committee, “We are thrilled with the election of the Rev. Betsey Monnot as our tenth bishop; and deeply grateful to God for the culmination of a process that began at the end of October in 2019. Kevin Sanders, chair, and all of the members of the Search and Nominating Committee have worked long and hard, in a virtual process leading to this day; and they have done stellar work. The Transitions Committee, headed by Elaine Caldbeck, did great work arranging for the personal visits in mid-July and are continuing now to work toward the Bishop’s Consecration in December. We are also grateful to the Reverends Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly and Elizabeth Duff Popplewell for their willingness to offer themselves to this process and to discern with us the movement of the Holy Spirit. Our prayers go with them as they continue their own ministries. We all look forward to welcoming Bishop-elect Monnot and family to Iowa, and to the beginning of our work together.”

Monnot has been serving as the Priest-in-Charge at St. Clement’s Episcopal Church in Rancho Cordova, California and as Director and Retreat Leader of Called to Abundant Life: Leadership Consulting (<https://calledtoabundantlife.com>). Monnot previously served as Missioner for Leadership Development and Networking for the Diocese of Northern California and Co-Rector with her husband Michael at All Saints Episcopal Church in Sacramento, California.

Monnot and her husband Michael have three children – William, age 16, Robert, age 13, and Thomas, age 11.

The service of ordination and consecration by which Monnot becomes a bishop and assumes responsibility for the pastoral and administrative work of the diocese, will take place on Saturday, December 18, at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown. The chief consecrator will be Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

“It is with thanksgiving and praise to God that I welcome Betsey Monnot as the Bishop-elect for the Diocese of Iowa,” said the Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe, 9th Bishop of Iowa. “Over these past eighteen years, it has been a great privilege and joy to share in the ministry of Christ with the Episcopal people of Iowa, and I am assured that this will be your wonderful experience as well over many years. We embrace with hope and expectation your leadership as our Tenth Bishop. May I express my hopes in the words expressed in the bishop’s prayer over a person reaffirming baptismal vows: ‘May the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and God’s Kingdom. Amen.’”

HOST FAMILY NEEDED

Elise Ireland is a French teacher at Alleman High and has accepted a position of International Student Coordinator for Alleman. She is looking for a host family for an incoming student this fall.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Alleman Catholic High School has enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to bring the world to our door steps by welcoming international, diploma-seeking students, this fall. We are looking for host families who will join us in the mission to support advancement of global diversity in our school while simultaneously sharing faith. Host families play a vital role in the life of an international student by providing a safe and loving home to these brave students. Hosting also provides you the opportunity to open your heart, share your family and faith, and expand your worldview as you experience first hand about another culture. Host families receive \$500 monthly to help defray the cost of hosting. The students are financially responsible for tuition and all extra-curricular activities; they also carry health and liability insurance. This is a wonderful opportunity for families, singles and empty nesters. Students will arrive around the around August 14th and return home the end of May. Please prayerfully consider if this is an opportunity for you and your family. For more information, please contact Elise Ireland 319-499-7139, or by email at eirelan@allemanhighschool.org

COMMUNITY MEAL STARTS BACK UP, SORT OF...

We will be able to those in need again, on the 2nd Wednesday of every other month at Zion Lutheran Church, 8th and Marquette. We are “sharing” Wednesdays with Zion’s volunteers because that’s the only night that they would have a bigger turnout for volunteers. Churches United is requiring that bagged lunches be prepared and served outside the doors of Zion. Masks and gloves required and no one is allowed inside. The recipients will take the food back to their vehicles or dwellings to eat. CU is trying to work out providing vaccinations at the meal site. In the cold months, they hope to resume indoor service, or at least handing out bags inside and maybe letting them eat in, but it depends on the positivity rate in the future. If you would like to contribute, it would be more than appreciated. We will have what we gave those in hotels last summer: a sandwich, chips, treat, fruit, water and a napkin. It’s pretty expensive to go that route and to keep it uniform, we will purchase supplies and put everything together the day of distribution. I’m going to call Zion after their first serve in September and see how it went, what they did, anything they would do differently, etc. Then we should be pretty set for our turn in October. Hopefully, when we serve in December, we can have our typical prime rib w/the works! What a celebration! If you would like to donate \$\$, put Comm. Meal in the memo line and/or if you would like to help assemble, give Robin a call.

SEXTON

Now that we are fully open, we are being cleaned regularly and would like to reinstate the practice of designating a donation specifically to "Sexton". Please list that in the memo line of your check.

OFFSET COST OF COMMUNION VESSELS

The practice of individual vessels of wine and wafers are a great invention for the Covid era, however, it is costly compared to "normal" sacraments. The cost (depending on order numbers) is from .40 - .50 per unit. If you would like to help offset the cost, please state in the memo line your intention. Thank you!

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS – AUGUST

~~8/01 1st reader/psalm: Vern M / 2nd reader: Kim F / PoP: Robin S / ushers: Kent & Julie
Altar: Robin S / Flowers: Showers~~

8/08 Readers: to be announced / ushers: Kent & Julie W / Altar: Loretta / Flowers: Dalmasso

8/15 Leader: Robin S / Preacher: Sue M / 1st reader/psalm: Charlie R / 2nd reader: Sherry R
PoP: Nicole G / Ushers: Marshall C, Loretta R / Altar: Robin

8/22 Leader: Sherry R / Preacher: Robin S / 1st reader/psalm: Karrie D / 2nd reader: Rob D
PoP: Sue M / Ushers: Michelle D, Jon I / Altar: Sherry / Flowers: Curtis

8/29 1st reader/psalm: Nicole G / 2nd reader: Michelle F / PoP: Laura S / Ushers: Scott S, Laura S
Altar: Sue M / Flowers: Watt

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

08/09 Vestry 6:30

REMEMBRANCES NEXT WEEK

Birthdays: 8-8 Trish Jones / 8-1 Cailynn Callaway / 8-12 Kameron Raines

Memorials: 8-11 Liliane Launius

Anniversary: 8-11 Rev. Brian & Mrs. Karen McVey