

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS

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## *Good & Beautiful*

The Rev. Megan Nickles

*A central part of our call to discipleship* is to come to know God and to know God together. In response to that call St. John's will be forming three Apprentice groups this fall for study and spiritual development. The groups will be using books in the Apprentice Series by James Bryan Smith. This study was introduced to us by Joel Dingman during his visit here this spring.

There will be two night groups and one day group. The Wednesday night group meets at the church at 7:00 p.m. This group is comprised of present and past EfM students, who will study all three books over the course of the next 12 months, so that these students may re-enroll in EfM in the fall of 2014.

The second night group and the day group have yet to determine their meeting time and place. There is room in each of these groups for more members, and

each group will determine their meeting details. The pace of these groups may be somewhat slower. Leadership for the day group is Claudia Hassler (754-2165) and Katy Lytle (754-2638); the evening groups will be led by Carra Wetzel (754-2498) and Mary Dillivan. Please contact one of these gifted mentors to sign up.

The church is providing hardcover books for each participant; ebooks are also available from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Google books for about \$10. St. John's will reimburse you for the cost of the download.

From the website *ivpress.com*:

Too often Christians may experience a changed mind about God, or even a changed heart toward God, without having a changed life with God. Where is the breakdown between belief and discipleship? Why isn't the transformative power of the

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gospel more apparent in the daily workings of our lives?

James Bryan Smith believes the gospel is about change in our lives today, not just our eternal destiny. In his Apprentice Series he aims to help Christians develop a robust discipleship by helping them understand who God is, what it means to be a Christian and what it means to live in community as a part of God's kingdom. Throughout the series, which includes *The Good and Beautiful God*, *The Good and Beautiful Life* and *The Good and Beautiful Church*, Smith helps us discard the flawed narratives of our hearts and replace them with the truths God reveals in his word about himself, the Christian life and his Church.

This series encourages you to read, journal, pray, discuss and participate in weekly spiritual exercises to help you engage with the text. As you work through the books you'll discover your heart being shaped by the truth of Christ—and your life being changed.

If you are seeking the real transformation that comes from knowing the real God, the Apprentice series offers no simple formulas or secret paths of knowledge. Instead Smith offers the chance to be with Jesus and discover the narratives that he lived by. Get to know the God Jesus knew and the Kingdom he proclaimed. The transformation you seek will come as a direct result of spending focused time with him and his people.

The Wyoming Pharmacy Assn. has selected Timothy Seeley as the recipient of the 2013 Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Tim has been the recipient of many awards including the Pharmacist of the Year Award. Congratulations, Tim!

St. John's would like to extend a gracious thank you to Tim and Lynnae Seeley for a wonderful dinner on August 25th, during the Bishop's visit.

Bishop John Smylie visited with the community of St. John's on August 24th and 25th. It was wonderful to have him sharing these days with us and affirming our ministry.

Jackie Bettger, daughter of Genny and Chester Bettger, is currently attending the Trapper Creek Job Corp in Darby, MT. She is working on her high school diploma and learning the culinary arts. Jackie is also serving as assistant dorm leader. She will be home for a visit at Christmas time. We wish her all the best!

Monte Nickles is currently attending Webster University in St. Louis to complete his Bachelor's degree. We wish Monte all the best!

Our very own Hunter Patrick will be holding a book signing at the Homesteader Museum

on Tuesday, September 10th, at 3:00. The name of his recently published book is 'Better Known as Boxcar Murphy.'

Church Convention • Oct. 4,5,6 in Sheridan. Those attending/representing St. John's include Rob Rumbolz, Elaine DeBuhr, Megan and Steve Nickles.

Powell Valley Hospice Volunteer Training will take place here Thursday, October 3 from 8:30-4:00; Thursday, October 10 from 8:30-4:00 and Thursday, October 17 from 8:30-noon. Hospice volunteers provide support to terminally ill people and their families in a variety of ways, including companionship, reading to patients, staying with the patient while the caregiver takes a break, bereavement support, office assistance, and sometimes fundraising. For an application or more information please contact: Douglas Sunderland, Volunteer Coordinator, 754-1256

Powell Valley Loaves & Fishes: Contributions are always needed and appreciated. There is a basket for these contributions in the Narthex for items that will be delivered to the Annex.

The Rev. Megan Nickles (754-4218) is available at any time. Please call to make an appointment or for any emergency.

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### Altar Guild:

**September** • Doughty and McCauley

**October** • Lytle and Moewes

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### September

11 Cameron Barker

18 Sue Woods

26 Josey Nickles

26 Louise Snedden

30 Pete Chidsey

#### October

5 Genny Bettger

13 Bryce Bettger

### Thrift Shop Cleaning Days:

Monday, Sept. 30, 1 p.m.



# WHAT IS APPRENTICE?

THE APPRENTICE SERIES IS...

- ☞ A 34-session study based on the books *The Good and Beautiful God*, *The Good and Beautiful Life*, and *The Good and Beautiful Community* by James Bryan Smith.
- ☞ A small-group experience involving discussion, sharing, and encouragement during weekly 90-minute gatherings.
- ☞ A practical process for bringing healthy change to our lives.
- ☞ A closer look at the God Jesus revealed.
- ☞ A chance to learn more about the stories or narratives that guide our actions.
- ☞ An opportunity to learn soul-training exercises such as sleeping enough, slowing down, keeping some margins in life, memorizing Scripture, and observing a Sabbath.
- ☞ A gracious experience that will draw us closer to God and others.

For more details, please visit [www.apprenticeofjesus.org](http://www.apprenticeofjesus.org).



## St. John's Schedule • Fall 2013

	Date	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29	October 6	October 13
<b>Proper</b>		18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>Greeters</b>	Deb Chidsey	Pete Chidsey	Josephine DeWitt	Walter Johnson	Susan McEvoy	Katy Lytle	Rob Koelling
<b>Acolyte</b>	Natalie Dillivan	Natalie Dillivan	Adele Doughty	Adele Doughty	Jim McEvoy	Martha Moewes	Deb Koelling
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Rob Rumbolz	Carol Mcauley	Dylan	Natalie Dillivan	Walter Johnson	Grant Dillivan	Dylan McEvoy
<b>Lector 1</b>	Bill Hassler	Rob Rumbolz	Laura Greathouse	Jan Lenhard	Carra Wetzel	Diana Anderson	Laura Greathouse
<b>Lector 2</b>	Carol Mcauley	Carol Mcauley	Jim McEvoy	Rob Koelling	Elaine DeBuhr	Steve Nickles	Katy Lytle
<b>Preacher</b>	Carra Wetzel	Carra Wetzel	Mickey Waddell	Deb Koelling	Tim Seeley	Genny Bettger	Susan McEvoy
<b>Intercessor</b>	Jan Lenhard	Carra Wetzel	Diana Anderson	Charlotte Patrick	Megan Nickles	Carra Wetzel	Mary Dillivan
<b>President</b>	Ron Lytle	Jan Lenhard	Diana Anderson	Diana Anderson	Carra Wetzel	Laura Greathouse	Jan Lenhard
<b>Sound</b>	Scott Larsen	Ron Lytle	Megan Nickles	Megan Nickles	Megan Nickles	Ron Lytle	David Fox
<b>Coffee host</b>	Garden Flowers	Scott Larsen	Miles Rumbolz	Scott Larsen	Rob Rumbolz	Scott Larsen	Rob Rumbolz
<b>Flowers</b>	Garden Flowers	McCauley	Bendick	Nickles	Nickles	Garden Flowers	Garden Flowers