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2011 - 2012 Ministries

There's a Place for You at the Table



St. Aidan's Episcopal Church has a long and rich history in Olathe with our beginnings dating back more than 150 years. We are a multi-generational, multi-cultural, and inclusive parish devoted to growing together in faith and fellowship while proclaiming Christ as Lord throughout our community. Members - adults and children alike - are very active servants within our parish and in the community outside our doors.

We answer God's call and work to be faithful stewards of the gifts given us. Through our stewardship of our time, financial resources, and abilities and interests, we joyfully undertake a multitude of ministries corporately and individually. We draw inspiration for our work from the following -

RECIPE FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- **Worship** regularly---at least once a week.
- Meet God daily in a set time of **prayer**.
- Participate in the **educational** program of the church.
- Engage in individual **study** regularly, for improvement of the mind, for enlargement of Christian experience, and in preparation of Christian service.
- **Serve** regularly in the programs of this church and in the areas of Christian responsibility outside of this church.
- Dedicate a **tithe** of income to the work of the Kingdom of God.

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On the following pages, you will read brief descriptions of our many ministries. The list is not exhaustive by any means, and thanks to God's grace, always growing. We hope you will join us as we respond to the work of the Holy Spirit!



Worship

Worship Services

- Wednesday 6 p.m. – Red Book Study
This is a combination worship and simple study of Holy Scripture and the Book of Common Prayer.

- Saturday 5 p.m. - Eucharist
- Sunday 10 a.m. – Choral Eucharist

All are welcome at any service and to gather around the altar for Holy Communion. St. Aidan's members are encouraged to invite friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to join them at a worship service or other activity.

Lay Ministers make a significant and joyful contribution to our weekly worship and church life and serve in a variety of ways listed below.

- *Hospitality Ministers*
Hospitality Ministers greet visitors to help them connect with the people and events of the church. Ministers also provide snacks for the social hour following church.
- *Greeters and Ushers*
Greeters and ushers also offer the gift of hospitality to all who enter the doors of the church. They distribute bulletins and worship books, take attendance, and bring the bread, wine, and weekly collection to the altar to be offered to God.
- *Lay Readers/Lectors*
Lay Readers and Lectors read the first and second scripture readings, and lead the Psalm.
- *Eucharistic Ministers*
Eucharistic Ministers are licensed by the bishop to participate in leading the liturgy and administering the chalice during Holy Communion.
- *Intercessors*
Intercessors lead the Prayers of the People or intercessory prayers during the worship service.
- *Acolytes*
The youth of the church assist in each worship service by carrying the cross and candles and assisting at the altar.
- *Music*
Singers, dancers, and instrumentalists of all ages add joy and celebration to our services.

- *Altar Guild*
The Altar Guild prepares the altar for all regular and special worship services, purchases and maintains worship supplies, and cares for altar linens.
- *Lay Eucharistic Visitors*
Lay Eucharistic Visitors are licensed by the Bishop to take communion following our Sunday service to shut-ins, primarily people in assisted living facilities and nursing homes, and others who are unable to attend services.

Prayer



Prayer Chain

A group of congregants responds to requests for prayers and thanksgivings via e-mail and phone for church friends and family as well as strangers.

Quiet Saturdays

On the second Saturday of each month from 9 – 11 a.m., a group gathers for prayer and reflection at the church, surrounded by silence and the sense of sacred space.

Seasonal Offerings

Throughout the church year, special opportunities for prayer and study are offered, including Lent and Advent.

Daughters of the King

The Order of the Daughters of the King® (DOK) is a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. It is an Order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the Historic Episcopate. Membership includes women in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA) and Roman Catholic churches.

Intercessory Prayer

Intercessors lead the Prayers of the People during the worship service.

Education and Study



Adult Forum

Adults gather each Sunday at 9 a.m. in all seasons to consider and discuss in a relaxed atmosphere engaging topics and ideas from Holy Scripture, Church History, Liturgy, Ethics, Justice, Pastoral Care and the Book of Common Prayer.

Lenten Study

The Wednesday evening Lenten series begins at 6:00 pm with a soup supper followed by discussion centered on a book or video series.

Education For Ministry

EFM is a four-year course designed to better prepare lay people for their ministries. The class meets weekly during the school year from 7 – 9:30 p.m.

Bible 101

Bible 101 offers a relaxed and fun look at the bible for adults. The group meets weekly for an hour.

Day of Discovery

This informative day offers an opportunity to explore what it means to be an Episcopalian.

Youth Christian Education

St. Aidan's youth education program offers programs for children and young adults of all ages – toddlers through college-age. During the school year, the program follows a formal curriculum with classes meeting Sunday at 9 a.m. During the summer, classes are more relaxed with children of all ages participating together indoors and out. Younger children also participate in a program during the worship service, joining their families for the Eucharist.

Teachers are members of the congregation who share a joy in working with young people. They often serve as counselors during the summer at the diocesan youth camp as well.

Red Book Study

A combination worship and simple study of Holy Scripture and the Book of Common Prayer is held each Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Ladies Reading Guild

This group meets monthly to share dinner and discuss a book.



Serve



Care for the Community

- *Harvesters BackSnack Program*
Working in conjunction with New Journey Church, volunteers pack and deliver backpacks filled with food provided by Harvesters to seven Olathe Schools and over 325 students weekly during the school year.
- *Johnson County Food Ministry*
On the fourth Thursday of each month, volunteers purchase the food and prepare and serve dinner to the hungry in Olathe. The program is supported by Episcopal Community Services and volunteers from other local churches.
- *St. Paul's Food Pantry and Breakfast*
St. Paul's Food Pantry, located at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Kansas City, Kansas, provides critical assistance to families every Wednesday and Saturday. Volunteers, including youth from St. Aidan's, work at the pantry weekly and monthly, stocking shelves and serving breakfast. The church also collects donations of food and hygiene items for the pantry weekly.
- *Bread Ministry*
Parishioners pick up donated bread from a local grocer each week, which is then donated to Catholic Charities in Olathe. The donation supplies approximately 50 families.

- *Butterfly Box*
Recycled cell phones are collected and donated to SafeHome, a facility and support center for battered women in Johnson County. The phones are reactivated for the center's clients.
- *Support the Troops*
Periodically items for local troops deployed to Kuwait are collected and support provided to their families at home.
- *Winter Wear*
Gently used and new winter coats are collected annually for the Johnson County Christmas Bureau.
- *Lap Robe Ministry*
Lap size comforters are created for those confined to wheels chairs or bed in hospitals, assisted living facilities, or nursing homes.
- *Rector's Discretionary Fund*
Thanks to donations from the congregation and proceeds from fundraising events, the Rector's Discretionary Fund provides funds for families in need of basics such as rental and utility assistance, groceries, and car repairs.
- *Stone Soup*
Stone Soup is the coming together of local churches to share, discuss, and brainstorm outreach ideas.
- *Episcopal Community Services*
ECS is the number one provider of meals in the metropolitan Kansas City area. Through the help of volunteers and donors of food, supplies, and funding, ECS provides for the hungry through the following services:
 - Kansas City Community Kitchen - Located at 8th and The Paseo, the Community Kitchen has been serving free noonday meals for the last 25 years. Over 500 meals are served daily and the kitchen is served by a volunteer base of 400 who come from area Episcopal Churches and other congregations, civic groups, and businesses.
 - Hot food programs and parish food pantries - More than a dozen hot food programs and parish food pantries on both sides of the state provide meals, groceries and other support.
 - Meals on Wheels – Meals prepared at the Community Kitchen are delivered to shut-ins in Kansas City's Midtown and East Side neighborhoods.
 - BackSnack Program - Episcopal parishes partner with public schools and Harvesters to provide weekend food for elementary school-age children.

- Culinary Cornerstones - This culinary program trains people for jobs in the food service industry.



- *Communications Committee*

Web Presence

With the increasing popularity of social networking sites, St. Aidan's has created a Facebook page, which is updated daily. In addition, a newly implemented web page is up and running - www.staidansolathe.org. A goal is to have Mtr. Juli's sermons recorded each week and posted on the website.

Torch Bearer

This is the monthly newsletter, which is filled with photos, news, and articles submitted by members of the congregation. It is distributed by e-mail or mail.

Fellowship Events

The congregation and other friends join together frequently for activities such as Thanksgiving Dinner, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, St. Patrick's dinner and music, wine tastings, theater outings, musical performances, cookouts, caroling, movie nights, and youth outings. The events are hosted at the church or in homes.



Care for the Congregation

- *Transportation Ministry*
Volunteers provide transportation for those members of the congregation needing rides to and from church.
- *New Baby Ministry*
This ministry supports new parents with prayers, assistance, meals, and baby items.
- *Meal Ministry*
This group provides meals following hospitalization, illness, or for any other reason. It also coordinates receptions/luncheons following funerals and memorial services and for parish celebrations.
- *Property Management*
Many behind the scenes volunteers help out at St. Aidan's, including people who tidy the kitchen, wash cups and coffee pots following Sunday services, make repairs, sort bulletins and inserts, water plants, erecting signs and holiday decorations, stuff newsletters, remove trash, copy materials, and answer the phone. Two times each year, the congregation turns out for a major cleaning of the church.
 - *The Green Team*
This group cares for the church grounds during spring, summer, and fall. The team is looking for help in creating a garden.
Contact – Paul Reed
 - *Expansion Committee*
The church's ability to expand its ministries is hampered by the size of our kitchen and parish hall. The expansion committee is planning for future building and renovation projects.
Contact – Don Seifert
- *Friendship Circles*

Every member of the congregation is a member of a Friendship Circle. The Circle leader stays in touch with his or her group on a regular basis, to touch base and share upcoming events and news.

- *Vestry*

The vestry manages the day-to-day operations of the church as well as plans for future growth.

Tithe



The St. Aidan's congregation responds to God's call with the offering of our time, talent, and treasure. We direct these gifts to many and varied ministry activities and programs. As our gifts increase, so does our ability to serve others.

For additional information about any of these ministries, please contact Mtr. Juli Sifers, Dean Fran Wheeler, or Sharon Seidel at the church office at 913.764.3050 or staidansolathe@sbcglobal.net

Return card

___ I am interested in participating in the following ministries -

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___ Lay Eucharistic Visitors

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___ Daughters of the King ___ Intercessory Prayer

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___ Rector's Discretionary Fund ___ Stone Soup

Episcopal Community Service Communications Committee

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Thank you!