



# ST. STEPHEN'S SPIRIT

The Newsletter of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkinsburg PA

OCTOBER 2020

## YOUR VESTRY UPDATE BY GERRY DALTON

First let me say, the Vestry continues to support Father Chuck by attending services each Sunday and meeting with him monthly. (Only Gary Glasser has stayed away due to his many health issues.) Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated, as we have been able to pay our bills and complete several projects during this time of separation.

GIFTS: As I mentioned early in the year, we sent money to the following as part of our "Tithe" of gifts received.  
Wilkinsburg Center for Civic Arts \$500      East Liberty Family Health Care \$500  
Wilkinsburg Community Ministry \$586      Mustard Seed Orphanage \$1,000  
Shepherds Heart \$1,000

We then sent \$250 to the following companies that service St. Stephens:

James the Florist      and      CAS Services (our cleaning company)

We also received the gift of a "Baby Grand" piano, which now is used in our sanctuary. We only paid \$580 to have it moved.

REPAIRS: As you know, things continue to need our attention.

We paid \$255 for some repairs to the furnace, had the gutters and downspouts cleaned for \$500, had work done on the Rectory roof and chimney for the cost of \$2,645 and had our fire alarm system checked and updated for the amount of \$1,711.75.

PURCHASES: The following were purchased, as replacements, for things that were worn out or needed for the good of our parish.

Sensor lights for the outside of the parish house	\$265
Air conditioner for Tim's apartment	\$459
Refrigerator for Tim's apartment	\$659
Microphone for the pulpit	\$199
New handheld microphone	\$417
Set of new altar linens	\$1,174

We also had the WiFi service extended throughout the Parish House and over to the Sanctuary, in order to better serve our need to "live stream" our services. This was at no cost to us, as we received a grant from the diocese to cover the entire amount, as well as purchase a new mini "iPad" and a tri pod.

We have ordered a new Choir Room door, which is necessary for the security of our building. This will cost us \$3,640. A new printer has been leased for the church office, which will help in the printing of our many publications.

Please continue to support your church financially, and we will continue to serve you in the best way possible.

Food of the Month:  
October, 2020



**IMPORTANT NEWS**

**The Wilkinsburg Thursday Market is open from 4-7 p. m.**

**250 boxes of organic vegetables from Who Cooks for You Farm, are distributed free of charge every Thursday on a first come first served basis.**

**The Market is located in the 700 block of Penn Avenue across from the First National Bank**

MISSION OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER 2020

YOUTH PLACES

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOUTH PLACES TO THE ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH FAMILY. CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. DONATIONS BY CHECK CAN BE MADE OUT TO 'YOUTH PLACES' AND PLACED IN THE OFFERING PLATE.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**Blessing conducted during the service and afterwards in front of the church at approximately 11:45 for those who wish to drive up.**

Get the latest news from the Episcopal news service at; [episcopalnewsservice.org](http://episcopalnewsservice.org)

**Please remember to bring your pledge up to date if possible**



**OCTOBER EVENTS**

**Birthday:** OCT.4 Gabe Sunderman, OCT.5 Ruth Moore, OCT.7 Cathy Wilkie, OCT.10 Jay Vaidya, OCT.16 Don Block

**Anniversaries:** OCT. 18 Pam and Chris Sovich

How do we as Episcopalians live out our faith as Christians? Join our Zoom meeting!

Thursday Discipleship 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Contact Father Chuck or Melanie Sprekel with questions

**NATIONAL BOOK MONTH**

**LIBRARIES ARE FOR**



**EVERYONE**

**UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

**10/12-COLUMBUS DAY 10/31-HALLOWEEN**

**WELCOME BACK EVERYONE**  
**YOUR SUNDAY MORNING LITURGY**  
**HAS RESUMED**  
**8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**



**Contact Us**

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**Parish Staff**  
**Rev. Chuck Esposito Priest in charge**  
Soon Choi, Dir of Music Ministry  
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Gerry Dalton, Financial Admin  
Tim Brucker, Sexton  
Gary Glasser, Archivist & Historian

**PRAYER CYCLE BOOKS**

Please join us in praying for the members and committees of St. Stephens

You can pick up a copy at the main door and chapel door.

**2020 PRAYER CYCLE BOOKS**