

ST. STEPHEN'S SPIRIT

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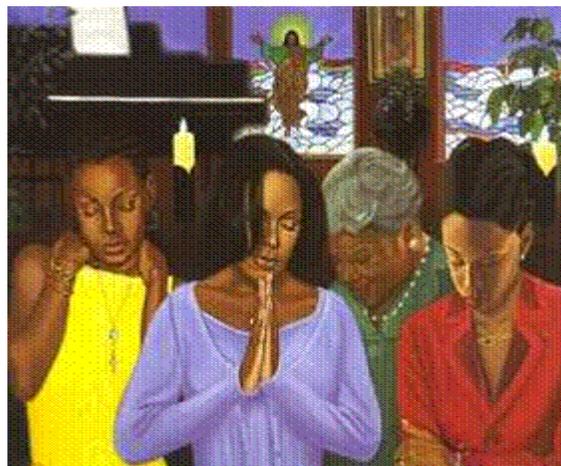
On December the 1st at 10:30 in the morning an older tradition here at St. Stephen's is being resurrected. Father Chuck is opening the church for the service of Morning Prayer for all who would like to join in. I believe this mid-week prayer service started long ago because folks felt the need for a mid-week spiritual pick up. The time of day may have been different in the past-closer to peoples' lunch hour-but always in the church on Wednesday. Think of this service as another Bible study but a Bible study happening in an Episcopal liturgy.

So how does it work? Someone who is attending has taken on the responsibility of mapping out the bible verses and the Psalms. Where do you find these? Our wonderful Book of Common Prayer has in the back something called the Daily Office. Match the week of the year with the day of the week, and you have the readings for Wednesday. The service on December 1st will be lead by someone who has done this before. Oh, something really important...there is no sermon to prepare for. Instead we discuss the readings together. Easy, peasy!

Why am I so happy that Morning Prayer on Wednesdays is coming back? When I retired I was facing a very difficult time. My two best men were very sick, and I was struggling. A very wise person who I wish you all could meet invited me. It was because of this mid-week service that I became good friends with Guion and Edgar Taylor. It became a venue for me to ask for prayer for my loved ones and for myself. The best thing was, and hopefully will be, that nothing one says is outrageous or too anything.

Come join me on December the 1st at 10:30 a.m. I'll be in the choir stalls waiting.

- Beth Hardie



FOOD OF THE MONTH

Let's help our neighbors by contributing to the Wilksburg Community Ministry holiday meal bags. Please put donations in the back of the church. Thanks!

Boxes of stuffing mix

Cans of green beans

Cans of corn

Cans of cranberry sauce

Cans of sweet potatoes

Boxes of corn bread mix

Boxes of dessert mix

Giant Eagle gift cards



INSIDE CLEAN UP DAY!

**Saturday, November 6,
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Hope to see you there!!!

CRASH the CARNEGIE

On November 6 and 7 the main branch of the Carnegie Libraries and the Oakland museums are celebrating the 125 anniversary of their opening. The bonus for these two days is that there is no admission charge for the museum. There will be timed ticketing though. That can be done at the CRASH the CARNEGIES web site. Look for Beth Hardie when you're there!

<https://www.carnegielibrary.org/event/crash-the-carnegies-2/>

The Blessing of the Animals



Coffee Hour!!

We're enjoying coffee hour once again in the parish hall, but we're trying to keep it simple! We will make our own cup of coffee with the Keurig and will have a sign up for those who wish to bring a simple treat or snack. Come as you are able.

DIOCESAN POSITIONS

Board of Trustees: - *Gerry Dalton*

Vice Chair of District 2 -

Don Block

Thank you, Gerry and Don!



Lincoln Elementary is collecting new or gently worn shoes to benefit their school and to benefit micro-enterprise in developing countries. If you can help, please bring your shoes to the boxes in the back of the church by Nov. 21. Thanks!!!



BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 18 - Kay Romey, Jerome McCullough, Nov. 19 - Dorsey McConnell, Nov. 28 - Darlene Bradley

XI Bishop of Pittsburgh, Ketlen Solak, Consecration

Ketlen Solak will be consecrated as the Bishop of Pittsburgh on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church and will be seated at Trinity Cathedral on Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 11 a.m. Both events will be livestreamed. The Consecration is a ticket only event, but you do not need tickets for the Seating on Sunday. (You must be vaccinated to attend.) We will send out the links to both events closer to the date. You won't want to miss this historic and glorious Consecration!



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 1 All Saints Day. Nov. 2 Election Day. Nov. 7 Day light savings. Nov. 13 Bishop Solak Consecration. Nov. 14 Bishop Solak Seating. Nov. 15 Vestry Meeting. Nov. 22 Veterans Day. Nov. 25 Thanksgiving

Are you interested in joining our Bible Study this fall? We meet Thursdays from 12-2 p.m. in the library. We are reading the gospel of Mark. Call Melanie Sprenkel with questions: 412-725-1174

**Mission of the Month:
SHEPHERD'S HEART**

Shepherd's Heart Fellowship serves men and women who are poor, vulnerable and homeless. They run a drop in-center which serves food, a resource center that provides needed clothing and toiletries, worship services each Sunday which conclude with a fellowship meal, and a shuttle bus which gets folks to their appointments. They have been working overtime during the pandemic to help those who couldn't stay home because they have no home. If you would like to donate, you can write a check to Shepherd's Heart and put it in the donation box or access the link below.

<https://shepheart.org/donate>

WE NEED DONATIONS FOR THE BLESSING BOX, PLEASE!!!

We always need more donations for this beautiful ministry. The supplies listed below have been the most popular. Thank you!

Pancake mix and syrup

Small boxes of cereal

Mac-n-cheese

Coffee and tea

Boxed pasta and pasta sauce

Toiletries and paper products

Dish and hand soap

Cookies and crackers

Dry Soup Mixes

Cans of food or milk with pop tops

Instant oatmeal

Brownie mix

Peanut butter and jam

Rice and stove top stuffing

Sunday Worship 8AM & 10:30AM

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Please join us in praying for the members and committees of St. Stephen's. Green prayer cycle booklets are in the back and front of the sanctuary.