



ST. STEPHEN'S SPIRIT

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

JULY 2022

WHAT IS THE RESIDENCE POSITION AT ST. STEPHEN'S?

I have been asked to write for this Month's SPIRIT just what is the Residence position here at St. Stephen's. As the title implies the Resident lives on the premise in the apartment on the second floor of the Parish House. The apartment is not the most spacious of accommodations but does have what a person needs. The Resident does not pay rent or utilities (except phone and cable), and for the privilege of living in our Parish House they are asked to cut the grass in the summer and clear sidewalks of snow and ice in the winter. Plus they make sure the buildings are secure after an outside group has been in either building and do a few other things to keep the building functioning well. Cleaning the church and Parish House is done by an outside company.

In fact, that might be where some confusion about Resident duties has come about. Two of our recent residents actually worked for the cleaning company. They did extras because they had the time. St. Stephen's has not employed a Sexton since I was in college, and that sexton never lived in the Parish House. Who can you remember, Beth? There was a couple who did resident duties at one time. In fact they stayed with us for quite a while. One of them was in school, and they needed a "cheap" place to live. I remember Kathy, an Arapahoe Native American, who was really dedicated to the gardens. Those of us who have been around for a bit will remember Joe. Greg and Tim were the ones who were able to do extras.

When Tim decided to move on, Father Chuck was able to talk our present resident David Stefanik into joining the St. Stephen's family. As what usually happens with a resident, David goes above what his contracted duties are. For example, when the shooting occurred in front of the church David was the only person here, and he made sure all doors and windows were secure. He also was able to engage with law enforcement to aid them in discovery. David is also a nosey neighbor which for us is good. Three o'clock in the morning may find him checking out the happenings. He keeps a watchful eye on what happens at the church and what needs to be done. He has also met with countless repair technicians who come to the church, and he makes sure the blessing box is always full. In fact, he has talked his friends into making regular donations. We are lucky to have him.

I hope this has cleared up any questions you might have about the resident position. If not, talk to a Vestry member for more info!

-Beth Hardie, Senior Warden

FOOD OF THE MONTH

Please put in boxes in back of the church.

Rice and Beans



BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Sunderman - July 6, Krystal Albitz - July 9,
Tee McCullough - July 16, Kathy Mulligan - July 18,
Pam Sovich - July 19, Tameka Thompson - July 21,
Tim Morris, July 22, Cathie Sunderman - July 25,
Karen Teulle - July 31

Prayer for July

○ love

Ever burning

And never extinguished,

○ Charity,

My God, set me on fire.

-St. Augustine

North Africa

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh provides several opportunities to get involved with the Beloved Community Initiative. On the first Wednesday of every month, you can join a zoom Bible Study; on the third Wednesday of the month you can participate in a zoom prayer and share, and this summer small groups will be formed for Sacred Ground exploration. See the links below if you are interested in learning more.

Reading the Bible through the Beloved Community Lens, 1st Wednesdays

[Reading the Bible Through the Beloved Community Lens – Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh \(episcopalpgh.org\)](https://www.episcopalpgh.org/reading-the-bible-through-the-beloved-community-lens)

Prayer and Share, Third Wednesdays

[Prayer & Share with the Beloved Community – Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh \(episcopalpgh.org\)](https://www.episcopalpgh.org/prayer-and-share)

Sacred Ground, small groups this summer

[2022 Sacred Ground Sign Up Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/sacred-ground)

WANT TO MAKE
PEOPLE HAPPY?
SIGN UP FOR
COFFEE HOUR!
JULY IS OPEN!

UPCOMING EVENTS

July is National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.

July 4 - Independence Day, July 6 - Morning Prayer,

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BISHOP HAS GRANTED PERMISSION TO RESUME THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST DURING THE EUCHARIST, AND WE WILL NOW DISTRIBUTE IT AT BOTH SERVICES.



NEW ST. STEPHEN'S DIRECTORY

Thanks to the technical expertise of Sig Tragard, we have an updated and illustrated directory of St. Stephen's members and friends. You can pick up your copy in the church sanctuary or you can email Melanie at the church, and she will mail you a copy. ststephenswilkinsburg@gmail.com

CREATION CARE RESOLUTION

The diocesan Social Justice and Outreach Committee (SJO) is working to address questions of environmental stewardship for each parish throughout our diocese.

The SJO would like to gain greater representation from churches throughout the diocese. If you're interested in helping us through membership, contact Marianne Novy at mnovy@pitt.edu.

Mission of the Month

HOLY FAMILY INSTITUTE

From their website:

Since 1900, children and families in our community have benefited from the work of Holy Family Institute. Holy Family Institute provides help, healing, and hope to children and families throughout Western Pennsylvania.

We pioneer alternative learning and career training environments, offer mental health and substance use counseling, and help families address debilitating financial limitations. The families we serve have often experienced significant trauma and need caring and support to heal. For this reason, Holy Family Institute maintains a trauma-sensitive culture throughout our programs and services. We provide care within the community, giving families the tools they need to thrive, the resources they need to establish stability, and the support they need to live responsibly.

To fund our mission of serving children and families in crisis, you can donate at

[Donate - Holy Family Institute \(hfi-pgh.org\)](https://hfi-pgh.org)

Or write a check to "Holy Family Institute" and mail it the church or put it in the collection plate.

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

Soup

Cans of food or milk with pop tops

Instant oatmeal

Brownie mix

Peanut butter and jam

Sunday Worship 8AM & 10:30AM

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PRAYING!**

