



ST. STEPHEN'S SPIRIT

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

NOVEMBER 2022

One of the themes of this time of year between the last harvests of the growing season and the frosty early winter, from a Christian faith lens, is gratitude. We have been formed by the first disciples of Jesus to celebrate this life as a time for our earthly story to unfold with the people we belong to and connect with as we live this life to the full. Yet by the Holy Spirit among us as the Church, we can see that, as Jesus enables us to rejoice in the eternity of the Kingdom of God, this life is just the beginning, a time of journeying together and of expectation of what we were made for, what our hearts really long for - heaven.

The people who are, at least for now, feeling distant from our faith-filled vision of the Kingdom of God in the world around us will be drawn toward the light of truth by God's all-sufficient grace and by our participation in God's plan by our call that we be known to them as a source of blessings, especially that of our love. We know that we're called to spend our lives in the service of God, particularly by the self-sacrificing love with which we engage with the world--the people we see by the Spirit as our sisters and brothers in Christ and all of creation.

Here at Saint Stephen's this month, as has become a custom of the Church, we shall remember All Saints--the holy women and men whose blessed, inspired, beautiful, loving choices in their time on this earth have been in service of God. They in their time on this earth, in spite of their imperfections, have enabled God's glory to be seen and experienced by those whose lives they touched. Let us pray with gratitude for them and all our blessings each day. Let us also recommit ourselves to a regular examination of our conscience and align our will to that of God. Let us strive for holiness by the humility, kindness, gentleness, patience, faith, hope and love we make manifest in our choices each day.

-Father Chuck+



NOVEMBER 6 begins DAY-LIGHT SAVINGS!

Set your clocks back an hour, and get an extra hour of sleep!



Prayer for November

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ.

Philippians 4:5-7

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



BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 7 - Olivia Moe,
Nov. 18 - Kay Romey and Jerome McCullough,
Nov. 23 - Samantha Giles,
Nov. 28 - Darlene Bradley

MORNING PRAYER WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 10:30 AM.

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. 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)

FOOD OF THE MONTH

Please put in boxes in back of the church.

HOLIDAY MEAL BAGS

Did you know that 25% of Wilkinsburg residents are food insecure? Let's help our neighbors by contributing to the Wilkinsburg Community Ministry holiday meal bags.

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

On Wednesday, November 23, the AA group that meets in our church will celebrate 78 years at St. Stephen's, and the NA Saturday morning group has been meeting here for 33 years!

- Thank God for this building and the faithfulness of the St. Stephen's parishioners who provide for the upkeep of the church so we can love others in Christ's name.



SACRED GROUND is a film based dialogue about faith and race consisting of eight week sessions that meet once a week. There are sessions at Calvary and other churches that are held at different times and during different months. If you'd like to attend one, please contact the office or find it on the diocesan website. Episcopalpgh.org

INTERESTED IN BEING A POLL WORKER IN NOVEMBER?

Check out this website: [Elections | Election Poll Workers | Allegheny County](#)

Mission of the Month

SAMARITAN'S FEET

The Kregar family store, circa 1908, was an integral part of the Wilkinsburg Community for many years. Once the parents passed away, the children wanted to continue that family's legacy in Wilkinsburg and joined with Samaritan's feet to establish a "Shoe Locker" for Wilkinsburg students. Manny, the founder of Samaritan's

Feet, was blessed with a pair of tennis shoes, as he grew up in Africa. That blessing grew and grew as his organization now provides new shoes to impoverished children all over the world. In Wilkinsburg, Scott and Lisa Lewis of the Kregar family have transformed the Shoe Locker into a Shoe Carnival, and this year, students of both Kelly and Turner schools will each receive a new pair of shoes and socks and a hygiene bag at their shoe carnival on November 16. If you would like to be part of this blessing to the children of Wilkinsburg, you can donate by getting on the link below. If you need help donating, let us know! Thank you!

[Scott Lewis is fundraising for Samaritans Feet International \(justgiving.com\)](#)

Diocesan Convention

This year **ALL** Episcopalians in the diocese are invited to a "celebration of abundance" at the Diocesan Convention on Saturday, November 19, to be held at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary from 12 to 8 p.m.

We are invited to **GATHER, LEARN, ENGAGE, SING, CELEBRATE** and **FEAST** together. See the link below for Saturday's agenda.

[Convention Saturday Agenda 10 14 22.pdf \(episcopalpgh.org\)](#)

There is an Early Bird fee of \$50 to attend convention if registered before Friday, November 4. The regular fee of \$60 starts on Saturday, November 5 and the deadline is Sunday, November 13. The fee includes materials and food including the Saturday dinner. If you cannot afford the fee, please send an email to convention@episcopalchurch.org to request an adjustment.

You can register here or let us know if you need help registering.

[2022 Annual Convention Registration \(wufoo.com\)](#)

Sunday Worship 8AM & 10:30AM

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