



ST. STEPHEN'S SPIRIT

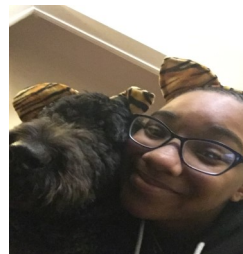
The Newsletter of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkinsburg PA

OCTOBER 2022

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

"God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good." Genesis 1:25

Animals are part of God's good creation. We admire that goodness in watching the birds of the air or wondering at the creatures in the sea. Many of us see that goodness in our pets. The Sprenkel family wouldn't be complete without our pets. (We wouldn't have as much hassle either!) The Sprenkel pets entered our lives when 13 year old Bellamy wrote on the calendar on April 21, "Buy a dog!" On the 21st we bought a dog, and all of the neighborhood children came over to chase the dog around the house. There was glee and laughter at our house because of Zoe. When she passed away, Charlie was despondent. We had to wipe out Charlie's despair so we adopted Zeus! Zeus is big and fluffy and loving, just what Charlie needed. Then a year later our Sunday school took gifts to the Animal Shelter as we studied "Creation Care." Melanie had no idea that Johnny would fall in love with Lola and her puppy dog soulful eyes. She too is loving and fluffy. Gregory can't wait to get back home from college to see her (and feed her salami). And Maria, even though she says the dogs get on her nerves, is the one who taught them tricks that we all enjoy watching. Bellamy enjoys their 'cartoon character nature, and Johnny loves how they stand at the door and wait for us to come home. The unconditional love that our pets have given us is a warm gift for our family. God is good.



FOOD OF THE MONTH

Please put in boxes in back of the church.

CANNED FRUIT



BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 4 - Gabe Sunderman, Oct. 5 - Ruth Moore,
Oct. 7 - Andrew Thames and Cathy Wilkie,
Oct. 11 - Anne Bump, Oct. 14 - Douglas Chaffey,
Oct. 16 - Don Block

ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 28 - Pam and Chris Sovich

Prayer for October

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

-Philippians 4:5-7

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

**MORNING PRAYER WILL BE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 5 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 – Episco-
pal Diocese of Pittsburgh \(episcopalpgh.org\)](https://www.episcopalpgh.org/prayer-and-share)

OCTOBER is National Book Month!



September 15-October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month

Latinos are the fastest growing demographic in the United States, and the Episcopal Church encourages us to think about how we can welcome them into our congregations so that we can mutually benefit from each other's fellowship. In fact, Father Chuck knows Spanish fluently so we can have a wonderful connection to the Latino community through him! Just recently, he facilitated our communication with a new renter for the kitchen who is from Honduras and who will be serving food from Antojitos Food Truck in East Liberty! We will let you know when they are open for business!

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

CROP WALK FOR HUNGER ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 at 2 p.m
Contact the office or check our
this link if you are interested!
[Pittsburgh East CROP Hunger Walk](#)

INTERESTED IN BEING A POLL WORKER IN NOVEMBER?

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

Mission of the Month

HELLO NEIGHBOR

Hello Neighbor is a Pittsburgh based non-profit founded in 2017 committed to supporting recently resettled refugees and immigrant families. They build partnerships with community groups and these families. They have recently received a grant to help resettle Afghan and Ukrainian refugees. They help them to get on their feet in a land that is foreign to them. They follow God's command to welcome the stranger in our midst. You can visit online at <https://www.helloneighbor.io>

If you wish to donate you can write a check with "Hello Neighbor" in the memo line, put it in the donation plate on Sunday, and we will get it to them, or donate online at

[Donate - Hello Neighbor](#)

ST. STEPHEN'S TO THE RESCUE!

When we sent out a plea for supplies because the cupboard was bare, you all came through! Thank you! We will always gladly accept your donations. The need is great.

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

Rice and stove top stuffing

Sunday Worship 8AM & 10:30AM

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