



# ST. STEPHEN'S SPIRIT

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

AUGUST 2023

## MEET THE OTHER MINISTRIES AND MINISTERS AT ST. STEPHEN'S!

We will occasionally highlight a program that occurs at St. Stephen's so you can see that our efforts to follow Jesus and serve the community are happening every day of the week at St. Stephen's. We are all One Body, and the church building itself ministers to the community.



Apostle Jermaine Horne and his son Bishop Regginald Moore are the ministers of Breath of Life Church of Worship which meets at St. Stephen's every Sunday at 3 p.m. Breath of Life Church is a non-denominational, Pentecostal church under the umbrella of Kingdom Dominion Global Fellowship and Ministries, which is a fellowship with churches all over the world. Apostle Jermaine just earned a doctorate and has preached in churches in different parts of the United States and also counsels businesses, helping them to use the beatitudes in their business practices. Breath of Life used to meet at a Lutheran Church in East Liberty, but the building was sold so they had to move. One day they were driving in Wilkinsburg, drove past St. Stephen's, and Apostle Jermaine said the Lord led him to call the church and talk with Father Chuck. The rest is history. Breath of Life Church of Worship focuses on God's love and not judgement. Apostle Jermaine says that they are not a church with a Black or White or Vietnamese message; their message is God's message of love to all people.

## Prayer for August

To our Lord, I offer this prayer.

This body and soul are your property

and you are our mother and

father; we are your children. There

are many joys in your grace - nobody

knows your limits.

-Prayer from India



## CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 4 - TIM DEGROSKY

AUGUST 11 - ELISE MORRIS

### ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST 13 - DON AND MARY BLOCK

Do you enjoy singing?  
Want to sing in the St.  
Stephen's Choir? Let  
Soon Choi know or con-  
tact the office! Our first  
practice is Sept. 12.



**MORNING PRAYER WILL BE  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 2, 10:30 AM. (The  
first Wednesday of each month.)**

## KICK OFF SUNDAY!

SEPTEMBER 17

Come and celebrate. The choir will be singing; coffee hour will provide fellowship; it signals the start of bible study; and Advent is right around the corner! Hope to see you all there. Bring a friend to share the joy!



**Bible study** begins on **Thursday, September 14**, 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the library. We hope you can join us this year. We speak our minds and laugh and learn and experience God's Spirit at work. Contact the office if interested.

SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 • 10AM - 5PM

Saturday,  
September 9



JOIN US!

For more information contact: [civcarts21@gmail.com](mailto:civcarts21@gmail.com) • Funded by Creative Catalyst Grant and UPMC

## History, Music, and Dance in 7 Sacred Spaces. 10AM - 5PM

Each site will present a brief architectural history, a music and an interpretative dance performance by Shauna Simmons Dance. Free and open to the public. Donation of any size welcome (proceeds donated to a Wilkinsburg Church for repairs)

More information to follow, but we do know that St. Stephen's will be part of the tour, with Elise Morris making the presentation and Soon Choi playing the music from 10 - 10:45 a.m.. Hope you can come and support our church and community.

Other sacred spaces in the tour are Ethnan Temple 7th Day Adventist; Mulberry Community Church, St. Mary Magdalene Parish, South Avenue United Methodist, Covenant Fellowship Presbyterian Church, St. Mark AME

And there will be a closing program at the Center for Civic Arts (prior Second Presbyterian): a public exhibit, installation, dance, music, refreshments.

Hope to see you there! We'll let you know the full schedule when we get it.

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. If you'd like to attend one, please contact the office or find it on the diocesan website.

[Episcopalpgh.org](http://Episcopalpgh.org)

WATCH FATHER CHUCK'S PAST SERMONS by accessing our website, "[Ststephenswilkinsburg.org](http://Ststephenswilkinsburg.org)," click "Worship," and then click on "Livestreaming our worship service."

## FOOD OF THE MONTH

### Pancakes and Syrup



## THE BLESSING BOX PANTRY

**IS RUNNING DRY! ANY NON-PERISHABLES YOU CAN DONATE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED! AND THANKS TO YOU ALL WHO GIVE SO FREELY! SOMETIMES WE SEE OUR NEIGHBORS DONATING TO THE BLESSING BOX! GOD IS GOOD.**

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

### AMBASSADORS FOOTBALL PITTSBURGH



Ambassadors Football Pittsburgh is part of a global Christian ministry that loves children and gives them opportunities through soccer. Ambassadors Pittsburgh serves mostly low income children, reaching kids from 20 different countries: 28% are refugees; 31% immigrants; 52% need scholarships to play. The parents of these children are working around the clock to provide for their families and cannot get their kids to the soccer program. So Ambassadors picks up these kids for games and practices. It is a Herculean effort. The Sprenkel family knows because our kids were involved in this program, and we often helped with the pick-ups! The Sprenkel kids were blessed to have soccer friends from all over the world. The problem now is that the van they use to transport the kids has broken down, perhaps irreparably and they need to purchase a new van. If you are able to help toward the purchase of a new van, the kids of Pittsburgh will be grateful! Either write a check payable to Ambassadors Pittsburgh and mail it to 2355 Rochester Road, Pittsburgh PA 15143 or check out the link below. Thanks!

[Ambassadors Football – Pittsburgh - Football Faith Future](#)

Sunday Worship 8AM & 10:30AM

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