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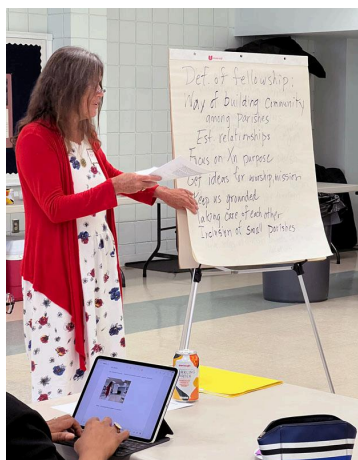
Nurturing our Faith!

October 10, 2024

First Diocesan Mutual Ministry Review Focus Group Meets

How do we evaluate where we have been, where we are and where we are going? Are we achieving the goals we and our bishop have set? What is working, what is not working and how can we make our life together in the Diocese of Pittsburgh the best it can possibly be? The first step in the process is conversation.

On Saturday, September 28, the governance committees of the diocese held the first Diocesan Mutual Ministry Review at Christ Church, North Hills. A Diocesan Mutual Ministry Review is a way to pause for a moment and prayerfully ask “How are we doing?” It is a time to evaluate where we are, celebrate what has been done well, and understand what might be done better as we seek to practice common and collaborative ministry in our diocese.



By exploring reflective questions together, eighteen individuals, recruited for their involvement and expertise, focused on means of shared ministry accomplishments and proposed possible improvements within our three primary goal areas - Growth, Communication and Fellowship - as outlined by Bishop Ketlen in her 2023 address to Diocesan Convention.

These discussions serve as the foundation of a report to be given to this year's Diocesan Convention which will be held on November 9, 2024 and will be circulated to all the parishes and people of the diocese. It is another step

toward achieving our common purpose of being a community of Christ's followers in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

--Florence Atwood



Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation Historic Religious Properties Grant Program

The Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation is now accepting grant applications for the 2025 cycle of the Historic Religious Properties Grant program. The only one of its kind in Allegheny County, the program offers matching grants of up to \$10,000 for the restoration and renovation of architecturally significant historic religious buildings, where congregations also provide social services to their surrounding community.



In addition to matching grants, the PHLF also offers technical assistance to qualifying congregations with historic buildings where they assess the condition of the building, review architectural and /or engineering studies, and also provide congregations with advice on how to work with an architect or contractor.

The deadline for the 2025 cycle is December 6, 2024.

Complete information is available at phlf.org/preservation/historic-religious-properties-grant-program/

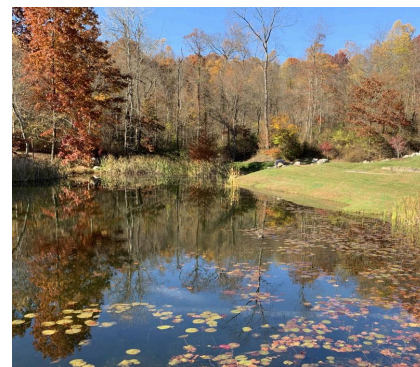


Jazz @ Emmanuel

Join the Jazz Meditations, Readings, Message, and Emmanuel's Jazz Community on October 13 at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary for "A Season of Change"

[See the Line-Up for the 2024-2025 Season here](#)

Read the [WZUM Tribute to Dr. James Johnson, Jr. and Pam Johnson](#) about the Jazz Live Legacy Award, 2022 on The Scene



At the historic [Emmanuel Episcopal Church](#), 957 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Where the spirited and the spiritual join in a new kind of celebration as only Jazz at Emmanuel can.



The Investiture of Presiding Bishop-Elect Sean Rowe November 2, 2024

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh is holding an official watch party in the Lounge at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mt. Lebanon for the investiture of our new presiding bishop-elect. The event will be hosted by the clergy and lay deputies who attended General Convention earlier this year, and their chair, Jamie McMahon.

Join the Churchwide Virtual Celebration



The Most Reverend Michael Curry
requests the honor
of your presence at the
Celebration of New Ministry and Investiture of
the Right Reverend Sean Rowe
as Presiding Bishop and Primate
of The Episcopal Church

Saturday, November 2, 2024
“Roll Call” of Dioceses - 9:30 am ET
Service of Holy Eucharist - 11:00 am ET

www.iam.ec/investiture

Schedule of Events:

9:30 a.m.: Roll Call of Dioceses
11 a.m.: Installation Service

Location: [St. Paul's Episcopal Church](#), 1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA

With this event, The Episcopal Church will officially welcome the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe as our 28th presiding bishop with a smaller, simpler, live-streamed investiture service aimed at reducing carbon footprint and increasing opportunities for churchwide virtual participation.

Refreshments will be provided at St. Paul's. For more information or to RSVP, please contact office@stpaulspgh.org or 412-531-7153 (x10).



Amen TO ACTION

On November 2, you can join with other people of faith and good will to address food insecurity in Pittsburgh!

Last Fall, thousands of volunteers and their children met at churches and organizations across our city, where they packed 1,008,340 meals for distribution by the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to our neighbors.

Spend the morning on Saturday, November 9, at [Pittsburgh Theological Seminary](#), 616 N Highland Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, to help with this amazing event.

Please register here: plf.org/amen-to-action-sign-up-2024-pittsburgh-theological-seminary/

For a list of additional locations around the city to help, on Saturdays from November 2 to November 29, visit plf.org/amen-to-action-volunteer/

For more about Amen to Action, please see plf.org/a2a/



LOVE ANYWAY *feast*

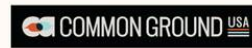
**Uniting Our Community,
One Feast at a Time:**
Building Bridges,
Breaking Barriers

In the days following the election, let's come to the same table. At a time when the world needs it most, the Love Anyway Feast encourages us to love beyond boundaries, differences, and disagreements—proving that despite it all, we can choose to love anyway.

**Friday, November 8
6:30-8:30 pm**

**Kadel Dining Room, McNaugher Hall
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
616 N. Highland Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15206**

**Free and open to everyone!
RSVP HERE:**



[Click here](#) to register
[Click here](#) for a printable flyer



**Making Spiritual Discipleship a Priority
A Hybrid Workshop
Presented by the Stevenson School for Ministry**



Friday, November 15, 2-3:30 p.m.

The Rev. Jay Sidebotham, founder of [RenewalWorks](#), will share research from over 300 Episcopal congregations. The workshops will discuss those things which contribute to spiritual growth in our churches. He'll also explore the ways we understand spiritual growth, and share thoughts on why it is so important for our congregations. The research will give a snapshot of where many Episcopal congregations find themselves these days, and offer ways that congregations can move forward in a deeper, more vital spiritual life.

This hybrid workshop will be delivered via Zoom or in-person at St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, PA. There is no fee to attend.

Learn more and register at www.eventbrite.com/e/making-spiritual-growth-a-priority-in-your-church-a-hybrid-workshop-tickets-1004729732677



Urgent:

Episcopal Relief & Development's Hurricane Relief Fund

[Episcopal Relief & Development](#) is working closely with partners to support people affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

The [Hurricane Relief Fund](#) is an important tool for responding to immediate needs and supporting long-term recovery.

You can make a gift today at episcopalrelief.org to donate and get more information on the many [ways you can help](#).



Convention Volunteers Needed

Saturday, November 9, 2024, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 328 6th Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Volunteers are needed for the Annual Convention to help with registration, directions, hospitality, and other functions as needed on November 9. Volunteers would need to arrive no later than 7:30 a.m. in the morning at [Trinity Cathedral](#). Breakfast and paid parking will be provided. Interested individuals should contact the Rev. Linda Wilson at deaconlindawilson@gmail.com or via text at 412-215-5451 with their availability or with any questions.



Diocesan Convention Registration Now Open

The 159th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh
Saturday, November 9, 2024, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 328 6th Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Registration for all deputies and guests is now open.
Registration is required for all lay and clergy deputies.

<https://episcopalpgh.wufoo.com/forms/2024-diocesan-convention-registration/>

There is a \$30 fee for all attendees and includes all materials, a continental breakfast and lunch.

If you cannot afford the fee, please send an email to convention@episcopalpgh.org.

Problems or questions about registering? Contact Andy Muhl at amuhl@episcopalpgh.org or 412-721-0853 ext. 253



Around the Diocese



Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

- October 12:** St. Bartholomew's, Scottdale (Sat.)
- October 13:** St. Francis, Somerset
- October 20:** St. Paul's, Kittanning (a.m.)
- October 20:** St. Michael's, Wayne Township (p.m.)
- October 27:** St. Matthew's, Homestead

Parish leadership is reminded to complete a form, available in [PDF](#) or [Word](#), at least two weeks in advance of their visitation.

Bishop Ketlen's visitation schedule is [available here](#). The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer is [available here](#).

To schedule time with Bishop Ketlen, contact Andrea Rath at 412-721-0853, ext. 251, or arath@episcopalpgh.org.



Parting Shots

Mutual Ministry Review Focus Group

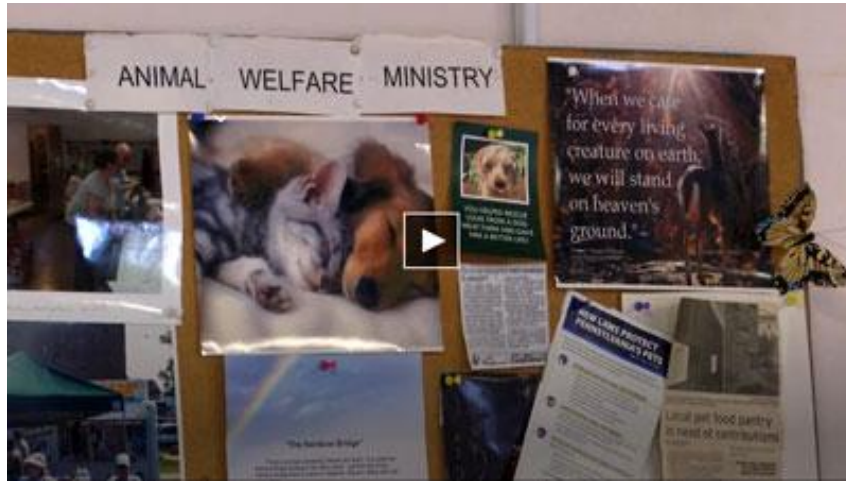


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From L to R: Anthony Crisafio, St. Andrew's, Highland Park; The Rev. Natalie Hall, Redeemer, Squirrel Hill; Kerry Ochap, St. Stephen's, McKeesport; Katie Ong, St. Francis, Somerset; Jim Cassaro, Calvary, East Liberty; Marty Federowicz, St. Andrew's, Highland Park; The Rev. Dr. Luke Zerra, St. Peter's, Brentwood; The Rev. Dr. Julie Smith, Commission on Ministry; Don Block, St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg; Kathy Baird, St. Peter's, Blairsville; The Rev. Laura Di Panfilo, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon (with our youngest lay leader); The Rev. Brandon Cooper, St. Paul's, Kittanning; Florence Atwood, Calvary, East Liberty; The Rev. Bonnie-Marie Yager-Wiggan, Calvary, East Liberty; Jon Delano, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon; The Rev. Linda Wilson, Retired Deacon; Pat Dunkis, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon; The Rev. Lorena Ringle, Christ, North Hills; And, of course, Bishop Ketlen Solak.

St. Mark's, Johnstown Featured on WJAC-TV

On Sunday, October 6, Community members brought their pets of all species for a special personalized blessing by St. Mark's priest, the Rev. Nancy Threadgill.



View the story at wjactv.com/news/local/local-animals-blessed-at-johnstown-church

Also in Johnstown..

It was a busy day at St. Mark's, Johnstown on October 6. Not only did they bless community pets, Bishop Ketlen was there for her annual visitation.



2024 Clergy Conference Sends a Message

A part of the new Presiding Bishop's Investiture service includes a welcome message from each diocese that will be used as a "roll call" prior to the web cast service on November 2. Many of our clergy attending this year's Clergy Conference in Ligonier joined Bishop Ketlen in a message to Presiding Bishop-Elect Sean Rowe. Below is a frame from the video. To see the video, you will have to tune into the broadcast at episcopalchurch.org/investiture/ or join the viewing party at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon.



Has your parish been featured in the news?
Please let us know via email at info@episcopalpgh.org
