



February 16, 2023

Together in Prayer for Turkiye and Syria

A community vigil following the devastating earthquakes

Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 5 pm

Christ Church

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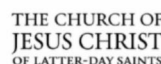
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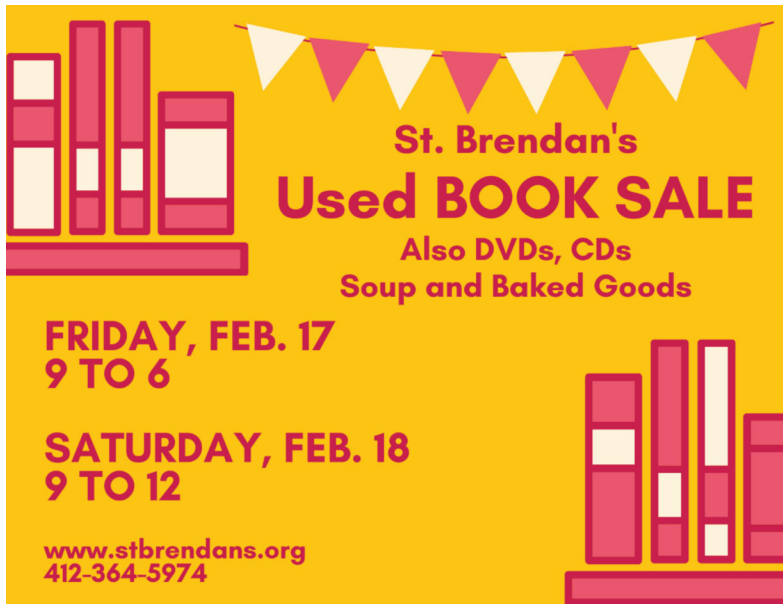
Come together across our diverse faith traditions as we lament those who have died, seek healing for survivors, support our Turkish and Syrian neighbors, and ask divine mercy on people of all nations.



Contact Rev. Liddy Barlow, lbarlow@casp.org, with questions or to add your organization as a co-sponsor.

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Beloved Community News

Be the Bridge! 40 day Lenten challenge



Beloved Community Initiative

(The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh)

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35

The Beloved Community Initiative (BCI) seeks to promote the liberating and reconciling love of Jesus Christ, particularly as it relates to racial justice and reconciliation. The BCI will serve specifically to develop strategies, as informed by the gospel of Jesus Christ, our Baptismal Covenant and our diocesan mission.

How do we foster Beloved Community in the church?

Baptismal Promise: Strive for justice and peace among all people & respect the dignity of every human being.

"I believe we are called to be bridge builders"

Church it is time to change! How can we expect the world around us to be transformed if we aren't? Dismantling racism and achieving reconciliation in the church begins with education and dialogue. Join us in this 40 day challenge to read "Be the Bridge" by Latasha Morrison and discover how we can begin showing the world that we are



Jesus disciples and that we are growing to love one another.

Let's become bridge builders. Let's connect the dots and show we mean what we say and our covenant is our identity and our activity. Let's begin repairing the breach, repairing the world by repairing the church. That begins with you! The Beloved Community Initiative invites you to the challenge!



Core Question:

How will we grow as reconcilers, healers, and justice-bearers? What activities, practices, learning and experiences would (trans)form us? How will we share stories and grow relationship?



Core Question:

What institutions and systems bear the signs of racial injustice? How will we participate in the repair, restoration and healing of people, institutions and systems?



Can Pittsburgh Move from Environmental Racism to Environmental Justice?

This will be the concern of a Zoom panel sponsored by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee on **Sunday, February 19, at 7 p.m.**, with **Alyssa Lyon**, Director, Black Environmental Collective, UrbanKind Pittsburgh; **Patrick Campbell**, Executive Director, Group Against Smog and Pollution; and **Michelle Naccarati Chapkis**, Executive Director, Women for a Healthy Environment, Allegheny County Councilperson, District 8.



Alyssa Lyon



Patrick Campbell



Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis

Environmental racism is a condition in which places where people of color live are disproportionately affected by air pollution, toxic waste, extreme weather, and other hazards. Environmental justice is a condition in which fairer participation in decision-making removes these dangers. Join the panel on February 19 to learn more about how you can contribute to a better future for all. This event is free and open to all.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82415414027?pwd=cnVQSE9aa3FUd3lrTGV1ODZvellrQT09>

This panel is sponsored by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee, with co-sponsors Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light (PAIPL) and Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN). If you have questions, contact Marianne Novy, SJO chair, mnovy@pitt.edu



Godly Play Core Training Offered

St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, is hosting a **Godly Play Core Training, Friday, March 24, through Sunday, March 26th**, and everyone is invited to join this training.

This is the most comprehensive training on Godly Play practices and theology and the Core Training is highly recommended for those leading Godly Play sessions, program administrators, and clergy.



Please contact The Rev. Laura Di Panfilo at laura@stpaulspgh.org with any questions. **More information and a signup form can [be found here](#).**



Seeing the Face of God in Each Other, our diocesan anti-racism workshop, is taking place online **Friday, March 24, and Saturday, March 25, 2023.**

These two days offer a few hours to focus on the beauty and the scope of humanity in the Church and in our world, helping us to go beyond the biases we have that make us push people away, ignore them, or exert power over them—sometimes unwittingly—based only on their appearance. It will help you move more deeply into the mystery of the

Body of Christ gathered *from every family, language, people and nation as a Kingdom of priests to serve our God.* (Revelation 5: 9-10)

The Commission on Race and Reconciliation has significantly updated and reshaped the workshop for an optimal online experience. If you have taken it in the past and think you could use a brush-up, it would be worth your time.

Our ministry in Christ is to love, to teach and to heal. This workshop will further equip us to be healers.

[Click Here to Register Now](#)

or visit: <https://forms.gle/6cGzwLPPKdpCYe8EA>
Friday, March 24 – Saturday, March 25

A Zoom workshop in four parts:

- Preparatory work prior to gathering together
- Friday evening, 5:50 - 9 p.m.
- Saturday morning, 8:50 - 11:15 a.m.
- Saturday afternoon, 1:15 - 4:30 p.m.

The last day to register is **Tuesday, March 7**. Registration is limited to the first 20 people who sign up in order to maintain the collaborative experience of the workshop.

All necessary materials and meeting links will be sent to participants prior to the workshop.

There are no fees for this important workshop.



2022 Parochial Report Online Filing Now Open

The Parochial Report is the oldest, continuous gathering of data by The Episcopal Church. By tradition and canon, the reporting requirements are developed by the House of Deputies' Committee on the State of the Church, using a form approved by the church's Executive Council. Seen as an annual rite of passage throughout The Episcopal Church, and overseen by the Executive Officer of General Convention, the Parochial Report touches every congregation of the church and provides an insight to the state of the church.



Parochial Report Filing for 2022

Filing your parish 2022 Parochial Report

Filing Opened January 3: <https://reports.dfms.org>

Reports are due online by March 1.

To view a video walkthrough of the new 2022 Parochial Report form [click here](#).

Click the following link for a video walkthrough on how to navigate the filing website:

[A Walkthrough Screencast for Congregations](#)

Please begin the preparation of your report as early as possible. A number of significant changes have been made to the Parochial Report form -- changes that will, without doubt, require more time and thought than what has been required in the past. It is important that you plan accordingly so that you are able to complete your report on time.

Although a downloadable form is available, please be aware that reports must be entered online to be marked as complete. If you require assistance, contact the diocesan office for help. Click the following link to view the downloadable form: [2022 Parochial Report Form](#) (pdf)

Parochial Report Instructions

[Parochial Report Workbook and Instructions \(webpage\)](#)



Around the Diocese



Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

February 19: St. Peter's, Brentwood

February 22: Trinity Cathedral (Ash Wednesday)

February 26: St. Stephen's Wilkesburg

March 5: St. David's, Peters Township

Parish leadership is reminded to complete and submit [this form](#) at least two weeks in advance of their visitation. Bishop Ketlen's visitation schedule is [available here](#).

To schedule time with Bishop Ketlen, contact her virtual assistant, Crystal Goforth, at 412-721-0853, ext. 256, or via email at assistant@episcopalpgh.org.



Parting Shots

At Trinity Cathedral on Saturday, February 11, the diocese celebrated the life and legacy of the Rev. Absalom Jones, the first African-American to be ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church in 1802. Bishop Ketlen celebrated the Eucharist and the Rev. Dr. Darryl Canady of Rodman Street Missionary Baptist Church was the preacher. The amazing choir from Rodman Baptist played a big role in the joyful worship.



The service can be viewed on the Cathedral's Facebook page. [Part one](#). [Part two](#).



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