



August 31, 2023

Community of Celebration Marks Anniversary of Partnership

On Saturday, July 15, the [Community of Celebration](#) in Aliquippa, PA marked the 1-year anniversary of signing a memorandum of understanding with the [Greenhouse Network](#). Currently, the Greenhouse Network, is made up of 25 missional outposts in the Pittsburgh region. Its purpose is to “provide relationship between missional outposts and church plants for sharing resources, provide support for missional leaders, provide access for emerging leaders to existing social and material capital, and provide momentum for the regional multiplication of missional outposts and church plants.”



This partnership has been in the making for about two decades, beginning with Bill Farra, a longstanding member of the Community, meeting with and, in the beginning, mentoring Joel Repic, the current Greenhouse Network Coordinator. Bill Farra reflects, “Over time it started becoming evident to members of the Community that our lifespan was coming to an end, and we were trying to figure out what to do. We were getting new potential members, but they weren’t staying. So, we were faced with whether or not we were going to sell. I thought: If there’s any way we can pass what we’ve built here onto a younger generation, that would be ideal.” When asked, Joel Repic heartily agreed to moving toward a more formalized partnership. Bill Farra shares, “It took several years to percolate and it culminated last year in the Greenhouse Network and the Community of Celebration and people who had helped us through this process signing the memorandum of understanding.”

Read the rest of this story at www.episcopalpgh.org/community-marks-anniversary/



Fall 2023 Anti-Racism Training



Seeing the Face of God in Each Other, our diocesan anti-racism workshop, is taking place online via Zoom **Friday, October 13, and Saturday, October 14, 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)

Why would you want to take this workshop, at this time? Here are a few (but by no means all) reasons:

- God calls each one of us to love our neighbors as ourselves.
- Our nation is struggling with the impact of generations of systemic racism
- We, as a diocese, have committed ourselves to a journey toward healing the wounds of racism in our region through the Beloved Community Initiative.
- As a diocese, we have also committed, by vote at diocesan convention, that all in leadership positions, in parishes or at the diocesan level, take the workshop as part of their responsibilities.
- There is always more to learn!

The Commission on Race and Reconciliation has significantly updated and reshaped the workshop for a virtual-reality 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.

REGISTER NOW

or visit: <https://forms.gle/6cGzwLPPKdpCYe8EA>

Additional information including an agenda for the workshop is available at www.episcopalpgh.org/fall-2023-anti-racism-training/



Ministry Exploration Day

Saturday, September 16
from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill
5700 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15217



This is an opportunity to hear about various types of ministry (lay and ordained), review the process toward ordained ministry, as well as have an overview of the Commission on Ministry's role in your journey.

The day is hosted by the Commission on Ministry (COM) and various clergy and lay ministers will be present to answer questions and help clarify the next steps in discerning a call.

Contact the Rev. Dr. Julie Smith, Chair of the COM, at 412-995-0915 or jlsphone1@gmail.com with any questions.

Please [register here](#) for meal and materials planning. There is no fee for this gathering.



The 158th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

Please join us for the 2023 Diocesan Convention which will be held on Saturday, November 11th at Trinity Cathedral from 7:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided for all in attendance.

Information about convention [is available here](#) including a tentative agenda and registration details.



The work of convention is integral to the health of the diocese. We appreciate clergy and lay deputies of each parish giving their time to make decisions that will contribute to the well-being of the diocese.

In addition to the work of convention, spiritual formation is also something we treasure. This year we will be holding a formation day separate from the Diocesan Convention. This will occur in late April/early May 2024. Details on the formation day will be announced at a later date.



Beer & Hymns: BACHTOBERFEST at Christ Church, Indiana

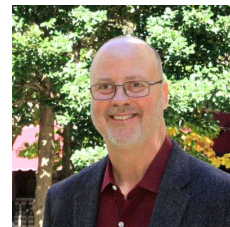
Sunday, September 17, at 3 p.m.

Organists from local churches will lead the singing of favorite hymns from various Christian traditions on the 1930's Kilgen pipe organ that was restored and installed at Christ Church in late 2019.



The event is a free-will offering fund-raiser for the Carol Teti Memorial Organ Scholarship program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). The event will also honor a very generous supporter of the Teti scholarship and of the Kilgen pipe organ restoration, the late **Dr. Diane Duntley**, who many remember as a member of Christ Church and active for many years in diocesan ministries and governance.

In thankful memory of Diane, the Teti committee has commissioned a new hymn by **Scott Solak**, which will be premiered at Bachtoberfest, played by IUP Organ Professor Dr. Christine Clewell. In addition to hymns, a Bach prelude will be offered by Christ Church's organist, Marissa Bruno, an IUP graduate and Teti scholarship recipient.



Following the robust singing of hymns, refreshments will include local craft beers, pretzels, and other Oktoberfest-themed snacks (as well as non-alcoholic drinks). Great hymns, the world premiere of a new hymn, and beer! What more could you ask for? Please join us! Details about the Teti Organ Scholarship fund and the opportunity to make a donation will be available at the event. More information [is available here](#).

Christ Episcopal Church, 902 Philadelphia Street Indiana, PA 15701

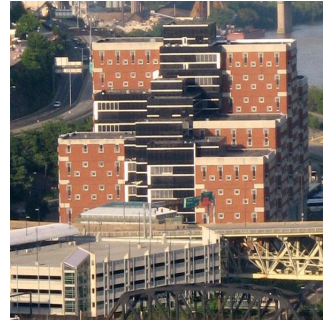


Inhumane Conditions at the Allegheny County Jail Causes and Solutions

Sunday, September 17, at 7 p.m.

An online forum presented by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee (SJO) and the Pittsburgh chapter of the Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN).

Approximately four-fifths of Allegheny County Jail residents have not yet been convicted of a crime. Yet they are all given mostly inedible food, often denied prescribed medicine or offered it at the wrong time, and are forced to spend nights in conditions too uncomfortable for sleep.



Since April 2020, 20 have died, more than twice the annual average for jails of similar size. Healthcare workers have supervisors without medical credentials who order them to violate best practices, putting their licensure at risk. Ninety staff positions are vacant and employees are forced to work excessive overtime. With current Warden Orlando Harper's retirement on September 29, how can we assure conditions will improve under the next warden?

Opening Prayer, **Minister Ella Scales**, Union Baptist Church, VP PIIN

Panel:

Leah Kozak, PIIN organizer, Chair

Brittany Hailer, Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

Sister Barbara Finch, former nurse at ACJ

John Kenstowicz, social worker

Concluding Prayer: **the Rev. Dr. Julie Smith**, Hospice Chaplain, Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

Register **in advance** for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZEscQypqj0sGdyZwiEZSI97cwDR1btL076C>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



2023 Women's Retreat

All of the women of the diocese are invited to Christ Church, North Hills, for an in-depth exploration of *The Fruits of the Spirit*. This one-day retreat will have lessons, prayer, discussions and an opportunity to walk a Labyrinth to reflect and pray on the lessons of the day.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NORTH HILLS
PRESENTS

2023 WOMEN'S RETREAT

Fruit of the Spirit



THE REV. CANON NATALIE HALL

RECTOR,
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Originally ordained a pastor in the ELCA, Rev. Hall has served as a rector of both Lutheran and Episcopal parishes. She is committed to ecumenical dialogue and served as the Diocesan Canon for Evangelism and Faith Formation.

THE REV. LORENA RINGLE

DIR. OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION,
CHRIST CHURCH, NORTH HILLS

For more than two decades, Deacon Lorena has served to educate children and families in their faith and service to God. As a deacon she strives to teach that to be a person in the family of Christ is to welcome compassionately those whose suffering is within our reach.



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
5910 BABCOCK BLVD
PITTSBURGH, PA 15237

30 SEPT. 2023
8:30-4:30

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REFRESHMENTS

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HERE**



Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis

**Announcing the Admission of
Gloria Ann Trevino
to Life Profession Into the Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis**

**Sunday, September 17, 2023
During the 10 a.m. Eucharist
St. James Episcopal Church
11524 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235**

Having completed the formation process for profession, Gloria will receive the Third Order Franciscan Cross and place her personal Rule of Life upon the altar.

More information about the Third Order may be found at
TSSF.org, a religious order of the Episcopal Church.



**Old St. Luke's and Mayflower Society
to Commemorate Historical Gravesite**

Volunteers at [Old St. Luke's Church](#) recently made a new discovery within its 18th century grounds.

The Scott Township burial yard is filled with prominent early settlers -- many of whom played leading roles in the region's formative struggles. But one particular grave marks the life of a Revolutionary War veteran who also served in the French and Indian War while claiming direct lineage from the 1620 Mayflower voyage that supplied the continent's first permanent European settlers.



Keith Kammenzind, a Mayflower descendant and amateur genealogist who earlier this year discovered the grave of Daniel South at Old St. Luke's, stresses this is an unusual find.

Old St. Luke's was founded in 1765 in the immediate aftermath of the French and Indian War and held regular services for the South Hills community through the 1930s. After decades of neglect, a group of volunteers formed a non-profit entity to preserve the building, grounds and history for future generations.

The board, in conjunction with the Mayflower Society, is planning two days of activities on **Saturday and Sunday, September 16 and 17**, to commemorate Daniel South's grave and promote the region's rich history. South's weather-beaten grave stone will be replaced with a new hand-sculpted granite marker that will include the Mayflower insignia.

Read more about Old St. Luke's and this event here: www.episcopalpgh.org/osl-mayflower-society/

For schedule of events and details please go to the [Mayflower Society's website](#). Additional details will be released soon.



Jazz at Emmanuel

In the Sanctuary at
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
957 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233
412-231-0454

This acclaimed series is now in it's 32nd season!

Sunday, September 10, 5 p.m.
(Pushing forward) On Their Shoulders



"Jazz at Emmanuel — where the spirited and the spiritual join together in a new kind of celebration." [View the full schedule here.](#)



Around the Diocese

Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

September 17: St. Thomas, Oakmont

October 1: St. Matthew's, Homestead

October 8: St. Mark's, Johnstown



October 14: St. Bartholomew's, Scottdale (Sat.)

October 15: St. Francis, Somerset

Parish visitations are on hiatus during the Summer. Bishop Ketlen's visitation schedule is [available here](#).

Parish leadership is reminded to complete and submit [this form](#) at least two weeks in advance of their visitation.

To schedule time with Bishop Ketlen, contact Andrea Rath at 412-721-0853, ext. 256, or arath@episcopalpgh.org.

The full church year **Cycle of Prayer** is now [available here](#) and Bishop Ketlen's full church year **Visitation Schedule** is [available here](#).



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