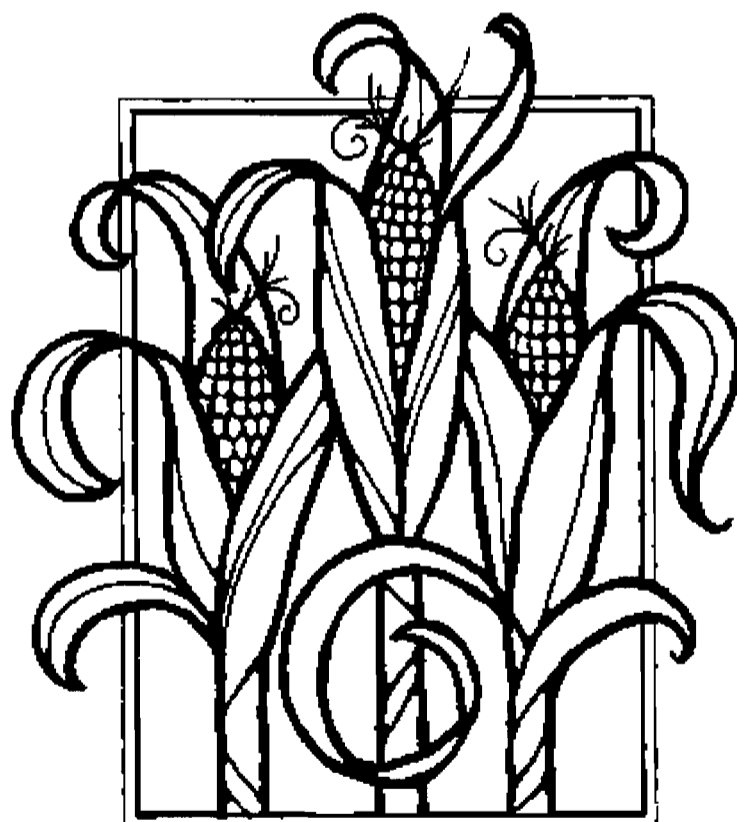


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September



School Supplies

"You guys have done it again"

Thanks so much for the school supplies.

Steve

Christian Formation Resumes

Our Sunday Forum will begin on September 13 at 9:30 AM. The Forum this year will focus on the Lectionary readings for that Sunday, and will be lead by Fr. David and several lay leaders.

The Thursday Eucharist and Bible Study begins Thursday, September 17 at 10:00 AM. This year our Bible Study will be focused on the Gospel According to Luke.

No previous knowledge or study of the Bible is necessary for either Christian Formation opportunity - everyone participates at his or her own comfort level! If you have any questions about the Thursday Bible Study, please contact Jeanne Meagher or Fr. David. if you have questions about the Sunday Forum, please contact Fr. David.

Music Ministry Transitions

Dear Friends,

After two years of devoted service, Bette Kattmann has decided to step down from the leadership role of our Joyful Noise music ministry. Please join me in thanking Bette for her passion and faithfulness in serving our Lord and St. Stephen's over these years. It was under Bette that we made the transition from a "special event" choir to an "almost weekly" choir - a transition that has been over 25 years in the making!

Bette and I have met with Carina Spindel and Carina has agreed to take the leadership role for Joyful Noise this next year. As many of you know, Carina joined St. Stephen's this spring and has already shared her musical gifts with us. What you may not know is that her college major is in Music, with a minor in Pastoral Ministry. I am sure that Carina will do a fine job working with the choir over the next several months.

Music for the Taize service will now be coordinated by Terri Cerimele-Rieger - whose name I hope I have finally spelled correctly! Terri has been providing voice and flute support for the Taize service since we began last year, and is an accomplished musician and teacher. Because of the transition in leadership, we have decided to delay the start of the monthly Taize service until Sunday, October 4.

Jimmy Duncan continues as our organist for Sundays and other major services. Let me publicly thank Jimmy for her service, particularly these last several months, as she has worked hard to balance her music ministry with us along with her care for her husband Tim. Please continue to keep Jimmy and Tim in your prayers as he prepares for major surgery.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about our music ministry, please contact me either by phone, email - or face to face!

My thanks to all those who have put time, talent and passion into making a Joyful Noise unto our Lord!

In Christ,

David+

Welcome to Holy Spirit

On Sunday, September 27, at the 10:30AM service we will welcome Holy Spirit Church of Forest Park to join us for worship and coffee hour. There will be only one service that day so that all of our parishioners have the opportunity to meet our closest Episcopal Church neighbors. We hope you will all come out to support this effort of joint worship, with the hope that it will open doors in the future to joint mission and service.

A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board asking for light refreshments for the coffee hour.

Taize

Our Taize service will resume this Fall on Sunday, October 4 at 7:00 P.M. We ask you to come and support our new Music Ministry Leaders, Terri Cerimele-Rieger and Carina Spendel as they lead us through a service of music, song, prayer, bible readings and meditation.

If you have never experienced a Taize service we believe you will find it to be a refreshing and uplifting experience. The service lasts approximately one hour, and is held by candlelight. The bible reading is read in English, Spanish and French in keeping with the international spirit of Taize. The songs are simple, easy to sing, and may also be sung in a foreign language, perhaps Latin. It is a non-denominational service that is offered for all Christians.

We hope to see many of you there.

Cathy Skiba

Mount Healthy Alliance, Inc.

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MONTHLY PANTRY NEEDS

Cereal	Toilet Paper
Mac & Cheese	Tooth Brushes
Canned Fruit	Deodorant
Jelly	Tooth Paste
Canned vegetables	Dish Detergent
Pasta or Rice mix	Shampoo
Cake Mixes	Laundry Detergent

Please bring your donations to the pantry or to one of our member churches. Monetary donations may be mailed to Mt Healthy Alliance, Inc. P.O. Box 31028, Mt Healthy, OH. 43231.



**2009 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2009
2:00 P.M.**

This year St. Stephen's annual Blessing of the Animals will be at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 3. The Blessing of the Animals celebrates St. Francis of Assisi whose love for all creatures inspires this annual event.

All creatures are welcome but they should be on a leash or in a crate. The ashes of departed pets can be scattered or interred in the Animal Memorial Garden.

Volunteers are needed to help with publicity, set-up, greeting visitors, serving refreshments and clean up. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Even if you can't physically volunteer, your prayers for good weather are needed.

If you have questions, please contact Nancy Healy at (513) 470-4930 or nancycinti@hotmail.com

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animal on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters.