

GAZA FOOD FUND: SPC is taking up a special collection all summer for a food fund to send to World Central Kitchen for Gaza famine relief. The fund was kick-started by a challenge donation of \$2,000 and has exceeded \$6000. As donations continue to come in, check the "volcano chart" in the Fellowship Hall for current information. Any donations that you put into the "Special Offerings" envelopes in the sanctuary pew racks will go to this fund, or you can make checks out to SPC and put "Gaza" on the memo line. Please give generously and let's put this fund over the top for the people of Gaza!

LGBTQIA YOUTH NEED A SAFE SPACE NOW MORE THAN EVER. LGBTQIA youth and parents' rights are under attack in WV. Leading up to the 2024 election, it is more important than ever that we provide a safe space for our gay and trans youth. Please consider volunteering to be a presence on alternating Monday evenings either in Martinsburg or in Shepherdstown for just an hour and a half. The training is short and online. Any evening spent with kids, who have one less worry because you're there is rewarding. Email PanhandleYouth@gmail.com for more information or questions.

THE PRAYERNET is available to share your joys and concerns throughout the week. Sent out via email to a group of SPC-ers who have agreed to hold your prayers in their hearts. To share your prayers with the PrayerNet and/or to join the PrayerNet, reach out to our prayer team at prayernet@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.

Prayer for Wholeness

Bread

for Wendell Berry

Each face in the street is a slice of bread
wandering on
searching

somewhere in the light the true hunger
appears to be passing them by
they clutch

have they forgotten the pale caves
they dreamed of hiding in
their own caves
full of the waiting of their footprints
hung with the hollow marks of their groping
full of their sleep and their hiding

have they forgotten the ragged tunnels
they dreamed of following in out of the light
to hear step after step

the heart of bread
to be sustained by its dark breath
and emerge

to find themselves alone
before a wheat field
raising its radiance to the moon

W. S. Merwin

Eucharistic Prayer

God of Grape and Grain is with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to God and one another.

Maker of earth and sky, we give thanks.

Grant unto us communion with thee.

As we remember Word Made Flesh,

as we come to taste the bread and cup,

we speak of that faith which is so mysterious:

Bread is broken; Bread is risen; All who hunger will be fed

Grant what we need each day in bread and insight:

subsistence for the call of

growing life.

Give us the food we need to grow

through each new day,

through each illumination of life's needs.

Let the measure of our need be earthiness:

give all things simple, verdant,

passionate.

Produce in us, for us, the possible:

each only-human step toward home

lit up.

Help us fulfill what lies within

the circle of our lives: each day we ask

no more, no less.

Animate the earth within us: we then

feel the Wisdom underneath

supporting all.

Generate through us the bread of life:

we hold only what is asked to feed

the next mouth.

Grant what we need each day in bread and insight.

Neil Douglas-Klotz

Sung Response 527

*Eat this bread; drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.*

*Eat this bread; drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst.*