

**PURGE & PLAY AT SPC IS NEXT WEEK.** Thank you if you already signed up. Please feel free to drop in during the week if you find yourself needing something to do, we will gladly put you to work. Many hands make light work!

**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, As of August 4, 2024, this fund has reached the sum of \$6055.00. 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](mailto:PanhandleYouth@gmail.com) for more information or questions.

## **A Blessing of the Sun-Feast Food**

O Sacred Source of all the stars,  
we thank you for placing our small planet  
in such a course about our daystar, the sun,  
that we are neither fried nor frozen.

This food we are about to share  
is sun-kissed, drunk with starlight,  
and so full of life.

May we eat and drink of these gifts  
in your company and in great gratitude.

**Edward Hays**

## 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.*