

## **VBS 2023: HARVEST LOVE**

***You are beautifully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14***

### **Scripture Focus and Special Guests:**

1. The Good Samaritan Luke 10:30-37

God created people of all races in God's image – no race is superior to another. With the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus reminds us to show love and compassion to all people, including standing up for them and helping when others have done harm.

**Special Guest: Tater Tot, the pig ambassador of Dormont**

2. Jonah and the Whale Jonah 1-3

People come from all different countries, with different cultures, and different languages. We celebrate these differences and honor God's call to seek out those who are different from ourselves.

**Special Guest: Hannah the Art Teacher**

3. Cheerful Giving 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

God has blessed each of us richly, and so we in turn should seek to bless others. This applies to gifts of our time and compassion, as well as physical and financial gifts.

**Special Guest: Pittsburgh Zoo**

4. Deborah Judges chapter 4

God gives each of us special gifts and talents, even some that might be surprising. We celebrate these gifts, and the special gifts of others.

**Special Guest: Hunter, Ichthyosis Educator**

5. Parable of the Lost Sheep Luke 15:1-7

God loves every person in the world, and regards them as precious gifts to be cherished, no matter what! Our rich diversity should be encouraged and celebrated in all aspects of the church and our world.

**Special Guest: Therapy Dogs from Animal Friends**