

Good Works

St. Francis Day at St. John's

Reverend Jeff Gollither of *St. John's Episcopal Church, Market Street* in Ellenville, invites the community to participate in the *St. Francis Day Celebration on October 3rd*, at the *Church*, including a *Blessing of the Animals and Community Fair*.

They will also be providing space and time at the fair for community organizations to help educate and share resources with the community of Ellenville and others who may attend.

The schedule: **10:00 AM**, Worship in the church; **11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**, Blessing of the Animals and Community Fair. (Bring a photo if the pet can't attend!)

The Church will provide tables (if needed); groups are encouraged to bring handouts or materials to share.

"This is our first year honoring St. Francis this way at St. John's, and we hope that over time many animals and people will share in this event. The way we respect and treat animals usually reflects the way we treat others. St. Francis' love for all creatures is a reminder to us that we are all connected, and are drawn into a common relationship with God," said Rev. Gollither. "The focus will be on the blessing of the pets, but we also plan to offer food, storytelling and music as well as help our community learn more about the many resources the participating groups provide."

Although this is short notice, please RSVP at once by calling Margot or Bill O'Donnell at 647-8757. A rain date of October 10th is planned if necessary, as events will be held outside.

(Margot O'Donnell, who sent me this notice, included the following: "Jeff Gollither is an environmentalist and he belongs to an organization at the United Nations. He came from St. John the Divine in the city. He's been an Episcopal minister for 14 years now, but prior to that he was an anthropologist. The congregation is so grateful to have him.")

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