

*"Historic Bella Vista church hosts baking bread sessions to spur social change."* That is one of the headlines around a new ministry called RISE, created and organized by Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia and sponsored by the diocese. RISE is affiliated with the Zoe Project, administered by Princeton Theological Seminary, with financial support from the Lilly Endowment Inc. The Zoe Project is intended to engage young adults (ages 21-35), especially those who do not attend church, in order to learn the ways in which they find community, meaning, and purpose. As part of the Zoe Project, RISE lives out the Gospel message by seeking to build relationships between the church and young adults. At the same time, RISE is breathing new life into The Episcopal Church of the Crucifixion, which has been closed since 2016. While the bread "rises," the group offers unique and empowering workshops and presentations for those who are seeking meaning, connection, and the opportunity to rise up in service and stand up for justice. The bread that is made then goes directly to local organizations that are combating food insecurity in Philadelphia.

