- The Rev. Mary Caucutt, Rector of Christ Church, Cody, Wyoming The Rev. Dr. Nina Ranadive Pooley, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Yarmouth, Maine
- The Rev. Marty Stebbins, Rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Wilson, North Carolina

Thank you for your continued prayers for guidance in this process; we are grateful for the dedication and commitment so many are making to find our new bishop. Please direct comments and questions

to <u>bishopsearch@diomontana.com</u>. More information is available at <u>www.diomontana.com/bishop-search</u>.

**THE WALKABOUT COMMITTEE** is finalizing the week of July 14-19 for the bishop candidates to be with diocesan clergy and parishioners at six locations: Whitefish-Columbia Falls, Missoula, Great Falls, Helena, Bozeman and Billings. All members of our diocese are warmly invited to these gatherings. **The Walkabout at Holy Spirit is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16. THE CANDIDATE FORUM** will take place in the church from 7-8:30 p.m., and a reception will follow in the parish hall from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

#### International Choral Festival Hosting

Every three years, the International Choral Festival takes place, and this summer is one of those exciting years! Traditionally, Holy Spirit congregation members host one of the international choirs, and this summer we are signed up to host the world class singers from the Batavia Madrigal Singers from Indonesia. We are still in need of hosts for these singers. Hosting is the absolute best way to fully enjoy the Festival! Choir members will arrive on arrive on July 16 and leave on Monday July 22. A minimum of two guests is placed in every home. Hosts are responsible for food, lodging and transportation to their concerts and practices during the week, although the festival and/or the choir will provide several meals for them during their stay. Co-hosting with neighbors is a great option! Each host will receive two passes into all ICF events, including meals, concerts and parties. All information about hosting and application forms to become a host family are on the ICF website:

 $\underline{www.choralfestival.org} < \underline{https://www.choralfestival.org/host-family-application/}.$ 

Fliers and posters also are in the Parish Hall. When filling out the on-line application, where it asks if you have a nationality preference, please specify "Indonesia/Holy Spirit." We hope you will join your Holy Spirit neighbors and sign up for this extraordinary opportunity! Thanks SO much!

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#### Our Parish Life

Could you brighten a child's life and give him or her a stronger start to the new school year by **DONATING A NEW OR GENTLY USED BOOK?** Holy Spirit Parish is once again coordinating the book drive portion of the annual Back-to-School BASH which is held in August. We are collecting new and gently used books for children and young adults up to age 18 through Sunday, July 28. Please look for a plastic bin in the entryway of the church ready to collect your donations. Thank you!

**REV. TERRI WILL BE AWAY** June 17-25. Please call Judy Parock, our Parish Administrator, at 542-2167, for pastoral needs, and she will notify another of our clergy to assist you. Thank you.

**COPIES OF THE APPROVED VESTRY MINUTES** are available at the back of the church in the literature rack, on a stand by the Vestry bulletin board in the parish hall, and on the parish website, <a href="www.holyspiritmissoula.org">www.holyspiritmissoula.org</a>. A copy of the approved financial statement is posted on the Vestry bulletin board in the parish hall and is available from the church office by request.

Throughout the summer please join us for a simplified **SUMMER COFFEE HOUR** in the church courtyard (weather permitting) following the 10:15 a.m. service. The Vestry will provide the beverages and treats and invites you to join in this time of hospitality. Our thanks to Lori Cordis, our Sexton, who oversees the logistics for the summer Coffee Hours.

Support Habitat for Humanity of Missoula by buying a ticket for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual **STAY HOME FOR HABITAT RAFFLE**. The sale of these raffle tickets helps Habitat for Humanity of Missoula raise funds for their homebuilding program. Tickets are one for \$10 or five for \$40. Drawing is July 12; you do not need to be present to win. Bob Brewer will be selling tickets after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sundays through July 9. This year Habitat is raffling off 7 amazing prize packages, valued between \$650 and \$3,055. Check them out today!

Through August 30, the **CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Friday afternoons, starting at 12 noon.

As we enter the summer season when many parishioners will be leaving town for well-earned vacations, **PLEASE KEEP YOUR PLEDGE TO HOLY SPIRIT CURRENT**, if possible, by making payment in advance of your departure. The parish expenses are constant even in those months when attendance decreases.

The schedule for **SUMMER CAMPS AT CAMP MARSHALL** is now listed on the diocesan website, <u>www.diomontana.com</u>, or you can pick up a Camp Marshall information card today at the back of the church in the literature rack.

## Kids Camp

KIDS CAMP, JUNE 17-21, 9 A.M TO 12 NOON: This year we are collaborating with our friends at University Congregational Church to offer *Building on the Rock:* Kids Camp 2019. We'll have the features you have loved about our Vacation Bible School: Bible stories, music, games, arts and crafts, plus service projects. The camp—organized around building, building our faith and building community—will incorporate all things building block related with a heavy dose of LEGOs! Our field trips for service will include a Habitat for Humanity excursion, as well as a trip to the Missoula Food Bank. We'll wrap up the week with the giant inflatable slide. The one difference this year? We'll be meeting at UCC, 405 University Avenue, and mixing with UCC kids, staff and volunteers! Kids Camp is Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. It is for children entering Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The cost is \$25, and financial assistance is available on an as-needed basis. Please let Gretchen know if your child is interested in attending.

We still have a variety of volunteer jobs for parishioners of all ages, whether you're 15, 55 or 75. Are you interested in providing snacks? Leading a craft? Helping with games? Telling a Bible story or being a chaperone? Please let Gretchen know: <a href="mailto:gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org">gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org</a>.

#### Youth Ministry

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO THE GRACE CAMP BACKPACK PROJECT! Because of your donations of money and items, we were able to fill 36 backpacks with toiletries, a journal and pencils, a hand-knitted hat, socks and a towel. Thank you for your generosity! The campers will receive their filled backpacks at Grace Camp this week.

# Meaningful Books

In lieu of a summer series of "Meaningful Movies," HSP recommends these four "MEANINGFUL BOOKS" for parishioners' summer reading. There will be a Book Café in early September to discuss these books – one table for each. Here is the list of suggested books:

• Enough: Why the World's Poorest Starve in an Age of Plenty, by Roger Thurow and Scott Kilman

- White Trash: The 400-Year Untold Story of Class in America, by Nancy Isenberg
- Dark Money, by Jane Mayer
- Rising Out of Hatred: The Awakening of a Former White Nationalist, by Eli Saslow

An insert with more complete descriptions of the books is available at the back of the church or on the church website, <a href="www.holyspiritmissoula.org">www.holyspiritmissoula.org</a> under the "Learn" drop-down menu.

### **Explorations**

The following Christian formation classes and programs offer a wide variety of educational opportunities aimed at helping us Cultivate, Challenge and Live our Faith

COME TO THE CENTERING PRAYER GROUP, led by Willie Hoffer and Jennifer Dousset. Our next gatherings are Third Tuesday, June 18, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and First Friday, July 5, 12 noon to 1 p.m. Come to either or both sessions! Centering Prayer is a meditation process in which we quiet our minds and open ourselves to our God. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Dousset at 406-880-1680 or Willie Hoffer at 541-815-9609.

#### REGISTRATION FOR EFM IS NOW OPEN FOR THE FALL. EfM

(Education for Ministry) is taking registrations for the fall course which will start in September and go through May and meets each Monday from 12:30-3:00 p.m. in the Guild Room. EfM is a small group of people coming together to develop habits of heart and mind and ways of seeing God's mystery and presence in our lives.

The following are some comments from current and past participants: I love the camaraderie with people getting to know each other over the year and learning about the Bible in ways I had not thought of before. I love meeting each week in a small community and I love the challenge of learning about my faith. This group is the community I didn't know I needed. I know I am a little bit different in my life because of my experience in EfM. EfM is a loving, supportive group.

If you would like to know more or to register, please email Julie Benson at teambenson@yahoo.com.

### Update on the Bishop Search

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE** has announced the final slate of candidates for the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Montana. The finalists are: