

6:30-8:00 p.m. for a book study of *The Great Themes of Scripture: Old Testament* by Richard Rohr and Joseph Martos. Order your own book and contact Anita about your interest in the class, 208-305-4022 (call or text) or email her at anita.rognas@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry

HOLY SPIRIT'S YOUTH GROUP will meet on Sunday, January 19, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall for pizza, discussion, games and fun. Come and bring your friends!

Attention youth and parents! We will be starting **YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES** in January! Confirmation will be open to any youth 6th grade and up. Classes will be after school on Thursdays, beginning January 23 and going until February 6. If you would like to register, please email PJ at PJ@holyspiritmissoula.org.

■ WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Parish Life

MANY THANKS to all those who helped with taking down the Christmas decorations this past week. Your help was much appreciated

SUPPER CLUB ON JANUARY 12— Eye-eye-eye it's 2020! Time for the first of this year's Supper Club gatherings. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 12. Please bring a dish to share and your own serving utensils, plates, and silverware to make clean up fast and simple. We will have paper plates if you forget. This month your hosts are Warren and Karen Gartner and Susan Lowery. We will be providing dessert. Come join in the good fellowship, food, and frivolity. We will be taking a bit of a skewed look at the new year 2020 with fun and games for all. If you have old eyeglasses laying around, bring them along, and we will SEE that they get recycled. Questions? Contact Warren at 317-872-2431 or kwgartner@sbcglobal.net. SEE you there!

If we're flipping the calendar to another new year, it's time to think again about **DONATING SOCKS, HATS AND GLOVES TO NEEDY RESIDENTS OF MISSOULA'S POVERELLO CENTER**, which provides shelter to the city's homeless and underserved population. A red-and-white-striped box with dangling socks and gloves will be ready to receive donations in the parish hall on Sunday, January 12, and will be available through Sunday, January 26. For each of the past several years, Holy Spirit parishioners have contributed more than 80 pounds of new and gently used socks, gloves, and hats. These donations have made a huge difference to the men and women who spend many hours in Missoula's cold and windy weather, according to the Pov's grateful outreach coordinator. Be sure to check out the post-holiday sales that many stores offer. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

HELP US COLLECT WINTER CLOTHING FOR MISSOULA'S HOMELESS—On January 31st, Missoula Interfaith Collaborative will hold the city's annual Project Community Connect (formerly called Project Homeless Connect), to offer free food, clothing, and employment, medical and legal services, among other things, to homeless Missoula people—all in one location during one day. Urgently needed are winter clothing items for men and women—especially winter coats, jeans, sweaters, sweatshirts, and long-sleeved shirts. Also sleeping bags and backpacks. There will be a collection bin at the back of the sanctuary on the coming Sundays in January and in the Church Office during the week for what members can bring in from their own closets and from thrift stores in town. Thanks for your support. It will mean the world to people in our town without shelter in the winter.

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, www.holyspiritmissoula.org. 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.

GIMME SHELTER: A FORUM ON THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS IN MISSOULA is available for viewing on MCAT's Video on Demand at www.mcat.org.

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STAY CONNECTED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT APP! Everything you want to know is now in one place – conveniently on your phone! Keep up to date on upcoming events, access sermons, forms/registrations for events and other activities, see the latest newsletter or bulletin, or submit a prayer request – all that and so much more! This is also a convenient way to make electronic donations by ACH (bank account) or credit or debit cards in addition to making and managing recurring gifts. **Get a link to download the app by texting HOLYSPIRITAPP to 77977.** Be sure to put your caps lock feature on; that will bypass the auto-correct feature on your phone and ensure that the code is entered correctly! You may also download the app directly in the Apple iTunes App Store or on Google Play. Just search for 'Holy Spirit Episcopal Church.'

THE NEXT DATE FOR BAPTISM will be at our Easter Vigil service on Saturday, April 11 at the 7:30 p.m. service. If you are interested in baptism at that time, either for yourself or for your child, please contact Rev. Terri. **The deadline for the April 11 baptism date is March 15.**

Annual Meeting

Holy Spirit's **ANNUAL MEETING** will take place on Sunday, January 26, in the parish hall following the 10:15 a.m. service. Please plan to join us! A light meal will be served at a cost of \$4. Reservations for the meal will be taken after services starting January 12, or you may call the church office at 542-2167 before January 22. Look for the sign-up sheet at the back of the church or in the parish hall.

The members of Holy Spirit will be **ELECTING FIVE MEMBERS TO THE VESTRY** at the Annual Meeting on January 26. Four will serve three-year terms, and one will fill out the unexpired term of a departed Vestry member. Those who have accepted nomination to the Vestry are Caitlin Sherman, Jeff Serviss, Clem Work, Barbara Barmeyer, and Mary Beth Jourdonnais. We will post the Vestry nominee profiles in the January Sunday bulletins.

If you would like nomination as a **DELEGATE TO NEXT FALL'S DIOCESAN CONVENTION** to be held October 9-11 at St. Peter's in Helena, please telephone the church office at 542-2167 before January 22. Delegates will be elected at the Annual Meeting on January 26.

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

THE CENTERING PRAYER GROUP, led by Willie Hoffer and Jennifer Dousset, meets on the first Friday and third Tuesday of the month. Our next gatherings are **Third Tuesday, January 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m.** and **First Friday, February 7, at 12-1 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.

Start 2020 with a renewed commitment to the Word of God. **THE GOOD BOOK CLUB** returns for a third year with the Gospel of John. We'll read the compelling account—inspired by “the disciple whom Jesus loved”—during the time from Epiphany through Shrove Tuesday. We're excited for this journey through John. Make plans now to join Forward Movement and more than a dozen partner organizations from across the Episcopal Church to encounter the risen Lord through the signs and wonders, the beauty and revelation of John's Gospel. Starting on January 12th Barbara Barmeyer and Betsy Holmquist will host the Good Book Club class on Sunday mornings between services to discuss the week's readings from the book of John. Pick up a companion book, *A Journey with John*, from the church office for \$13. The book explores John with fifty days of scripture, meditations, and prayers written by dynamic spiritual leaders from across the United States and around the world.

A NEW BOOK STUDY BEGINS IN JANUARY— consider taking a NEW look at the Old Testament through the eyes of Father Richard Rohr. Join Deacon Anita Rognas on Thursday evenings starting on January 16th from