

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 **First Friday, March 6, at 12-1 p.m.** and **Third Tuesday, March 17, 4:30-5 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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CENTERING PRAYER LENTEN

GATHERING: March 7, 2020 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.—Begin your Lenten Journey with a morning exploring the basics of the meditation practice of Centering Prayer, followed by “sitting” with God in silence. At the close of the morning there will be time for questions, sharing, and journaling as desired. The group will meet in the Guild Room from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. on Saturday March 7th. If you want more information, please contact one of the facilitators, Jennifer Dousset (406-880-1680) or Willie Hoffer (541-815-9609).

PLENTY COUP’S STORY: A MODEL FOR SPIRITUAL WISDOM & HEALING—Join Glenn Hladek on Sunday mornings March 15, 22, and 29 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Guild Room. The first session will be lecture format as we learn about Plenty Coup’s story, based on the book, *Radical Hope* by Jonathan Lear. The second two sessions will be discussion format as the group explores Plenty Coup’s experience and leadership: “When the buffalo went away the hearts of my people fell to the ground and they could not lift them up again.” The group will think about questions such as: What is culture? What happens when culture faces destruction or corrosion? How does Plenty Coup offer a way out of anxiety? How can we learn from his wisdom and apply it right now in 2020? If you have questions, contact Glenn at gahtrek@bresnan.net.

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■ WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Parish Life

The Eucharistic Prayer and Post-Communion Prayer come from the **ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP** texts prepared by the Standing Committee on liturgy and music of The Episcopal Church. *Enriching Our Worship* is a resource to help expand the language, images, and metaphors used in worship. The prayers can be found in the white leaflet. **Please return the *Enriching Our Worship* leaflets to the back of the church so that they can be reused.**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR BISHOP MARTY’S FIRST OFFICIAL VISITATION TO HOLY SPIRIT ON MARCH 1—Please plan to join us on Sunday, March 1, when Bishop Marty Stebbins will be with us for her annual visitation to Holy Spirit Episcopal Church and for Confirmations at the 10:15 a.m. service. As chief pastor and teacher of the diocese, she will preside and preach at both services that morning. If you have attended the Inquirers Classes in the last couple of years and would like to be Confirmed or Received at this time, please let Rev. Terri know by calling the office or emailing her at revterri@holyspiritmissoula.org. A special reception for the bishop and the confirmands will follow the 10:15 a.m. service. Please plan to join us!

Registration to be a donor at our **BLOOD DRAWING** continues today. Sign-up sheets will be available in the parish hall after the 10:15 a.m. Sunday service. **The Holy Spirit Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Monday, February 24, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the parish hall.** For those regular blood donors who want to give at our drawing, you need to know that December 29 was the last day to meet the Red Cross requirement to have at least 56 days in between blood donations. Please consider being a part of our Red Cross Blood Drive.

ATTENTION MEN OF THE PARISH! Your help is needed to put on a great **PANCAKE SUPPER** this year. Please check your calendars and sign up for an easy shift of set-up, cooking, serving, or clean-up. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church or at coffee hours.

Our annual **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** is Tuesday, February 25, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring the family and enjoy “all you can eat” pancakes and sausages, juice and coffee for just a little money. Did you know that “shrove” is a form of the verb “shrive” which means to forgive? It refers to the ancient practice of going to confession or being “shriven” as part of one’s annual preparation for Lent. In days when a strict Lenten fast was observed, eating fattening foods containing milk and eggs was forbidden. For that reason, cooks whipped up stacks of pancakes to be consumed before Ash Wednesday. So, start your Lent by helping us use up all those rich ingredients and filling up on pancakes and sausages graciously served by the men of Holy

Spirit. Cost: adults, \$5; kids, 5-12, \$4; and 4 and under, free! Hope to see you there!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES with the Imposition of Ashes will take place at 12 noon and 7 p.m. in the church on Wednesday, February 26. Both services conclude with the Eucharist. An offering will be taken at both services to benefit the Outreach Fund of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church. We thank you for your generosity.

Please help yourself to the **2020 LENTEN MEDITATIONS** booklets on the table at the back of the church and in the parish hall. The Lenten meditations this year focus on the spiritual lives of children and how children inspire the spiritual lives of adults.

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, 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.

THE NEXT DATE FOR BAPTISM will be at our Easter Vigil service on Saturday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. 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 Sunday, March 15.**

2020 Lenten Series

Beginning on Wednesday, March 4, join us on the five Wednesday evenings of Lent to hear speakers share their thoughts on topics such as the history of racism, privilege, and reparations. We'll end the series with a final session focused on practical communication skills, giving us tools to discuss race with friends, family, and acquaintances. U of M history professor and Director of African American Studies Tobin Miller Shearer will lead off our series, speaking on both March 4th (about history of racism) and March 11th (about privilege). Judith Heilman, Executive Director of the Bozeman-based Montana Racial Equity Project, will speak about reparations on March 18th. Look for more details to come in the *Spirited Times* and the Sunday bulletin.

Are you interested in “setting the stage” for Lent? Consider reading one of these books or articles or explore the online clips of the Seattle Times Project: Under Our Skin.

- *Where Do We Go from Here?* by Martin Luther King Jr.
- *Beyond the Messy Truth* by Van Jones

- *Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation* by Jennifer Harvey
- *So You Want to Talk about Race* by Ijeoma Oluo
- The Case for Reparations by Ta-Nehisi Coates in *The Atlantic* <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/06/the-case-for-reparations/361631/>
- The Seattle Times Project: Under Our Skin <https://projects.seattletimes.com/2016/under-our-skin/#>

A WORD ABOUT THE LENTEN POTLUCKS THIS YEAR— After thoughtful consideration and discussion, we've decided to reformat our Lenten programs. **The Lenten series will not include a potluck meal this year.** Please do give us feedback about this change as we are open to reinstating the potlucks next year, based on what we hear from you. This year we encourage you to eat at home and then join us for the evening educational presentation at 7:00 p.m. in the church. The program will run until 8:15, and we'll close with a brief Compline service. Childcare will be available.

Compline

JOIN US FOR A LENTEN EDITION OF COMPLINE—Please join us for a Lenten edition of choral Compline next Sunday evening, March 1 at 8 p.m. The Compline Choir will begin the service with an ancient plainchant setting of “O Christ, you are both light and day.” Also included will be a four-part chanting of the Lord's Prayer. Interspersed through the service will be three brief Lenten meditations on the meaning of faith based on the ancient text *The Cloud of Unknowing*.

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

Faith and Climate Action presents **CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS—MONTHLY GATHERINGS ON THE INTERSECTION OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND SPIRITUALITY**. Join us February 25 for the second of our monthly Climate Conversations gatherings! Dan Spencer will be facilitating a discussion titled *Deep Time: The Journey of the Universe and the Human Response*. The event will be from 6-8 at St. Paul Lutheran (202 Brooks Street). Dinner will be provided, and childcare is available if requested in advance. Send questions and inquiries to faithandclimateactionmt@gmail.com. More info and updates are at <http://tiny.cc/xgi9hz>.