

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).

Listening for God's voice through meditation and journaling: April 4, 2020 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Bring Lent to a close. Prepare yourself for Holy Week and Easter. Facilitator Julie Benson will lead this group through discussion and reflection to prayerfully consider God's call and direction as we enter this Holy Season of Easter. The group will meet in the Guild Room on Saturday April 4th at 9:30. If you have questions, please contact Julie at, 241-8365

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 **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.

Upcoming Events

A FINE LENTEN PRACTICE—The 40 days of Lent reflect the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert – and offer us 40 days to experiences spiritual practices. Perhaps you have given something up. Or, taken on something new. We hope that you are also preparing a box of 40 wonderful, but no longer needed items for this year's **RUMMAGE SALE**, May 1 and 2. Clothing, shoes and accessories. Books, games and toys. Hobby and craft items. Jewelry. Dishes, glassware, kitchen items and knickknacks. Linens. Small tools. Small appliances. Small furniture items. Luggage. Pet accessories. Baskets. Art. All clean, complete, useful, working, desirable items that will help Holy Spirit's realize another successful spring event. **We will begin accepting your items following Easter Sunday.** Start your Lenten Rummage Box today. Questions? Contact Marva Gallegos (546-1611) or Betsy Holmquist (728-8546).

■ WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Parish Life

WE WARMLY WELCOME Bishop Marty Stebbins here for her first official visitation to Holy Spirit Episcopal Church and confirmation of a class of young people and reception of an adult. **Those being confirmed are:** Trevor Brinkman, Brookelyn Deaton, Seth Iudicello, Violet Ries, Liezel Strohmaier, Leah Walworth, Daniel Wiltse, and Rose Wiltse. **Being received is:** Rose Rademan.

FOLLOWING THE DISMISSAL, we will process directly into the parish hall for a reception for the confirmands and the opportunity to visit with the bishop.

Please enclose your offering to the **BISHOP'S DISCRETIONARY FUND** in the white envelope provided and put it in the offering plate at both services today. You can also contribute to the fund by making a contribution to the loose offering. Checks should be made payable to "The Episcopal Diocese of Montana," designating on the memo line "Discretionary Fund." This fund is essential to the bishop's ministry as she meets the pastoral needs of the Diocese. Please be generous. You can also give to the Discretionary Fund by texting **HOLYSPIRITGIVE** to **77977**. Just select "Discretionary Fund" as the fund you wish to give to in the drop-down menu.

DURING LENT THE 10:15 A.M. SERVICE MUSIC CHANGES to reflect the penitential nature of Lent. We move to a more meditative "Sanctus," and we add the fraction anthem "Agnus Dei" (Lamb of God). The settings can be found in the service music section at the front of the Hymnal. Please join us in singing them. **Any form of sung or said "Alleluia" is also omitted during Lent.**

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.

Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed next Saturday night. **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8.** It's time to spring forward!

SUPPER CLUB ON MARCH 8—We wish to welcome all to join our Supper Club Potlucks on the second Sunday of each month. We will gather in the Parish Hall at 5:30 PM on Sunday evening, March 8, for some social time prior to starting the meal at 6:00 PM. You are asked to bring your own serving utensils, plates, and silverware to make clean up fast and simple. See you at Supper Club for lively conversation, good food, and possible surprise activities!!

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.**

OUR SINCERE THANKS to Kevin Borg, Jeff Serviss and the many folks who made our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper such a success!

Youth Ministry

Holy Spirit's **YOUTH GROUP** will meet this Sunday evening, March 1, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall for pizza, games, discussion and fun. Please join us!

Compline

JOIN US FOR A LENTEN EDITION OF COMPLINE—Please join us this evening at 8 p.m. for a Lenten edition of choral Compline. 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*.

2020 Lenten Series

RACE AND FAITH: Respecting the Dignity of Every Human Being—Beginning on Wednesday, March 4, join us on the five Wednesday evenings of Lent at 7 p.m. in the church 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. Look for more details to come in the *Spirited Times* and the Sunday bulletin.

Wednesday March 4th U of M Professor Tobin Miller Shearer will present, *Racism and the Church: A (Very) Short History*. This session will explore the

history of Christianity's connection to, participation in, and resistance against racism in the United States.

Wednesday March 11th U of M Professor Tobin Miller Shearer will present, *Privilege and Spiritual Formation*. In this session, we will explore the connections between the privileging forces of racism and spiritual formation in the Christian tradition.

Wednesday March 18th Judith Heilman, Executive Director of The Montana Racial Equity Project, will present, *The Black (Non)Accrual of Wealth and Reparations*. This session will study the history and causes of Black-white racial wealth inequality and the call for reparations.

Wednesday March 25th U of M Professor David Beck of the Native American Studies program will present, *Tribal Sovereignty and American Indian Religious Freedom*. American Indian tribes have a unique political relationship with the United States due to their status as nations within a nation. Yet they continue to struggle to exert the “tribal sovereignty” that is theirs under law. At the same time, the United States claims to be a nation founded on the idea of religious liberty. Yet the first Americans have historically been denied the right to practice their religions, and this is also something with which they still struggle. This talk will look at the intertwining of tribal sovereignty and American Indian religious freedom.

Wednesday April 1st Professor Tobin Miller Shearer will present, *Formation: Anti-Racist Practice as Spiritual Discipline*. In this interactive session, we will work with a series of case studies to learn best practices for interrupting racism when we encounter it in our daily lives and interactions. The wisdom of the spiritual disciplines will guide our discussion.

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 nave. The program will run until 8:15, and we'll close with a brief Compline service. Childcare will be available.

Contemplative Lenten Programs

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