

Update on the Bishop Search

THANK YOU TO ALL those who provided suggestions, referrals, or nominations for bishop search candidates! While confidentiality requirements prevent disclosure of the total number, the Nominating Committee is pleased with how many candidates applied by the November 15 deadline. The Committee meets in early December to conduct the first screening, with interviews to occur in January. Thank you also for your continued prayers for guidance in this process. Please direct comments and questions to bishopsearch@diomontana.com.

For information on **THE BISHOP SEARCH**, check out the page at www.diomontana.com/bishop-search. Be sure to check back often for updates.

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Tom Todd	Helen Matveyeff	Jim Wiley
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■ WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Parish Life

THE SERVICE MUSIC has changed to reflect the changing liturgical season. In lieu of the Gloria, we will be singing the Trisagion (Holy God, holy and mighty), more in keeping with the sense of expectation and anticipation of Advent. The setting for the Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy Lord) also changes.

ADVENT SOUP & CRAFTS! Join your church family for a soup and bread lunch in the parish hall immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service today. Set the tone for the Advent season. Make an Advent wreath to use at home. Visit with others over lunch and try your hand at several other craft stations. Enjoy one of the best gifts church has to offer—community life.

ADVENT QUIET SPACE—Set time aside to be intentional about the season of Advent. On Sunday December 2nd the church will be open starting at 4:00 p.m. Create your own mini-retreat. Enjoy the beauty of the nave. Spend time in personal reflection, contemplation and prayer. Perhaps take a prayer walk down by the river. Every hour on the hour there will be a brief offering. Willie Hoffer will read Scripture, A'Lisa Scott will sing an Advent hymn, Jocelyn Siler will share a piece of poetry, and Tanya Lodahl will read an Advent reflection. Come and go as the Spirit moves you. The Quiet Space will close with our candlelit Compline service which starts at 8:00 p.m. Savor the season.

Check out the insert for details concerning our **HOLIDAY MARKET BAKE SALE** which takes place next Sunday, following both the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services. Sign-ups to help begin today.

Are you interested in **PROVIDING FLOWERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS ALTAR** or during the Sundays in Advent? To arrange for flowers, please call the church office at 542-2167 or Lani Brewer at 721-3708 by **noon on Monday, December 3**. Although there are no flowers on the altar during the season of Advent, your special prayers and memorials are still read. Your contributions for flowers during Advent are used for the special flowers at the Christmas celebration, and, at that time, your prayers and memorials are noted once again in the Christmas bulletin.

THE NEXT DATE FOR BAPTISM will be Sunday, January 13, at the 10:15 a.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 January 13 baptism date is December 9.**

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 church 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.

Compline

Prepare the way, Christ is drawing near

Please join us in the candlelight of Compline to begin Advent's watching and waiting. The Holy Spirit Compline choir will sing Advent hymns and chant Psalm 25 in which we pray "Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths". Tonight at 8 p.m.

Warm Spirit Toiletry Drive

Imagine not having access to toiletries. No soap, shampoo, toothpaste? Everyone should have access to these necessities. By donating toiletries to the **WARM SPIRIT TOILETRY DRIVE**, you are providing students in need at Hellgate High School with toiletries. Please donate toiletries during the Sundays in December. Collection boxes are in the church, the parish hall and the church office. Please donate regular-size toiletries like: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes, combs, lip balm, feminine hygiene products, razors, and fingernail clippers. Thank you so much for your support and participation!

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

DIFFERENT BUT NOT DIVIDED: 6-WEEK VIDEO SERIES—Join facilitator Glenn Hladek on Sunday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Guild Room. This series of films will lead us to consider living in the tension between our differences. Churches are closing every day. Beautiful important communities that are so desperately needed in a world thirsty for love and light, are turning off the lights and closing their doors. When we love our theology more than we love our brother and sister we either must grow into a large theologically homogeneous church, or we close the doors and fall out of relationship with each other. This series of films will lead us to consider a way to be different but not divided. Please join us.

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, December 7, at 12-1 p.m. and Third Tuesday,**

December 18, 4:30-5:30 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.

Diocesan Convention Delegates

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A DELEGATE TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION?

Every year we elect 14 delegates to go to Diocesan Convention. This year is important in that the Convention will be held at the end of July instead of October due to the need to elect the next diocesan bishop as well as care for the business of the Diocese. All those wanting to be considered for election as a delegate will need to be available to do two things:

- 1) Attend one of the walkabouts across the diocese sometime about two to three weeks prior to Diocesan Convention where candidates for Bishop who have been put forward by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Standing Committee will travel to talk with delegates and Episcopalians across the Diocese; and
- 2) Will be able to attend the Diocesan Convention July 25-28, 2019 in Bozeman.

Electing the next Bishop of this diocese is an important responsibility of elected delegates on behalf of the entire diocese. If you are able to meet these requirements and would like to be considered for election as a delegate from Holy Spirit Parish, please email Judy Parock, our Parish Administrator, at office@holyspiritmissoula.org by **December 17 at 9 a.m.** to let her know of your interest. She will compile a list of names for our Annual Meeting (January 27, 2019) where a final list of delegates and alternate delegates will be elected. Thank you for offering this your prayerful attention.

Stewardship

OUR CHURCH'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL is underway.

Already 166 households have responded by pledging \$332,961. Let's keep the momentum going! Please place your pledge card in the offering plate at either service today or mail it to the church office later this week. If you have misplaced your pledge card, extra pledge cards may be found at either end of the pews or in the literature rack at the back of the church.

In order for your **PLEDGE PAYMENTS** to appear on your 2018 statement, **your pledge payments must be received by 9 a.m. on Monday, December 31**, when the last deposit for the year will be made. Your pledge payments will also be posted to your 2018 statement if mailed pledge payments are postmarked by December 31, 2018.