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If you like to use the paper pledge card provided, it is easily taped or stapled for confidentiality, so an envelope is not necessarily required. Return your pledge in several ways:

- Mail your pledge card in the envelope provided.
- Drop your pledge card in the weekly collection plate.
- Bring your pledge to the church office or telephone the church office with your pledge (542-2167).

For those who prefer to pledge electronically, you can complete the pledge information online by going to “Give” on the Holy Spirit website ([holyspiritmissoula.org](http://holyspiritmissoula.org)) and clicking on “Pledge.” From there you can complete the online pledge form.

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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.

Don’t miss our annual **ADVENT CRAFTS & SOUP!** Join your church family today immediately after the 10:15 service. We’ll serve a simple soup and bread meal. Enjoy some hot cider and festive music. Take the time to enjoy conversation. Savor the smells of the first greens of the season and try your hand at any number of craft stations. Suggested donation for crafts is \$10 and lunch \$3.

- Use the greens, a wreath base, ribbon and candles to make an Advent wreath to use during the four weeks leading up to Christmas.
- Create a new character for your wooden nativity scene. Use wood burning tools to bring a shepherd, a camel, a king, to life.
- Make your own mini Christmas tree out of a pinecone.
- Create an angel ornament or package topper.
- Stay tuned for one other SURPRISE craft station!

Check out the insert for details concerning our **HOLIDAY MARKET BAKE SALE** which takes place on Sunday, December 15, following both the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services. Sign-up to help 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 2**. 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.

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 p.m. on Sunday evening, December 8, for some social time prior to starting the meal at 7 p.m. 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!

It’s almost time to transform our beautiful building and sanctuary into a Christmas fairyland of birds, bows, icicles, greens, and glitter. There are many jobs that need doing to accomplish this, so **IF YOU ENJOY DECORATING**

**FOR CHRISTMAS, PLEASE JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE CHURCH**, or join us that morning when you are able. A pizza lunch will be provided. If this interests you, please call Margaret Borg at 626-4785 to let her know if you can help.

This year's **EARLY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** will be at 4 p.m. Our own Holy Spirit kids will lead us in remembering the Nativity Story. Any and all other children attending the service that night will be encouraged to participate. Halos and shepherd headdresses will be handed out at the door. Kids are welcome to wear the headgear during the service, and angels and shepherds will be invited to come up front and participate in the pageant as they so desire. Join us as we reenact this Holy Story. We pray for eyes and ears to truly take in the significance of Jesus's birth. The early Christmas Eve service is for people of all ages while meeting the needs of families with children. Our traditional **CHRISTMAS CHORAL EUCHARIST** will take place at 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve. **There are no services scheduled on Christmas Day, December 25.**

**THE NEXT DATE FOR BAPTISM** will be Sunday, January 12, 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 12 baptism date is December 8.**

**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.'

In order for your **PLEDGE PAYMENTS** to appear on your 2019 statement, your payments must be received in the church office or postmarked by 12/31/19. The last deposit for the year will be made at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 31.

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## Compline

*O Morning Star, bright splendor of the light eternal enlighten all who sit in darkness. Grant us your peace, and teach us to live in the dawn of your unfailing promise.*

Please join us in the candlelight of Compline to begin Advent's watching and waiting. The Compline Choir will begin the service with a chanted Advent Litany. The service will include meditations drawn from the Celtic Daily Prayer Book. ("Calm me, Lord, as you stilled the storm.") Next Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 8 p.m.

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## 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 **First Friday, December 6, 12 noon to 1 p.m. and Third Tuesday, December 17, from 4:30 p.m. to 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.

**COMING IN DECEMBER...THE WAY OF LOVE: PRACTICES FOR JESUS-CENTERED LIFE.** Join Jocelyn Siler and Jerry Fetz on Sunday mornings between services to learn about the Presiding Bishop's initiative, "The Way of Love." More than a curriculum, it's an intentional commitment to a set of practices - perfect for reflection during the season of Advent. It's a commitment to follow Jesus: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest. Class will meet December 1, 8 and 15 at 9 a.m. in the Guild Room.

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## Youth Ministry

**YOUTH GROUP for middle and high school youth** will meet tonight, December 1, for our monthly gathering with pizza, games, discussion and fun! Please come and bring your friends.

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## Stewardship

**OUR CHURCH'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** is underway. Already 158 households have responded by pledging \$367,042. 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 in the pews.