

Stewardship

OUR CHURCH'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL is underway. Already 166 households have responded by pledging \$373,022. 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.

THERE ARE A VARIETY OF WAYS TO PLEDGE:

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) and clicking on "Pledge." From there you can complete the online pledge form.

DON'T FORGET that you can make your year-end payments and set up your pledge for next year on our giving platform **PUSHPAY**. Giving is easy and secure, and you have three different ways to give:

1. On our website: www.holyspiritmissoula.org on the "Give" page
2. On our app: text **HOLYSPIRITAPP** to **77977**
3. On your phone: text **HOLYSPIRITGIVE** to **77977**

■ 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.

Along with its other business, **THE VESTRY WILL BE CONSIDERING THE 2020 BUDGET** at its next meeting on Wednesday, December 11, and they need to have a clear idea of our income through pledging at that time. Extra pledge cards may be found at the end of each pew or in the literature rack at the back of the church. Please place your pledge card in the offering plate at either service today. Thank you! As always, Vestry meetings are open to all members of the parish. The proposed agenda is available on our website, www.holyspiritmissoula.org, in advance of the meeting.

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.

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 **Third Tuesday, December 17, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and First Friday, January 3, 12 noon to 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.

SUNDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP—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 8 and 15 at 9 a.m. in the Guild Room.

Youth Ministry

YOUTH GROUP for middle and high school youth will meet on Sunday, December 15, for our gathering with pizza, games, discussion and fun! Please come and bring your friends.



HOLIDAY MARKET BAKE SALE

December 15 following both services

Mark your calendars! You and your sweet tooth won't want to miss this celebration!

Parishioners at Holy Spirit are not only known for their baking expertise, they're also pretty good at enjoying the results of that baking! December 15th is the day for this year's Holiday Bake Sale, and as usual it will be held after both the 8 am and 10:15 am services. It's a good time to do some of your Christmas baking, putting a couple of plates aside for our Sale; not to mention buying some goodies to add to your inventory!

If you have a specialty, we hope that you will contribute it to the sale. Some annual favorites are mini-pies, cakes, rolls, whole pies, muffins, jams or jellies. The goodies will amaze and delight you. The famous cookie table is always a mouth-watering sight to behold – irresistible! This enables you to make up your own assortments.

Your donations for the Sale may be brought to the church kitchen:

- Friday, December 13, before 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 14, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon
- Sunday, December 15, before either service

P.S. We will also be looking for helpers for both Sunday services. Please **SIGN UP** to help after services today!