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Join us for Bishop Brookhart's last official visitation to Holy Spirit

Please join us on Sunday, February 11, when Bishop C. Franklin Brookhart, Jr. will be with us for his annual visitation and for Confirmation at the 10:15 a.m. service. A special reception for the bishop and the confirmands will follow the 10:15 a.m. service.

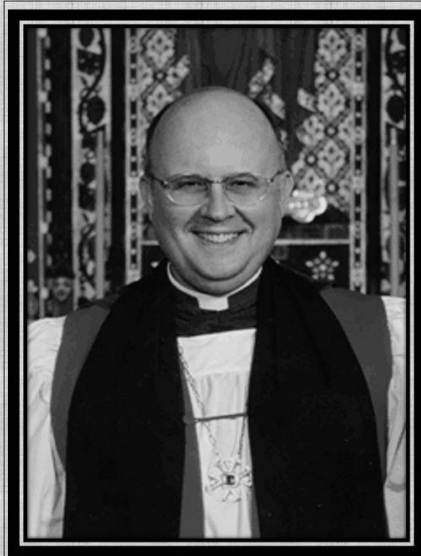
As many of you know, Bishop Brookhart has announced his intention to retire on November 1, 2018. That means this will be his last official visitation to Holy Spirit. Please join us for this chance to visit with Bishop Brookhart and to thank him for his service to the people of this diocese.

Bishop's annual visit takes place on February 11

Our bishop, The Rt. Rev. C. Franklin Brookhart, will be with us on February 11th for his regular visitation and for Confirmation at the 10:15 a.m. service. As chief pastor and teacher of the diocese, he will preside and preach at both services that morning. His presence connects us to Episcopalians beyond our walls, in Montana, in the Episcopal Church, in the Anglican Communion, and back through the church's history. While most of us will only see him on Sunday morning, he will be working hard to learn more about Holy Spirit Episcopal Church by meeting with the Vestry and clergy, hearing and responding to their concerns and questions. At the 10:15 a.m. service youth and adults from our

Adult Inquirers' Class will reaffirm their baptismal promises and receive the sacrament of Confirmation, to strengthen them and affirm them in their lives of discipleship.

As is the custom in our diocese, an offering for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund will be taken at both services that day. Special envelopes will be provided in the bulletin that Sunday, or you can make a contribution to the loose offering. The checks should be paid to the order of "The Episcopal Diocese of Montana," designating on the memo line 'Discretionary Fund.' It is from the Discretionary Fund that pastoral needs are met. Please be generous.



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invites you to join us in welcoming

The Rt. Rev. C. Franklin Brookhart
Bishop of Montana
Sunday, February 11, 2018

The bishop will preach and preside at both services, 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., with Confirmation at 10:15 a.m. A special reception for the confirmands and bishop will follow the 10:15 a.m. service. Please join us!

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NEWSLETTER

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Join us on Sunday, March 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the parish hall

Help us welcome back our Myanmar teachers and raise funds for students!

Please join us in welcoming back our "Fab Four" Global Faith teachers from Holy Spirit who return in February from teaching spoken English to Myanmar teachers. Hear about their experiences and help the Social Concerns Committee continue with this helping project through the Studer Trust educational programs in Myanmar.

The Dinner: The main course will be an Asian Rice Dinner with many side dishes of Asian food. If you would like to make and contribute a side dish, please call Bob or Patti and let them know.

The Project: We are hoping to raise a total of \$2,000 which will send school children in 5 rural Myanmar schools on field trips to visit several historical sites and events they would not otherwise experience. We already have \$400 in contributions and a Butterfly Grant of \$300, leaving \$1,300 to raise.

The Program: There will be a slide show and presentations by the Holy Spirit teachers on their recent experiences in Myanmar. The first Myanmar English teaching trip was in 2015, and a wonderful program about

life in the villages and the teaching experience was provided upon the teachers' return.

Live Auction: A brief auction of clothing and souvenirs from South East Asia will be held.

Who May Attend: Everyone is welcome. Adults, children and families are encouraged to attend. Come see an interesting presentation with fresh information from Myanmar and experience new foods. Reservations for the event are invited.

Costs: We are hoping that a total of 50 individuals or families will contribute \$25 each so that we can reach the goal of \$1,300. However, no one will be turned away, and a free-will offering may be donated instead. We are hoping that 10 "angels" will come forward with \$50 contributions in order to complete the needed funding.

Reservations and information:
Contact Patti Beckley, 251-3703,
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Deaton, 370-0650,
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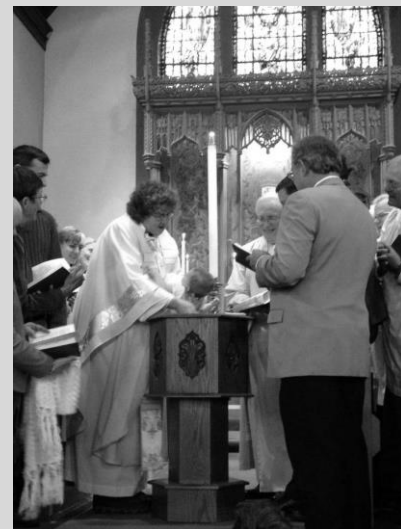
Church School: Getting our hands dirty

In February the Church School children will continue to learn about service, hearing from representatives of different church ministries about how they serve and why they serve. In Church School we will be seeking stories of service and cultivating the practice of listening. We'll be working on deep listening skills, including how to listen to messages that are not verbal. The children will continue planning and implementing some of their own service projects both within the church and

within the community. When you see kids working around the church, giving of themselves, please encourage them. Service is a skill—it takes practice. This winter we'll be getting our hands dirty as we practice serving God.

We hope all of your children, grandchildren and neighbor children will join us!

—GRETCHEN STROHMAIER
DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL
FORMATION



Baptism dates announced

The next date for baptism will be at our Easter Vigil service on Saturday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in baptism at that time, either for yourself or for your child, please call the church office at 542-2167 and ask to speak to Rev. Terri. If you are interested in the March 31 baptism date, Rev. Terri needs to hear from you by March 4.

The remaining dates for baptism for 2018 are the Day of Pentecost, May 20, a possible date in the summer yet to be determined, and the Sunday after All Saints' Day, November 4. Baptism will take place at the 10:15 a.m. service on those Sundays.



Here's what's happening in February in Church School

Sunday, February 4	Regular children's worship & activities
Sunday, February 11	Abbreviated children's worship
Sunday, February 18	Regular children's worship & activities
Sunday, February 25	Regular children's worship & activities

Scripture: The widow's offering
Children will join adult worship for Confirmation
<i>First Sunday in Lent</i> Scripture: Prodigal Son
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Explorations: Opportunities to cultivate, challenge and live our faith

Held by something bigger: **Connecting to the depths of faith**

Join your church family this Lent as we explore together the depths of our faith. What holds us, nurtures and challenges us as we strive to live out our baptismal promises? It's easy to attend church and sip coffee afterwards without ever hearing what the person next to you in the pew experienced during worship. Let alone how he is struggling with prayer, or where she experiences God's presence in her work day. The Wednesday evening Lenten potluck programs are structured to give us this opportunity. Each week several speakers from the parish will share a brief prepared reflection on their personal experience of one of the core elements of our faith: worship, prayer, community and God's presence. Come and listen, and perhaps learn from someone else's experience.

Worship I: Wednesday, February 21

Speakers will respond to questions like: Which parts of the service are most meaningful to you, and why? How has a particular style of worship shaped your image of God?

Worship II: Wednesday, February 28

Speakers will respond to questions like: What is participating in Communion like for you? Do you experience worship outside of church? If so, how does that happen?

Prayer: Wednesday, March 7

Speakers will respond to questions like: Describe the varieties of prayer forms you have experienced and the practices that work best for you. What are the pros and cons of liturgical prayer, in your experience?

Community: Wednesday, March 14

Speakers will respond to questions like: When has the body of Christ nurtured and sustained you? How have you experienced the variety of gifts present within the body of Christ?

God's Presence: Wednesday, March 21

Speakers will respond to questions like: What does it look like for you to intentionally seek deeper intimacy with God? How easy is it for the Holy Spirit to get your attention?

2018 Lenten Series: **Join us for our Lenten potlucks**

Set aside your Wednesday evenings during Lent and plan to join your church family as we focus on *Held by Something Bigger: Connecting to the Depths of Faith*. Lenten potlucks begin on February 21 and run through March 21.

Our Wednesday nights in Lent begin as always with a potluck supper in the parish hall at 6:30 p.m. and a time to get acquainted with members of our parish family. Information about what to bring will be posted in the weekly Sunday bulletin and in the *Spirited Times*. The talk will begin in the church at around 7:15 p.m., and we will end the evening with Compline. We plan to be finished for the evening by 8:30 p.m.

Childcare and supervised homework time/board game time will be available downstairs in the Church School area, beginning at 7 p.m. Please join us!



Help us prepare for the start of Lent at our Pancake Supper

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras, is coming soon on February 13. As a prelude to the Lenten season, it is an Anglican tradition to feast on eggs, butter, and sugar the day before the Lenten period. As always, the men of Holy Spirit will again celebrate this day by hosting a Pancake Supper for all parishioners and guests. Take a night off from shopping for groceries, planning a meal, cooking, and cleaning up. We will serve **all you**

can eat delicious pancakes and sausages, accompanied by syrup, coffee, juice, and milk. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12, and free for anyone 4 and under.

Men: Please mark your calendars and sign up for an easy shift of set-up, cooking, serving, or clean-up. Forms are available at the back of the church or at coffee hours.

— PAUL POLZIN, COORDINATOR

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, Feb. 13 ▪ 5 p.m. ▪ Parish Hall



Pancakes and sausages served from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Cost: Adults, \$4; Kids, 5-12, \$3;
Kids, 4 and under, free!

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Our Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, derives its name from the ancient practice of marking the foreheads of worshippers with ashes from the unused palm branches of the previous year. As the service for Ash Wednesday says:

Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Join us on Ash Wednesday, February 14, as we begin our Lenten journey to Easter. We will have Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at 12 noon and at 7 p.m. that day.

The Service of COMPLINE

The ancient service of plainchant and contemplative prayer



First Sunday of Each Month
(October – June)

8 p.m. ~ All are welcome!

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February 4 at 8 p.m.: The Light of Epiphany in the quiet of Compline

Perfect Light of revelation,
as you shone in the life of
Jesus,
whose epiphany we celebrate,
so shine in us and through us,
that we may become beacons of
truth and compassion,
enlightening all creation with
deeds of justice and mercy.
Amen.

Please join us in celebrating the light of Christ in the candlelight of Compline on Sunday, February 4, the fifth Sunday after Epiphany, at 8 p.m. The choir will sing the service versicles and recount the greatness of the Lord in its chanting of the 147th Psalm chant.





Join in Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday this Lent

We encourage all Episcopalians to gather on **February 18, Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday**, to pray for people fighting poverty, disaster and disease in their communities and for all those around the globe leveraging local resources and expertise to address disparity and inequality in the world.

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) works with local church and ecumenical partners in nearly 40 countries on long-term community development strategies. We will be taking a special offering at both services on February 18 in support of ERD's mission to assist people impacted by poverty worldwide. All gifts from our offering will be designated to Episcopal Relief & Development's Global Needs Fund. This fund enables ERD to reach those most in need around the world.

You can support this work by making a donation in one of the special envelopes provided in the bulletin on ERD Sunday or by mailing your gift with the response form that will be found in the bulletin that day. Your participation is a simple way to help convey Jesus' love for our most vulnerable neighbors.

Annual Blood Drive takes place on February 22 from 1 pm – 6 pm

Sign-ups for the Holy Spirit Red Cross blood drawing to be held in the Parish Hall will continue through the first three weeks of February after both Sunday services and at coffee hour. Just watch for someone with a clipboard after church. People may also register to donate by contacting Anita Rognas or Bob Deaton or by calling the church office by phone or e-mail.

If you are a frequent donor, please remember that there must be at least 56 days between blood donations. For our drawing, that means that December 27 was the last eligible date before Holy Spirit's drawing in February.

2018 marks the 17th year of our winter blood drawing at the church. We always meet our goal of registering parishioners and friends for all 21 donor slots between 1:00 and 6:00 on

Thursday, February 22. Over the past 16 years, we have donated over 250 units of whole blood.

A few more volunteers are needed for 1-2 hour shifts between 1:00 and 6:00 on February 22nd to register donors and to host the recovery and refreshments table.

To register or volunteer to assist with the drawing, contact Anita Rognas, 208-305-4022, anita.rognas@gmail.com, or Bob Deaton, 370-0650, bobdeaton66@gmail.com. You may also contact the church office at 542-2167 to register to be a blood donor.

— ANITA ROGNAS AND BOB DEATON, CO-CHAIRS
HOLY SPIRIT BLOOD DRIVE

What do I need to do to give blood?

Q.: Who can donate blood?

A.: The basic eligibility requirements are:

- Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds.
- You must be in general good health.
- Those under 18 are encouraged to donate, but a parent must sign a consent form.
- You must not have donated blood in the last 56 days (That means you have not donated blood since December 27th, but thanks anyway!).
- People who have traveled in certain foreign countries, have had hepatitis, HIV, or certain other conditions, take certain medications, or have had recent body art by needle must check with the American Red Cross Blood Services at 1-800-733-2767 or redcrossblood.org.

Q.: What else do I need to know?

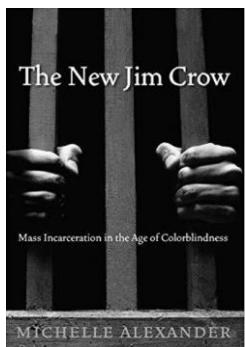
A.: Bring a picture ID or your Red Cross donor card with you.

- Be sure to eat a good meal and drink plenty of fruit juice or water before you donate. Beverages with caffeine are not a good choice.
- Wear clothing with short sleeves or with sleeves that can easily be raised above your elbow. We don't want anyone having to strip down to his or her skivvies!
- Plan to stay after donating for at least 15 minutes and enjoy a snack and a healthful drink in the hosting area to be sure you are okay.

Key ideas from Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow*

Having seen, in the two previous *Paracletes*, how and why the U.S. criminal justice system turned itself into a weapon to arrest, imprison, and make permanent penalized felons of millions of people of color (mainly men) for minor drug offenses and just how it operates day to day, we are confronted with the question, "Now that there is bipartisan support among lawmakers to reform this system, why hasn't it happened?"

First of all, the private prison industry is enormously profitable for millions of people. Millions are employed by law enforcement agencies, prisons, and companies that build and service prisons and find new



"offenders" to put in them. Many millions more are invested in the stock of these companies. Many businesses and the U.S. military profit from cheap convict labor. Many sell prisons guns, or expensive, bad phone and health care services.

The police profit as well from waging the drug war. The federal government gives cash grants to police departments that make drug law enforcement a priority. The Pentagon has given military equipment and training—tanks, planes, helicopters, bazookas, and grenade launchers—to over 11,000 police agencies in all 50 states. And under current drug forfeiture laws, police can seize the homes, cars, and cash of those merely suspected of drug activity and keep such assets.

White people's deep, often unconscious racial bias makes us not see that huge numbers of black men are rounded up for drug "crimes" that go ignored when done by whites. It has been easy, given the organized government media campaign, to see

black men as criminals and imagine the worst things about them. It has been easy not to care that millions of black people have been robbed of their lives for nothing.

Such race prejudice abets a wrong-headed American blindness about how we're shaped by institutions and culture. We think that we are personally responsible for our success or failure. Individual and cultural failings put those people of color in jail—they chose crime, didn't work, had bad families, etc. And the success stories, like Barack Obama, Oprah Winfrey, or black athletes, make us think that they made it, so why can't the others do better? Our too-much focus on individualism keeps us from criticizing the power hierarchy, laws, and institutions that shape and control all of us.

To end this "human-rights nightmare," we must end the War on Drugs and reverse court decisions that protect prosecutors and make it almost impossible to sue the police for racial profiling. We must revoke the financial incentives to police to arrest drug offenders and get rid of drug forfeiture and mandatory drug sentencing laws. We must fund public defenders as much as prosecutors, not concentrate drug busts in poor colored communities, legalize many drugs, and provide drug treatment.

But most of all, white people must confront their powerful, unchallenged racial stereotypes, and their fear, contempt, hatred, or indifference toward people of color. Americans can't just criticize the current penal system in race-neutral terms like huge costs or wrongheaded drug treatment. Seeing race isn't the problem. Not caring about black people is.

To read the full summary of *The New Jim Crow*, go to <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/education/the-new-jim-crow/>.

— CARLA METTLING

Hellgate HS and Parenting Place Community Ministries – Family Social Support Partnerships

Faith communities are important partners in promoting and enhancing the family social supports for preventing the neglect and abuse of children and youth. As we grow the web of support for families served by The Parenting Place / Exchange Club / Donation Warehouse and Hellgate High School's Resource Center, where do you see Holy Spirit most able to impact these six protective factors for prevention featured on the Montana Children's Trust Fund website?

- 1. Child development / Knowledge of parenting:** Parents and caregivers understand and use effective and positive parenting strategies and have age-appropriate expectations for children's abilities.
- 2. Concrete supports:** Families have access to tangible goods and services to help families cope with stress, particularly in times of crisis or intensified need.
- 3. Family functioning / Resiliency:** Having adaptive skills and strategies to persevere in times of crisis.
- 4. Nurturing and attachment:** The emotional tie along with a pattern of positive interaction between the parent and child that develops over time.
- 5. Social support:** Informal support (friends, families, neighbors) that helps provide for emotional needs or connection.
- 6. Children's social and emotional competence:** The ability of a child to self-regulate their emotions and behaviors in appropriate ways.

Please contact me to share your ideas. Thank you for your faithful commitment to the families of our community.

— THE REV. DORCIE DVARISHKIS
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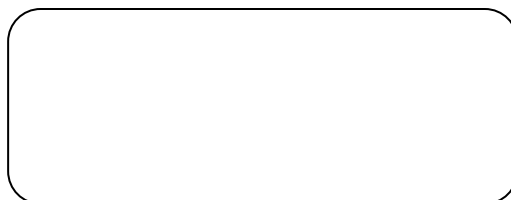
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WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

February 21 - March 21

Potluck Supper at 6:30 pm in the parish hall
Childcare provided at 7 pm
Program presented at 7:15 pm in the church

