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## DIOCESAN CONVENTION

### **Sign up to be a delegate to Diocesan Convention**

The next Diocesan Convention will be held October 5-7 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Polson. We will elect delegates and alternates to the convention at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28. Holy Spirit is entitled to 14 delegates to Diocesan Convention; alternates are also needed as people's plans change during the course of the year. Any interested parish member who is willing to serve in this capacity should notify the church office at 542-2167 by Wednesday, January 24. Thank you for your willingness to serve our parish in this way.

Just a reminder: delegates to Diocesan Convention attend at their own expense.

## **Parish begins new year at Annual Meeting on January 28**

Don't forget to attend the Annual Meeting to be held in the parish hall after the 10:15 service on Sunday, January 28. A light meal will be served at the meeting at a cost of \$4. Reservations for the meal will be taken after services starting January 14 and continuing each Sunday until the Annual Meeting, or you may call the church office at 542-2167 before Wednesday, January 24. If you would like, you are welcome to bring your own snack. There will be supervised games and movies for the children,

preschool through grade 5, and baby-sitters will be available.

Do plan to attend this very important Annual Meeting. New members for the Vestry will be elected as well as delegates to next fall's Diocesan Convention, and the budget for the coming year will be presented. Reports from various parish organizations will also be given. This is your church meeting, and we hope you will be here to help get the year off to a great start for our parish!



## OUR STAFF

### Clergy:

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The Rev. Doug Anderson, Deacon

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## NEWSLETTER

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## Bring your donations on January 7, 14, 21 and 28 Socks, gloves and hats needed for homeless men and women

If we're flipping the calendar to another new year, it's time to think again about donating socks, hats and gloves to needy residents of Missoula's Poverello Center, which provides shelter to the city's homeless and underserved population. A red-and-white-striped box with dangling socks and gloves will be ready to receive donations in the parish hall on Sunday, January 7, and will be available through Sunday, January 28. For each of the past two years, Holy Spirit parishioners

have contributed more than 80 pounds of new and gently used socks, gloves, and hats. These donations have made a huge difference to the men and women who spend many hours in Missoula's cold and windy weather, according to the Pov's grateful outreach coordinator. Be sure to check out the post-holiday sales that many stores offer. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

— LUCIA SOLORIZANO WORK,  
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

## Help provide socks and gloves for Missoula's homeless

# WARM HANDS, warm feet!



Please donate a pair of men's and/or women's socks and gloves or warm hats

January 7, 14, 21 and 28 in the parish hall

## Read more about the Vestry nominees in the Sunday bulletin

The members of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church will be electing six members to the Vestry at the Annual Meeting on January 28. Four of these members will serve a three-year term. Two members will be filling out unexpired terms of departing Vestry members. The slate of candidates will be finalized at the January Vestry meeting.

In order for you to know the people who have been nominated to the Vestry, we will print the profiles of the nominees in the January bulletins and *Spirited Times*, as well as posting the slate on the website, [holyspiritmissoula.org](http://holyspiritmissoula.org).

— THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

## Church School focuses on serving with gladness

As the Church School children have been focused on *Serving with Gladness*, they have begun to learn more about our local Salvation Army and Mountain Home Montana. They voted to share a portion of their Church School offering money with these two organizations. They will be working to learn more

about these groups and perhaps do a field trip to learn more about the work they do. The kids will be looking for a service project to put their glad service into practice.

— GRETCHEN STROHMAIER  
DIRECTOR OF  
SPIRITUAL FORMATION



### Baptism date 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.

### Warm Spirit Project

## Those Warm Spirit girls are back in action!

Six girls in the fifth and sixth grade make up the Warm Spirit Project. They recently received a \$300 grant from the Butterfly Grant Fund. The girls decided to spend that money to support kids at Christmas time who needed clothing. They chose tags off a Christmas tree at the YMCA and then went shopping at Kohl's. After speaking with the manager there, they received an extra percentage off their purchases. They bought clothing for 14 children and purchased \$600 worth of clothing for \$300. They also got lots of great practice at speaking to adults and advocating for kids in need. Great job, girls!



### Here's what's happening in January in Church School

**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Regular children's worship & activities

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Regular children's worship & Bible Game Day

**Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Regular children's worship & activities

**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Regular children's worship & activities



## Explorations:

Opportunities  
to cultivate,  
challenge  
and live our  
faith

Join us January 7 at 9 a.m. in the Guild Room:

## ***A Thrill of Hope* study wraps up in January**

Perhaps you missed *A Thrill of Hope* in Advent. It's not too late! Catch the final section of this moving DVD in which artist John August Swanson interprets and illustrates the familiar Christmas story. On Sunday, January 7, between services at 9 a.m., Bonnie Lee and Holly Swartz will host the final session. You will see artwork based on the story of presenting Jesus in the temple, Luke 2: 21-40, and the flight to Egypt, from Matthew 2: 13-15. Explore the detail of the art, savor the beauty, and be challenged by the biblical interpretation provided by scholars from Candler School of Theology at Emory.

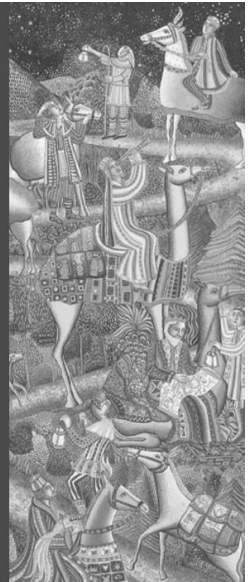
### Sunday Morning Study

## *a thrill of* HOPE

The Christmas Story  
in Word and Art

Come enjoy a fresh look at the familiar story of Christmas.

Sunday, December 10, 17 and January 7  
9 am in the Guild Room



*Partners  
for Reintegration*

Partners for Reintegration

## **Learn more about the state of reintegration in Missoula in January**

As a follow-up to *The New Jim Crow* book study and Restorative Justice panel discussion, leaders from Partners for Reintegration will join us on Wednesday, January 31, at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Hear from Jana Staton, John Daniels and Judge Landee Holloway as they share about the state of reintegration in Missoula. Learn about what it takes to rejoin society after incarceration and hear about steps our community is taking to support individuals trying to make a successful transition home. Hear about what individuals and churches can do to support this effort.

*January 31, at 7 p.m. in the parish hall*

## Join us for a Women's Night Out in January

Catherine Reilly is hosting an opportunity to get out of the house and off of the couch during a dark January night. Connect with other women of the parish, and enjoy a drink of your choice. Meet on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. at The Depot.

### Our Wider Church

## Churches express concern over recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital

Church leaders are expressing their criticism and concern related to the recent announcement that the United States will recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital city and move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. In a tweet, the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Rev. Justin Welby, has called upon people to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem." He said, "The status quo of the City of Jerusalem is one of the few stable elements of hope for peace and reconciliation for Christians, Jews and Muslims in the Holy Lands." Further, an ecumenical group of 13 Patriarchs and Heads of Churches, including the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, Suheil Dawani, issued a statement saying, "... Jerusalem, the city of God, is a city of peace for us and for the world. Unfortunately, though, our holy land with Jerusalem the holy city is today a land of conflict. Those who love Jerusalem have every will to work and make it a land and a city of peace, life and dignity for all its inhabitants..." The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, The Rev. Dr. Olav Fyske Tveit has said, "Such a step breaks with the longstanding international consensus, and almost seven decades of established American policy, that the status of Jerusalem

remains to be settled. It also pre-empts a negotiated resolution of this most difficult issue in any final peace agreement, which must be achieved between Israelis and Palestinians themselves."

In our Episcopal Church, a 1985 General Convention resolution expressed "its opposition to the movement of the United States Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, except within the context of a broad resolution of Middle East problems, with the status of Jerusalem having been determined by negotiation and not by unilateral action by any one community, religion, race or nation." Reflecting that resolution of thirty-two years ago, the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations recently released a statement saying, the "decision could have profound ramifications in the peace process and the future of a two-state solution, and it could have a negative impact throughout the region and with key U.S. allies....The Episcopal Church Office is joining with Churches for Middle East Peace and many other organizations in opposing any effort to move the embassy."

— PRU RANDALL

Coming in February:  
Our Lenten Potluck  
series begins

## Held by Something Bigger: Connecting to the Depths of Faith

Join your church family  
this Lent as we explore:

**Worship:** Why bother?

**Prayer:** What is it,  
really?

**Community:** What  
difference does it  
make?

**God's Presence:** Am I  
open to it?



### Coming in Epiphany...

Information about the national church's General Convention which happens every three years. Pru Randall and Terri Grotzinger have been elected as delegates from the Diocese of Montana, and they will attend the convention this July in Austin, Texas. Stay tuned for more details.





### **Hellgate High School and Parenting Place Community Ministries – The Spirit's on the move!**

Gifts of a haircut, laundered clothes, a winterized garden, file work, clean toys, volunteer coordinators...the Spirit is on the move in our Hellgate High School and Parenting Place ministries! We are thankful for the relationships that have begun to unfold and know there is more that awaits us. Special thanks go out to the Rev. Anita Rognas for signing on to coordinate our Parenting Place ministry work, and to A'Lisa Scott, who is on board as our Hellgate Ministry Coordinator. They will help us to stay in tune with evolving needs and opportunities and encourage our participation and that of our fellow Missoula Interfaith Collaborative members. Please contact Anita or A'Lisa to be a part of our community ministries:

The Rev. Anita Rognas –  
 anita.rognas@gmail.com  
 A'Lisa Scott –  
 adfams@montana.com

Would you like to be more involved in advocacy work in our community? The next Leadership Intensive training offered by the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative will take place January 16-17. To learn more and to register, contact Casey Dunning at MIC, 207-8228 or email mic@micmt.org.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

– THE REV. DORCIE DVARISHKIS  
 239-7655 ~  
 dorcied@gmail.com

## **February 22 is the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Blood Drive at Holy Spirit**

This year will mark our 18th annual winter blood drawing at Holy Spirit. We have contributed a total of 260 units of blood since we began the drawings. Our annual blood donations will take place on Thursday, February 22, 2018, from 1 p.m.-6 p.m. in the parish hall.

We will miss Orson Murray's presence as co-coordinator of the event with Bob Deaton, which was every year through 2016. Orson was a longtime member of Holy Spirit, who passed away on December 3, 2017. Reverend Anita Rognas has stepped up to coordinate with Bob for this year's blood draw.

The need for whole blood and blood products is continual:

- **In the US, someone needs blood every 2 seconds. In Montana, some person needs blood every 27 minutes.**
- **More than a third of the US adult population can give blood, but only 8 percent actually do so.**
- **The American Red Cross blood program provides blood to more than 30 hospitals in our area.**

Please be a donor. Most adults in general good health can contribute. Youth between the ages of 16-18 can also contribute with a parental consent form. The entire process takes an hour, including screening, donating, and waiting a few minutes afterward. The

actual process of giving blood usually takes about 15 minutes.

Donors must have at least 56 days between blood drawings. The last day to donate before our February drawing was December 27, 2017.

The most common donor exclusions are:

- Low hematocrit count (red blood cells)
- Very high blood pressure
- Travel in certain foreign countries
- Taking certain prescription medications (a very short exclusion list)

There will be sign-ups for the drawing after Sunday services and coffee hour the first three Sundays in February. Bob and Anita will be around to register donors at those times.

Six volunteers are needed in 1-2 hour shifts at the drawing to help register donors and to host the recovery and refreshments table for donors. A few dozen cookies and crackers and cheese are also needed for refreshments.

In addition to registering at Sunday services, donors may call the church office or the coordinators, Anita Rognas, 208-305-4022, anita.rognas@gmail.com or Bob Deaton, 370-0650, bobdeaton66@gmail.com.

– BOB DEATON AND ANITA ROGNAS



### **Holy Spirit Blood Drive**

Location: Parish Hall  
 130 South 6th Street East

**Thursday, February 22  
 1 pm - 6 pm**

**Sign up after church  
 beginning February 4!**

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

Given today's outpouring of concern, news coverage, and presidential acknowledgment of the opioid addiction crisis as a medical emergency needing treatment and funding, we may well wonder why this form of drug addiction—not to mention alcohol abuse—elicits compassion, while the crack epidemic among people of color, beginning in the 1980's, got a war declared against it and mandatory sentencing for simple possession of small amounts of crack or marihuana of 5, 10, even 20 years in jail. Alexander's answer is that the former is white drug use; the latter is social control of people of color, replacing the now illegal system of Jim Crow laws in the South, just as these replaced slavery. White men are those we respect, trust, and treat for addiction; black men are those we fear, hate, and incarcerate for crime.

But how did this system arise? Alexander traces, with precision and scholarly research, Richard Nixon's and the Republican Party's "Southern Strategy," after the civil rights victories of Brown versus the Board of Education—mandating school desegregation—and the Civil Rights Act of 1964—making segregated public places and employment discrimination illegal—of recruiting white Southern Segregationist Democrats, appalled at these attacks on their social system. This recruitment was done by labeling civil rights protests as crime and the breakdown of law and order and by launching a war against such crime, where "criminal" became code for people of color and their allies, at a time when denigrating them as a lower race was no longer politically acceptable. But it was acceptable to hate and punish criminals. This War on Crime morphed into a War Against Drugs, when crack cocaine first devastated the black ghetto's men, left jobless and empty handed by the outsourcing of factory jobs to the developing world and to automation.

Ronald Reagan then waged a whole media campaign to create fear and support for this drug war that brought him political power and reelection, at a time when few Americans saw drugs as a national emergency and drug crime was declining. Many people looked forward to shrinking prison populations. But Reagan made a huge shift of federal funds away from education, prevention, and treatment of drug users toward hunting them down—the black and brown ones—and putting them in jail. He paid local police departments per drug arrest for drug possession, to convince local police to fight a war that they hadn't even known needed fighting. And the Pentagon gave any police department that wanted it as much military equipment as they asked for, free of charge.

Soon the publicity campaign, the massive news coverage on the "war," and TV programs, featuring cheating "welfare queens" and black predators, exacerbated the already present prejudice against people of color, so that white Americans thought of criminals as black men, who should be in jail. And Bill Clinton, not wanting Republicans to get all the political benefit of the War on Crime and Drugs, greatly enlarged it. So every year, beginning in the mid-80's, the prison population grew enormously, as police targeted ghetto people in random car searches, and SWAT teams kicked down doors in the night, to haul poor people off to jail, plea bargaining, incarceration, and a lifetime of being branded as felons and legally denied work, housing, voting rights, and student loans. The lives of millions have been hijacked.

There is now mounting bipartisan criticism of this massive system of incarceration of drug users, but it persists. And why? To be continued...

— CARLA METTLING



### We're updating our Prayer List

An important part of our worship at Holy Spirit is the opportunity to pray by name for people in need. We pray for members of our congregation and for many others for whom our prayers are requested. **On January 7, we will make a fresh start with the Prayer List included in the Sunday Prayers of the People.** In order to keep our prayers current and meaningful, we are asking for your help. If there is someone whose name you would like to have on the list, please give that information to Judy Parock (office@holyspiritmissoula.org). The renewed list will include only the names which have been sent to us and the names of our shut-in parishioners. We will renew the list again in six months' time. People may remain on the Prayer List for as long as necessary because we know and understand that many needs are ongoing. However, when someone is ready to be removed from the list, we ask that you let us know. Thank you for your help and for your understanding.

— JUDY PAROCK



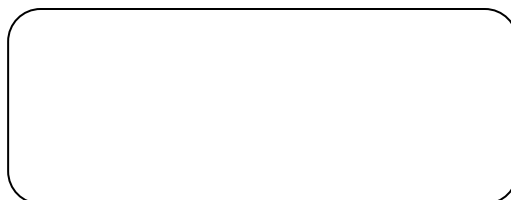
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# ANNUAL MEETING

Immediately following the 10:15 a.m.  
service in the parish hall

January 28, 2018

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