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Stewardship Ingathering is November 5

Please bring your pledge card to church with you on Sunday, November 5, and place it in the offering plate at either service. Extra pledge cards will be available in the bulletin that Sunday if you have misplaced yours. If you can't be there that Sunday, you may also return your pledge card by mailing it to the church office in the envelope that was provided.

If you don't want to wait until Stewardship Sunday to make your pledge, you can call the church office at 542-2167 to pledge.

Help us decorate the sanctuary with prayer flags on All Saints' Sunday

All Saints' Sunday is November 5, and this year we'll be decorating the sanctuary with prayer flags. If you haven't had a chance, drop by the church today to create a prayer flag. We'll be putting them up the first week of November. The celebration of All Saints' is a natural reminder within the church year that calls us to

remember loved ones who have died. Create a flag, or a number of flags, in memory of friends, family, victims of tragedies, or pets. Supplies are available in the parish hall. Leave your flag in the collection basket there, and together all of our prayer flags will fill the sanctuary on All Saints' Sunday, November 5.



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From the Rector:

Healing, transition and change – highlights from convention

Context, healing, transition, change, together...these are the words that come to mind as I think about our Diocesan Convention held October 6th- 8th in Helena. As elected delegates arrived from around the Diocese on Friday, some attended suicide prevention classes, others learned about changes to the Church Pension Plan, and others about the Diocesan Budget for 2018. Earlier this year Bishop Brookhart announced his retirement coming in November 2018 which means the people and processes needed to discern and call the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Montana have begun. We will all be in a time of prayer and discernment as we seek whom God is calling to serve among us.

Saturday began with a Healing Service and Eucharist followed by talks by several speakers. We received a wonderful gift from Craig Wirth of the Diocese of Utah, brother of the Rev. Cn. Bradley Wirth of All Saints, Columbia Falls. Craig took us back to the beginnings of the Diocese of Montana with a celebration of the life and ministry of Bishop Tuttle, our first Bishop. He put our present life together in the context of the early days, with PowerPoint slides, video, and humor. In addition, he brought with him historical books and items from those early years, a real treat to see.

Elections were held to fill vacancies on committees of the Diocese. I was elected to a three-year term on the Standing Committee (S.C.) which serves as a council of advice to the Bishop and will be overseeing the Bishop Search process. Pru Randall of our parish already serves as a lay member of the S.C. We also have lay representation on the Bishop

Nomination/Search Committee in the person of Keith Kuhn, elected this past summer by our Deanery. Please visit diomontana.com to see who else is serving on all the committees and councils of the Diocese.

This year the Diocesan Council put forward a deficit budget for 2018. Council members explained the budget, and conversation followed on the floor of the Convention. It was heartening to see delegates able to



express their concerns and support with respect for differences. The delegation voted to accept the Council's budget and to trust them to continue caring for solutions to resolve the deficit. There were no legislation or formal resolutions other than courtesy resolutions this year.

The Bishop's annual address is available online or in hard copy at the church. A final Eucharist was held Sunday morning before everyone headed home. My thanks to our delegates for making the time to attend and represent our parish so well as they carried out the business of Convention and built relationships with those from all around the diocese!

FAITHFULLY,
TERRI+

Church School:

Plans for Church School Christmas pageant underway

This year we are borrowing an idea from our friends at University Congregational Church. We'll be creating a Christmas pageant video. On Sundays November 19, 26 and December 10, Church School children will get to dress up in pageant costumes. Together they will reenact the Christmas Story while being photographed. Their images will be put into a video along with music and narration (also done by the children). The video will debut at the early Christmas Eve service. If your child

would like to be in the pageant, please have him or her present on as many of those Sundays as possible (especially November 19 and 26). Filming may take only two weeks, and the third may be used for narration. If you have questions, please contact Gretchen at the church office, 542-2167, or at Gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org

— GRETCHEN STROHMAIER
DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL
FORMATION



Serving with Gladness

The Church School children continue their focus and exploration of service. Where does our drive for service come from? We've practiced in Church School cultivating times of quiet and peace so that we can listen to God. We've talked about how God's call to service can come from those moments. Can you believe this?! Sound too advanced for school-aged children? No way! They are on it. In a recent Bible story, we learned that Rebekah went the "extra mile" watering the servant's camels. "She was serving with gladness!" one of the kids exclaimed. Then ensued a discussion of "going the extra mile" for others. What might that look like? We wondered together. And this isn't helping just to be nice, this is helping because God has called us to serve. It's a big job that we are all called to, and with God's grace we can do it.

— GRETCHEN STROHMAIER
DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL
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Check out what's happening this month at Church School!

Sunday, November 5	Children help lead adult worship, sitting together in the front.	
Sunday, November 12	Regular children's worship & activity station	Bible Story: <i>Joseph & Pharaoh</i>
Sunday, November 19	Regular children's worship & pageant prep	Bible Story: <i>Psalms of Thanksgiving</i>
Sunday, November 26	Regular children's worship & pageant prep	Bible Story: <i>Hannah & Samuel</i>
Coming in December	Sunday, December 3	Advent Crafts and Soup immediately after worship



Explorations:

Opportunities
to cultivate,
challenge
and live our
faith

Join in our panel discussion on November 1: **Restorative Justice: A Community Conversation**

Restorative justice: What is it? How does it work? Could it work in Missoula? Join us on Wednesday, November 1, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall for a community-wide panel discussion.

If you've been reading *The New Jim Crow* book by Michelle Alexander, check the premises of it against local experience. Join these panelists as they share their varied experience and expertise about our criminal justice system. Learn about the weaknesses and biases of our current system. Be a part of the conversation as we explore potential community-wide alternatives to facilitate healing, growth and restoration.

Panelists include:

- Missoula County Justice of the Peace Judge Landee Holloway
- Defense Attorney John Smith
- Managing Attorney of the Tribal Defenders Office for the CSKT Ann Sherwood
- Missoula Correctional Services

Community Service
Coordinator Todd Mclean

- Mediator and Author Norm Lavery
- Returning Citizen (hear an inside perspective on the criminal justice system)

Here's a little information about our panelists. **Judge Holloway** obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology, with a minor in Psychology from Southern Oregon State College before making Missoula her home in 1992. She began her 21-year career with the State of Montana Department of Corrections in the Probation and Parole Division. Within the division she held several positions: Traditional Probation and Parole Officer, Intensive Supervision Officer, and Supervisor and Re-entry Probation and Parole Officer. In January 2016 Landee was elected Missoula County Justice of the Peace.

John Smith graduated from the University of Montana School of Law

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Join us for Compline

On the first Sunday of each month at 8 p.m. you are invited to a candlelit presentation of Compline, a short and beautiful service rooted in the last hour of the monastic day. The Holy Spirit Compline Choir will chant the psalm appointed for the day as well as music and hymns appropriate for the church season. We hope you will join us for the quiet contemplative service.

November 5: Praying our good-byes

On Sunday evening, November 5, at 8 p.m. we will hold a special Compline service to pray our good-byes to those we have lost over the past year. We will name aloud those parishioners who have died and invite anyone present to light a candle and recite the names of others important to them that have recently passed away.


December 3: We wait in Advent's darkness

Perhaps there is no better place to begin Advent's waiting than in the candle-lit darkness of Compline on Sunday evening, December 3, at 8 p.m. with the sparseness of plainchant and an opportunity for quiet prayer.

— KEITH KUHN, COMPLINE COORDINATOR

The Service of COMPLINE

The ancient service of plainchant and contemplative prayer



First Sunday of Each Month
(October ~ May)
8 p.m. ~ All are welcome!

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Restorative Justice

in the spring of 1987, earning a Juris Doctor degree. He worked as an associate attorney at a small law firm, and then in 1988 he took a position with the Missoula County Public Defender's Office. In 1992, he realized his dream of having his own law office and eventually came to practice exclusively in criminal law. In order to serve people most effectively he spends time getting to know his clients, to "get inside their hides," to feel what it is like to be them—accused by the government of committing some crime. He works toward bringing his client's story into the courtroom.

Ann Miller Sherwood has been an attorney with the Tribal Defenders Office of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes for 20 years and the managing attorney for 10. Ms. Sherwood has been instrumental in utilizing cultural resolutions to criminal charges. During her tenure, the Defenders Office implemented an innovative in-house service for clients with co-occurring mental health and chemical dependency and adopted a holistic defense practice with assistance

from the Center for Holistic Defense sponsored by the Bronx Public Defenders Office in New York. Ms. Sherwood served on Montana's Public Defender Commission for 6 years.

Todd Mclean has a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, from Bowling Green State University, Ohio 1983. He has over 30-plus years as a probation officer at all levels. He is retired from the United States Probation Office, District of Montana, after 22 years of service. Currently Todd is employed with Missoula Correctional Services as the Community Service Coordinator since September 2016.

Norm Lavery is a mediator and an author. He started Community Circles Restorative Justice program in 2003. They trained 166 people to be Circle Keepers in more than ten communities across Montana. He has also conducted numerous training seminars around the state. He has recently published a book, *The Power of Circles*.

*Join us in the parish hall on Wednesday, November 1,
7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for this important discussion*

A PANEL DISCUSSION

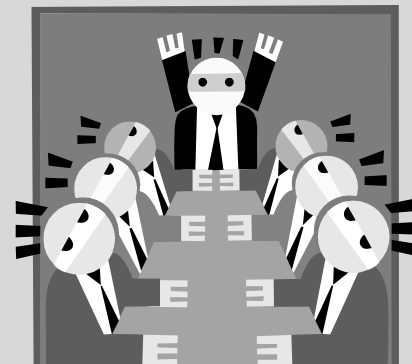
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Wednesday, November 1
7 pm–8:30 pm

Parish Hall
Holy Spirit Episcopal Church
130 South 6th Street East

Learn about this cost-effective alternative to our traditionally punitive model of justice which ensures community involvement in holding offenders accountable for their actions while empowering victims

Accountable Offenders. Empowered Victims. Peaceful Communities.



Nominees needed to fill Vestry vacancies

It is time once again to produce nominees for the Vestry. If the time is right for you to lend your expertise to help guide our growing parish, please let Rev. Terri know by November 22. Interested parishioners are invited to submit letters of interest containing a one-paragraph description of their experience in church life.

Here are the requirements to serve as a Vestry member:

- Be confirmed or received in The Episcopal Church
- Have a demonstrated history of participation in the life of the church
- Be a regular communicant
- Contribute to the financial support of the church
- Have been an Episcopalian for at least two years
- Be willing to attend monthly Vestry meetings and special meetings as required
- Be prepared to serve on Vestry ministries
- Be prepared to count Sunday offerings periodically

Check the schedule for what's happening at Holiday Market 2017!

Donations being accepted now through **Tuesday, November 7, at 2 p.m.** (Please leave donations outside the Guild Room by coatracks.)

Sunday, November 5: Conga line after 10:15 service. Volunteer Sign Up, Raffle Ticket Sales, Silent Auction Bidding.

Monday and Tuesday, November 6 and 7: Bring donations, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Monday – Thursday, November 6-9: Market set up and pricing, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Friday, November 10: Holiday Market Sale Day, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Luncheon served 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. **New this year:** The sanctuary will be open for a couple of hours for viewing and quiet reflection on Friday, November 10. Organ music will be played (specific times to be announced).

Saturday, November 11: Holiday Market Sale Day, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Clean-up begins at 1:30 p.m. (Strong men are needed for the clean-up!)

Sunday, November 12: Raffle tickets will be sold, and Silent Auction bids will be taken after both Sunday services. The Silent Auction and Raffle drawing winners will be chosen at noon.



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Friday, November 10, from 9 am – 4 pm

Saturday, November 11, from 9 am – 1 pm

The Holiday Market is just around the corner! Can you help?

We hope you are getting ready for one of Fall's best weeks at Holy Spirit! Holiday Market Week 2017 is right around the corner. Please plan to help out on **Sunday, November 5**, with the conga line, bringing up displays and items for the sale. It's the perfect Sunday, too, for buying your winning raffle tickets, bringing your donations, and signing up to volunteer for the days ahead. Raffle tickets, Silent Auction bid sheets, and sign-up sheets for volunteering during Market Week will also be available in the parish hall on the three Sundays prior to November 5.

What to donate: Handmade crafts of all kinds. Antiques. Vintage and new or nearly-new re-giftable items. Jewelry. Fine art. Holiday decorations. (Please save **all** clothing, books, toys, and rummage items for our spring event.) Bring your donations to Holy Spirit through 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 7, leaving them outside the Guild Room near the coatracks prior to Market Week.

Volunteer Opportunities include: setting up the market, pricing, and providing lunch for volunteers on Monday – Thursday, November 6-9. On Friday and Saturday—Holiday Market Sales Days—your help is needed with cashiering, bagging, and hosting, and for clean-up on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

You might also enjoy volunteering to help with Friday's luncheon. Guys—we need you, too, at every step of the way.

Shopping: You and your shopping companions are promised the finest selection of items ever at this year's Holiday Market! Surprises in every department. Unbelievable prices. Variety no other Missoula shop or bazaar could even imagine. Come early. Come often! From 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday, with a delicious lunch available on Friday from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Raffle tickets and Silent Auction bidding sheets will also be available during these times. Great parking in our lot across the street. Something special for everyone on your *and* Santa's lists.

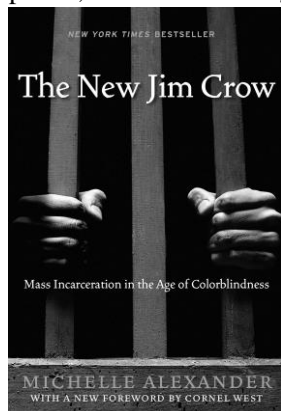
Raffle and Auction Results: At noon on Sunday, November 12, winning raffle tickets and auction bids will be announced. Like this year's Holiday Market offerings, this year's raffle and auction items promise to delight, too. In the spirit of all that's Holy Spirit, plan to participate in and enjoy this year's special Holiday Market.

– TRACEY GAGE & DIANE RASMUSON
HOLIDAY MARKET 2017 CO-CHAIRS

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

According to Michelle Alexander, in her Introduction to *The New Jim Crow*—the latest book-study at HSP—“a human rights nightmare is occurring on our watch. The current system of mass incarceration permanently locks a huge percentage of the African-American community out of the mainstream society and economy.” In a later chapter (pp. 185-186), Alexander summarizes how this punishment system works.

“The War on Drugs is the vehicle through which huge numbers of black men are forced into the cage. The entrapment occurs in three distinct phases...The first stage is the roundup. Vast numbers of people are swept into the criminal justice system by the police, who conduct drug operations



primarily in poor communities of color. They are rewarded in cash—through drug forfeiture laws [where the police seize and keep the cash, cars, homes and

other property of those arrested] and federal grant programs [where the government pays police departments for each drug arrest they make] for rounding up as many people as possible. And they [the police] operate unconstrained by constitutional rules of procedure that once were considered inviolate. Police can stop, interrogate, and search anyone they choose for drug investigations...Because there is no meaningful check on the exercise of police discretion, racial biases are granted free rein. In fact, police are allowed to rely on race as a factor in selecting whom to stop and search (even though people of color are no more likely to be guilty of drug crimes than

whites)—effectively guaranteeing that those who are swept into the system are primarily black and brown.”

The conviction marks the beginning of the second phase: the period of formal control [in prison]. Once arrested, defendants are generally denied meaningful legal representation and pressured to plead guilty whether they are or not. Prosecutors are free to “load up” defendants with extra charges, and their decisions cannot be challenged for racial bias. Once convicted, due to the drug war’s harsh sentencing laws, drug offenders in the United States spend more time...in jail or prison, on probation or parole than drug offenders anywhere else in the world...This period of control may last a lifetime, even for those convicted of extremely minor, nonviolent offenses, [like possessing small amounts of marijuana or cocaine], but the vast majority of those swept into the system are eventually released. They are transferred from their prison cells to a much larger, invisible cage.

The final stage has been dubbed by some advocates as the period of invisible punishment...the unique set of criminal sanctions...that operate largely outside of public view...to ensure that the vast majority of convicted offenders will never integrate into mainstream, white society. They will be discriminated against, legally, for the rest of their lives—denied [as felons] employment, housing, education, [voting and serving on juries], and public benefits [like food stamps]. Unable to surmount these obstacles, most will eventually return to prison and then be released again, caught in a closed circuit of perpetual marginality.”

And why did we create this system in the 1980’s and 1990’s in the United States? And why do we keep it going? Check the *Paraclete* next month.

— CARLA METTLING
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE



Hellgate High School and Parenting Place Community Ministries have begun to grow!

The early ripple effects of our commitment to ministry with Hellgate High School and Parenting Place families have begun...a high school group will clean respite care toys each month, members are looking into teaching and tutoring opportunities, support is being given to help homeless Hellgate students do laundry, a Parenting Place fall maintenance crew is being assembled, and connections are being made with other Missoula Interfaith Collaborative churches who are involved at Hellgate and other Missoula schools. Relationship by relationship, our lives will be changed, and what we learn in our service and education will lead us to discern even more ways of being neighbor. To explore where you might plug in this fall, contact Rev. Dorcie Dvarishkis at 406-239-7655 or dorcied@gmail.com.

Step one for all interested parishioners is to be up-to-date on the Safeguarding God’s Children online education and a background check with the Diocese. Please contact Jill Sallin at admin@diomontana.com to ready yourself to serve!

— DORCIE DVARISHKIS

For more information please check out the Community Ministry page at:

<http://holyspiritmissoula.org/outreach/community-ministries/>

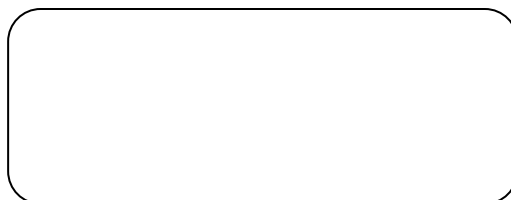
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