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WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS

JOIN US IN THE CHURCH YARD FROM 12 NOON TO 1 PM AS LONG AS THE WEATHER PERMITS

Please wear a mask, bring a chair and your lunch, and we'll gather for prayer and conversation. Please join us!

Join us for our Wednesday Gatherings

Our gatherings under the big Spruce tree in the church courtyard have been a great success! As a result, **we are going to expand this effort to every Wednesday at 12 noon for as long as weather permits.** Gathering under the big Spruce provides plenty of shade and the ease of having many small groups that can change halfway through the time. It's a great way to catch up, meet new friends, and share some prayer too. Bring a chair if you can, and lunch if you like. Come join us!

— REV. TERRI

Please join us!

Thank you for your pet pictures! See them in the Blessing of the Animals service on October 4.

Join us for the Blessing of the Animals online

This year St. Francis Day, October 4, falls on a Sunday, and we will celebrate the Blessing of the Animals within our virtual worship service for the day. We know that many animals aren't able to come to our annual on-site animal blessing service, so this year we hope we will get to see, celebrate, and bless all the pets of the parish. Together, we will remember we are all part of a much larger whole as we lift up all of God's creation! The entire liturgy will be designed with this in mind.

Be sure to join us online on Sunday morning, October 4, at 10:15 a.m. at the direct link to the service that will be

sent to you in an email on Saturday and Sunday just prior to our virtual Sunday service. All you have to do is click the link in the email in order to see the service. Can't join us at that time? Don't worry! The recorded service will be available on the church YouTube page here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD4gRWYgdsV6PvkObRwIjKQ/videos>

The link to the service becomes live at 8 a.m. on Sunday, October 4, if you want to view the service earlier.

— TERRI+

Blessing of the Animals

Join us for the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4, at 10:15 am online. All are welcome!



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NEWSLETTER

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Get in Touch with Your Roots

If you would like to spend some time outside in God's creation, we could use some help weeding the garden beds and trimming the bushes.

Time & Talent Adopt-a-Need



Stewardship: share your time and talents! Our "Adopt-a-Need" program launches

When you next visit the homepage on the Church's website, you will notice among the rotating banners a few needs that have come up at Holy Spirit. You can click on the banner for a need, or you can go to the "Give" heading at the top of the page and go to Adopt-a-Need in the drop down list. Clicking there will take you to a list of those needs and more details about what is needed. Some needs simply involve volunteering some time. Others may require a special talent that you can share, or some may involve treasure, a simple expenditure that you can help cover. If you would like to assist with any of those needs, follow the instructions in the need description, contacting the appropriate person to follow through on covering that need.

You may also be hearing of these needs in the email weekly news or in announcements during the service. Once we are able to meet together in the building, there will be a bulletin board in the parish hall listing the needs as well. The needs will be continually changing, so please check back from time to time. Many of the needs will offer a chance to get to know other members better. Also, if you are aware of a parish need, please contact a staff member to have it considered for addition to the list.

Thank you to all the adoptive parents of our needs for your support of our parish life.

– WARREN GARTNER
STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Baptism date announced

The next date for baptism will be Sunday, November 1, 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 at 542-2167.

Baptism preparation has to take place, so she needs to hear from you

soon! If you wish to have baptism at the November 1 service, Rev. Terri needs to hear from you by Sunday, October 4. Thank you!

This is the final baptism date for this year. The next date will be on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at the 10:15 a.m. service.



CHURCH SCHOOL 2020

GOD GOES WITH US

Join us for intergenerational worship online the first Sunday of the month. We invite you to watch, celebrate, and worship as we navigate another school year, remembering that God goes with us.

Church School 2020
God goes with us

From the Blessing of the Animals, to a wedding banquet, to paying taxes, to the greatest commandment, in October we'll explore all kinds of ways that *God Goes with Us*. On the first Sunday of the month, October 4th, we'll have a special intergenerational service to celebrate St. Francis Day. We hope you'll send in those photos of your favorite furry friends so they can be a

part of our service that day. Then on October 11, 18 and 25 look for links to the children's messages in the *Spirited Times* that comes out electronically every Thursday. These services, linked to the lectionary, are created specifically for kids.

– THE REV. GRETCHEN STROHMAIER
ASSISTANT PRIEST

**“Table Talk” is the new normal:
supporting faith conversations at home**

Too much screen time for your kids? Try *Table Talk*, developed by Church of The Redeemer, in Bryn Mawr, PA. They have created prompts for discussing Bible themes as a family. Go to Buildfaith.org and search for table talk. These surprisingly easy

prompts invite families to think and wonder together about the Scriptures of the week.

– THE REV. GRETCHEN STROHMAIER
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Camp Marshall provides a special season this fall for families and small groups

An amazing opportunity:
Due to COVID-19 Camp Marshall is open to Episcopal families and other non-profit groups through the end of February 2021. Depending on the status of COVID-19 Camp Marshall may or may not continue making reservations for small groups (less than 12) after that time. (Sorry, no pets.)

Below are the prices to access the camp. If you have any additional questions or wish to get help in making a reservation, call our Helena Office at (406) 442-2230 and ask for Executive Director David Campbell.

Lodging: (Sorry, no pets.)
\$145 per night, Coventry Cabin - Two Rooms - Sleeps family of four
\$225 per night, Canterbury Cabin - Eight Rooms - Sleeps 12

RV Space (for one) East Side (no septic) \$30 per night
RV Space (for one) West Side (no septic) \$30 per night
*Booking additional space / such as a restroom with shower is \$20 per day

Family Picnic / Day use only /
By appointment / Parking for two / by donation

Equipment:
Kayak / Paddle and PFD are available @ \$20.00 per person per day





Explorations:

Opportunities to cultivate, challenge and live our faith

Join us for Prayer for Our Common Good

Join members of the Missoula community as together we pray for the common good. There are so many concerns before us to lift up, from the ongoing pandemic, to systemic racism, division, hurricanes, fires, and upcoming elections. We will begin to open the church building for prayer and reflection on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 6 p.m. and on Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. Come and spend some quiet time in the pews. Seek God’s wisdom and solace in the beauty of this place, and hold our community, country, and world in prayer as together we seek the common good.

When you come to church, please

wear a mask and know that the host will help seat you appropriately distanced from others. We ask that you use the provided wipes to clean the pew as you leave.

If you’re praying from home, consider using Prayers for National Life in the Book of Common Prayer, starting on page 820.

Here are the dates to join us:

Tuesdays, 3:30 – 6 p.m.

October 20 & 27 and November 3 & 10.

Thursdays, 12 – 1 p.m.

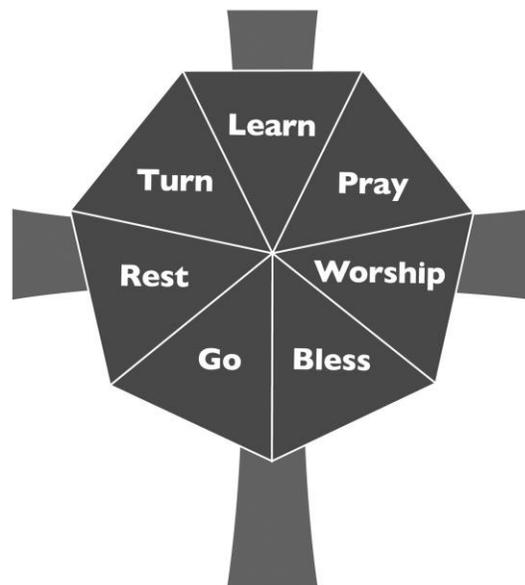
October 22 & 29 and November 5 & 12.



Learn more about the Presiding Bishop’s “The Way of Love”

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry offers us “The Way of Love,” inviting us onto ancient paths that lead more deeply into the practices of a Jesus-centered life. The Diocese of Montana is delighted to host this opportunity to join Episcopalians from around the diocese exploring practices to nourish your relationship with Jesus—and with one another—as we are compelled to “walk in love as Christ loved us” (Ephesians 5:2).

The Zoom sessions—one hour each—begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and run through November 3. Meet friends new and old from Absorokee to Zortman. Keep an eye out for more info and registration details—there is no fee. Facilitators are The Rev. Robin Biffle and The Very Rev. Stephen Brehe. We hope you’ll join them to explore practices—a timeless tradition known as a “Way of Life”—grounded in Christ’s unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial, and redemptive love. To get on the mailing list now, email robin.biffle@gmail.com. Check out The Episcopal Church’s “Way of Love” website at <https://episcopalchurch.org/way-oflove>.



Access Centering Prayer online and in person Centering Prayer resumes

*“Be still and know that I am God.”
Psalm 42:10*

Dear Friends,

What would be wonderful right now would be “sitting” with you in our silent prayer circle. “Centering” is sitting in silence and inviting God into our hearts. It is a meditation that can easily be practiced alone or as a group. We had hoped to be back on an ongoing schedule of being together by now. We also do not feel comfortable inviting you to meet inside, even at 10 feet apart and masked.

We do not want Centering Prayer to fade away and no longer be a part of the rich offerings for prayer and fellowship at Holy Spirit, so this is what we propose. You may continue to visit the Holy Spirit website and “sit” with the offerings by Jennifer that are saved for our use. April and May were on

Facebook

(<https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritMissoula/videos>) and in June on the church YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD4gRWYgdsV6PvkObRwjkQ/videos>).

Also, until the weather turns too cold, we will sit in person on our beautiful Holy Spirit lawn. We, of course, will sit 6 feet apart and be masked. We will be there on the First Friday at 4:00 – 5:00 and the third Friday from noon – 1:00. If possible, please bring a chair. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Willie Hoffer (541-815-9609) or Jennifer Dousset (406-880-1680) Peace to all!!

– WILLIE HOFFER & JENNIFER
DOUSSET, CO-LEADERS

Centering Prayer

Effortless Contemplation to Deepen Your
Experience of God



Join us for a Virtual Coffee Hour each Sunday

You have been receiving an email on the Saturday or Sunday just prior to our virtual Sunday worship service which gives you "one-click" access to worship and the service bulletin. **Now you will also find in that email a "one-click" access to our virtual "Bring your own Coffee Hour" at 11:30 a.m.** You will have time to leave the worship service, grab a cup of coffee, and return to your email invitation to click in. You will initially be muted but visible until after your host welcomes you, teaches you a bit about how to participate, and then breaks everyone into smaller random groups so that you can get to know one another and have a visit. The Host will then bring everyone back for a final wave goodbye.

Everyone in your household is invited. If you are unable to get access, please email the office (office@holyspiritmissoula.org) and let us know so that we can help you before the next week. Don't get discouraged.

See you soon!

– TERRI



Join one of Camp Marshall's small groups. There's a group for everyone!

Purpose: To virtually meet, connect and pray with others across the Diocese in the hopes of meeting new people, finding support and building relationships in Christ.

ELEMENTARY AGED KIDS: 1st & 3rd Mondays of each Month @ 5 pm
(Oct 5th, Oct 19th, Nov 2nd, Nov 16th, Dec 7th, Dec 21)

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL KIDS: 2nd & 4th Mondays of each Month @ 5 pm
(Oct 12th, Oct 26th, Nov 9th, Nov 23rd, Dec 14th, Dec 28th)

COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each Month @ 6 pm
(Oct 13th, Oct 27th, Nov 10th, Nov 24th, Dec 8th, Dec 22nd)

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each Month @ 6 pm
(Oct 6th, Oct 20th, Nov 3rd, Nov 17th, Dec 1st, Dec 15th)

How do I join? We would LOVE to have you come try one of groups out. To do so click on the Zoom links in our online calendars on our website: <https://www.campmarshallmontana.org/camper-calendars>. We hope you consider joining!

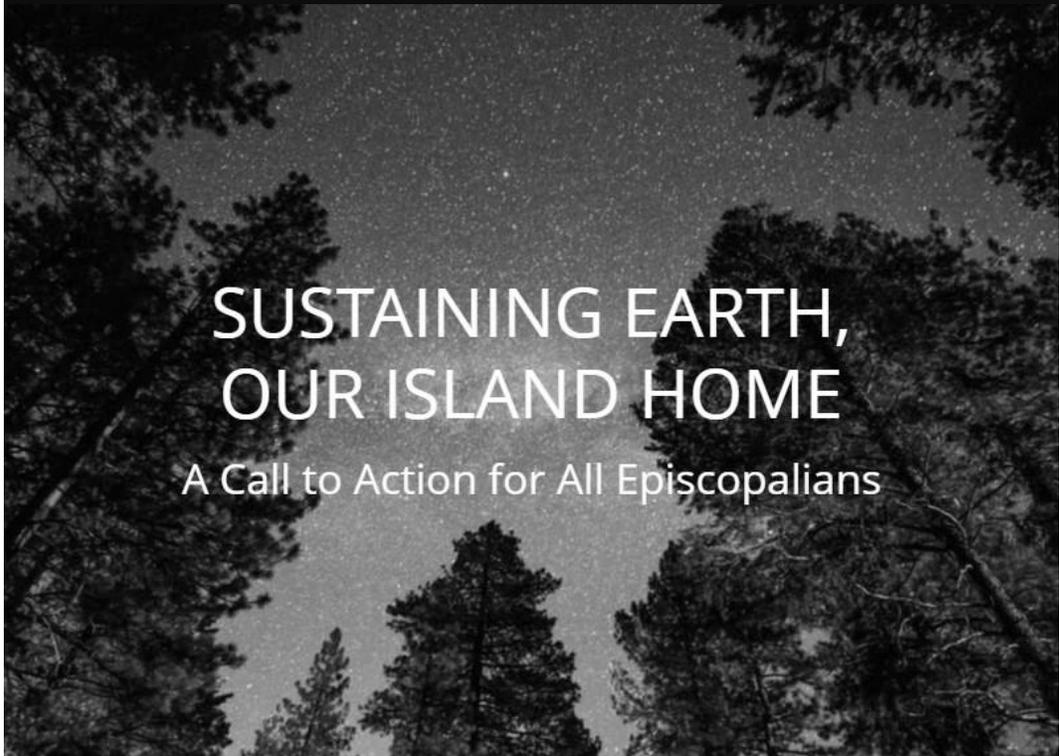
How is our new bishop settling in?

Some folks are wondering about Bishop Stebbins, and how she is transitioning into her new role. If you weren't able to catch up with her last year at our service of Lessons and Carols, or you missed her at our Confirmation service earlier this year, you may not have met her yet. COVID-19 has put a wrench in everything, even a bishop's travel plans. But rest assured Bishop Marty is working hard for us! She is working with Diocesan Council and Standing Committee, as well as doing some parish visits, in-person where feasible, and virtually. She is also working with her colleagues in the House of Bishops. During the pandemic she has instituted weekly Zoom meetings for all clergy across the diocese. This has renewed a connection among clergy across this broad state, as we share hopes and concerns and practice being Church for one another. She has also been instrumental in working with Dave

Campbell, our new Camp Marshall Director, to create a vision for Christian formation that is diocese-wide. She has instituted our first adult Zoom class, offered to all churches in Montana, based on Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's initiative, The Way of Love. She is meeting virtually with treasurers and senior wardens from across the diocese. She organized our first virtual clergy conference, providing leaders of this diocese with vital information about mental health issues, and she is busy putting together our virtual Convention that happens this month. We are thankful for her ability to adapt and her creativity in providing support and leadership during these difficult times. You can learn more about what's going on in our diocese by clicking on the link to the diocesan newsletter which is in the *Spirited Times* each week.

– REV. GRETCHEN & REV. TERRI





SUSTAINING EARTH, OUR ISLAND HOME

A Call to Action for All Episcopalians

Community Ministries

Lightening our footprints for love of home and neighbor

The air outside my window is thick, and the sun an orange-red circle. The regional fires and this pandemic reveal the fragileness of God’s creation and creatures. They are also making our homes the base for more and more of our lives and neighborly love. I was challenged by a recent Province VII and VI Deacons Conference on protecting God’s creation to take a closer look at “home” – at personal and collective activities that are leaving too deep a footprint on this earth as our fragile island home, and adding weight to what all of God’s creatures must bear. The Episcopal Church offers us tangible ways to better understand, measure,

lighten, and communicate about our resource use for sustaining our earthly home and loving our neighbors today and tomorrow. At <https://www.sustainislandhome.org/>, we can join with other Episcopalians and community groups to chart a lighter and more loving path forward. In these fragile, hazy days, the need for such love of home and neighbor is clear.

–WITH YOU ON THE PATH,
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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.

Be sure to opt in to receive push notifications!

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**Blessing of the
Animals**

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Animals on Sunday, October 4,
at 10:15 am online.
All are welcome!