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## REFORMATION SUNDAY

Join us as we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation on October 29

The year 2017 marks 500 years since a stubborn monk and towering thinker, Martin Luther, published his 95 complaints against the Catholic Church and launched the Protestant Reformation, a momentous religious revolution. The Reformation emphasized that we are saved by faith in God. As part of our celebration on October 29 Lutheran pastor Reverend Tom Lee will be preaching at both Sunday services. At the 10:15 service that Sunday Lutheran hymns will be sung, the music of Bach will be featured, and the choir will have a special anthem. Plan to join us.

## Learn more about the Episcopal Church at our Inquirers Class

Want to know more about the Episcopal Church? Have you been attending here and wondering about becoming a member? Do you have questions about why we do what we do, how we live out our spirituality, or any number of other things you may be thinking about as you experience this parish – then this is the class for you!

Whether you are brand new or several months or years into your journey here, I invite you to join me between services from 9 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. on Oct. 15, 22, 29, and Nov. 5 in the Guild Room (just off the Parish Hall and Kitchen) for what is always a lively discussion. We will use a small but enlightening book entitled, “A People Called Episcopalians – A brief

introduction to our way of life” by John H. Westerhoff with Sharon Ely Pearson. These will be provided to participants thanks to the financial gift of a parishioner who found the book and discussions fruitful and wanted others to learn more.

Please sign up in advance by emailing me at [revterri@holyspiritmissoula.org](mailto:revterri@holyspiritmissoula.org) or calling the Parish Office at 406-542-2167 so that we will know how many books to order. If for any reason you cannot attend during the time and dates of this class, please let me know of your interest so that I could offer another class at a different time or day.

I look forward to meeting with you!

– REV. TERRI

Grow your faith

## ADULT INQUIRERS CLASS

Sunday mornings  
9 am - 9:50 am

October 15 – November 5  
Meet in the Guild Room

Please sign up in advance by emailing Rev. Terri at [revterri@holyspiritmissoula.org](mailto:revterri@holyspiritmissoula.org) or by calling the parish office, 542-2167



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NEWSLETTER

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## Invite your friends to the Blessing of the Animals on October 1

We love our pets, and each day our pets bless us with unconditional love and joy. Every year on a Sunday close to October 4<sup>th</sup>, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, many people of faith around the world host events where pets are blessed. This year Holy Spirit Episcopal Church will sponsor a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 1, at 3 p.m. in the church courtyard.

Why a pet blessing? It's an opportunity to celebrate God's compassion and concern for all creatures. It's an occasion to meet neighbors and enjoy conversation about a common interest, the pets we love.

St. Francis and the Blessing of the Animals is the one day we come together, side by side with our

companion animals (or a stuffed animal to remember the wild creatures, or a photograph to remember those who have died), and offer thanks and ask God's blessing upon them. So invite your friends and neighbors to bring their pets along. Be sure to respect the needs of all those who come: all dogs on leash, cats in carriers, and all other creatures on lead or in a carrier suitable for their needs. We will provide water and some basic treats...and yes, litter, clean-up bags and a can for disposal. We'll even have St. Francis medals for you to take home. Journey and I will see you there!

— REV. TERRI



## Make a prayer flag starting October 15 Remembering the saints of our lives

Starting on Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> you will have the opportunity to create a flag, or a number of flags, in honor of loved ones who have passed away. A table and supplies will be set up in the parish hall (and other places around the church) and for three weeks, up until All Saints Sunday on November 5<sup>th</sup>, you can write your loved one's name on a flag, draw a picture, write a poem, describe a memory—anything you like. Use as many flags as you wish to remember as many people (or pets) as you wish. On All Saints Sunday our flags of remembrance will decorate the sanctuary.

## We have a great group of helpers in Church School!

A huge thank you to the following classroom shepherds. These folks take turns welcoming your children to Church School and help build community among the children: Lauren Bingham, Dorcie Dvarishkis, Chris Lounsbury, Heather Lounsbury, Brittany Brandt, Melanie Benson, Ceci Benson, Deb Gass, Charlotte Orr, Mark Dvarishkis, Katie Nederhoed, and Pat King. Mary Beth Jourdonnais continues helping with music during children's worship, and a variety of other adults

join us a week at a time to lead activities that reinforce our Bible lesson. This fall Marva Gallegos, Diane Rasmuson and Becki Johnson will be leading some of these activities. It takes this entire crew to pull Church School together. Thanks so much to all these folks who are willing to share their love for God with our kids.

— GRETCHEN STROHMAIER  
DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL  
FORMATION

## Serving with Gladness

In October the children will explore in-depth what it means to serve. They will identify examples of serving and service in their own experience. We will discuss our biblical call to service and explore small daily opportunities to

serve. We may even seek input from other members of our parish family as we uncover what it means to serve with gladness.

— GRETCHEN STROHMAIER



### Baptism date announced

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. Baptism takes place during the Easter Vigil service (Saturday evening, March or April), and at a Sunday service about three times a year.

The next date for baptism will be Sunday, November 5, 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. The deadline for the November 5 baptism date is October 1. Preparation for baptism needs to take place prior to the service, so please contact Rev. Terri soon!

# Serving with Gladness



## Here's what's happening at Church School in October

Sunday, October 1	Shortened children's worship. Kids join adult worship in progress
Sunday, October 8	Regular children's worship and activity station
Sunday, October 15	Regular children's worship and activity station
Sunday, October 22	No Church School due to MCPS PIR Days
Sunday, October 29	Regular children's worship (500 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Reformation)

Bible Story: Isaac & Rebekah  
Bible Story: Isaac & Rebekah

Bible Story: Joseph



## Explorations:

Opportunities to cultivate, challenge and live our faith

Join our ongoing adult book study!

## Join the discussion about *The New Jim Crow* on Wednesday evenings

**The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness** by Michelle Alexander—This adult book study facilitated by Doug Anderson continues

to meet on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. You are welcome to drop into the class even if you missed previous sessions. Come as you are able.

Restorative Justice panel discussion:

## Look at alternatives to incarceration at our panel discussion

The national Episcopal Church charged each parish around the country to study Michelle Alexander's book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. After 6 weeks of study and discussion we turn our attention to possible alternatives to incarceration. Regardless of your participation in the book study, we

invite you (as well as the wider Missoula community) to attend a panel discussion about restorative justice. Hear from local leaders and officials about what restorative justice is, how it is supposed to work, and its potential viability within Missoula. Be a part of this community-wide conversation.

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

Join us for this quiet, contemplative service:

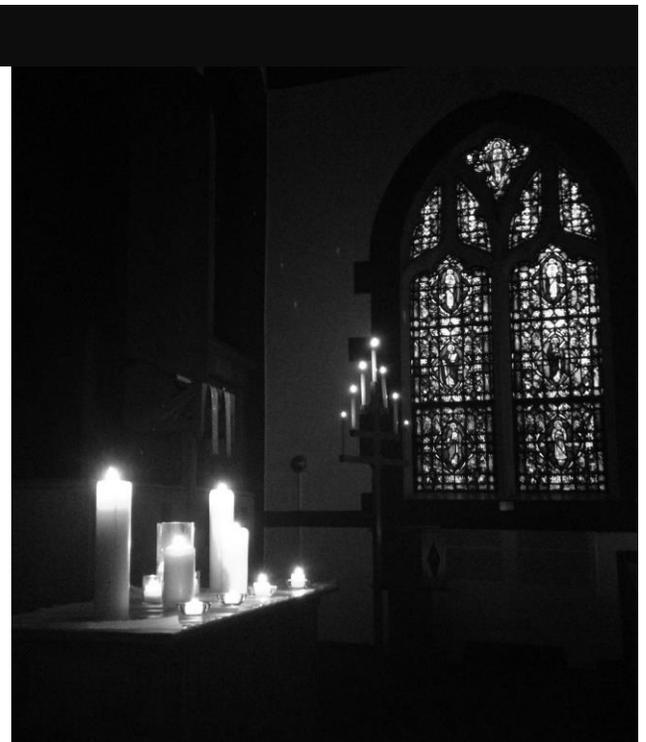
## Compline begins

On Sunday evening October 1<sup>st</sup> compline at Holy Spirit will begin a new season. 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 to the church season. We hope you will join us for this quiet contemplative service.

### *Praying our good-byes*

On Sunday evening November 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

— KEITH KUHN, COMPLINE COORDINATOR



A fall retreat October 13 and 14:  
**Women who knew Jesus**

**Retreat Details:** Gather with other women on Friday evening for introductions and a retreat warm-up. Sleep at home and return in the morning for a day-long focus on the *Women Who Knew Jesus*. After years of leading these retreats, Dr. Ring has written a book by this same title. Copies of her book will be available for purchase at the retreat.

**Retreat Content:** The women who encountered Jesus were forever changed by their experience. We invite you to spend a weekend with some of those women and let them inspire and nourish you. By allowing these Biblical women to speak with their own voices, participants will discover their similarity to those women, uncover the richness of their own stories and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

- Her community regarded the hemorrhaging woman as unclean. By taking a risk in public, she was healed by touching Jesus’s robe.
- After the Samaritan woman met Jesus, she gathered the same townspeople who had shunned her to meet the One who “knew everything” about her.
- Mary and Martha welcomed Jesus into their home. While Martha busied herself preparing dinner, Mary listened attentively to Jesus, like the male disciples.
- Mary Magdalene met Jesus at the empty tomb, and he charged her with telling the disciples the Good News of his resurrection,

Saturday’s schedule includes the retelling of the Gospel accounts of these women’s encounters with Jesus, followed by guided meditations, dyad and small group discussion, alone time and journaling and worship.

**Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>—7 to 9 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>—8:30 a.m.\* to 5:30 p.m.**

*\*Higgins Avenue will close by 9 a.m. for the Homecoming parade. Make sure to be here by 8:30.*

Register in the parish hall after services on Sundays, via phone at the church office, 542-2167, or through the website, [www.holyspiritmissoula.org](http://www.holyspiritmissoula.org). Registration fee is \$15.00. Contact Gretchen with questions at [gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org](mailto:gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org).



**Meet our retreat leader**

**Reverend Dr. Bonnie Ring--**

We are quite fortunate to have Reverend Dr. Bonnie Ring joining us on October 13 and 14. She has friends in the Missoula community, and we learned she was planning a visit here this fall. We were excited about the possibility of tapping into her wealth of knowledge and experience while she’s here. An author, retreat leader, Episcopal priest, Spiritual Director and licensed psychologist, Dr. Ring brings a depth and breadth of skills. Those who know her work say she is very thoughtful and knowledgeable, and her workshops are always moving and meaningful.



**A note about the changes to the women’s retreat**

As you may have noticed this fall we are offering something quite different for our annual women’s retreat. This change was initiated due to the remodeling in progress at Camp Marshall. If you are yearning for that lake experience...no fear! We plan to bring back our more traditional women’s retreat at the lake in the spring of 2018.

**WOMEN WHO KNEW JESUS**  
 A FALL WOMEN’S RETREAT

God’s heart revealed in Jesus’ conversations with women  
 Author & Retreat Leader Rev. Dr. Bonnie Ring

**October 13 & 14**  
 at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church  
 130 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street East

*Please join us!*

For more information or to register, contact Gretchen Strohmaier at [Gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org](mailto:Gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org)

### What are you thankful for?

Our Fall Ingathering for the United Thank Offering (UTO) will take place on Sunday, October 1, at both services. Special envelopes will be in the bulletin that day for your donations, and you can bring your Blue Boxes to church and place them in the basket at the back of the church.

The monies raised from the thank offerings are given back in the form of grants in support of programs within the dioceses of The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion that address compelling human needs and supporting the alleviation of poverty.



#### The UTO Prayer

*Gracious God, source of all true joy; accept we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all life. Keep each of us ever thoughtful for all the blessings of joy and challenges that come our way. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering. This we ask through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

# HOLIDAY MARKET

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Crafts • Antiques • Ornaments • Quilts • Collectibles • Jewelry • Raffle • Silent Auction

Lunch served on Friday, 11:30 am to 1 pm

Friday, November 10, from 9 am – 4 pm

Saturday, November 11, from 9 am – 1 pm

## Holiday Market Week – it's right around the corner!

This year's Holiday Market is right around the corner. Highlight the week of November 6-12 on your calendars. Seven days to participate in one of Holy Spirit's most popular ministries! From donating antiques, vintage goodies, and handmade crafts, to setting-up the sale, cashiering, and shopping, to enjoying a special luncheon, your participation at any level is sure to bring a fun dose of holiday spirit straight to your heart. Donations also include jewelry, new or nearly new "gift" items, framed art, and holiday decorations. (Please save all clothing, books, toys and rummage for our spring event.) You may bring your Market donations to the church anytime through Sunday, November 5. Please place them in closed and marked boxes near the coat racks in the hallway outside the Parish Hall.

First-time volunteers and all seasoned veterans are needed for the many tasks and touches Market Week involves. Men, we need you, too! Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available in the Parish Hall on Sunday October 22, 29, and November 5. We also need volunteers to provide lunch for volunteers, serve at Friday's luncheon, and tidy up after the sale. Please come with any questions or hesitations on those Sundays—we'll be there to answer all. An added bonus to

volunteering—making new Holy Spirit friends!

Missoula's Best Holiday Shopping begins when the Parish Hall doors open at 9 a.m. on Friday, November 10. Lunch on Friday will be served from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., with doors closing at 4 p.m. On Saturday, November 11, shopping continues from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Please also plan to bring your friends, family, and neighbors to our sale—all of you returning home with some of Missoula's best treasures, at certainly its best prices.

Ticket sales and bidding for this year's Market Raffle and Silent Auction will begin on Sunday, October 22, and continue each Sunday through Market Sunday, November 12. This year's items promise to blow your Santa socks off! Winning raffle tickets and auction bids will be announced following the 10:15 service on November 12.

Share and enjoy the bounty that makes our Holy Spirit family, parish, and annual Holiday Market so special. Your 2017 holiday heart will thank you too.

– TRACEY GAGE  
DIANE RASMUSON  
HOLIDAY MARKET 2017 CO-CHAIRS

# The Parenting Place and Hellgate High School: Living out Love of Our Neighbors

By proximity and parishioner engagement, we have long recognized those serving and served by The Parenting Place (PP) and Hellgate High School (HHS) as our Holy Spirit neighbors. Our work as a part of Missoula Interfaith Collaborative guided us to explore where living out a churchwide ministry with at-risk children, youth and families at PP and HHS could take us. With thanks to our PP and HHS Research and Strategy Teams (noted below), Rev. Terri and our Vestry, Holy Spirit is now stepping into a deeper relationship with both PP and HHS, beginning with calls for leadership, service, and awareness-building. Here are some initial ways you can help:

## The Parenting Place (PP)

1. Co-coordinators, willing to serve one year as the primary contacts with The Parenting Place, matching needs with volunteers within HSP and beyond
2. Fall maintenance team of 3-5 people, for a day of seasonal garden work, touch-up painting, gutter-cleaning, filter/bulb changing, etc.
3. Team of 2-3 people to assist with the weekly pick-up and periodic organizing of Bed, Bath & Beyond donations for families in need
4. Team of 3 people to work on social media promotion of PP and Donation Warehouse (DW) furniture and appliance donations and shopping. DW is a primary revenue resource for the PP.
5. Parishioners are invited to sign up for the 15-week Nurturing Program parenting classes and sessions on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Darkness to Light child sexual abuse prevention.



## Hellgate High School (HHS)

1. Co-coordinators, willing to serve one year as the primary contacts with the HHS Family Resource Center team, matching needs with volunteers within HSP and beyond

More opportunities for prayers, education, service and advocacy will be revealed as our relationships grow. To get involved with our PP and HHS ministries, please contact me at 239-7655 cell/text or dorcied@gmail.com. Thank you!

– THE REV. DORCIE DVARISHKIS

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## Our Wider Church...

The issue of domestic poverty has historically been addressed by The Episcopal Church in many ways. For example, at the last General Convention, the 78<sup>th</sup> in 2015, action was taken on eight specifically related resolutions. Creating a more just society and confronting structures that promote cycles of poverty and inequality is the continuing goal of Jubilee Ministries, one of the many programs that exist throughout the church. Jubilee Ministries were established by the General Convention of 1983, and today there are more than 700 Jubilee Ministries whose mission work affects the lives of those in need. Local congregations or agencies with connections to The Episcopal Church, designated by diocesan bishops and affirmed



by Executive Council, are encouraged to apply for annual grants of \$1000 to \$5000, awarded in two categories: development and impact. Melanie Mullen, Episcopal Church director of reconciliation, justice and stewardship of creation, has said, "Jubilee Ministries seek to fulfill Christ's mandate found in the Gospel of Matthew – to provide food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, welcome for the stranger, clothing for the naked, healing for the sick, and companionship for the captive." In the last year grants totaling \$64,612.30 have been awarded to support mission and ministry in 22 dioceses.

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**Blessing of the  
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Join us for the Blessing of the  
Animals on Sunday, October 1,  
at 3 pm in the church yard.  
All are welcome!