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Join us on September 9 for our Fall Kickoff!

Our fall season starts up on Sunday, September 9. Here's a listing of what's going on that Sunday:

- Registration for Church School and Youth Classes takes place at 9:45 a.m. in the parish hall.
- The choir returns to Sunday morning services and will be singing at the 10:15 a.m. service.
- Join us in the courtyard following the 10:15 a.m. service to check out all the various ministries and activities Holy Spirit has to offer! A light lunch will be provided.

Vestry approves new advocacy policy

The Episcopal Church has a long history of engaging in advocacy work. We need only look to the recent General Convention for examples. Resolutions were passed calling on congregations to advocate for immigrants, to work towards racial reconciliation, and to respond to the opioid epidemic (to name a few). Our baptismal covenant calls us "to respect the dignity of every human being" (Book of Common Prayer, p. 305). It is not uncommon that as we work to put action behind these words, we find ourselves being called to advocate on behalf of others.

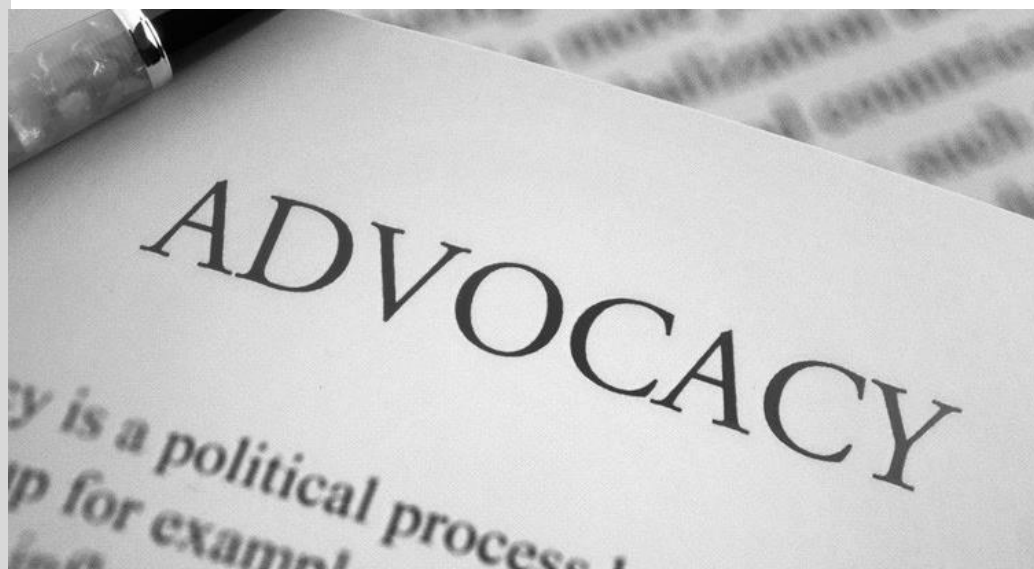
But how do we engage in this as a body? The Vestry, with much thought, prayer, congregational input, and deliberation, has adopted an advocacy policy. The intention is that this policy

will provide a process for the parish to engage in congregation-wide advocacy work. The immediate goal is to engage the parish in one issue of importance and community-wide relevance and to work together towards change in our community and/or state.

Read the policy on our website (www.holyspiritmissoula.org and see the Outreach tab) and review the advocacy example there as well.

It's time to try this out. The only way we'll learn is by moving forward. We invite you to participate in the five-session series, *Practicing Advocacy with Civility* this fall as together we continue to learn and grow as the body of Christ.

— THE REV. TERRI ANN GROTZINGER
THE REV. GRETCHEN STROHMAIER



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NEWSLETTER

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Learn more about civil discourse in this new class Practicing advocacy with civility

Join us on Tuesday evenings for five weeks starting on September 25th as we learn about civil discourse as a means to advocacy. Using The Episcopal Church's curriculum from The Office of Government Relations we'll explore:

September 25, Session I

What does Civil Discourse and Advocacy have to do with the Church?

With co-facilitators Rev. Terri and Rev. Gretchen

October 2, Session II

Bridging the Divide: How to have a productive discussion about a difficult topic

With co-facilitators Clem Work and Rev. Gretchen

October 9, Session III

Loving Your Neighbor as Yourself: Baptism and Our Shared Values

With co-facilitators Rev. Terri and Lucia Work

October 16, Session IV

Practicing Advocacy (Part One)

With co-facilitators Jim Wiley and Jesse Jaeger

October 23, Session V

Practicing Advocacy (Part Two)

With co-facilitators Carla Mettling and Margaret Watson

All sessions meet from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

PRACTICING ADVOCACY WITH CIVILITY

The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations has developed a Civil Discourse Curriculum to guide discussions about politics, policy, and legislation, while strengthening our relationships with one another. Please join us as we pause, read, reflect and learn about the nature of civil discourse, how we can practice it, and why.

Tuesday evenings, beginning September 25
7 pm to 8:30 pm
Meet in the parish hall



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Baptism date announced

The next date for baptism at Holy Spirit will be Sunday, November 4, 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 4 service, Rev. Terri needs to hear from you by Sunday, October 7. Thank you!

Registration begins at 9:45 a.m. in the parish hall **Church School kicks off on Sunday, September 9**

Sunday, September 9th, is the day! Join us to register your children for Church School (ages 0 through 5th grade) or QUEST (grades 6 through 9). Gather in the parish hall any time after 9:45 to complete a form and have your child's picture taken. There will be games in the courtyard (weather permitting). Then children will assemble downstairs for a shared children's worship time. After the 10:15 a.m. service families are invited to

linger in the courtyard to learn about the variety of ministries happening at Holy Spirit. Children (and adults) are invited to bring their instruments and play music together, and there will be games. Don't miss out on the fun. Come connect with your church family.

– THE REV. GRETCHEN STROHMAIER
DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL
FORMATION



**Bring your instruments!
Help us make a joyful noise!**

On Sunday, September 9th, you are all invited to dust off the instruments in your closets and bring them to church! After the service, during coffee hour, we will have a little jam session with whoever shows up. Don Gisselbeck has graciously agreed to arrange a few familiar hymns for easy sight-reading, so there will be music for all instruments, at all pitch levels! One note: single line instruments only (nothing that plays chords). Think of it as a band/orchestra hybrid!

If you have questions, email Nancy:
nancy.cooper@umontana.edu.

So put your instrument case by the front door on September 8th, and we'll see you on the 9th! Looking forward to it!!!!!!

– DR. NANCY COOPER
ORGANIST AND
CHOIR DIRECTOR

**Make a joyful
noise with us on
September 9!**

Church School 2018: **Our theme this year is *God's Hands***

Our theme as we kick-off another Church School year is *God's Hands*. We'll be thinking about the safety and security we can find in God. We'll investigate the ways we see God's fingerprints all around us. Psalm 95 reminds us that the caverns of the earth as well as the height of the hills are in God's hands. As we move into the year, we'll explore how Jesus functioned as God's hands on this earth and how we too are called to serve others with our hands as we share God's love with the world. It will be a rich year as we experience the Holy through our God-given sense of touch. Can't wait to explore these concepts with your kids!

– SEE YOU SOON,
THE REV. GRETCHEN STROHMAIER

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Explorations:

Opportunities
to cultivate,
challenge
and live our
faith

The Wider Church: 79th General Convention approves many different legislative actions

The 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church met for its triennial convention from July 5 to 13 in Austin, Texas, continuing a tradition begun in the late eighteenth century. Meeting every three years, the convention consists of a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies, i.e., four members of the laity and four clergy elected from each diocese, and the House of Bishops, representing each diocese. At this convention the House of Deputies was composed of 843 members from 110 dioceses, not only in the United States but including those in Central America, South America, the Caribbean, the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, and Taiwan, in addition to the official youth presence. During the three-year interim between General Conventions various committees, agencies, boards and task forces created by the General Convention are charged with the implementation of the convention's approved decisions and resolutions.

Major legislative actions from this year's convention include:

- Agreement to give full access to the trial use of marriage rites, thus allowing same-sex couples to be married by their priests in their home churches;
- Agreement to develop a plan for liturgical and prayer book revision;
- Approval for use of an expansion-language version of Rite II Eucharist prayers;
- Admission of the church in Cuba as a diocese;
- Commitment to racial reconciliation and becoming a "Beloved Community;"
- Responses to the voices and stories of women;
- Statements against the humanitarian crisis in Israel-Palestine, but not full divestment.

More information is available at www.generalconvention.org.

Join us for Sacred Space Yoga!

Come experience yoga in the church! Stretch and breathe in the center aisle. Use a pew for stability. Find your balance along a wall. Be inspired by the beauty of our worship space in a completely different way. Let the height of the ceiling and the color of the windows impact your body, mind, and spirit. These sessions are led by Suzy Wiseheart, who has practiced and taught yoga off and on for 37 years. She enjoys adapting poses for people who may feel challenged in any way, while keeping poses challenging for more practiced participants. The word yoga means "to yoke," and for Suzy merging the physical and spiritual in a yoga practice allows the body, mind, and soul to experience harmony.

What: Bring a yoga mat (or towel), and a blanket. Dress comfortably.

When: Sundays in October – October 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th

Time: 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Where: Meet in the pews

Registration: Contact Gretchen to sign up at gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org or 542-2167

Questions: Contact Suzy Wiseheart at suzywiseheart@gmail.com



Begins Oct. 7

START THE FALL OFF RIGHT. COME JOIN OUR

SACRED SPACE YOGA

LED BY SUZY WISEHEART

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Practice this ancient method of being still Join us for Centering Prayer

"Be still, then, and know that I am God" – Psalm 46:11

"But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door and pray to God in secret. And God, who sees in secret, will reward you." – Matthew 6:6

We invite you to gather to practice an ancient method of "being still" and going to your "inner room" and entering into silent prayer in which we quiet our minds and open ourselves to our God. Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer, but rather it often casts a new light and depth on the meaning of them. No experience is needed. You will be gently led into and out of the 20-minute time of silence.

Beginning in September, we will meet in the Guild Room (enter by the outside door to the far left of the church hall building) every first Friday from noon -1:00 p.m. and every third Tuesday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. You are welcome to come either or both of these days. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Dousset at 406-880-1680 or Willie Hoffer at 541-815-9609.



**Compline returns on
October 7th at 8 p.m.**

*Lord, I love the house in which
you dwell
and the place where your glory
abides. (Psalm 26)*

The days are growing shorter, and the presence of night and darkness will soon push aside summer's sunshine and warmth. And we will once again gather on the first Sunday of each month for choral compline. We hope you will join us in the candlelit chancel and nave beginning Sunday evening, October 7th. The Holy Spirit Compline Choir will help close your day, chanting Psalm 26 as well as the ending refrain, "Guide us waking and guard us sleeping." We hope you will join us.

– KEITH KUHN



Coming soon....

Join Glenn Hladek on Sunday mornings between services starting in October for a video series exploring our life together as the body of Christ in a time of cultural division.

Blessing of the Animals takes place September 30: Let's celebrate and bless the animals that are dear to us!

Come one, come all: two-footed, four-footed, feathery, large or small! We will honor creation and the relationships we share with other creatures of the world on Sunday, September 30, at 3 p.m. when we remember St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology, and offer the Blessing of the Animals. We will gather in the church courtyard, weather permitting, or inside if needed. Please be sure to care for the needs of your pets by bringing them in a carrier or on leash. You are welcome to bring a photo of a pet that has died or cannot make the trip. Children may wish to bring a stuffed animal to represent wild animals they would like to have remembered as well. All are welcome!

– REV. TERRI

Blessing of the Animals

Join us for the Blessing of the
Animals on Sunday, September 30,
at 3 pm in the church yard.
All are welcome!



Supper Club gets organized!

It is time to start thinking "Supper Club" again. If you are new to Holy Spirit or have never been in Supper Club, you are cordially invited to take this opportunity to meet new people and join the fun. Our emphasis is on finding new and interesting friends, participating in lively conversation, and enjoying good food.

We are asking for your input about how to proceed with this congregational ministry. In the past, Supper Club has consisted of individual groups. But let us consider new possibilities.

What would be your vision of the Holy Spirit Supper Club?

Please come to sign-up on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at the table following the 10:15 service. We will be able to listen to your suggestions, answer your questions, and get ready to set a date for our first group potluck.

— LAURA AND ED TAYLOR
SUPPER CLUB COORDINATORS



HOLIDAY MARKET

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

Friday, November 9, from 9 am – 4 pm
Saturday, November 10, from 9 am – 1 pm

Holiday Market 2018:

Time to mark our 2018 Holiday Market on your calendar!

Could it be Thinking About Holiday Market Time already? Yes, it is! In just two short months, Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10, Holy Spirit will again wow the community with its annual Holiday Market.

The market needs handcrafted items of all kinds, antiques, jewelry, collectibles, holiday decorations, vintage treasures, Christmas-themed books, and new or nearly new "regiftables" (please save all rummage for that sale next May), and most importantly, our volunteers. Clear your calendar, too, for the days prior to the

sale (Monday – Thursday, November 5-8) to help with market set-up. This year why not plan to bring a church friend who's not yet been involved with this ministry to help with the event? It is truly one of the church's most delightful weeks. Lots more to come, but get a head start now. Circle that week on your calendar. Get busy with your crafts. Start sorting through your no-longer-treasures, and vow to do whatever you can to make this the best market week ever.

— BETSY HOLMQUIST
HOLIDAY MARKET MINISTRY

Join the Holiday Market Craft Group

Time to get crafting for the Holiday Market!

Let's get Crafty! Join the Holy Spirit Crafters on Fridays from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. upstairs in the church office starting September 7th through November 2nd. Come any Friday and stay as long as your schedule allows. Step-by-step instructions on making

holiday decorations, ornaments, and jewelry are provided. No experience is necessary. This is a great way to meet other parishioners. For more information about the Craft Group, contact Sue Lowery at 546-8401 or smorasco@centric.net.



Hellgate High School and Parenting Place Community Ministries:

Whose face do you hold in your mind's eye?

We were gathered together around a table, lay and ordained, both current Missoula Interfaith Collaborative members and those curious about membership. We have been calling ourselves together over these last few months to learn more about the open doors and challenges our community's children, youth and families might find as they work to access needed mental and behavioral health services. New people are at each research/action meeting, and each brings their own story, perspectives and desire to move our community and state forward in breaking down service silos and barriers to access. Bridges are being built, across the table and across our community. Leaders are being raised up. And our prayer, as we begin each meeting, is to quietly hold in our mind's eye the face of one child, one student, who we know

is struggling to address mental and behavioral health needs. They remind us why we are about this work.

As we begin a new season with our community ministries at the Parenting Place and Hellgate High School, I would ask you to quietly hold in your mind's eye the face of one child, one student, who may be motivating you to get involved in service, education, and/or advocacy with our community ministries. Then let your Amen be to reach out to A'Lisa Scott, our Hellgate coordinator (adfams@montana.com), or me for Parenting Place, so we can help you bring your gifts to the table.

— ALONGSIDE YOU,
THE REV. DORCIE DVARISHKIS
239-7655, dorcied@gmail.com

First Annual Faith, Science & Climate Action Conference in Bozeman, October 12 and 13

The Montana Faith and Environment Coalition (MFEC) will be hosting the first annual Faith, Science & Climate Action Conference in Bozeman, October 12 and 13, 2018. The conference is to facilitate discussion between Montana faith leaders and scientists to address climate change. The conference will provide tools and resources for attendees to enlist engagement and involvement for more effective climate action.

There will be nationally-recognized speakers from both the science and faith communities. Topics will include discussion of such key issues of how both communities can engage in mutually constructive discussions to more effectively change hearts and minds and studies from scientists on the changes already evident in Montana. Speakers will include The Rev. Canon Sally Bingham, one of the first faith leaders to recognize action around changing climate as a moral imperative; Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, an evangelical Christian and accomplished atmospheric scientist who directs the Climate Science Center at Texas Tech; and Dr. Bruce Maxwell, co-director of the Institute on Ecosystems at Montana State University.

Detailed information and registration for the conference is available on the website: www.fscconference.org, or you may contact The Rev. Connie Campbell-Pearson at info@fscconference.org or 406.333.1851.

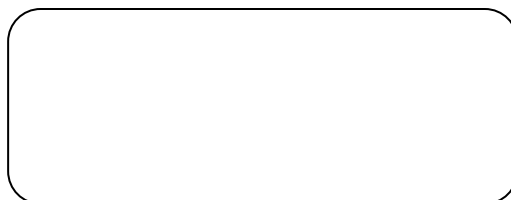
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