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Empowering
creativity,
compassion
and calling.



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Ministers



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NOVEMBER 3
INGATHERING SUNDAY

Please complete the enclosed Financial Pledge Card and place it in the offertory plate on or before Sunday, November 3. Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Spirit community.

To make your pledge today, please call the church office at (406) 542-2167.

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Dear Friends,

Ever go on a hike and set out for an overlook or the top of a mountain to see the view from there?

To stand and look at things from such a height is invigorating, offers perspective, and can lead us to envision new possibilities and opportunities. Rarely do we accomplish the climb without challenges: delays caused by a bear or a moose on the trail, or a steeper climb than we expected because of a washout, or an unclear path ahead.

After many hours, we pause to catch our breath. We can see the top of the mountain now, and in our tiredness, we wonder if we have enough in us to make it. We look back at how far we've come, anticipate the view from the top, look at what remains ahead and resolve to carry on. We've invested too much not to give it everything we've got, right? When we reach the top, sometimes exhausted, we are rewarded with a vista as far as we can see: new peaks and terrain to dream about and explore in the future. And, those words: "We did it!"

The scriptures say that with God we can do more than we can imagine.

Look back over the past seven years. Did any of us at Holy Spirit really know what further empowering the creativity, compassion and calling of the baptized would bring? Using seed monies from funds left to the parish, we expanded staff efforts in spiritual formation and youth ministry. We encouraged laity to more broadly share ministry leadership and formation, which has strengthened the community and extended our efforts within and beyond our walls. We now have over 30 sustained ministries nurturing our faith and broadening our reach to serve the needs of the wider world. Now, we are pausing to catch our breath, nearing the summit ahead. Will we exclaim, "With God's help, we did it!"?

What is this summit I'm talking about? Setting our resolve as a community of faith to eliminate our known, annually recurring shortfall, which is possible if everyone increases their annual financial pledge—not just for one year, but in a sustained way. We know what we have together is working. Solving our budget for good—without emptying our Parish Reserves—will allow us to really respond to God's call to us in the future, with financial resources to help us adapt ministry to a rapidly changing world.

I invite you to read your Senior Warden's letter that spells out the specific needs we see ahead, and resolve to make a pledge. If you are already a pledger, resolve to upping your pledge today. We can do this. We can reach the summit. May the Spirit grant us the will and the perseverance to do so.

With much gratitude,

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The Reverend Terri Ann Grotzinger

*Nearing
the
Summit*