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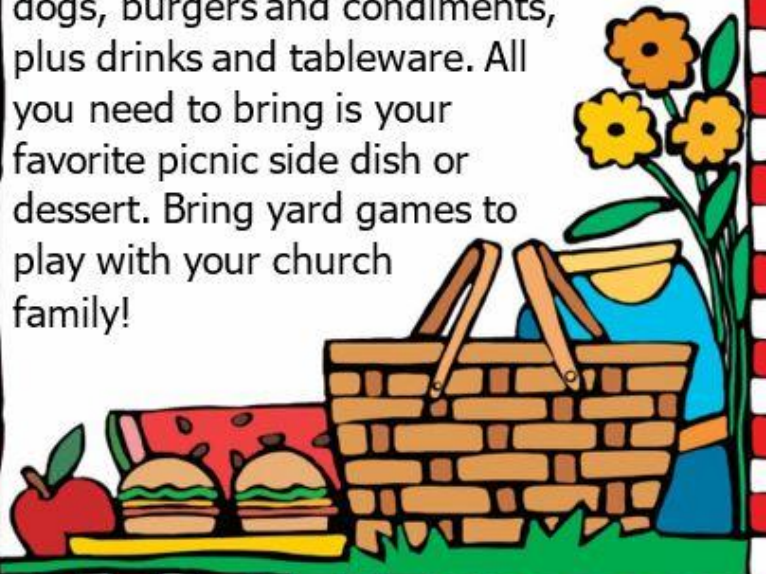
Silver Park Picnic

Shelter

1 pm-3 pm

July 30

The church will provide hot dogs, burgers and condiments, plus drinks and tableware. All you need to bring is your favorite picnic side dish or dessert. Bring yard games to play with your church family!



■ WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Parish Life

WE WELCOME FORMER JOHN ELLIS INTERN BEN CORNELIUS-BATES to our service this morning. Ben is completing a DMA in composition at the University of West Virginia, and is the director of music at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery in Pittsburgh. Ben and his family come to Missoula every summer to see family; we are thankful that he continues to visit, and share his music with us.

COPIES OF THE APPROVED VESTRY MINUTES are available in the literature rack at the back of the church, on a stand by the Vestry bulletin board in the parish hall, and on the parish website, holyspiritmissoula.org. A copy of the approved financial statement is posted on the Vestry bulletin board in the parish hall and is available from the church office by request.

Throughout the summer please join us for a simplified **SUMMER COFFEE HOUR** following the 10:15 a.m. service. The Vestry will provide the beverages and treats and invites you to join in this time of hospitality.

SUMMER CHOIR! All Are Welcome! Everyone who loves to sing is encouraged to come to church at 9:30 a.m. and meet in the choir stalls to sing a hymn together that will be sung at the offertory. No vesting, no processing—just coming up at the peace, singing together, and then returning to the pews. Anyone from rising second graders to retirees is welcome to join us; all that's needed is a love of singing! We'll sing only that Sunday's music so there's no need to worry about missing a rehearsal for a future song; we'll be singing week-to-week only.

On Sunday, July 23, we will again welcome to our service a group of **STUDENTS FROM SHOKEI JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN JAPAN**. They are a part of the Montana Summer Program that has been going on in Missoula since 1994—making this the 23rd year hosting students from Shokei. The students will sing two hymns during the 10:15 service—one in English, and one in Japanese. They will do a Japanese folk dance for us during Coffee Hour. Please join us!

Could you brighten a child's life and give him or her a stronger start to the new school year by **DONATING A NEW OR GENTLY USED BOOK?** Holy Spirit Parish will once again be coordinating the book drive portion of the annual Back-to-School BASH which is held in August. We are collecting new and gently used books for children and young adults up to age 18 today. Please look for a plastic bin in the entryway ready to collect your donations. Thank you! We will be collecting books throughout the summer.

SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR DRIVE—When we think of clothing that children are excited to wear for the first day of school, we think of a Griz sweatshirt or cowboy boots, not a package of new socks and underwear. That, however, is what excited many of the 300 local children who came to select back-to-school outfits at St. Paul Lutheran Church last August. The socks and underwear were part of the clothing provided at the church's 31st Annual Gary Turbak Memorial Back-to-School Clothing Project. Once again this year, Holy Spirit parishioners are asked to join other members of the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative in donating new packages of socks and underwear to be given to children in need, ages 4 to 12. **Donations will be accepted at Holy Spirit for three Sundays, July 23, July 30, and August 6.** Please help make the first day of school a positive one for every child. Thank you!

Join your church family on Sunday, July 30, at Silver Park for a **CHURCH PICNIC** at 1 p.m. Silver Park is Missoula's newest park and is located just west of Ogren Park (the Osprey baseball stadium) at Allegiance Field. We have reserved the picnic shelter for our group, and we'll have a great time with lots of good food, games and fun. Please plan to join us! The church will provide hot dogs, burgers and condiments, plus drinks and tableware. All you need to bring is your favorite picnic side dish, salad or dessert to share, a folding chair, and a yard game (if you like)! So we can plan for food, please let us know if you are coming by contacting us at office@holyspiritmissoula.org or at 542-2167.

Church School

CHURCH SCHOOL COLLECTING PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS—Don't throw away your plastic caps! Often the caps or lids to our plastic bottles are not recyclable and so we end up throwing them out. In an effort to CLEAN UP THE EARTH our CUTE Kids program is focused on collecting those lids. The children intend to use the lids for an art project. Please collect your lids and drop them by either the church office or the parish hall. Thanks so much.

Explorations

The following Christian formation classes and programs offer a wide variety of educational opportunities aimed at helping us Cultivate, Challenge and Live our Faith

Have you considered **EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM)**? A new group is forming this fall, and it is a wonderful opportunity to make your faith come alive! We are all called to ministry, the laity and the ordained, through our Baptismal vow. Not to be confused with the discernment process for ordination to the diaconate or priesthood, EfM is one of many ways to deepen our faith and live into our Baptism as lay people. Through study, prayer and reflection, EfM groups move toward a new understanding of the fullness of God's kingdom.

Registration is now taking place! Please contact Julie Benson to register or with any questions at teambenson@yahoo.com or 406-241-8365.

THE CENTERING PRAYER GROUP, led by Willie Hoffer, meets on the third Tuesday of each month, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Guild Room. **That will be Tuesday, July 18 this month.** Centering Prayer is a meditation process that invites us to enter an inner sacred space to quiet our minds, open our hearts and take rest in the Love of God. You will be gently led into the silence. No experience needed! If you have questions, please call Willie Hoffer at 541-815-9609.

COMING THIS FALL, a 6-week book study led by Doug Anderson on *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. We are currently planning a culminating panel discussion to discuss Restorative Justice in our community and our state. If you are interested in being part of the planning for this event, please contact Gretchen at the church office.

Meaningful Movies

The Social Concerns Committee is planning a **“MEANINGFUL MOVIES” SERIES OF DOCUMENTARIES** over the summer, so we can sit back, eat popcorn, socialize with our church family, and find out about various social justice issues across our nation and the world. Many of them will concern HSP's chosen focus of at-risk families and youth. Each documentary will be followed by a discussion led by one of the SCC members. So mark these Wednesday evenings on your calendar: August 9 and August 23, and plan to join us at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall on those evenings!

THE NEXT MOVIE WILL BE selected parts of *A Path Appears*, the video based on the best-selling book *A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity*, by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn.

A Path Appears follows Kristof and WuDunn as they explore the devastating impact of poverty in America, and the ripple effects that follow of gender-based violence and child abuse, sex trafficking and sex slavery. In their travels, they meet with abused women and girls, as well as inspiring activists, including an Episcopal priest in Nashville, who are creating effective solutions to gender-based oppression, transforming lives, and providing a road map for sustainable future change. The title of the book and video is borrowed from Lu Xun, Chinese essayist, who wrote “Hope is like a path in the countryside. Originally there is nothing, but as people walk this way again and again, a path appears.”

The movie will be shown on Wednesday, August 9th, at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Carla Mettling will lead the discussion afterwards.