

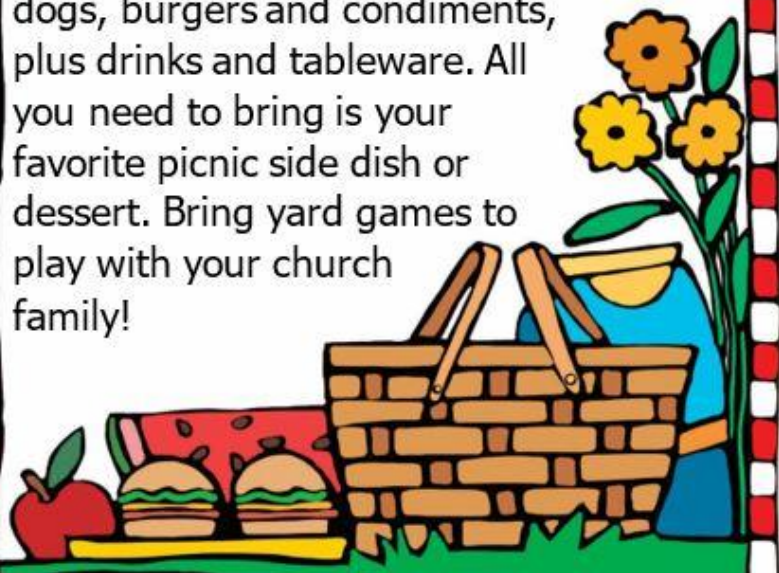
# Picnic

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*

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**THIS MORNING, WE 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. During the program students live on campus and take morning classes to improve their English and understanding of our culture. During the two weeks Shokei students are in Missoula they hike the M, visit farmer's market, enjoy a BBQ at Salmon Lake and attend a variety of activities. 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 make them feel welcome!

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.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:office@holyspiritmissoula.org) or at 542-2167.

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.

**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. **No summer choir this week – but we'll be back next week and continue through the rest of the summer!**

**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](http://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.

Through September 1, the **CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Friday afternoons, starting at 12 noon. **The office will be closed on Friday, July 28.**

## *Explorations*

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**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](mailto: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, August 15, next 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:** *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. Join Deacon Doug Anderson for what promises to be an illuminating 6-week book study starting Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and running through Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The group will meet in the Guild Room from 7-8:30 pm to discuss this provocative book which has been delineated a “must read” for all congregations by the national Episcopal Church.

**Copies of the book are available for purchase in the church office for \$12. Admittedly a dense book, you may want to consider purchasing and beginning to read now.**

We are currently planning a culminating panel discussion on Wednesday, November 1, from 7-8:30 pm 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*

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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.

**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* which follows Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl 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 movie will be shown on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. Carla Mettling will lead the discussion afterwards. The final movie of our Meaningful Movies series will be Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.