

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.

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■ WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Parish Life

Join us in the courtyard following the 10:15 a.m. service today for our **KICKOFF SUNDAY!** It's a great way to get involved in the life of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church! You will be given the opportunity to explore Holy Spirit's wonderful and extensive ministries. Representatives from many groups will give you a chance to learn what they do and also give you a chance to sign up to join them. A light lunch will be provided.

THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM TEXT is taken from the Gospel appointed for today, verses 19-20: "Truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Holy Spirit's second **MYANMAR TEACHING MISSION** is coming together! Plans are underway for a three-week trip next January, and there is still room for up to three more volunteers. To learn more about the trip and what's involved, come to the informational meeting on Wednesday, September 13, at 6 p.m. in the parish hall. You can also contact Clem Work at 728-2760 or at clem.work@gmail.com for more information.

FROM JERICHO TO JERUSALEM: HIGHLIGHTS FROM A HOLY LAND TOUR—Last call for a look at a 'somewhat' chronological tour of biblically related sites and events in Israel and Jordan. Jim and Jeanne Clark will share portions of their four-week trip to Israel and Jordan on Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Guild Room. There will be time for questions and discussion. No reservations are needed, and light refreshments will be available.

THE HOLIDAY MARKET CRAFT GROUP is now meeting! Join us on Fridays at 10 a.m. upstairs in the church office. We will meet every Friday until the Holiday Market on November 10 and 11, making ornaments, holiday decorations, and jewelry to sell. This is a great way to meet other parishioners. No experience is necessary, and you can come any Friday and stay as long as your schedule allows. For more information about the Craft Group, contact Sue Lowery at 546-8401 or smorasco@centric.net.

The next regular **VESTRY MEETING** will take place on Monday, September 18, at 12:15 p.m. in the Guild Room. As always, Vestry meetings are open to all members of the parish, and the proposed agenda is posted on the parish website a few days in advance of the meeting, www.holyspiritmissoula.org.

Join Karen Shelly, Urban Forestry Inventory Coordinator for the DNRC, as she leads us in a **TREE WALK** on the University of Montana campus. Designated as a state arboretum by the Montana legislature in 1991, the campus has trees representing a variety of geographic regions within the United States. Celebrate the transition to autumn and savor the grandeur of God's creation as you enjoy this tree walk. Gather during coffee hour on Sunday, September 17, to organize transportation to campus. Bring a sack lunch or snacks. The walk will take at least an hour and a half. Contact Karen Shelly with questions at kmsshelly@msn.com.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Please remember to mark Thursday, September 28, on your calendars for the next blood drive the Red Cross will be holding at our church. Donors will be able to sign up after the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services on Sundays September 10th, 17th, and 24th.

Please join the fun! Holy Spirit's **SUPPER CLUB** is organizing new groups during Coffee Hour after the 10:15 a.m. service today. Supper Club is for anyone who enjoys good food and good company. It is not necessary to host a gathering or even cook! Your contribution is at any level with which you feel comfortable. Let us know you are interested by signing up after church today, by calling the church office, 542-2167, or Ed and Laura Taylor, 721-1205, or just write your name and phone number on this insert and hand it to an usher. We'd love to have you join us for Supper (Club)!

NEW THIS YEAR IS A "YOUNG ADULTS" SUPPER CLUB GROUP.

This group will meet monthly, with hosting duties rotating through the group, and we are looking for 3 to 4 individuals or couples to begin this flagship group. Please email Elizabeth Ettenger at elizabeth.ettenger@gmail.com for more information or to join. Supper Club will begin meeting in late September.

Youth Ministry

QUEST, our Sunday morning class for 6th through 9th graders, begins today, following Church School registration. QUEST meets upstairs in the parish hall, across from the Choir Room.

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

Join us for our **SUNDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY**. Join Jocelyn Siler on Sunday mornings, September 10, 17 and 24, for a discussion of Martin Luther King Jr.'s book, *Strength to Love*. In these short meditative and sermonic pieces, some of them composed in jails and all of them crafted during the tumultuous years of the Civil Rights struggle, Dr. King articulated in a deeply compelling way his commitment to justice and to the intellectual, moral, and spiritual conversion that makes his work as much a blueprint today for Christian discipleship as it was then. This group will meet on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Guild Room. Order your own copy of the book. Contact Jocelyn with questions at jfsiler@montana.com.

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, September 19, 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: *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 20th and running through Wednesday, October 25th. The group will meet in the Guild Room from 7-8:30 p.m. 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 p.m. 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.

SAVE THE DATES! Join us for a **WOMEN'S RETREAT** here at Holy Spirit on October 13 and 14. The Reverend Dr. Bonnie Ring, author of *Women Who Knew Jesus*, will be the retreat leader. You can register for the retreat online at www.holyspiritmissoula.org or at the church office.

Coming Up

Come one, come all: two-footed, four-footed, feathery, large or small! We will honor creation and the relationships we share with other animals of the world on Sunday, October 1, 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.