

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.

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■ WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Parish Life

CHURCH SCHOOL AND QUEST ARE NOW IN SESSION! Come and register your child any Sunday for Nursery through 5th Grade, and QUEST, the class for 6th through 9th graders.

Join Karen Shelly, Urban Forestry Inventory Coordinator for the DNRC, as she leads us in a **TREE WALK** on the University of Montana campus today following the 10:15 a.m. service. 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 today 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 kmselly@msn.com.

JOIN US FOR A WELCOME WEEK EVENT HERE AT HOLY SPIRIT ON SEPTEMBER 18! What spice do Syrians like in their coffee? How do you say "delicious" in Arabic? What stringed instrument do Iraqis play? Meet, greet and compete in Missoula's first **CULTURE QUIZ**, right here at Holy Spirit! Test your knowledge of new Missoulians' cultures in a Jeopardy-style trivia game, followed by potluck dessert and table games from Iraq, Syria and other countries in the region. Come to the parish hall at 7 p.m., next Monday, September 18. Bring your friends and your favorite dessert dish! Sponsored by SALAM (Standing Alongside America's Muslims), this is one of nine cultural events during Soft Landing's Welcoming Week September 15-24, a national, annual week celebrating our country's immigrants, refugees, and native-born residents to raise awareness of the benefits of welcoming everyone. And if you'd like to volunteer to help before, during or after the Culture Quiz, please let us know! Thanks!

– Clem Work, clem.work@gmail.com

Sign up continues today for Holy Spirit's **FALL BLOOD DRIVE**. You can sign up after either service today for donation slots from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 28.

We are looking for a few more people who would like to be a part of our ministry of hospitality and provide **COFFEE HOUR**. Coffee Hour is a wonderful way to get to know the people in the congregation and for them to get to know you. We would like to have three or four people each Sunday to help serve coffee and put out treats. This is such a meaningful part of our church community. Please consider helping out! You can sign up at today's Coffee Hour or you can contact our Coffee Hour Coordinator Kathy Swannack: 406-240-4850 (cell) or email her at swannacks@msn.com.

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.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PRAYER GROUP will be on Sunday, September 24, after the 10:15 service in the Guild Room. This group has made a commitment to pray daily or weekly for people who are sick or home-bound or in any need or crisis. All are welcome.

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. 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.

On Sunday, October 1, we will have our **FALL INGATHERING FOR THE UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)**. We will be bringing our donations to the Diocesan Convention in Helena, October 6-8, so please bring your Blue Boxes (available at the back of the church or in the parish hall) to church on October 1. Special envelopes will also be available in the bulletin that morning. Your checks for UTO should be made payable to "Holy Spirit Parish" with UTO written on the memo line.

COMPLINE RESUMES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1. Compline, the ancient service of plainchant and contemplative prayer, will be offered on the first Sunday of each month, beginning October 1, and continuing through June. The service will take place at 8 p.m. and will last no longer than a half hour. This will be a time of quiet, of meditation and prayer; the church will be candlelit. Our daily lives are full of activity and sound and multi-tasking and hurrying. Come join us, on the first Sunday of each month, the first day of the week, for a half hour of quiet and calm. Compline.

THE NEXT DATE FOR BAPTISM will be Sunday, November 5, 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. She needs to hear from you by Sunday, October 1.

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.

Youth Ministry

YOUTH GROUP (grades 6-12) will kick off today, September 17, from 6-7:30 p.m. We'll have pizza, games, fellowship, and discussion, and we'll brainstorm about the year to come. Hope you can join us! Bring your friends!

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 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. **Please order your own copy of the book. Admittedly a dense book, you may want to consider purchasing and beginning to read now.** We are currently