

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

11:45 am: **Movie Screening of *Selma* at the Roxy:** (community reflections and discussion to follow)

5:00 pm: **Youth Rally at Caras Park Downtown:** Youth leaders Meshayla Cox and Sydnie Sinclair will speak on how they're taking action to address social issues and violence impacting young people of color in their community.

5:45 pm: **Community Peace March from Caras Park over the Higgins St. Bridge to St. Paul Lutheran Church**

6:00 pm: **Community Celebration at St. Paul Lutheran Church:** Keynote Address by Wilmot Collins, Mayor of Helena, Montana.  
Presentation of awards for the MLK Jr. Youth Art and Essay contest.  
Performances by Andre Floyd and the Lewis and Clark Peace Choir.

7:45 pm: **Community Dinner and Social** following the celebration program in the St. Paul Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation \$5-\$10

For more information about the program, contact Empower Montana at 406-541-6891 or email [info@empowermt.org](mailto:info@empowermt.org).

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## ■ WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### *Our Parish Life*

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**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help take down the Christmas decorations on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. in the church. Your help will be much appreciated! For more information or to help, please contact Margaret Borg, 626-4785.

**COME WELCOME IN EPIPHANY, THE SEASON OF LIGHT.** Join us for Compline tonight at 8 p.m. when we will celebrate the light of Christ in the world. The choir will begin the service with a 13<sup>th</sup> century plainchant setting of "Alleluia, song of gladness," before chanting the "voice of the Lord" in the 29<sup>th</sup> Psalm. Please join us!

If we're flipping the calendar to another new year, it's time to think again about **DONATING SOCKS, HATS AND GLOVES TO NEEDY RESIDENTS OF MISSOULA'S POVERELLO CENTER**, which provides shelter to the city's homeless and underserved population. A red-and-white-striped box with dangling socks and gloves will be ready to receive donations in the parish hall on Sunday, January 7, and will be available through Sunday, January 28. For each of the past two years, Holy Spirit parishioners have contributed more than 80 pounds of new and gently used socks, gloves, and hats. These donations have made a huge difference to the men and women who spend many hours in Missoula's cold and windy weather, according to the Pov's grateful outreach coordinator. Be sure to check out the post-holiday sales that many stores offer. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

An important part of our worship at Holy Spirit is the opportunity to pray by name for people in need. We pray for members of our congregation and for many others for whom our prayers are requested. **ON JANUARY 7 WE WILL MAKE A FRESH START WITH THE PRAYER LIST INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE.** In order to keep our prayers current and meaningful, we are asking for your help. If there is someone whose name you would like to have on the list, please give that information to Judy Parock ([office@holyspiritmissoula.org](mailto:office@holyspiritmissoula.org) or 542-2167). The renewed list will include only the names which have been sent to us and the names of our shut-in parishioners. We know that many prayer needs are on-going. Please let us know which names need to remain on the list. Thank you for your help and for your understanding.

As you pack away this year's Christmas decorations, why not label a box for **HOLY SPIRIT'S 2018 HOLIDAY MARKET**? We'd love to have your cast-offs and will store them immediately to help you with your resolutions to make 2018 a clutter-free year! (Or, at least a bit more clutter-free.) Please bring your boxes—sealed completely—and labeled "Holiday Market 2018" to the coat rack

area off the Guild Room by Sunday, January 14. No strings of lights, please. Best to toss those. Thank You.

**WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT**—Catherine Reilly is hosting an opportunity to get out of the house and off of the couch during a dark January night. Connect with other women of the parish, and enjoy a drink of your choice. Meet on Thursday, January 18, at 7 p.m. at The Depot.

Our next **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church will be on Thursday, February 22, 2018. If you are a regular blood donor, you cannot give blood between December 27, 2017 and February 22 if you want to be eligible to give blood at the church on February 22. We thank you now for your participation in helping us provide this service. Look for more information in the January *Paraclete*.

**THE NEXT DATE FOR BAPTISM** will be at our Easter Vigil service on Saturday, March 31, at the 7:30 p.m. service. If you are interested in baptism at that time, either for yourself or for your child, please contact Rev. Terri. **The deadline for the March 31 baptism date is March 4.**

## *Annual Meeting*

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Holy Spirit's **ANNUAL MEETING** will take place on Sunday, January 28, in the parish hall following the 10:15 a.m. service. Please plan to join us! A light meal will be served at a cost of \$4. Reservations for the meal will be taken after services starting January 14, or you may call the church office at 542-2167 before January 24.

The members of Holy Spirit will be **ELECTING SIX MEMBERS TO THE VESTRY** at the Annual Meeting on January 28. Four will serve three-year terms, and two will fill out unexpired terms of departing Vestry members. When the slate is complete, we will post the Vestry nominee profiles in the Sunday bulletin.

If you would like nomination as a **DELEGATE TO NEXT FALL'S DIOCESAN CONVENTION** to be held October 5-7 at St. Andrew's in Polson, please telephone the church office at 542-2167 before January 24. Delegates will be elected at the Annual Meeting on January 28.

## *Stewardship*

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**OUR CHURCH'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** is underway. Already 181 households have responded by pledging \$358,283, and we give thanks for these pledges. We invite you to join in and make a difference. Your

pledge—whether it's \$5 per week (about \$250 for the year) or more—is important! We urge you to send in your pledge card this week, as we are close to finalizing next year's budget. Please place your pledge card in the offering plate at either service today. If you have misplaced your pledge card, extra pledge cards may be found in the pew or in the literature rack at the back of the church.

## *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**

**PERHAPS YOU MISSED A *THRILL OF HOPE* IN ADVENT. IT'S NOT TOO LATE!** Catch the final section of this moving DVD in which artist John August Swanson interprets and illustrates the familiar Christmas story. On Sunday, January 7, between services, at 9 a.m., Bonnie Lee and Holly Swartz will host the final session. You will see artwork based on the story of presenting Jesus in the temple, Luke 2:21-40 and the flight to Egypt, from Matthew 2:13-15. Explore the detail of the art, savor the beauty, and be challenged by the Biblical interpretation provided by scholars from Candler School of Theology at Emory.

**PARTNERS FOR REINTEGRATION.** As a follow-up to *The New Jim Crow* book study and Restorative Justice panel discussion, leaders from Partners for Reintegration will join us on Wednesday, January 31, at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Hear from Jana Staton, John Daniels and Judge Landee Holloway as they share about the state of reintegration in Missoula. Learn about what it takes to rejoin society after incarceration, and hear about steps our community is taking to support individuals trying to make a successful transition home. Hear about what individuals and churches can do to support this effort.

**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, January 16, 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.

## *Upcoming Events*

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**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY CELEBRATION: MONDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

*(For the complete schedule of events, please see the back of the insert.)*