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2017
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Karen Shelly
Ann Suter
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2018
John Crowley
Tracey Gage
Phil Mediate
Paul Polzin

2019
Don Gisselbeck
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Jesse Jaeger
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■ WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Parish Life

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 is ready to receive donations in the parish hall, 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!

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PRAYER GROUP is scheduled for today at 9 a.m. in the Tower 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.

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

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. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church and in the parish hall.

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. Those nominated are: Jim Wiley, Mary Jennings, Ann Wiltse, Elizabeth Ettenger, Tom Todd and Jennifer Allen. In order for you to better know the people who have been nominated to the Vestry, profiles are available 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. You can also sign up to be a delegate at the Annual Meeting table in the parish hall after both services today.

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

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.

COMING IN FEBRUARY: OUR LENTEN POTLUCK SERIES BEGINS! Held by something bigger: **Connecting to the depths of faith** is our theme this year. Join your church family this Lent as we explore:

- **Worship:** Why bother?
- **Prayer:** What is it, really?

- **Community:** What difference does it make?
- **God's Presence:** Am I open to it?

Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent, beginning February 21 and continuing through March 21. As always, we will begin in the parish hall with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m., and our program will begin in the church around 7:15 p.m. Childcare will be available. Please plan to join us!

Upcoming Events

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY CELEBRATION: MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH

"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.