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2018

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2019

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2020

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■ WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Parish Life

WE WARMLY WELCOME Bishop C. Franklin Brookhart, Jr. here for his official visitation to Holy Spirit Episcopal Church and confirmation of a class of young people and adults. **Those being confirmed are:** Andrew Earhart, Anthony (TJ) Higuera, Corin Iudicello, Ezra Strohmaier, Rachel Suter, Thaddeus Brinkman, Jennifer Dousset, Elizabeth Ettenger, and Heather Lounsbury. **Those being received are:** Barbara Kennedy and Michael Kennedy.

FOLLOWING THE DISMISSAL, we will process directly into the parish hall for a reception for the confirmands and the opportunity to visit with the bishop.

Please enclose your offering to the **BISHOP'S DISCRETIONARY FUND** in the white envelope provided and put it in the offering plate at both services today. You can also contribute to the fund by making a contribution to the loose offering. Checks should be made payable to "The Episcopal Diocese of Montana," designating on the memo line "Discretionary Fund." This fund is essential to the bishop's ministry as he meets the pastoral needs of the Diocese. Please be generous.

The Vestry seeks your feedback on a **DRAFT ADVOCACY POLICY** currently under their consideration. You may find the draft policy along with instructions for your comments in the Spirited Times e-letter, on our Website under the "NEWS" heading, and in hard copy form at the back of the church and in the parish hall. Comments will be received through Sunday, February 18th.

Our annual **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** is Tuesday, February 13, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring the family and enjoy "all you can eat" pancakes and sausages, juice and coffee for just a little money. Did you know that "shrove" is a form of the verb "shrive" which means to forgive? It refers to the ancient practice of going to confession or being "shriven" as part of one's annual preparation for Lent. In days when a strict Lenten fast was observed, eating fattening foods containing milk and eggs was forbidden. For that reason, cooks whipped up stacks of pancakes to be consumed before Ash Wednesday. So, start your Lent by helping us use up all those rich ingredients and filling up on pancakes and sausages graciously served by the men of Holy Spirit. Cost: adults, \$4; kids, 5-12, \$3; and 4 and under, free! Hope to see you there!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES with the Imposition of Ashes will take place at 12 noon and 7 p.m. in the church on Wednesday, February 14. Both services conclude with the Eucharist. An offering will be taken at both services to benefit the Outreach Fund of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church. We thank you for your generosity.

Registration to be a donor at the **ANNUAL BLOOD DRAWING** continues today after both services and continues through February 18. Sign-up sheets will be available at the table in the parish hall at both Sunday services. Holy Spirit Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, February 22, from 2 p.m. to 6:15

p.m. in the parish hall. For those regular blood donors who want to give at our drawing, you need to know that December 27 was the last day to meet the Red Cross requirement to have at least 56 days in between blood donations. Please consider being a part of our Red Cross Blood Drive.

HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR LENTEN POTLUCK ON MARCH 7.

The sign-up sheet will be available on the Coffee Hour table, or contact the church office, 542-2167. We will send you an instruction sheet to help you through the set up and clean up for the Lenten potluck. Please consider being a part of this wonderful ministry of hospitality!

Please help yourself to the **2018 LENTEN MEDITATIONS** booklets on the table at the back of the church and in the parish hall. Episcopal Relief & Development invites you to “Learn from Our Children” with this year’s Lenten Meditations, featuring reflections written by staff, partners and friends from around the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE VESTRY for February will take place on Monday, February 12, at 12:00 p.m. in the parish hall. As always, Vestry meetings are open to all members of the parish, and the Vestry agenda is posted on the parish website, holyspiritmissoula.org.

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.**

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 THE GOOD BOOK CLUB THIS LENT AND EASTER. The Good Book Club is an invitation to all Episcopalians to join in reading the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts during Lent-Easter 2018. Episcopalians will start reading Luke on Sunday, February 11 and read a section of Luke’s Gospel every day through the season of Lent. The entire season of Easter will be devoted to daily readings from the Book of Acts. Already individuals, congregations, and

organizations have committed to being a part of the Good Book Club, and we’re extending this invitation to everyone at Holy Spirit. Follow this link to find the daily readings, <http://www.goodbookclub.org/readings/>, or pick up a paper copy of the daily readings in the parish hall.

VISIT GOODBOOKCLUB.ORG AND BE SURE TO CLICK ON THE RESOURCES PAGE!

- Find an app for your phone that breaks the readings down day by day
- Sign up for a podcast
- Download a reflection guide, Bible study or journal
- Join a blog

A NEW SUNDAY MORNING STUDY BEGINS IN LENT—During the Sundays in Lent, starting on Sunday, February 18, between services (running through Sunday, March 25), from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Guild Room, we’ll offer a discussion time for adults who are reading the book of Luke. We’ll use the book, *A Journey with Luke*, that offers theological reflections written by faith leaders from around the world. Enrich your Lent, commit to reading Scripture, and share the experience with other members of your church family. To order a copy of the book (\$13) contact Gretchen at 542-2167 or gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org or the church office at 542-2167 or office@holyspiritmissoula.org.

COMING THIS MONTH: 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?

Plan now to join us on the five 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. Details about what to bring will be in upcoming bulletins and in the *Spirited Times*. The program will begin around 7:15 p.m. in the church. Childcare and supervised homework time will begin at 7 p.m. downstairs in the Church School area. Please plan to join us!

Youth Ministry

SKI TRIP PLANNED! There will be a **YOUTH GROUP SKI TRIP** on Saturday, February 24, to Discovery Ski Area. We’ll meet at Holy Spirit at 9 a.m. and leave from here. Check out the website skidiscovery.com for ticket pricing. Financial assistance is also available. Bring any ski equipment you may have. We also may need help with transportation, so please let PJ know if you can help. You can reach PJ at pj@holyspiritmissoula.org.

