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2017

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Karen Shelly

Ann Suter

Jeannie Warner

2018

John Crowley

Tracey Gage

Phil Mediate

Paul Polzin

2019

Don Gisselbeck

Glenn Hladek

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Helen Matveyeff

■ WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Parish Life

OUR CHURCH'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL is underway. Already 130 households have responded by pledging \$287,065.00. Let's keep the momentum going! Please place your pledge card in the offering plate at either service today, or mail it to the church office later this week. 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.

THERE ARE A VARIETY OF WAYS TO PLEDGE:

If you like to use the paper pledge card provided, it is easily taped or stapled for confidentiality, so an envelope is not necessarily required. Return your pledge in one of several ways:

- Mail your pledge card in the envelope provided.
- Drop your pledge card in the weekly collection plate.
- Bring your pledge to the church office or telephone the church office with your pledge (542-2167).

For those who prefer to pledge electronically, you can complete the pledge information online by going to the "Give" page on the Holy Spirit website (holyspiritmissoula.org) and completing the online pledge form.

ADVENT SOUP & CRAFTS! Join your church family for a soup and bread lunch immediately following the 10:15 service on the first Sunday in Advent, December 3. Set the tone for the Advent season. Make an Advent wreath to use at home. Visit with others over lunch and try your hand at several other crafts stations. Enjoy one of the best gifts church has to offer—community life.

Are you interested in **PROVIDING FLOWERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS ALTAR** or during the Sundays in Advent? To arrange for flowers, please call the church office at 542-2167 or Lani Brewer at 721-3708 by **noon on Monday, December 4**. Although there are no flowers on the altar during the season of Advent, your special prayers and memorials are still read. Your contributions for flowers during Advent are used for the special flowers at the Christmas celebration, and, at that time, your prayers and memorials are noted once again in the Christmas bulletin.

CAN YOU HELP? Every Christmas people unable to participate in services receive a "red plate" with Christmas cookies. If you are interested in baking and or arranging cookies, please contact Alice Dailey at daileyalice76@gmail.com or 549-8095.

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE VESTRY will take place on Monday, November 20, at 12:15 p.m. in the parish hall. As

always, Vestry meetings are open to all members of the parish, and the proposed agenda is posted on the parish website, holyspiritmissoula.org.

Once again, it's time to produce **NOMINEES FOR VESTRY**. If the time is right for you to lend your expertise to help guide our parish, please let Rev. Terri know by November 22. Here are the requirements to serve as a Vestry member:

1. Be confirmed or received in The Episcopal Church.
2. Have a demonstrated history of participation in the life of the church.
3. Be a regular communicant.
4. Contribute to the financial support of the church.
5. Have been an Episcopalian for at least two years.
6. Be willing to attend monthly Vestry meetings and special meetings as required.
7. Be prepared to serve on Vestry ministries.
8. Be prepared to count Sunday offerings periodically.

THE NEXT DATE FOR BAPTISM will be Sunday, January 7, 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. **The deadline for the January 7 baptism date is December 10.**

Holiday Market

THIS YEAR'S HOLIDAY MARKET produced \$12,605.00! Our thanks to the Holiday Market Committee members and their helpers: Betsy Holmquist, Sue Lowery, Sarah Towle, Mary Tromly, Lani Brewer, Catherine Durand, Anne Cohen, Marva Gallegos, Barb Hosier, Jeanne Clark, Bob Brewer, Bonnie Tyro, Elaine Brown, Barbara Morrison, Wendy Kuhn, Mary Porter, John Gage, Sue LaRose, Holly Swartz, and to the many people who donated their treasures, their talents and their time to help make this year's market such a worthwhile event! Special thanks to the Holiday Market Co-Chairs, Diane Rasmuson and Tracey Gage. They did a fabulous job organizing everything and everyone! Thank you one and all.

COMING SOON—THE HOLIDAY MARKET BAKE SALE! The Bake Sale, under the direction of Laura Taylor, will be held after both the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services on Sunday, December 10. Mark your calendars! You and your sweet tooth won't want to miss it!

Youth Ministry

HOLY SPIRIT'S YOUTH GROUP will meet tonight, November 19, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the church kitchen for their monthly gathering of pizza, games, discussion and fun! Please come and 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

COMING UP—AN ADVENT/CHRISTMAS STUDY! Join facilitators Holly Swartz and Bonnie Lee on Sunday mornings in the Guild Room on December 10, 17 and January 7 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for a discussion of *A THRILL OF HOPE*. This 50-minute DVD-based study presents the familiar story of Christmas as told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Each scripture passage is illustrated and interpreted in the stunning artwork of John August Swanson along with commentary by some of America's premier Biblical scholars, names such as Dr. Thomas G. Long, Dr. Michael Joseph Brown, Dr. Carol A. Newsom, and more. Please plan to join us!

LAMP POSTS: CONTEMPLATION IN THE ADVENT SEASON—Join your church family on Saturday, December 2, for this annual quiet day that helps us intentionally enter the Advent season. The morning begins at 9:30 in the Guild Room, and we wrap up at 2:00 p.m. Three short Advent reflections will be shared throughout the day. These "lamp posts" help light the way for your own reflection and contemplation in this season of hope. Participants will keep silence together all day while sharing prayer, a noon meal, movement, and contemplation. Between reflections participants are welcome to take walks outside, spend time in a pew, or sit quietly with others, making the day exactly what they need. Please register by contacting Gretchen at the church office gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org or sign up in the parish hall on Sunday, November 19 or November 26.

THE ADULT INQUIRERS CLASS will continue meeting through Sunday, November 19. This class is for those who want to know more about The Episcopal Church. Newcomers and longtime members are both welcome to join in the discussion. The group meets at 9 a.m. in the Guild Room, and the class is led by Rev. Terri.

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, November 21, 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.