

## ■ Holy Spirit's Clergy and Staff

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Candy Lindsay, *Treasurer*

2017  
Scott Jourdonnais  
Karen Shelly  
Ann Suter  
Jeannie Warner

2018  
John Crowley  
Tracey Gage  
Phil Mediate  
Paul Polzin

2019  
Don Gisselbeck  
Glenn Hladek  
Jesse Jaeger  
Helen Matveyeff

## ■ WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### *Our Parish Life*

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**OUR CHURCH'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** is underway. Already 145 households have responded by pledging \$304,847.00. 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 craft 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.

**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! Check out the insert to see how you can participate.

**STUDENTS**—are you interested in playing your musical instrument for the early Christmas Eve service? Please contact Gretchen at 542-2167 or at [gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org](mailto:gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org). This year the pageant and the instrumental music will be videotaped ahead of time and shown on Christmas Eve. Here's your chance to play for the church without getting up in front of a large crowd! Music must be church appropriate.

**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](mailto:daileyalice76@gmail.com) or 549-8095.

**COPIES OF THE APPROVED VESTRY MINUTES** are available at the back of the church in the literature rack, by the Vestry bulletin board in the parish hall, and on the parish website, [holyspiritmissoula.org](http://holyspiritmissoula.org). A copy of the approved financial statement is posted on the Vestry News bulletin board in the parish hall and is available from the parish office by request.

**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.**

## *Compline*

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### *December 3rd: We wait in Advent's darkness*

Perhaps there is no better place to begin Advent's waiting than in the candlelit darkness of Compline on Sunday evening, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8 p.m. with the sparseness of plainchant and an opportunity for quiet prayer. The church will be open beginning at 7:30 p.m.

## *Youth Ministry*

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**HOLY SPIRIT'S YOUTH GROUP** will meet on Sunday, December 3, 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*

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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**

**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 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. This class is a lovely addition to your Advent, no reading or study required. Come. Enjoy the artwork and the music as presented on the DVD. Reflect through the artist's eyes on this most familiar Bible story and be surprised and inspired in new ways. Each participant receives his or her own discussion guide with full color images of the art. Please 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](mailto:gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org) or sign up in the parish hall on Sunday, November 26.

**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, December 19, next 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.