



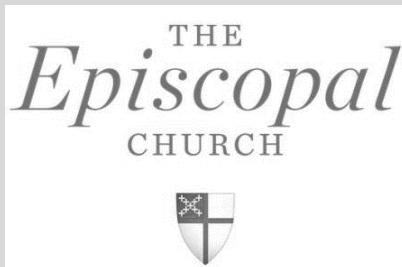
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## Our Wider Church...some examples of our church's advocacy

Three resolutions relevant to refugees were adopted by our Episcopal Church's 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention in 2015. They are: #0033 – To support human rights and refugee relief in Central America; #0041 – To denounce violence and pray for peace in Syria; and #0074 – To extend temporary protective status to immigrants fleeing abuse. Recently the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations, through its membership in the Interfaith Immigration Coalition, has called our attention to the resettlement of refugees in the United States, an important humanitarian issue of our day. They recognize, for example, that "family reunification is a fundamental human need, helps refugees integrate in their communities, is part of U.S obligations under the Refugee Convention" and remind us that "the refugee resettlement program has operated for more than 40 years, always with bipartisan support."

— PRU RANDALL

Wednesday, February 22 in the parish hall:

## Join us for a panel discussion on advocacy in the Episcopal Church

What does advocacy mean for and in the church? How does the national church engage in advocacy? What does that mean for us at Holy Spirit? Hear from The Reverend Canon Bradley Wirth from All Saints Episcopal Church in Columbia Falls and The Reverend Valerie Webster, President of Montana Association of Christians, Associate Priest of All Saints Episcopal Church in

Big Sky, and Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer for the Diocese of Montana. They will be joined by others, and together we'll explore how we advocate as a local church on behalf of marginalized populations in our community and around the world.

Please join us in the parish hall on Wednesday, February 22, from 7 to 8 p.m. for this fascinating discussion!

*How does the national church engage in advocacy? Learn more at this panel discussion.*



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# Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**Tuesday, Feb. 28 ■ 5 p.m. ■ Parish Hall**



Pancakes and sausages served  
from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Cost: Adults, \$4; Kids, 5-12, \$3;  
Kids, 4 and under, free!

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## Help us prepare for the start of Lent at our Pancake Supper

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras, is coming soon on February 28. As a prelude to the Lenten season, it is an Anglican tradition to feast on eggs, butter, and sugar the day before the Lenten period. As always, the men of Holy Spirit will again celebrate this day by hosting a Pancake Supper for all parishioners and guests. Take a night off from shopping for groceries, planning a meal, cooking, and cleaning up. We will serve **all you**

**can eat** delicious pancakes and sausages, accompanied by syrup, coffee, juice, and milk. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12, and free for anyone 4 and under.

**Men:** Please mark your calendars and sign up for an easy shift of set-up, cooking, serving, or clean-up. Forms are available at the back of the church or at coffee hours.

—PAUL POLZIN, COORDINATOR

Coming next month:

## Our 2017 Lenten series: *Healthy and Whole*

Over the five weeks of Lent we will explore the connection between faith and health. You'll be encouraged to envision a healthy and whole church, community and world. We'll look at barriers to our health like depression, suicide and childhood trauma. We'll learn about healthy responses and the ways in which our faith can nurture resiliency. Plan now to join us on the

five Wednesday evenings in Lent (beginning on March 8 and continuing through April 5) for a potluck followed by a special Lenten speaker.

As always, we'll begin with a potluck supper in the parish hall at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program in the church at 7:15 p.m. Childcare will be provided. Watch the Sunday bulletins and *Spirited Times* for more details.

## Youth Ministry

## We have a new addition to our Youth Ministry staff!

There are new things happening in Youth Ministry this year. Starting on January 1, we welcomed P.J. Willett to the Youth Ministry staff. PJ and I are sharing the youth director position. P.J. will lead our youth groups while I continue to handle the planning and communications. Many of you know P.J. since he has volunteered with the youth group for the past several years, been a Church School helper, and is a veteran Camp Marshall staffer. I'm really excited about having him on staff!

Also, through this coming semester we are going to offer two youth group gatherings most months instead of just one. Thanks to PJ for making this possible. Youth groups for February will be on Sunday, February 5, and

Sunday, February 19. Both will meet from 6-7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, February 11, the Youth Group will ski at Discovery. The lift ticket cost for kids (12 & under) is \$24. For adults (13 & up) tickets are \$46. Please let me know ASAP if your student will be skiing with us. Also, if you'd like to volunteer to ski or drive, I'd love the help. Please contact me.

Finally, February 26 from 2-4 p.m., our high schoolers will join Youth Pack at Westside Lanes for an afternoon of bowling.

Thanks for your support of Youth Ministry!

— LINDSAY IUDICELLO  
YOUTH CO-DIRECTOR



## Baptism date announced

The next scheduled date for baptism is on Saturday, April 15, at the 7:30 p.m. service. If you are interested in baptism at that time, either for yourself or for your child, please call the church office at 542-2167 and ask to speak to our rector Terri. Baptism preparation needs to take place, so if you wish to have baptism at the April 15 service, she needs to hear from you by Sunday, March 12. Thank you!



### Check out what's happening at Church School this month!

This winter the children will continue to attend at least part of adult worship on a monthly basis. This is typically the first Sunday of the month. On Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, the children will finish their unit on the disciples and join adult worship in progress for Holy Communion. On the following Sundays in February the children will focus on the Wedding at Cana story from John, chapter 2. They will look at the story from a variety of vantage points.

In addition, Barbara Morrison will lead the children in a cookie art project about sharing, and Charlotte Orr will lead Bible games related to the story during the month of February. We're very lucky to have folks willing to share their talents with our children!

We look forward to folding your children into the life of this parish in both big ways and small ways. Trust us—it makes a difference!

— GRETCHEN STROHMAIER  
DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL  
FORMATION





## Explorations:

Opportunities  
to cultivate,  
challenge  
and live our  
faith

### A reflection:

## Surrounded by...

I was surprised on a recent Sunday when a 4<sup>th</sup> grade girl came back with her mother after Church School. Coffee hour wasn't over. I was just cleaning up our art project. During the morning, the children had learned about Soft Landing and the refugees who have been recently resettled here. A collection of supplies, funded and purchased by the children, was donated to the program, and the children spent time creating art that will decorate the refugee center and welcome the newcomers to Missoula. After being surrounded by this all morning, her first thought, when her mother mentioned during coffee hour it was time to purchase a new TV, was—could we donate our old one to Soft Landing? With some urgency, the girl brought her mom to pose the question.

Our surroundings shape us. What are you surrounded by in this New Year? Some surroundings just *are*, by little choice of our own. But there are many, many choices we do have. What do we read, listen to, and watch? Who do we spend time with? These things shape us in deep and powerful ways.

Over this last year as I have participated in a myriad of classes, workshops, retreats, and book studies here at Holy Spirit, I have witnessed a growing hunger for more intentional surroundings. I've seen book groups that don't want to stop meeting even though they've finished the book. I've seen more participants in our offerings, women who want to do two retreats a year rather than just one. Classes where the participants ask to continue on a little longer, adding a few weeks. And a couple of small groups have formed—people who don't really even know each other, but they are committed to surrounding themselves with other people of faith. Because it's in this context that we support one another, challenge each other and grow to love God and neighbor. Surrounded in these settings by other Christians we struggle to find meaning in life and move forward with hope. Are you craving this sort of surrounding? Let us know.

— GRETCHEN STROHMAIER  
DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL  
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## Deepen your experience of God with Centering Prayer

The Centering Prayer group, led by Willie Hoffer, will now meet on the third Tuesday of each month, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Guild Room. **That will be February 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.

### Centering Prayer with Willie Hoffer

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No experience needed!*



January 31 and February 7, 7-8:30 p.m.

## Spiritual Gifts & Discernment: a two-part workshop

**It's not too late to attend. Perhaps you missed the first session. Complete the survey and join us for the second session as we explore the process of discernment.**

Who Am I in the World? Pursuing this question is at the root of what it means to be a person of faith. Who has God created us to be? How can we uncover that gift and live into it for ourselves, our families and our world? Join Reverend Terri Grotzinger and Director of Spiritual Formation Gretchen Strohmaier for a two-part workshop.

Participants will complete a Spiritual Gifts Inventory survey at home. It can be found online at [http://home.earthlink.net/~haywoodm/S](http://home.earthlink.net/~haywoodm/SpiritualGiftsDiscernment.html)

[piritualGiftsDiscernment.html](http://home.earthlink.net/~haywoodm/SpiritualGiftsDiscernment.html); copies will also be available at the church. After completing the survey the group will review and reflect upon their own survey results, and they will begin the ever-new process of discerning God's direction in their lives. Some participants who have previously completed the survey may choose to attend just the second part of the workshop which is devoted to discernment. A third session for more in-depth group discernment may be available for those who are interested.



**Join us for Compline on the first Sunday of the month**

***Immanuel: God with us.***

*And when he ascended to heaven, he sent his Holy Spirit to be ever present. All we need do is pivot toward that Presence, on any breath given us.*

Compline provides sacred time and space where we can withdraw from the external demands and distractions of life to come together in communal solitude. For a while, together with the support of music, liturgy, and periods of silence, we can turn, again and again, to this ever-Present, in whom we live and move and have our being.

Our monthly Compline service will be held Sunday, February 5, at 8 p.m. in the church. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Come and experience the beauty and quiet of our contemplative tradition. The service lasts no longer than half an hour and is a wonderful way to start your week. Please join us!

— TANYA LODAHL

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## SPIRITUAL GIFTS & DISCERNMENT

"WE HAVE DIFFERENT GIFTS ACCORDING TO THE GRACE GIVEN TO EACH OF US"  
— ROMANS 12:6

Tuesdays, Jan. 31 & Feb. 7  
7 pm – 8:30 pm, Guild Room

## Who has God created us to be?

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## Advocacy in the Episcopal church

Please join us for a panel discussion on Advocacy in the Episcopal Church on Wednesday, February 22, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Details about the panel discussion may be found on page 1 of this issue of *Paraclete*. Please join us!



### Annual Blood Drive takes place February 23

Our annual blood drive takes place on Thursday, February 23, from 2 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in the parish hall. Here is what you need to know to be a donor.

- Men who are generally in good health and weigh 110 pounds or more can usually be donors. For women, those 5'6" or taller have the same minimum weight requirements as men, while those **shorter**, must weigh **more** (5'1" – 133 lb., 5'3" – 115 lb.)
- Youth between 16 and 18 must have a parental consent form.
- The most frequent exclusions are for those who have traveled in certain foreign countries.
- Low iron (hematocrit count) is another exclusion factor.

If you are a regular Red Cross donor, you cannot give blood between December 28 and our blood drive to allow 56 days between donations.

For answers to further questions about eligibility to donate, call Red Cross Blood Services at 1-866-236-3276.

February 23 in the parish hall:

## Our annual blood drive at Holy Spirit – a life-saving opportunity!

Our 17<sup>th</sup> annual Red Cross Blood Drive will take place on Thursday, February 23, from 2 to 6:15 p.m. in the parish hall. You can make a priceless gift to someone with an hour of your time. The drawing itself takes only 15 minutes, and the whole process is only about an hour. More than one-third of the adults nationwide who are in generally good health can be donors, yet only about 8 percent do.

We will be signing up donors at the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. church services and coffee hours on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> for the drawing on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are 23 donor slots

available between 2-6:15 p.m. on the day of the drawing.

Volunteers are needed for 1 or 2 hours to help register donors and serve refreshments right after donors have finished. A few dozen cookies, crackers, and cheese are also needed. If you wish to volunteer time or refreshments the day of the drive or to sign up to donate, contact Bob Deaton, 543-7704 or email him at bobdeaton66@gmail.com. You may also call the church office, 542-2167, to register to donate.

– ORSON MURRAY AND BOB DEATON  
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE  
BLOOD DRIVE COORDINATORS

## New dental clinic funded by HSP contributors to open by February 1

During this past September and October, the Social Concerns Committee of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church launched a funding drive with a \$5,000 goal to completely furnish, staff, supply, and begin a dental clinic in Phalankone, Myanmar. In all, \$6,100 was raised and sent to Myanmar for the clinic. We have received word from Studer Trust that the clinic is scheduled to open by February 1<sup>st</sup> at Phalankone! Phalankone was one of the Buddhist monastery schools where 4 of the 16 members of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church were assigned in October/November 2015 to teach spoken English to local teachers.

It is hard for Americans to believe, but it was possible to secure a dental chair, equipment, supplies, and the services of two dentists part-time for the price of a few of molar crowns in our country, but it happened. The extra \$1,100 will be used for more dentist services and dental supplies at the clinic.

The required funds were raised by asking for donations from parish members and others. The church approved it as a non-profit project of the parish. More than 20 people contributed, which included virtually all 16 of the Myanmar teachers, other church members, and two dentists from the community.

The project truly was an expression of love and concern from us to others halfway around the world.

– BOB DEATON, SOCIAL CONCERNS MEMBER  
AND SHORT-TERM TEACHER OF ENGLISH TO TEACHERS IN PHALANKONE

## The written word: Choices

*Love the holy Scriptures, and wisdom will love you. Love wisdom, and she will keep you safe. Honor wisdom, and she will embrace you. (St. Jerome)*

I once heard a pastor say that, rather than a single book, the Bible is more like a library, with books of different genres: history, biography, poetry, fiction, etc. I like this analogy because it does point out the great variety we have in biblical readings, but I would go one step further and say that we often find several different genres within the same book, so that the Bible is not as “cut and dried,” if you will, as a library.

But just how did these books come together to form the Bible we have today? I am going to address only the New Testament (NT) here. The Old Testament is certainly a part of our Christian Bible, although some of the early Christian fathers did not want to include it.

We might assume that the NT was an intact work from the beginning of Christianity, but nothing could be further from the truth. Early Christian gatherings, many of which were what we call “house churches” because they met in someone’s home, used a variety of scriptures, and some of those writings had ideas we would not recognize today! Some that one group used might have been unknown to a group only a short distance away (by our standards). Church leaders disagreed on the nature of Christ and the nature of God, and they chose the writings which best reflected their own

views. Coming to the canon of the NT that we know took centuries of disagreement, discussion, and winnowing. The canon of the NT that we have now was fairly well set by the 400’s, but remained somewhat fluid up until the 600’s. In *Opening the Bible*, Roger Ferlo writes, “When scanning the running heads [of the Bible] and considering the variety of biblical books, it is well to remember that what got into the Bible and what did not was the result of highly contested institutional decisions....we might also say that the Bible you hold in your hands is the book put together by the winners.” As a side note, the Book of Revelation was very controversial and came close to being excluded.

If I may add an editorial comment, I would say that the historical process of putting together the Bible was not unlike the work that goes on in our churches and at our conventions today. Sincere, informed, God-fearing people struggle together, and together, over time, make decisions about what God, in all the aspects of the Trinity, is telling us. I think that is the way God planned it.

(Resource: *Opening the Bible* by Roger Ferlo)

— THE REV. ANITA ROGNAS



**Confluence:** A young adult faith group grounded in Christian traditions and wisdom with a focus on spiritual practice, deeper conversations, social action, and having fun. This group is welcoming to all people and perspectives in the 18-35 age group. Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday nights, 6-8 p.m., at UCC church, 405 University Avenue. Launch date will be February 12.

**The relevance of Christianity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Wednesday nights through Mar. 15):** How do we understand Christian faith in an ever more diverse and complex world? This will be a student-led conversation between Emmaus, Catholic, and Methodist students. Wednesday nights with dinner, 6-8 p.m. Location will rotate.

**Winter Retreat:** February 3-5: Georgetown Lake and Discovery Ski Area. Options include downhill or cross country skiing, ice fishing, or cabin time. Also includes sledding, games, discussions, great food and fun. Cost is \$20/person (for students and young adults).

**Spring Break Trip to Vancouver, BC, March 17-26:** Serving neighbors and exploring diversity, culture, homelessness, racism, GLBTQ issues, alternative worship, and God. All students and young adults are welcome to join us. Cost is \$200, plus some meals and expenses. We are also looking for sponsorships for this trip.

Questions? Contact Pastor John Lund at 396-4974.





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