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Are you ready for Missoula's best Rummage Sale?

You know the place – Holy Spirit Parish

You know the dates – Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3

You know the times – Friday, from 9 to 3; Saturday, 9 to 1 (Bag sale from 12 to 1 on Saturday)

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to share in this once-a-year bargain-athon.

Something for everyone – **GUARANTEED!**

Estate planning ideas for young families and the young at heart

Join us in the parish hall on May 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Whether you are 21, 91 or any age in between, you have something to gain by good estate planning. Holy Spirit Episcopal Church is inviting the parish and the community to a no-cost panel discussion on estate planning essentials. Panelists include Richard Baskett of Baskett Law Office; Julie Sirrs of Boone Karlberg; and Andrew George of George Law Offices; the session will be facilitated by parishioner Doug Harris of Douglas Harris Law Offices. Topics such as property succession; wills (or no will); trusts; powers of attorney;

conservatorships and guardianships; estate planning; living wills; healthcare and advanced directives; extended care and Medicaid planning; and probate procedures (Montana and elsewhere) will be addressed. The 90-minute session will take place on Wednesday, May 7, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the parish hall. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the church office at 542-2167 or volunteer Darcie Dvarishkis at 239-7655.

– DARCIE DVARISHKIS



Join us for Compline on May 4

Compline, the ancient service of plainchant and contemplative prayer, will be offered on Sunday, May 4, at 9 p.m. in the church. This will be a time of quiet, of meditation and prayer. The church will be candlelit, and music will be provided by the men of the choir. All are welcome. Please join us!

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NEWSLETTER

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Take advantage of this Easter season

Of all the seasons of the Church year, Easter season seems the most forgotten. It is as though we celebrate the first day of the season – Easter – and then pack it away the day after while we get back to normal life. What if we attended to this season in a way that actually reflected the radical gift we have been given, honing our focus on the deep well of forgiveness, the unconditional love

and the grace within which we live and move and have our being? What if we actually took it all to heart and allowed ourselves to receive just how full is the measure of God's love for us and all of creation?

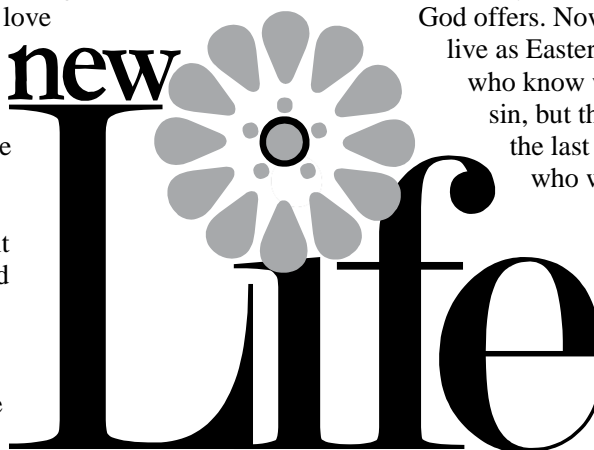
Normal life might look and be very different.

We humans are quite good at seeing our shortcomings and dwelling on our sins, so much so that they become as old friends, and we find it hard to leave them behind. We are given the Easter season to learn what it is to be set free of our burdens and to allow the waters of baptism to once again wash over us so like Jesus we hear the words of Love, "You are my beloved, in whom I am

well pleased." Think about how we have yearned for those words throughout our lives, to know we are loved and appreciated, through and through. Now is the season to practice receiving the love of God we encounter in the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. Now is the time to ponder the incredible notion that we are worthy of this love that

God offers. Now it is time to live as Easter people, those who know we can and do sin, but that this is not the last word about who we are!

Like any discipline – be it a daily walk or a workout at the gym, practicing a musical instrument or preparing for a marathon – the practice



... just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ROMANS 6:4

of accepting God's gift of love made known to us in Christ will change us and enable us to bear that grace to others, wherever we go. Take advantage of this Easter season, to savor all that you have been given, and allow it to nourish your body, mind and spirit in every way.

May God continue to bless you with Easter joy!

-Terri +

Baptism dates announced

The remaining dates for baptism for this year are Pentecost Sunday, June 8, All Saints' Sunday, November 2, and possibly a date to be determined in the summer. If you are interested in any of these dates for baptism, please contact the church office at 542-2167 and ask to speak with Rev. Terri. The deadline for the Pentecost Sunday baptism date is May 11.

Spring United Thank Offering ingathering set for May 11

On Sunday, May 11, you will find a blue envelope in your service bulletin marking the spring collection for UTO, the United Thank Offering. We encourage members of the congregation as well as visitors to make a contribution to this worthy charitable undertaking.

For those of you unfamiliar with the organization, UTO is a program of The Episcopal Church, founded by women in 1889, and administered since then by women for the mission of the whole church. As such, it is both a spiritual and financial partner in the church's mission, and it works through the generosity of individuals, every person in every pew of churches throughout the country. Over the years since its founding, the offerings and prayers of its donors have built churches and schools, fed the hungry, clothed the poor, provided shelter for the homeless, supported agricultural programs, and provided care and support for those with physical, mental and emotional challenges.

In fact, Partnership Health Center, a volunteer ministry of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, and Camp Marshall

were recipients of UTO grants in the past. In 2013, UTO grants have reached a large number of dioceses and communities in the U.S. and abroad. They have, for example, helped to build a vocational training school in the Dominican Republic, supported health care for mothers and newborn children in Haiti, and funded a rehabilitation training program for children with disabilities in Jerusalem.

On Sunday, May 11, we will have our spring ingathering for UTO. Please take the opportunity to express your thanks and to be a part of the mission and ministry of the church. Please be generous as you make your donation. You may use either the special blue offering envelopes in the bulletin that day or the famous blue boxes found at the back of the church or on the UTO display in the parish hall.

Please make your donation on May 11 at the offertory, or at such time in the near future which is convenient for you. Checks may be made out to Holy Spirit Episcopal Church and designated for UTO.

— GAEL HOWARD MULLEN HARRIS
HOLY SPIRIT UTO CHAIR



United Thank Offering

Save the date for Vacation Bible School this summer!

SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for July 21-25 here at Holy Spirit. Children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade will have a blast each day that week from 9 a.m. until noon as they spend time with their Church School friends, explore the Bible, get creative with hands-on art projects, and burn energy with active games. The fee is \$20 per child. Financial assistance is available.

— GRETCHEN STROHMAIER, DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Here's what's happening at Church School in May and June

A Mother's Day presentation and Bible Story stations are just a few of the activities in store for Church School. Here's what to expect in May and June:

Sunday, May 4:

Regular children's worship and class time. Curriculum focus: *Jesus catches fish*

Sunday, May 11:

Abbreviated children's worship and no class time. Children join adult worship for Mother's Day presentation.

Sunday, May 18:

Regular children's worship and class time. Curriculum focus: *Peter*

Sunday, May 25:

No children's worship or class time. Worship with your whole church family.

Sunday, June 1:

No children's worship or class time. Church-wide Bible Story Stations outside (weather permitting).

Sunday, June 8:

Abbreviated children's worship and no class time. Join adult worship for Pentecost Celebration.

During our final six weeks of Church School we will focus on the resurrection and what it means for us: God forgives us, God loves us, God sends us to serve others. We will challenge our children to put these concepts in their own words, and we will work together to find real examples of these experiences in our lives.

— Gretchen Strohmaier



Explorations:

Opportunities
to cultivate,
challenge
and live our
faith

Our focus this Eastertide is on Global Faith

Our Explorations theme for Eastertide is Global Faith. As we have just experienced Easter, it seems an appropriate time to reflect on how we will share our Easter joy and live out our baptism in the world.

Our Spiritual Formation Ministry Team chose this theme, thinking about our global responsibility as Christians – to those to whom much is given, much is required (Luke 12:48). We discussed money as one response to the needs around the world. We pondered Scripture and its many injunctions to give and yet the relative difficulty we have in doing so. We agreed that a lengthier focus on this topic would be helpful. Consider attending the Sunday morning book study, *Money & Faith: The Search for Enough*, which began April 27. (You can still join!) Or take the Thursday evening book study, *Banker to the Poor*, Muhammad Yunus's memoir of how he decided to change his life in order to help the world's poor and ultimately opened a bank devoted to providing micro-loans.

As the ministry team continued to reflect on the theme of Global Faith, we were reminded that our sense of responsibility should never blind us to what we can learn from our brothers and sisters around the world. We must always enter into service with eyes and a heart that are open – open to our own personal transformation. Listen for stories of transformation on Thursday, May 29, when Dr. Richard Grady and Dr. Laura Hardy share about their medical work in developing countries.

– GRETCHEN STROHMAIER
DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL
FORMATION



Money & Faith: the search for enough

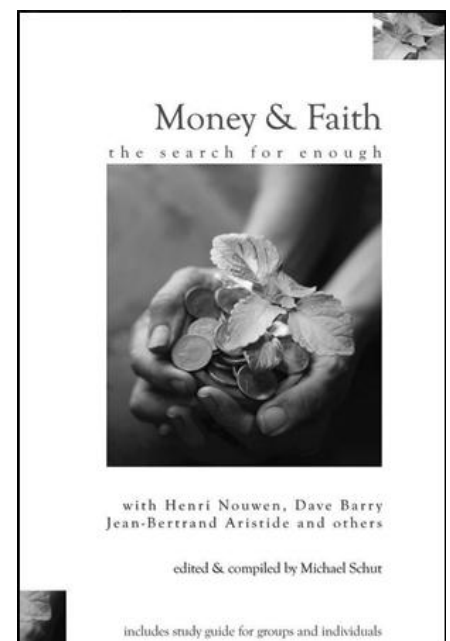
Join this adult Sunday morning book study which started on April 27 and continues through June 8.

Talking about money in a personal way remains more of a taboo than sex or politics. This seems odd within a Christian context, since Jesus addressed topics of money, poverty, and wealth more than any other concerns. For many, money becomes an idol; we see it in our own culture as we pursue economic growth no matter the cost to the overall well-being of God's creation. When that happens, "enough" is always more than we have right now, and scarcity becomes the lens through which we see the world.

Money & Faith is broken into three sections: The Personal – Money's Place in Our Lives; The Prophetic – Money, Sustainability and the Jubilee; The Purposeful: How Shall We Then Live. Join us for this engaging study.

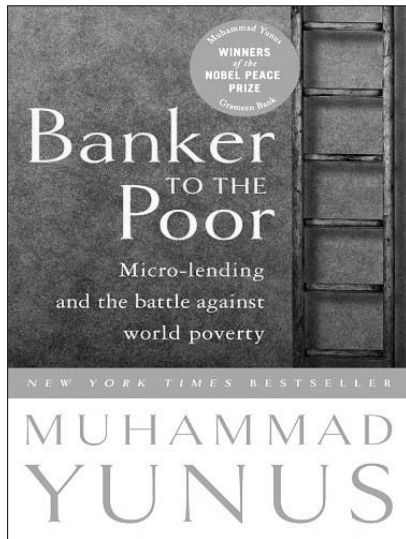
Contact Gretchen at Gretchen.hsp@qwestoffice.net about ordering a book for \$15.50.

– GRETCHEN STROHMAIER, DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION



Thursday evening book study looks at micro-lending and how it helps the world's poor

Join Carla Mettling on Thursday evenings beginning May 1 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Guild Room for a book study based on *Banker to the Poor* by Muhammad Yunus. In 1983, against the advice of banking and government officials, Yunus established Grameen Bank, a bank devoted to providing the poorest of Bangladesh with micro-loans. Grameen Bank, based on the belief that credit is a basic human right, not the privilege of a fortunate few, now provides over 2.5 billion



dollars of micro-loans to more than two million families in rural Bangladesh. Ninety-four percent of Yunus's clients are women, and repayment rates are near 100 percent. Around the world, micro-lending programs inspired by Grameen are blossoming, with more than three hundred programs established in the United States alone. For their work, Grameen Bank won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006.

Banker to the Poor is Muhammad Yunus's memoir of how he decided to change his life in order to help the world's poor. In it he traces the intellectual and spiritual journey that led him to fundamentally rethink the economic relationship between rich and poor, and the challenges he and his colleagues faced in founding Grameen.

Interested in joining the book study? Contact Carla Mettling at 728-5326 or email her at carlamettling@gmail.com to place an order for a book. The class will run from May 1 through May 28. Because of Rummage Sale set-up, the class on May 1 will meet in the Tower Room.

Responding to global needs

Doctors tell of their work in the developing world at a special presentation on May 29, at 7 p.m.

Dr. Richard Grady and his wife Dr. Laura Hardy will be in Missoula on May 29th, at 7 p.m., to present a talk on their work. The location for the talk will be announced. They are pediatric urologists at Seattle Children's Hospital, but for years, they have left their Seattle practices part of each year to do pro bono work in developing countries in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Dr. Grady teaches doctors how to do specialized surgeries in urology, and Dr. Hardy repairs fistulas in poor women damaged by childbirth. They will tell us of their work and show a PowerPoint presentation. This event is free and open to the public.

– GRETCHEN STROHMAIER, DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION



Join us for a birding adventure on May 18

Join your church family on Sunday, May 18th, for an afternoon birding adventure led by our own Zona Lindemann. This is an opportunity to explore and celebrate God's creation and to let our own spirits soar with the birds. Meet at 4:00 pm at the Maclay Flats parking area. Bring your binoculars and some snacks. Wear walking shoes and be prepared for mosquitoes. For those who want MORE, an exploration of the natural area at the end of Tower Street may be offered this same evening (after Maclay Flats) as time and energy allow.

This outing is appropriate for all ages, including families with small children. To let us know you are planning to attend, or if you have questions, please contact Gretchen at Gretchen.hsp@qwestoffice.net. In case of heavy rain this event will be postponed.

– GRETCHEN STROHMAIER
DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL
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Please join us! This is a family friendly event.

It's time to register for church camp at Camp Marshall

Camp Marshall, the Episcopal Church Camp located on beautiful Flathead Lake, is now accepting registrations for all of its camping sessions. Join in a week of camp and experience God's good gifts!

Jr. Middler I (June 22-28): Open to rising 3rd – 8th graders. Cost: \$355 for first child; \$300 for each additional sibling.

Jr. Middler II (July 6-12): Open to rising 3rd – 8th graders. Cost: \$355 for first child; \$300 for each additional sibling.

Sr. High Camp (July 20-26): Open to rising 9th – 12th graders. Cost: \$355 for first child; \$300 for each additional sibling.

Family Camp I (June 29-July 5): For individuals or families. Come for all or part of the week.

Family Camp II (July 13-19): For individuals or families. Come for all or part of the week.

Family Camp Costs:

- Cabin lodging, meals, and programs: \$45/adult/night; \$5/child/night
- Tent/RV lodging, meals, and programs: \$30/adult/night; \$5/child/night



Outcomes from the *Promoting Healthy Families and Children* community discussion

Holy Spirit hosted a panel discussion on child abuse and neglect awareness and prevention March 15th. The morning engaged nearly 30 people, including presenters, participants, childcare and hospitality; more than half were from outside Holy Spirit. Rev. Terri Grotzinger introduced presenters Kim Dudik, attorney and legislator; Bart Klika, UM social work professor; and Teresa Nygaard, executive director of The Parenting Place.

The presenters raised awareness of the national and statewide landscape of neglect and abuse, the long-term risks and costs, some information on the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACES), and current/future community and state initiatives/policies aimed at supporting prevention efforts. Participants were given supportive intervention “openers,” community resource links and basic statistics and issue descriptions. There was great variety in the questions asked – how to refer people for services, what to do when you see an interaction that makes you uncomfortable, do services truly help struggling parents, where can pedophiles/perpetrators seek help without being demonized, how do we get people to care about putting good policies in place, can raising abuse awareness for children give them language to falsely accuse parents, are there limits to how resilient abused kids can be...

The morning bore fruit: Questions

asked and answered. Compassion, knowledge and hope shared. Seeds of awareness planted. Involvement encouraged. Additional community presentations invited. A helpful lead-in to Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, where panelists and other advocates prepared a variety of editorials, radio interviews, social media posts and suggestions for ways parishioners can get involved. Teresa Nygaard was invited to be a part of both services and coffee hours on Sunday, April 27, designated



nationally as Blue Sunday, a day of prayer for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

To learn more about how you can stay involved and support efforts to promote healthy families and children, please contact Teresa at The Parenting Place, teresa@parentingplace.net, 1644 S. 8th St. W., Missoula, 59801, 728-5437, parentingplace.net.

This session and my expanded work with The Parenting Place were two goals in my Diaconal Ministry Field Education. I am grateful for Holy Spirit's support!

– DORCIE DVARISHKIS
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE
MEMBER AND DEACON
SCHOOL STUDENT, 239-7655

Vestry adopts a Consent Agenda for its meetings

The Vestry has voted to adopt a Consent Agenda format for meetings. Consent Agenda means that items that do not usually require discussion, are non-controversial and/or similar in content, or are reoccurring items previously reviewed by Vestry members can be voted on together in one motion. These include items such as approval of the agenda, minutes, certain bills and reports.

The parking lot remains a topic at Vestry meetings. Plans have been drawn up and now the details are being worked out, so work hopefully can be started soon.

– SUE LOWERY, CLERK OF VESTRY

And a reminder....

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Vestry will take place on Monday, May 19, at 12 noon in the Guild Room. As always, Vestry meetings are open to all members of the parish. Approved Vestry minutes are available at the back of the church, on a stand by the Vestry News bulletin board in the parish hall and on the parish website, www.holyspiritmissoula.org. The proposed agenda for the Vestry meeting is posted on the parish website a few days in advance of the meeting.

– SUE LOWERY, CLERK OF VESTRY



It's almost graduation time!

Is someone from your family graduating soon? We would like to recognize that accomplishment in the *Spirited Times*, our e-newsletter, and in the church bulletin. If you would let the church office know the graduate's name, the name of their school, and their degree if they are graduating from

college, we would greatly appreciate it.

For our high school graduates, we would love to have their name and to know what their plans are after graduation. You can call the church office at 542-2167 or email us at holyspiritparish@qwestoffice.net.

A poster for an event. At the top, it says "Emmaus Year-End BBQ & Graduation Celebration" in a stylized font. Below the text is an illustration of a large, round, woven basket filled with various items, including what looks like a turkey, bread, and other food items. The basket is sitting on a surface. To the right of the basket, it says "May 14th" and "5:30 - 7:30 pm". Below that, it says "In the backyard of Emmaus House & the Ark at: 538 University Avenue Missoula, Mt". At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text: "All students, family, friends of Emmaus, faculty, clergy, & church members are invited to celebrate the close of the school year & to honor the 10 to 12 graduates who will be leaving us."



Come make some crafts for the Holiday Market

The Holiday Market Craft Group will do some spring crafting on Fridays starting May 16 and will run until sometime in June. We meet at 10 a.m. upstairs in the church office. Please join us for fun and conversation while working on some simple, yet exquisite crafts! For more information, contact Sue Lowery at 546-8401 or smorasco@centric.net.



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