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#### Join Bishop Brookhart between the services to learn more about the state of the diocese

Bishop Brookhart will be with us on Sunday, March 5, for Confirmation. Plan to join him between services to hear about the state of the diocese. Grab a quick breakfast treat in the parish hall on your way to the Guild Room where he will share about activities within our church across the state of Montana. He will speak from 9:10 to 9:40.

Can't join us that early on Sunday morning? Not to worry! An opportunity to chat with the bishop will also take place at the reception following the 10:15 service in the parish hall.

# Bishop's annual visitation takes place on March 5

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Our bishop, The Rt. Rev. C. Franklin Brookhart, will be with us on March 5 for his regular visitation and for Confirmation at the 10:15 a.m. service. As chief pastor and teacher of the diocese, he will preside and preach at both services that morning. His presence connects us to Episcopalians beyond our walls, in Montana, in the Episcopal Church, in the Anglican Communion, and back through the Church's history. While most of us will only see him on Sunday morning, he will be working hard to learn more about Holy Spirit Episcopal Church by meeting with the Vestry and clergy, hearing and responding to their concerns and questions. Youth and an adult who have spent time preparing for

Confirmation will reaffirm their baptismal promises and receive the sacrament of Confirmation, to strengthen them and affirm them in their lives of discipleship.

As is the custom in our diocese, an offering for the Diocesan Discretionary Fund will be taken at both services that day. Special envelopes will be provided in the bulletin that day, or you can make a contribution to the loose plate offering. The checks should be paid to the order of "The Episcopal Diocese of Montana," designating on the memo line 'Discretionary Fund.' It is from the Discretionary Fund that pastoral needs are met. Please be generous.



#### March 2017

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#### NEWSLETTER

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# **ASH WEDNESDAY** WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> SERVICES AT 12 NOON AND 7 PM

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# Our Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, derives its name from the ancient practice of marking the foreheads of worshippers with ashes from the unused palm branches of the previous year. As the service for Ash Wednesday says:

Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence,

that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Join us on Ash Wednesday, March 1, as we begin our Lenten journey to Easter. We will have Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at 12 noon and at 7 p.m. that day.

#### Compline takes us into Lent Join us for Compline on March 5

March Compline follows Ash Wednesday and takes us into Lent. Ash Wednesday reminds us of our mortality and the necessity to periodically reflect on how we have lived our life in accordance with our belief.

Though Lent is a sober period for repentance and atonement, it is also a time of purification and preparation for celebrating the glorification of the Christ and the new covenant between God and humanity. In this light, it is lovely that in some circles of the Eastern Orthodox Church, Lent is referred to as the season of Bright Sadness.

The Compline service takes place 8 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 5. The congregation participates in candlelit silence with the officiant reading and the choir responding. Doors open at 7:30 for those who wish additional time for prayer and reflection in silence. Additional time is provided following the service for silent contemplation. Doors close at 9 p.m.

## In My Beginning is My End: Join us for an exploration of T.S. Eliot's Four Quartets

Lindsay Iudicello and Keith Kuhn will lead a series of discussions on T.S. Eliot's masterpiece, Four Quartets, on each of the first four Thursdays of March. An avowed atheist during the first half of his life, Eliot converted to Anglicanism in 1927. The poems grapple with how we come to know the Divine in a world often dark and challenging.

Each week, we will be discussing a different Quartet. In advance of each class, it is suggested participants read that week's poem beforehand.

- March 2: Burnt Norton
- March 9: East Coker
- March 16: The Dry Salvages
- March 23: Little Gidding

We will meet at Keith's home (810 Evans) at 7:30 p.m. Please join us for one, or all, of the evenings. Contact Keith (knkuhn@gmail.com) or Lindsay (lindsayiudicello@gmail.com) to register or for more information.

- LINDSAY IUDICELLO

# IN MY BEGINNING IS MY END: AN EXPLORATION OF T. S. ELIOT'S FOUR QUARTETS

#### With Lindsay ludicello and Keith Kuhr

- Meets the first four Thursdays of March, March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23
- 7:30 p.m. at the home of Keith Kuhn, 810 Evans
- Join the conversation for any or all evenings. Contact Keith Kuhn (knkuhn@gmail.com) or Lindsay ludicello (lindsayiudicello@gmail.com) to register or for more information.

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## **Baptism dates 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. Baptism preparation needs to take place, so if you wish to have baptism at the April 15 service, we need to hear from you by Sunday, March 12. Thank you!

The remaining dates for baptism for this year are June 4, Pentecost Sunday, and November 5, All Saints' Sunday. If one of those dates works better for you and your family, please let us know.



Dear Friends,

I am writing to inform you that I will be taking some extended leave over the next 6 weeks starting February 17. Caring for my parents' needs this past year on top of my service to the parish, and now my father's passing, has me in need of time for real rest and renewal. I discussed this with the Wardens, considered next steps, and recently received word of the Bishop's agreement to this plan.

My friend and colleague, The Rev. Bill Baumgarten, will care for worship services and pastoral care in my absence. The Wardens, Paul Polzin and Tracey Gage, and former Sr. Warden Margaret Borg will work with the Vestry and the Staff to care for all other needs of the parish. I trust that together with all of you, and with God's help, all will carry on well!

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Faithfully,

Terri+



# **Explorations:**

Opportunities to cultivate, challenge and live our faith

## Lenten Program 2017 Healthy and Whole: celebrating strength through faith

Join your church family this Lent as we turn our attention towards what it means to be healthy and whole. We'll explore the connections between faith and health. We'll acknowledge the brokenness we experience in day-to-day life, learning about depression, suicide and childhood trauma. As we learn about ways to identify these problems, we'll also address strategies for responding and intervening. These are practical tools that help us love our neighbors (and our friends and our families) in real ways. And finally, we'll celebrate the strength and resiliency that our faith can inspire. Join us during Lent as we all work towards a healthy and whole church, community and world.

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40: 30-31 Wednesday, March 8, learn about the faith/health connection from Gary Weisbrich, Manager of the Spiritual Care Department at St. Patrick Hospital in his talk, *Apples, Oranges and Faith?* 

Wednesday, March 15, hear deacons Mary Alice and Jim Jones as they present *In and Out of Darkness: Depression and Faith.* 

Wednesday, March 22, hear Heidi Kendall, Coordinator Suicide Prevention, Missoula City-County Health Department, as she presents *Suicide Prevention: QPR*.

Wednesday, March 29, Teresa Nygaard, Executive Director, The Parenting Place, will share ACES are Wild: How Adverse Childhood Experiences Affect Our Future.

**Wednesday, April 5,** Reverend Tom King, Chaplain at St. Patrick Hospital speaks about *Faith and Resilience*.

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# God's Spirit everywhere

Sunday morning adult class, March 12 and 19

Join Julie Benson for two Sunday mornings in Lent, March 12 and March 19, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Guild Room as we delve into the idea of God's Spirit everywhere.

Several years ago, the former Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Katharine Jefferts Schori, spoke at Holy Spirit. She told us that God scatters his spirit everywhere, and instead of spending our time deciding who's in and who's out, we would be best served to be constantly looking for God's Spirit. She said we would be surprised where we find it.

You are invited to join others in a discussion of an article by Franciscan priest Richard Rohr on March 12 and a video talk by Buddhist teacher Tias Little on March 19, as we explore this idea of God's Spirit scattered everywhere. Please contact Julie Benson, teambenson@yahoo.com, with any questions. The **light** of **God** surrounds me. The **Love** of **God enfolds** me. The **power** of **God protects** me. Wherever I am, **God is**, and all is well.



# Church School focuses on the theme of Healthy and Whole this Lent

As the Church School children focus on Healthy and Whole during Lent, they will explore the Scripture from 1 Corinthians 6 that describes our bodies as a temple of the Holy Spirit. They will spend time thinking about what every kid's body needs to survive and thrive. They will undoubtedly create some of their own quilt squares to illustrate what healthy and whole looks like for a kid. Watch for this special quilt taking shape on the wall in the parish hall.

The curriculum unit during Lent studies the various stories related to Holy Week and Easter, helping the kids to take these stories in on a more profound level. Here's what's happening:

Sunday, March 5	Wedding at Cana; Children join adult worship in progress to witness Confirmation
Sunday, March 12	Holy Week and Easter; Children create Healthy and Whole quilt squares
Sunday, March 19 Sunday, March 26	No Church School due to Spring Break Holy Week and Easter; Temple imagery

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Also on April 5<sup>th</sup>, enjoy live music during the potluck, performed by Joel Makeci and his family, recent immigrants from Congo. They will share songs of faith and inspiration that Joel has written.

And throughout Lent everyone is welcome to participate in our Healthy

and Whole Quilt which will take shape in the parish hall. Take a square and write, draw, collage (be as creative as you like), sharing your vision of healthy and whole for our community and our world.

- GRETCHEN STROHMAIER





#### Join us for our Wednesday Lenten potlucks!

Our Wednesday nights in Lent begin as always with a potluck supper in the parish hall at 6:30 p.m. and a time to get better acquainted with members of our parish family. Information about what to bring will be posted in the Sunday bulletin and in the Spirited Times. Beverages will be provided by the church. The talk will begin in the church at around 7:15 p.m., and we will end the evening with Compline. We plan to be finished for the evening by 8:30 p.m.

Childcare and supervised homework time/board game time will be available downstairs in the Church School area, beginning at 7 p.m. Please join us!



# Hosts needed for our Lenten potlucks

Hosts are needed for some of the Wednesday nights in Lent. Specifically, we need hosts for March 22 and April 5. We provide detailed instructions for the hosts, which are mailed out in advance. If providing this ministry of hospitality is something you would enjoy, please sign up at the coffee hours or call the church office, 542-2167. Thank you!



#### Our Wider Church... Opportunities for global mission work

Our General Convention of 2015, with Resolution #A013, called for increased opportunities for global mission work, and they are available around the world through the Young Adult Service Corps for ages 21 to 30 and Episcopal Volunteers in Mission for those 30 years and older.

Currently young adults are serving in positions associated with administration, agriculture, communication, development, and education in Brazil, Costa Rica, England, France, Haiti, Hong Kong, Japan, Jerusalem, Panama, Philippines and South Africa.

Episcopal Volunteers in Mission sponsors lay and ordained Episcopalians who can devote six to twelve months volunteering. In addition to serving in a ministry of presence, volunteers can contribute as teachers, accountants, doctors, administrators, theologians, agriculturists, chaplains and other areas of ministry.

More information is available at

www.episcopalchurch.org/blog/ YASC or contact Elizabeth Boe, Staff Officer for Global Mission Engagement at eboe@episcopalchurch.org or (212) 716-6381.

### Perspectives from a diaconal ministry: Community helps us to be stewards for children

Gretchen Strohmaier and I recently attended a Darkness to Light (D2L) Stewards for Children child sexual abuse prevention training. Grace and an abundance of community brought us to the table to learn with others who are serving children and youth in churches. Our facilitator was a Masters of Social Work student who is an intern with the Missoula Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Team (MCSAPT). Teresa Nygaard from Parenting Place invited me to serve alongside her on MCSAPT when I began my diaconal community ministry nearly four years ago. Holy Spirit's work with the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative provided a forum for MCSAPT to offer up this free training to MIC member churches. Ours was the second training that has resulted to date from the outreach within MIC. It is awareness and community that will strengthen our service to Hellgate High School and the Parenting Place.

We learned that about 1 in 10 children experience child sexual abuse

before their 18th birthday. Children who have been sexually abused are more likely, during childhood and throughout their lives, to experience homelessness, decreased school performance, anxiety and depression, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, selfinflicted harm, and are at greater risk for a variety of chronic health concerns. The cost to our community's children, youth and families is great. Together, we can learn the facts, minimize opportunities for abuse, talk about it within our families and churches, recognize the signs and react responsibly. We will learn and share more in the coming months, but offer up to you both D2L.org and MCSAPT as community resources to explore. Thank you for your continued prayers for this journey.

> THE REV. DORCIE DVARISHKIS 239-7655 dorcied@gmail.com



# Make a donation to Episcopal Relief & Development on March 26

Living faithfully in community is ERD's Lenten theme

We invite all Episcopalians to gather on March 26, Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday, to pray for people around the world who are struggling with poverty, hunger, and disease. Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) works with local partners in over 40 countries to tackle these issues.

This year's Lenten theme focuses on what it means to live faithfully in community. Join in community with our brothers and sisters around the world to follow Jesus in caring for all people. You can support this work by making a donation in one of the special envelopes provided in the bulletin on ERD Sunday or by mailing your gift with the response form that will be found in the bulletin that day.

Your participation is a simple way to help make communities stronger and to invest in a thriving future for all our global friends. Thank you.

> – JUDY PAROCK ERD COORDINATOR

## Our seventeenth annual Holy Spirit blood drive proves a success

Our 17<sup>th</sup> annual blood drive was again successful, and we met our goals thanks to the many parishioners and others who donated and for those volunteers from the Parish who registered people and provided hospitality and refreshments for donors afterward. They were Jim Wiley, Dorcie Dvarishkis, Barbara Kennedy, Helen Matveyeff, Barbara Hosier, Lucia Work, and Anita Rognas. Special thanks to Judy Parock for her publicity articles and signing up donors in the office.

- ORSON MURRAY AND BOB DEATON BLOOD DRIVE COORDINATORS





#### Confluence: Where spiritual exploration, deep conversation and social action meet

Confluence is a new faith community sponsored by **Emmaus Campus Ministry and** partner congregations that is growing out of Christian tradition and wisdom and open to diverse perspectives. Through spiritual practice, mutual learning and relationships we seek a deeper connection to faith that engages us in the world. Confluence is meant to be a creative community that leaves space for doubts, questions, and dialogue on difficult topics such as theology, politics, ecology, sexuality, racism, feminism and more. Through listening and shared leadership, we work to offer space for those who are seeking to reclaim or grow in their spiritual life. Confluence is welcoming and affirming to people of all perspectives, histories, ages, and identities. Meets March 12 and March 26 from 6-8 p.m. in the Fireside Room at the University Congregational Church (405 University Ave).

#### 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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# **2017 LENTEN SERIES**



HEALTHY and WHOLE Celebrating Strength through Faith

Join us for Wednesday evenings in Lent, March 8 – April 5

- Potluck Supper in the parish hall at 6:30 pm
- Childcare provided, beginning at 7 pm
- Program begins in the church at 7:15 pm