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Visit the Holy Spirit Rummage Sale this week!

Volunteer any time during the week.

"Like it" and "Message" it on Facebook.

Check it out on Craigslist.

Visit the **Website.** All details posted here:

http://holyspiritmissoula.org/parish-life/rummage-sale-may-5-6/.

Shop: Friday, May 5, from 9-3 and Saturday, May 6, from 9-1. Special reduced prices from 12-1 on Saturday!

Come help clean up at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 6.

Help make this year's sale the best! Thank you.

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Share your gifts at this year's Rummage Sale

Rummage Sale takes place on May 5 and 6

A special outreach benefit of the annual Holy Spirit Rummage Sale is serving the incredible number of new people who visit the parish. Every year first-timers tell us how thrilled they are to "discover" this sale. Repeat customers from in and outside our church family line up in the courtyard early Friday morning, knowing the treasures they'll find inside. Thereby, thousands of your donated items are shared across the Missoula valley. And, like last year, remaining items will travel across the state to the Service Center at Lodge Pole to help with the needs of residents at the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation.

You still have time to donate items (through Wednesday, May 3) and to volunteer with the sale. On Monday, May 1, we need set-up help from 9 to 4. We'd especially like some strong souls to put together clothing racks and set up tables the first thing Monday morning. Tuesday through Thursday from 9 to 4 we need all kinds of volunteers: sorting, pricing, and displaying items; helping in the kitchen; and providing soup lunches. Enjoying those lunches, too. If you are

new to Holy Spirit or if you've never volunteered during sale week, this is the perfect time to come on board.

Sales and floor help of all kinds is needed on Friday from 9-3 and on Saturday from 9-1. Then, a huge call for clean-up at 1 p.m. on Saturday, which we can wrap up in an hour with plenty of volunteers. Guys, we need you, all week, especially in the outside sales area on Friday and Saturday. Word has it our Church School kiddos will have coffee and treats available Saturday morning.

Every day of sales week you'll experience great camaraderie, delicious lunches, and bargain shopping. And, you'll take with you the deep satisfaction of having shared with the church family and everyone who visits the sale the gifts of outreach that extend far beyond our church corner. See you Rummage Sale Week! Check our website for further details: http://holyspiritmissoula.org/parishlife/rummage-sale-may-5-6/.

- BETSY HOLMQUIST RUMMAGE SALE COMMITTEE



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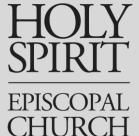
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NEWSLETTER

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A letter to the parish from Rev. Terri

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I want to thank everyone for their understanding over the past two months while I took some extended leave for rest and renewal. The confluence of crucial family concerns over a prolonged period coupled with the demands of the work I love led me to seek this respite. After conversations with the Wardens, the Bishop, and my colleagues, and with their encouragement and support, I took my leave. I return now more myself, with the physical, emotional, and spiritual energy I need to serve you well.

While away, I changed things up: increased quiet time, took many walks, slowed the pace of things, got a lot of rest, and made additional time for prayer. I stepped back from everything and gained perspective. It became clear that previous ways of balancing work and home life needed revision to meet changing demands on my time. As a result, I am in the process of trying out new patterns and doing what is needed to ensure a healthy balance in all areas of my life.

I hope you know how much I enjoy working with all of you in the Holy Spirit community. I cannot thank you enough for allowing me this time for rest and renewal. Thank you for your prayers, your kind words, and your faithfulness while I was away. You are a blessing and a joy to me, and I give thanks daily for the privilege of serving in your midst.

I am so glad to be seeing all of you again! While I needed the time away, I missed being with you. I look forward to hearing about all the exciting things that happened while I was away, and hearing about what you may have learned as well. I especially want to thank The Rev. Bill Baumgarten for serving in my absence, as well as the Wardens (present and former), and the Staff. I also want to thank all of you for carrying on with our ministry in my absence. I could not have done this without everyone's support!

WITH MUCH GRATITUDE, TERRI+ THE REV. TERRI ANN GROTZINGER RECTOR



Join us for our end of the year party

Church School will celebrate its End-of-Year Party on Pentecost Sunday June 4th. Be sure to wear red in honor of the Holy Spirit. Plan to join us as we acknowledge those children who will be moving on to middle school, thank our teachers, and have lots of PARTY FUN. After a short children's worship downstairs, Lulu and Lizzi from Turning the Wheel will lead us in "guided creative movement play." By using improvisational games set to music we (kids and teachers) will

collaborate, get creative, become more aware and HAVE FUN. Turning the Wheel has been facilitating classes, trainings and producing community performance across the country for 20 years. They have a local non-profit organization that serves youth and their mentors using movement and creative expression as a catalyst for change. Join us! Strawberries and ice cream will be served in the courtyard (weather permitting) after the 10:15 service.



Vacation Bible School 2017: Listening with Lydia, June 12-16

Join other children from our parish and our community as we spend a week together learning about Lydia. We hear about her in Acts 16. Together we'll explore Paul's missionary journey, we'll learn about Lydia as a leader in her community and as a business woman. She was a seller of fine purple cloth. We'll follow her journey as she gathers with other women to pray and as God opens her heart so she can eagerly listen. As we follow her story we'll learn about baptism, prayer and service.

The week will be full of games, skits, crafts and LOTS OF PURPLE. On Friday, we'll wrap the week up with a giant inflatable slide out in the courtyard. Friday evening we'll have a church-wide picnic potluck to celebrate the week (and get a few more trips down the slide).

VBS runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, for children entering K through 5th grade. Registration fee is \$25. Plan now for your children to join us for Bible stories, games, skits, art and fun!

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

Helping in church for Mother's Day and an end-ofthe-year party are just a few of the activities in store for Church School. Here's what to expect in May and June:

Sunday, May 7th
Doubting Thomas
Activity Station: Mary Beth
Jourdonnais

Sunday, May 14th Mother's Day Children help with adult worship

Sunday, May 21stDoubting Thomas
Activity Station: Peace Sign

Sunday, May 28th Memorial Day Weekend No Church School

Sunday, June 4th Pentecost End-of-the-Year Party

Please join us! There's lots of wonderful things happening in Church School.

- GRETCHEN STROHMAIER





Explorations:

Opportunities to cultivate, challenge and live our faith

A reflection from Gretchen Strohmaier:

Private life, public life

I was challenged recently in something I was reading to think anew about the balance of private life vs. public life. After years of working for Hospice the age-old story was.....when you're with someone on her death bed, she never says she wishes she would have worked more. No, if she has regrets or wishes it's generally along the lines of.... I wish I would have spent more time with my family, or valued them more. If we are keeping score that's at least 50 points for private life. Family—yes, we get it. We need to savor our time together, love them, and care for them.

But without periodically looking up, taking a wider view, and engaging in the public sphere, life becomes insular. The air in the living room gets stale. As we move ever deeper into the season of Easter, holding in front of ourselves Jesus' jarring example of self - sacrifice and servanthood, we can't escape God's call to a life of service. We are people with a mission—to love *deeply* those intimates we have around us, but also to love *broadly*: those beside us on the bus, those across this broad country, and all God's around this planet.

It's a balancing act for sure. The pace can be dizzying. The work can feel overwhelming. We sustain ourselves by coming alongside our brothers and sisters in faith. We take turns. We collaborate. We learn from one another. We share ideas, and we gain motivation. We draw strength from mutual prayer and support. And we seek God's direction and the Holy Spirit's energy as we strive to live both a private life and a public life.

GRETCHEN STROHMAIER
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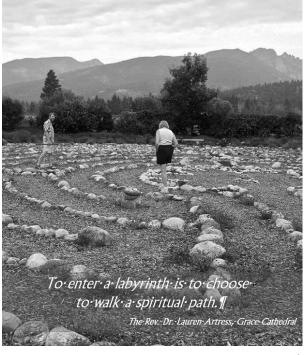
Join us for a labyrinth Peace Walk

May 20, Redsun Labyrinth, Victor MT

Holy Spirit will host a Peace Walk on a lovely outdoor labyrinth outside of Victor on Saturday, May 20^{th} , from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. We will offer information about the history of this ancient sacred path as well as a guide for first time walkers. Our walk will be focused on Peace in our inner selves and Peace on Earth, our island home.

If you go to their website, www.redsunlabyrinth.com, you will see pictures, learn the history of this labyrinth and labyrinths in general. We will have an indoor space available for eating lunch, resting, or iffy weather. Please bring a sack lunch, an outdoor chair, and perhaps a journal. No pets are allowed at the site.

A sign-up sheet and more information will be available in the fellowship hall on the Sundays of April 30th, May 7th and May 14th. If you have questions, please call Willie Hoffer at 541-815-9609.



Join us for Compline on May 7

Our final Compline service until next fall

May 7 marks the final compline service until October. Having passed through seasons of intense activity and demands, both by the church calendar, the business calendar, and the calendar of Nature's seasons, we enter a period with a different tenor. The demands are different in character, perhaps even felt as an easing, a rest or relaxation. It can also be a chance to examine the value of the activities that will be winding down until autumn and to understand the need for periodic cessation.

Compline service begins at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. The congregation participates in candlelit silence with the officiant reading and the choir responding. Door opens at 7:30 for those who wish additional time for prayer and reflection in silence. The service ends within a half hour, and additional time is provided following the service for silent contemplation. Door closes at 9 p.m.

- TANYA LODAHL COMPLINE COORDINATOR



Garden Tour planned for Wednesday, May 31

Join Master Gardener, Billie Gray, along with other members of your church family to savor God's good earth and tour local gardens on Wednesday, May 31st. Meet at the church parking lot to carpool and/or get a tour directory. The group will depart at 6:00 p.m. and tour up to 4 gardens. Plan on spending 2 hours enjoying the results of our wet winter. Light rain wouldn't stop this garden tour, but more severe weather might. If you have questions please contact Billie at 543-3480.

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Baptism dates announced

The remaining scheduled dates for Baptism are Pentecost Sunday, June 4, or on All Saints' Sunday, November 5. If you are interested in Baptism at either of those times, either for yourself or for your child, please call the church office at 542-2167 and ask to speak to Rev. Terri. If you are interested in the June 4 baptism date, Rev. Terri needs to hear from you by Sunday, May 7.

Perspectives from a diaconal ministry:

Practice, practice, practice...

"I've got this."

"I've been practicing."

One of the Church School students was using her story box we had built in class to tell us about Jesus in the temple, Jesus riding through the palms into Jerusalem, Jesus sharing the last supper with his disciples, Jesus dying on the cross, Jesus wrapped and entombed, and Jesus risen. And she was right—she had been practicing, and she "got" how to bring Jesus to us in her own enthusiastic and wondrous way.

She was a powerful example of what it takes for us to "get this", this bringing Jesus to the world around us:

- Learning, from scripture and one another
- Building alongside one another, so we own this loving work together
- Sharing, so Jesus becomes more and more rooted in us
- Listening to the stories of others, so we become more real to one another
- Using our story boxes, to be and to do

We can "get this", too. Practice, practice, practice...

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





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

Grace Camp (June 18 - June 23) - for campers entering grades 3-8 with an incarcerated parent

Junior Middler 1 (June 25 - June 30) - for campers entering grades 3-8; cost, \$380

Mini Grace Camp (July 4-7) - for campers entering grades 3-6 with an incarcerated parent

Junior High Adventure (July 5-8) - an adventurous session of kayaking, camping, and hiking for youth entering grades 6-8; cost, \$280

Junior Middler 2 (July 9-14)- for campers entering grades 3-8; cost, \$380

Senior High (July 16 - July 22) - for campers entering grades 9-12; cost, \$400

Family Camp (July 23-July 28) - for families of all configurations; cost, \$600/cabin

Adventure Week (July 23 - July 28) - for campers entering grades 9-12; cost, \$400

Alumni Weekend (August 11-13) - for camp alumni of any age; cost, \$60-\$100 per person

Join us for Camp Marshall Sunday on May 7

Join us for S'mores and songs after the 10:15 service

Sunday, May 7th, is Camp Marshall Sunday. Join us at the 10:15 service to hear about the power of camp. Pick up a brochure about dates for camp this year. Learn about ways to support the kids from our parish who would like to attend. Coordinate with other families who are sending their children. Gather

in the courtyard after church to sing camp songs, roast a marshmallow and eat a S'more. Last summer over 50 people from Missoula went to camp (including our kids, their friends, and camp staff). Could we send 60 this summer?!

Youth Ministry

Help us fill backpacks for Grace Camp this month

It's Grace Camp Backpack time! Holy Spirit has a tradition of supporting Grace Camp, a week at Camp Marshall for children with an incarcerated parent, by providing toiletries, beach towels, and other supplies for campers Throughout the month of May, we are collecting the following items:

Toothbrushes, journals, new socks, fun pens, washcloths, beach towels, body

wash, shampoo, spray sunscreen. If you can donate items, please bring them to the office or contact Lindsay.

Join us for Camp Marshall Sunday on May 7th. We'll be celebrating Camp Marshall's ministry with S'mores and camp songs after the 10:15 service.

Also, Youth Group will meet on Sunday, May 7th, from 6-7:30 p.m. Hope you can join us!

LINDSAY AND PJ



Back-to-School Bash:

Help us collect books for needy children

Could you brighten a child's life and give him or her a stronger start to the new school year by donating a new or gently used book? Holy Spirit Parish will once again be coordinating the book drive portion of the annual Backto-School Bash which is held in late August. The Bash, which has been coordinated by the Salvation Army, the United Way, and the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative, provides Missoula's neediest families with backpacks stuffed with school supplies. And thanks to Missoula's faith communities and generous local authors and booksellers, all children receive free books that they get to select themselves! It is deeply moving to watch children and adults thoughtfully peruse stacks of books to find those special ones that appeal to them; just ask any of the Holy Spirit volunteers who helped at last year's event

Even though the Bash is not held until just before the 2017-18 school year opens, we would like to begin our book collection earlier this year before the Church School and regular school years end. Therefore, we shall begin

collecting new and gently used books for children and young adults up to age 18 on Sunday, May 7. (Though the Bash is directed at school-aged children, many families with babies in tow appreciate having some books for them so they can be introduced to the joy of good books early in life.)

Please look for a plastic bin in the parish hall ready to collect your donations. On the following Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day, we would like parishioners to consider donating a favorite book to honor a mother or grandmother or daughter or granddaughter, perhaps a book they enjoyed reading together. Please don't inscribe the book. If you wish, you can include a note on a separate sheet of paper explaining your choice. We would be happy to share these thoughts, if you wish, in later editions of the *Spirited Times*.

We shall be collecting books throughout the summer. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

– LUCIA SOLÓRZANO WORK SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE





The Wider Church...Tiny Houses for the Homeless

While tiny houses are a trend in home building, the idea has been adopted by a number of churches across the U.S.A. as a means of outreach to homeless and low-income populations. Impressed with their use by communities in Seattle and St. George, Utah, St. James Episcopal Church on the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota used a United Thank Offering grant to build tiny houses for students. St. John's Episcopal Church in St. Cloud, Minnesota built a tiny house to accommodate a homeless person on its property. And now, in Bozeman, The Rev. Connie Pearson-Campbell, a deacon at St. James Episcopal Church, is spear-heading the Housing First Village, a project to build tiny houses for the homeless, with a community resource center where residents could receive counseling, medical assistance and employment help in preparation for moving to permanent homes. It is designed to incorporate the efforts of two other local groups - the Human Resource Development Council, and the School of Architecture at Montana State University, thus creating a coalition of Episcopalians, architecture students and social service providers.

- PRU RANDALL



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Labyrinth Peace Walk

- May 20, 10 am to 2 pm
- Redsun Labyrinth, Victor Montana
- Led by Willie Hoffer
- Sign up in the parish hall on April 30, May 7 and May 14
- Questions? Call Willie at 541-815-9609

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