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The Service of COMPLINE

The ancient service of plainchant and contemplative prayer



First Sunday of Each Month
(October ~ June)

8 p.m. ~ All are welcome!

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Join us for Compline on March 4

“The skies proclaim the work of [God’s] hands. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.”

Come contemplate the knowledge of the night. Join us for Choral Compline on Sunday, March 4, at 8 p.m.

**Come for the
Myanmar dinner;
stay for Compline.**

Join us on March 4:

Help school kids experience more of their country through field trips

Please join us in welcoming back our four teachers from Holy Spirit who returned home on February 6th from teaching spoken English to Myanmar teachers. Hear about their experiences and help the Social Concerns Committee continue with a project to raise a total of \$2,000 for field trips for 125 rural Myanmar school children. Students there are limited to classroom learning and a few books. Many do not travel beyond walking distance of their villages. Several day trips will enable them to experience the geography, history and life in Mandalay and other cities and historic sites for a holistic education. We already have \$400 in contributions and a Butterfly Grant of \$300, leaving \$1,300 to raise.

There will be a slide show and presentations by the Holy Spirit teachers on their recent experiences in Myanmar. A brief auction of clothing and souvenirs from Myanmar will also be held. The main course will be an Asian Rice Dinner with many side dishes of Asian food. If you would like to make and contribute a side

dish, please call Bob or Patti and let them know what you will be bringing.

Who May Attend: Everyone is welcome. Adults, children and families are encouraged to attend. Come see an interesting presentation with fresh information from Myanmar and experience new foods. Reservations for the event are encouraged since attendance will be limited to 80.

Costs: We are asking for contributions of \$25 from individuals and families so that we can reach the goal of \$1,300. However, no one will be turned away, and a free will offering may be donated instead. We are hoping that 10 “angels” will come forward with \$50 contributions in order to complete the needed funding.

Reservations and information:
Contact Patti Beckley, 251-3703,
bpbeckley@gmail.com or Bob
Deaton, 370-0650,
bobdeaton66@gmail.com.

— BOB DEATON AND PATTI BECKLEY
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Myanmar Dinner and Fundraiser
Sunday, March 4, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
in the parish hall. Reservations encouraged.

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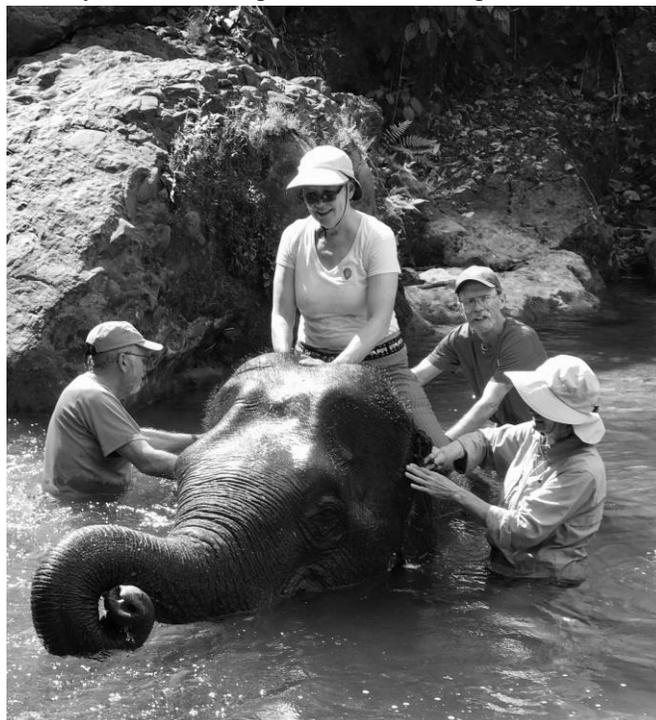
Teaching English in Myanmar one phrase at a time

In Myanmar's agricultural heartland, bullock carts carrying loads of harvested peanuts and chickpeas rumble past toddy palms and thatched-roof villages. It was in this setting that we four teaching volunteers worked every day for nearly two weeks in January, coaching English teachers, enhancing their conversational skills and suggesting more student-centered approaches to learning rather than the traditional repetition and recitation. All of this was arranged and managed by Studer Trust, the highly efficient little NGO with whom we have worked since 2014.

Pat King and I worked with 15 teachers in a monastic school called Le Paw in the village of Kyar Tet, southwest of Mandalay. Ranging in age from late-20s to 63, the teachers enthusiastically participated in the classes, which were a mix of English language learning and discussion and demonstration of teaching techniques and ideas. Le Paw has about 800 students in the 8th through 10th grades, with the majority in the terminal 10th grade class. Many of those seniors go to Le Paw because of its excellent academic reputation (and no-nonsense behavioral rules), and they were busy studying (up to 12 hours a day!) for the all-important matriculation exam in late February.

We slept in a converted classroom in the same building where we taught and also where we ate delicious Myanmar curries. There were no hot showers but the bucket baths in a little purple bathhouse were refreshing! Our hosts kept us busy outside of class time. We visited farm families in Kyar Tet and in

novitiate ceremony (when boys become monks), watched pottery being made, and got to observe all sorts of agricultural processes like peanut oil extraction, sunflower seed processing, peanut threshing, basket weaving and cheroot rolling. We also



visited ancient caves with beautiful frescoes, other caves with umpteen golden Buddhas and climbed to ankle-height on a 31-story Buddha.

Karen Orzech and Nancy McCulloch taught once again at Shwe Ku, a smaller monastic school further south, where they had taught in 2015 (and where Karen and husband Lance returned in 2016). They, too, had a wonderful teaching experience with 11 teachers including the abbot. Also at Shwe Ku were Sandar and Wei Wei, the two young teachers whom Karen and Lance brought to Missoula for three months last year, as well as the five young women initially sponsored by Holy Spirit, who have all now passed their matriculation exam and are attending college while teaching.

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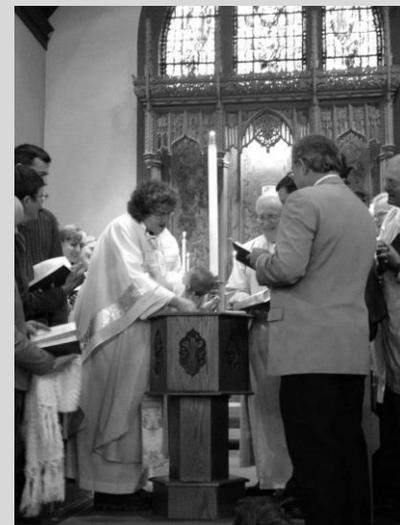
Serving with gladness
Church School kids have made a special connection with Mountain Home Montana

As the children continue their focus on *Serving with Gladness*, they will be volunteering to help create Easter baskets for the children living at Mountain Home Montana. They will also host special guests from the Altar Guild and other groups at church to learn about how and why these folks serve, and the kids will have the opportunity to *roll up their sleeves* and

do some helpful tasks around the church as well. If you notice them at work around here, please acknowledge it as we all help to foster *servicing with gladness* within our children.

—GRETCHEN STROHMAIER
 DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Be sure to support our Church School kids as they serve with gladness around our church!



Baptism dates announced

The next date for baptism will be at our Pentecost celebration on Sunday, May 20, at the 10:15 a.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 Rev. Terri. If you are interested in the May 20 baptism date, Rev. Terri needs to hear from you by April 22.

The remaining dates for baptism for 2018 are the Day of Pentecost, May 20, a possible date in the summer yet to be determined, and the Sunday after All Saints' Day, November 4. Baptism will take place at the 10:15 a.m. service on those Sundays.

Serving with Gladness



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Here's what's happening in March in Church School

Sunday, March 4 No Children's worship or classes.
Sunday, March 11 Regular Children's worship and activities.
Sunday, March 18 Regular Children's worship and activities.
Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday.

Kids help to lead adult worship.
 Curriculum theme: *Lent & Holy Week*
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 Children join adult worship briefly and then go downstairs to celebrate the events of Holy Week.



Explorations:

Opportunities
to cultivate,
challenge
and live our
faith

Held by something bigger:

Connecting to the depths of faith

Join us on March 7, 14 and 21 for our final three Lenten potluck programs. The potluck begins at 6:30 in the parish hall, and speakers follow starting at 7:15 in the church. Each week we'll continue to reflect on the "building blocks" of our faith, hearing from members of our own church family. On these Wednesdays in March we'll focus on prayer, community and God's presence.

Collectively we have a lot of time in those pews. We *do* this stuff, but rarely have the opportunity to talk about it. Come and hear members of your own church family as they share their thoughts and experience and be inspired to put words to your own experiences of faith.

On March 7th the theme is **Prayer**. We'll hear about liturgical prayer and corporate prayer and individual prayer. We'll hear from Willie Hoffer and Jody Thomasson. They will share about the variety of styles of prayer they've tried, and those that resonate the most for them. March 14th our theme is **Community**. Hear from Bob Wattenberg, Mary Tromly, Jennifer

Walworth and high schooler Ben Reilly as they describe what it means to be a part of a church community. They will share about ways the church has nurtured and sustained them, and we'll hear about what it means for them to be a part of the body of Christ. On Wednesday March 21st we'll focus on **God's Presence**, thinking with Natalie Jaeger, Lindsay Iudicello and Anita Rognas about ways in which they encounter God in daily life. Join us and connect to the depths of your faith.

As always, we'll begin 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 weekly Sunday bulletin and in the *Spirited Times*. 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!

The Good Book Club:

Join us as we explore the Book of Luke together

The Good Book Club—Join your church family on Sunday mornings in March as we continue to meet from 9 to 10 in the Guild Room to discuss our week's Bible readings from Luke. There are a myriad of ways to do the readings. You might be reading *Forward Day by Day*, or perhaps you downloaded the app for your phone, or maybe you are following the readings on one of the Lenten calendars. Some folks have purchased the book, *A Journey with Luke*. Regardless of the method you have chosen, we invite you join us as we explore the Book of Luke together. Feel free to drop in even if you haven't attended the earlier sessions. Questions? Contact Gretchen Strohmaier at Gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org.

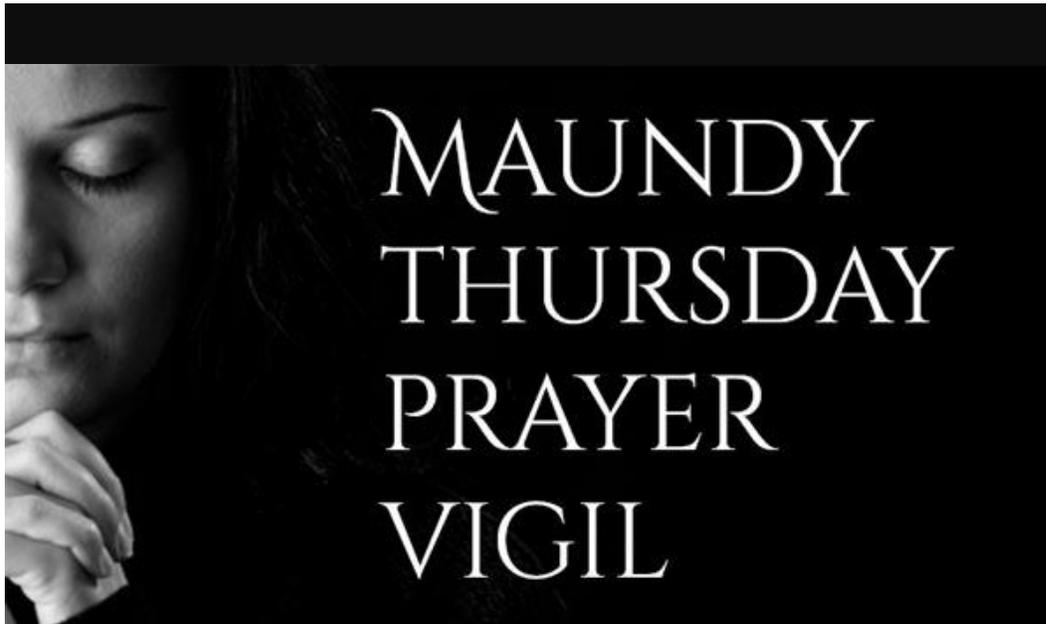


THE
GOOD BOOK
CLUB

Krista Tippett from *On Being* will be in Missoula March 20

As regular listeners of *On Being* which always explores the connection between spirituality and daily life, you might be interested to know that Krista Tippett will be visiting Missoula as part of Montana Public Radio's *On Being* event on Tuesday, March 20, at 7 p.m. at the Dennison Theater. Krista will interview two guests on stage as part of

the *On Being/Civil Conversations* Project. It will be recorded for their website and possibly for broadcast if it all turns out wonderfully. The guests are Sally Kohn, an American liberal political commentator, and Erick Erickson, a politically conservative American blogger and radio host.



Two watchers are needed for each hour of the Vigil: **Sign up to be a part of the Maundy Thursday prayer vigil**

Devote an hour or more to prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane with Jesus on the Thursday of Holy Week, March 29th. Starting immediately after the Maundy Thursday Service and continuing until 7 a.m. the next morning on Good Friday, parishioners will sign up for an hour at a time to sit in the church and pray. Bring a journal, a reflection book or even an instrument, and sit with others as we “stay awake with Jesus.” Look for the sign-up chart in the parish hall.

We need to have two people for each hour. The church doors will be locked and opened when you knock on the door for your time. Those who have done this in previous years have found this to be a moving and spiritual time. Consider inviting a friend to join you in your shift. Please call Holly Swartz at 542-1978 if you have any questions or for more information.

– HOLLY SWARTZ, VIGIL COORDINATOR



PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25
8 a.m., Blessing of the Palms, reading of the Passion and Holy Eucharist
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(Both Sunday services begin in the church this year.)

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29
6 p.m., Soup dinner in parish hall
7 p.m., Liturgy of Maundy Thursday, in the church, followed by the Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30
12 noon, Liturgy of Good Friday, in the church, followed by an hour of readings and silence at 1 p.m.

EASTER EVE, MARCH 31
7:30 p.m., The Great Vigil of Easter, followed by the sharing of “milk and honey” in the parish hall

EASTER DAY, APRIL 1
9 a.m. and 11 a.m., Choral Eucharist; Coffee Hour follows both Sunday services

Holiday Crafts



It's time to get crafting for the Holiday Market!

It's crafting time again! Join the Holy Spirit Crafters on Fridays at 10 a.m. until noonish upstairs in the church office starting March 16 and continuing through May 18. Step-by-step instructions will be provided each week for making something simple yet classy to sell at the Holiday Market in November. No experience is necessary, and you can come any Friday and stay as long as your schedule allows. It's a great way to meet other parishioners! For more information about the Craft Group, contact Sue Lowery at 546-8401 or smorasco@centric.net.



Donors needed for Easter Flowers

Flowers will once again be seen on the altar on Easter Sunday. Would you like to have flowers there on that day in memory of a loved one or to celebrate an event in your life? If you would like to give toward the Easter flowers and help beautify the church, please call the church office at 542-2167 by **9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14.** Thank you!

**Spring Rummage Sale set for April 20 and 21
April Rummage Sale coming soon!**

This year's rummage sale, Friday and Saturday April 20 and 21, comes two weeks earlier than usual. And, we're hoping you've already begun "Giving On" with setting aside 40 Lenten donations for the sale. If not, today's the perfect time to grab that empty box, plastic container, or bag. You can try the "Does this item spark joy?" test suggested by Marie Kondo in her *Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up* manifesto. Or, Joshua Becker's suggestion that "Excess possessions do not bring extra happiness into life; even worse, they distract us from the things that do!" Or, perhaps, you have your own motivation for de-cluttering, minimalizing, cleaning, and clearing out whatever no longer is needed or helpful in your life. We'd love to take that "whatever" off your hands! Clean and in good condition clothing, shoes, jewelry, accessories, books, tools, kitchen and decorating items, small working appliances, toys, hobby and craft supplies. Your efforts result in lovely

new spaces in your home. The sale receives exactly the "Give On" items needed for the sale. And, sale proceeds enable Holy Spirit to continue "Giving On" through its many missions and activities.

The week preceding the sale is also the perfect time to lend your individual talents to the many steps that go into a successful event. From bringing a crock pot of soup for the volunteers, to marking prices, to setting up displays, to interacting with customers during the sale—we need *each one* of you that week. Guys—this means you, too! Sign-up sheets will be available after services in April, and we promise, if you've never helped with this sale, you'll be hooked if you do. It's a joyous week in the Parish Hall as we give on to each other and everyone who visits the sale that joy and generosity of spirit that is our Holy Spirit Parish.

– BETSY HOLMQUIST
RUMMAGE SALE MINISTRY



The Wider Church: Looking towards General Convention

As we approach the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, scheduled for July 2 to 13 in Austin, Texas, we will begin to see a range of resolutions proposed and assigned to appropriate legislative committees for their review, discussion and recommendation to the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops. Topics will range across many areas; the 78th General Convention in Salt Lake City dealt with more than eighty topics ranging from the Anglican Communion, Economic Justice, Genetics and Weapons to Youth. One of this convention's early proposed resolutions that has aroused controversial reactions to date is the Diocese of Washington (D.C.)'s call for consideration of expanding the use of gender-neutral language for God in any future revision of our Book of Common

Prayer. In explaining their justification, they state, "No language can adequately contain the complexity of the divine, and yet it is all we have to try to explain God. Over the centuries our language and our understanding of God has continued to change and adapt." Further, they contend that our current use of gender roles shape and limit our understanding of God. Their explanation goes on to state, "By expanding our language for God, we will expand our image of God and the nature of God."

The Diocese of Connecticut has proposed a similar resolution requesting the General Convention's Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music "to amend as far as is practicable, all gendered references to God" in the Book of Common Prayer, "replacing them with gender expansive language."

Continued from page 2 Teaching English in Myanmar one phrase at a time

Karen and Nancy also did lots of local sightseeing, and we all met up one day in Bagan, the world-famous site of thousands of temples, pagodas and stupas, dating from the 8th through 13th centuries.

After our teaching stint, we were thrilled to participate in two ribbon-cuttings, one for the electrical substation in Shwe Ku and one for the dental clinic at Phalankone (where four volunteers taught in 2015). Both improvements were made possible by generous donations from Holy Spirit parishioners and others. Then we traveled to Kayah State in southeast Myanmar, visiting remote hill tribes in an area where recent cease-fires have halted hostilities between separatist groups and the army.

We traveled north by boat to Inle Lake with its thousands of houses on stilts and fascinating lake culture and ended our visit with a three-day stay in Kalaw, a cool, hilly town where Studer Trust manager Cho Cho Lwin and family have built a beautiful big house. We also got to feed and bathe old lady elephants who have been rescued from the teak business.

All in all, it was a very worthwhile and eye-opening trip. We have plenty more to share, so please attend the March 4 dinner, when we will be raising funds to enable local Myanmar students to go on field trips and see a bit more of their amazing world.

— CLEM WORK



Hellgate HS and Parenting Place Community Ministries – Two Faces of our Neighbors

I served for the first time on the Point-In-Time survey team during Project Community Connect, helping our communities to better understand homelessness from the inside out. My first two clients were in their early 20's and currently living in a camper without walls. One had experienced jail time. Both acknowledged mental health struggles. The zip code of their last permanent residence was Missoula, but they felt much further away from home.

Our time together left me with many questions: When were they last somewhere safe and warm? Do they have any family connections? Were they able to finish high school? When did their childhood begin to unravel around and in them? What will tomorrow hold?

These young adults are two of our neighbors. They may have been graduates or drop-outs of Hellgate High School. They may have been part of a family whose distress kept them from connecting with Parenting Place classes or respite care. For me, they put two more real faces on why we are working to strengthen relationships with and support networks for Hellgate students and Parenting Place families. Home and community can begin here, with and through us.

To join in community ministry opportunities, please contact:
The Rev. Anita Rognas, Parenting Place coordinator, anita.rognas@gmail.com
A'Lisa Scott, Hellgate coordinator, adfams@montana.com

In gratitude for our Holy Spirit community,

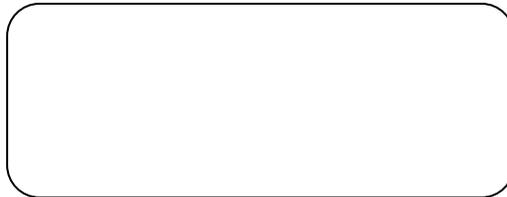
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Myanmar Teachers Welcome Back Dinner and Fundraiser

Join us in welcoming back our Holy Spirit volunteers who have been teaching in Myanmar and help us raise funds to send rural Myanmar school children on field trips

Sunday, March 4 / 5:30 pm
Tickets: \$25 per person or family