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Join the Holy Spirit Crafters!

It's crafting time again! Join the Holy Spirit Crafters on Fridays at 10 a.m. until noonish upstairs in the church office 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.



Join us for our celebration of Pentecost on May 20

Foreign language speakers needed

May 20th is the Day of Pentecost this year, the day of our namesake the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit has the custom of reading the lesson from Acts in as many languages as possible on Pentecost. The sound of many languages recalls for us the experience of the disciples and the crowd on that first Pentecost following the Resurrection. We invite anyone who knows a language other than English to read the lesson in that language at the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, May 20. Even if you are a bit shy or not overly confident of your pronunciation, you can add your voice to the mix! If you are interested in participating, please

contact Rev. Terri at the church office, 542-2167 or revterri@holyspiritmissoula.org. Translations of the Bible text (Acts 2:1-21) in many languages are available at <http://bibledatabase.net/>.

Please wear something red on that day as a sign that we are all touched by the flame of the Holy Spirit. We also celebrate following the 10:15 a.m. service with our Pentecost Coffee Hour of strawberries and ice cream in the church courtyard (weather-permitting). Please join us. Thank you for helping us celebrate this festival of the Holy Spirit!



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Join us for Vacation Bible School, June 11-15

We want your kids, grandkids and neighbor kids to join us for Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day, June 11 through 15. Children will enjoy music, Bible stories, science experiments, games and art. We'll even take a field trip (or two). The week will be topped off with a giant inflatable slide! A virtual army of volunteers, together with the staff at Holy Spirit

Church, come together to make this week a spectacular gift to our children and the children of our community. Registration is \$25, but financial assistance is available. Please call or email Gretchen to sign up (542-2167 or gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org).

– GRETCHEN STROHMAIER
DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL
FORMATION



NEWSLETTER

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Hellgate High School and Parenting Place Community Ministries:

Stirring up abundance

It began with a simple question. Jody Thomasson wondered what might be most needed at Hellgate High School these days. We spoke about how some students who are homeless or face other instability access vouchers from the school to wash their clothes at Sparkle Laundry.

A chord was struck, and Jody brought her story of growing up in need, along with an Adams peanut butter jar and some encouraging note cards, to her fellow 8 a.m. parishioners. Over three Sundays, we shared more stories and student facts, and we asked one another how many \$4 wash/dry loads we might stir up together. By the third Sunday, the jar overflowed with enough for

more than 150 loads, card after card with scripture verses and reflections left the church tucked in bags and coat pockets, and we found a few more things that connect us.

And when I called Dominic at Sparkle to ask about the balance in Hellgate's voucher fund, he said he had just let the school know that the fund stood at minus two dollars...perfectly-timed abundance on so many fronts.

Grateful for God's abundance in our stories, care and connectedness,

– THE REV. DORCIE DVARISHKIS
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Honoring mothers and fathers

The children have some special plans for Mother's Day to honor both mothers and fathers (since Church School is not in session on Father's Day). Kids won't want to miss this opportunity to celebrate family and share their love

with their parents. Join us on Sunday, May 13th.

—GRETCHEN STROHMAIER
DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL
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Join us for our end-of-the-year party on May 20

Back by popular demand, Animal Wonders will be with us for our party on the last day of Church School, Sunday, May 20th. Join us as we meet critters of North America. Animal Wonders reports, "You don't have to go far to find some of the most spectacular animals in the world. When you see the animals that live in our own state and country, you will be reminded how beautiful and unique Montana really is. Learn how these native animals live alongside us when we don't even know they are there. Montana's native animals

are amazing, there's much more to learn about them than you ever knew!"

Children will have a brief children's worship time to honor classroom shepherds and helpers and to acknowledge those children who are making significant class transitions. Then they will enjoy the presentation by Animal Wonders.

Kids are encouraged to come early on this day and get their face painted for Pentecost. Katsu will be here by 9:45 a.m. to start painting and will be us until 11:45.



Baptism dates announced

The next date for baptism will on Sunday, July 29, 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 July 29 baptism date, Rev. Terri needs to hear from you by Sunday, June 24.

The remaining date for baptism for 2018 is the Sunday after All Saints' Day, November 4. Baptism will take place at the 10:15 a.m. service on that Sunday.



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

Sunday, May 6
Sunday, May 13
Sunday, May 20

Regular Children's Worship
Brief Children's Worship
End of Church School Year Party!

Curriculum focus: *The Lord's Prayer*
Sharing with Mothers (and Fathers) on Mother's Day
Join us for a presentation by Animal Wonders and face painting by Katsu. Face painting begins at 9:45 a.m. in the parish hall.



Explorations:

Opportunities to cultivate, challenge and live our faith

Women’s Retreat, May 4-6:
Please pray for our retreat participants

Please pray for the women of our parish who are on retreat May 4-6 at Flathead Lake. The women will be learning about prayer and practicing new prayer techniques, and they will be

doing a whole lot of playing: dancing, walking, hiking, canoeing, kayaking and paddle boarding. Keep them in your prayers.



The Good Book Club:
Join us as we finish our exploration of the Book of Acts on May 20

Continue the nation-wide effort: keep reading the Book of Acts! Episcopal churches across the country are still reading. The Good Book Club ends on Pentecost Sunday. On that day, Sunday, May 20th, those who have been reading Acts are invited to gather at 9 a.m. in the Guild Room to enjoy some breakfast food and discuss the themes presented within Acts. Join members of your church family as we practice BEING CHURCH for one another. Join us for a rich and lively discussion and be comforted, inspired and challenged in your faith.



A new Education for Ministry group is forming for the fall

Registration for EfM (Education for Ministry) is now open for the fall. EfM is a group of people who want to deepen their faith by learning together in a small group environment. We meet on Monday afternoons from

12:30-3 p.m. at the church.

If you are interested in this dynamic, interactive and fun program please email Julie Benson at teambenson@yahoo.com to find out more details.



Education for Ministry Group Forming

Learn more about EfM and how you can participate

Come enjoy Compline in spring's waning light – May 6th at 8 pm

Compline at Holy Spirit changes with the season. Of course, each month's music is appropriate to the liturgical season, Advent, Epiphany, Lent. Then there is the quality of the day, autumn's coolness, winter's hard cold, spring's hints of the coming summer. And finally, there is the varying length of day.

On May 6th at 8:00 p.m. we will hold the next to the last choral compline service of the season. Sunset that evening will occur at 8:53 p.m. meaning that the beautiful reds and blues of the church's stained-glass windows should be aglow with the evening light. You are invited to this special moment. Come sit in the quiet stillness as evening descends, and the choir sings in celebration of Christ's redemption of this world.

– KEITH KUHN, COMPLINE MINISTRY



Join us for a church picnic in July

Mark your calendar for the Church Picnic on Sunday, July 22nd, at Silver Park after church. Enjoy picnic food, music, lawn games and visiting with your Church family. More details will come your way in June.



Kudos to the Choir!

Congrats to the choir for their hard work over Holy Week, and for such lovely music-making! We will continue to sing through the Day of Pentecost (May 20) after which we be on hiatus until the Sunday after Labor Day.

Any interested singers out there who would like to join the choir in the fall? Talk to Nancy after church or email her at nancy.cooper@umontana.edu. Music reading ability is a plus; prior choral experience as well.

– NANCY COOPER
CHOIR DIRECTOR



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

Grace Camp (June 17 – June 22) - for campers entering grades 3-8 with an incarcerated parent

Junior Middler 1 (June 24 – June 29) - for campers entering grades 3-8; cost, \$380

Junior High Adventure (June 30 – July 3) - an adventurous session of kayaking, camping, and hiking for youth entering grades 6-8; cost, \$280

Mini Grace Camp (July 2 – July 6) - for campers entering grades 3-6 with an incarcerated parent

Junior Middler 2 (July 8 – July 13) - for campers entering grades 3-8; cost, \$380

Senior High (July 15 – July 21) - for campers entering grades 9-12; cost, \$400

Senior High Adventure Week (July 22 – July 27) - for campers entering grades 9-12; cost, \$400

Family Camp (July 22 – July 27) - for families of all configurations; cost, \$600/cabin

Alumni Weekend (August 10 – 12) - for camp alumni of any age; cost, \$60-\$100 per person

Youth Ministry
Help us fill backpacks for Grace Camp this month

It's Grace Camp Backpack time! Throughout the month of May, we will be collecting backpacks and materials for Grace Camp at Camp Marshall! Participants at Grace Camp have an incarcerated parent, and it has been Holy Spirit's tradition to support this ministry by sending each camper a backpack filled with toiletries, towels, and other necessities. We will be collecting backpacks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap/shampoo sunscreen,

Chapstick, notebooks, pencils, socks, and water bottles, and we hope to be able to fill 30 backpacks for Grace Camp. If you would like to make a monetary contribution for Grace Camp backpacks, that would be wonderful as well! If you would like to donate materials or money, please contact PJ at PJ@holyspiritmissoula.org or (406) 661-3359. You can also bring your donations to the church office.

– PJ WILLETT, YOUTH MINISTER



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 for after graduation. You can call the church office at 542-2167 or email us at office@holyspiritmissoula.org.

Thank you!

– THE CHURCH OFFICE

Back-to-School Bash: Help us collect books for needy children

It's time again to begin our collection of new and gently used books for the annual Back-to-School Bash, which provides free backpacks filled with school supplies for needy children in Missoula County. As in years past, this is our chance, along with other Missoula faith communities, to provide free books to children grades preschool through high school who might not otherwise have access to good quality books to call their own. One of the best features of the drive is that all the students attending the event get to select the kind of book that appeals to them. Disney, Boxcar Children, Harry Potter, the Hunger Games, dinosaurs, horses, volcanoes and Civil War stories, all help to make reading exciting and fun. (Please no Bibles or religious books since this is an event aimed at students who attend Missoula County Public Schools.)

Please look for a plastic bin in the vestibule beginning on Sunday, May 13. Even though the Bash is not held until mid-August, we would like to begin our book collection before Church School and the regular 2017-2018 school year

end. We are seeking clean, new and gently used books for children and young adults up to age 18. Even though the Bash itself is directed at school-aged children and teenagers, many families with babies in tow appreciate having board books for them to hold—and perhaps chew on—but best of all, begin to see reading as an appealing and fun activity!

We shall be collecting books throughout the summer. The event's sponsors, The Salvation Army and United Way of Missoula County, value Holy Spirit's coordination of the faith community's book drive as a critical component of this annual kick-off to the new school year. It also is a thrilling and humbling experience for those of us who have had the privilege to work at this event. We welcome your generous donations. We also invite anyone who would like to become more involved to contact Lucia Solorzano Work at lucia.solowork@gmail.com. Thank you!

— LUCIA SOLORZANO WORK
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE



Our Wider Church...The Study of Marriage

The General Convention's Task Force on the Study of Marriage is recommending the development of pastoral resources that demonstrate the Church's relevance and its recognition of the rising rate of U.S. adults who live in sexually intimate relationships other than marriage. Their research indicated that in 2016 approximately 18 million U.S. adults were in such cohabiting relationships, a 29 percent increase over a nine-year period, and about 4.1 million of those people were age 50 or older. Accordingly, two new rites to add to the "Enriching Our Worship" series will be brought to the General Convention for consideration in July. "The Witnessing and Blessing of a Lifelong Covenant" would be for same-sex couples desiring to be married in civil jurisdictions where such marriages are not allowed. "The Blessing of a Lifelong Relationship" would be "for couples who desire to formalize their monogamous, unconditional and lifelong relationships" that "do not include the merging of property, finances or other legal encumbrances." If adopted, the use of the rites would have to be approved by diocesan bishops, and no member of the clergy would be required to officiate at such blessings.

— PRU RANDALL



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Sunday, May 20
Both services



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