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Stewardship Ingathering is November 6

Please bring your pledge card to church with you on Sunday, November 6, and place it in the offering plate at either service. Extra pledge cards will be available in the bulletin that Sunday if you have misplaced yours. If you can't be there that Sunday, you may also return your pledge card by mailing it to the church office in the envelope that was provided.

If you don't want to wait until Stewardship Sunday to make your pledge, you can call the church office at 542-2167 to pledge.

Weave your own prayers into our prayer loom

If you haven't yet discovered our prayer loom in the parish hall, come check it out and weave in your own prayers. The prayer loom provides a tangible and physical opportunity to express your prayers. Choose the yarn that best reflects your prayer. Tie the end of the yarn onto a nail at the edge of the loom and weave your prayer into the prayers of others within our community.

Weave as many prayers as you like. Perhaps stand back for a while and watch as others add in their prayers. Give yourself a moment to take in the literal tapestry of our prayers, knowing that together we lift up prayers of petition, prayers of lament, prayers of joy and so many other forms of prayer. Together our prayers give us strength, deepening our roots of faith.



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Knitting 101:

Calling all wannabe knitters of ALL AGES

Would you like to learn to knit? Or perhaps just *brush up* on your skills? Maybe you are ready to challenge yourself with a more advanced knitting project. Join us on Sunday, November 13, after the 10:15 service. We'll serve a light lunch and then begin with instruction. We have plenty of eager instructors, and we will divide the learners by skill level so each participant gets exactly what he or she needs. This class is perfect for kids (7 years and older) and adults. Consider participating with a family member and learn together the relaxing art of knitting. Of course, you are welcome to invite friends to join you. Please contact

Gretchen at Gretchen.hsp@qwestoffice.net or the church office at 542-2167 to sign up for this class so that we will have enough food for lunch.

Still seeking yarn donations

We could use yarn for our prayer loom and for the knitting class. If you are willing to donate, please drop off your yarn in the basket in the parish hall or in the church office. Thanks so much!

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What a generous parish!

The request for funds to establish a dental clinic in Myanmar brought in a wonderful response. We hoped to raise \$5,000 for the dental clinic. Instead, through generous donors on the Social Concerns Committee and the parish, and folks in the community, \$6,375 was raised! The amount over \$5,000 will be used to get more dentist hours and possibly some more needed supplies. We are so grateful for your generous and giving hearts. Thank you.

— CARLA METTLING
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE



Rooted in Faith: Look how our roots are growing!

Church School children continue their focus on our theme, *Rooted in Faith*. Ask your child if he or she can show you the body posture that we use in Church School to reflect our theme. The seeds we started on our kick-off Sunday in September have grown at an amazing rate. We've seen not only roots but also stems and leaves develop. The seeds are potted now, and we await the next stages of development.

We've completed a series of stories about Abraham and Sarah and have moved on to a focus on stories surrounding the Red Sea. Our new format seems to be working well, allowing for more adults to participate

with our children and providing more opportunities for intergenerational relationships. We'll keep tweaking this format as we move forward in our Church School year.

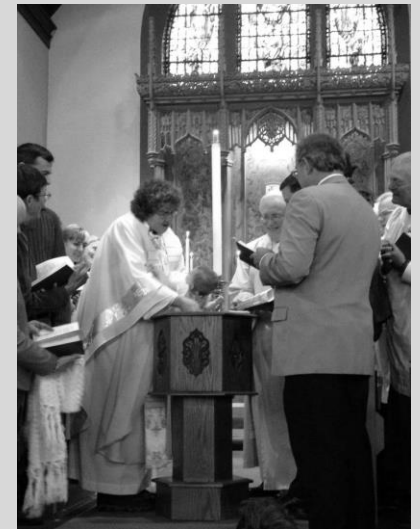
This month our older children will be taking a field trip on Sunday morning, November 20, to Botanica greenhouse. This gem of a place, hidden away on Third Street, specializes in orchids which have amazing visible root structures. The kids will be investigating our theme on a very concrete and tangible level.

— GRETCHEN STROHMAIER
DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL
FORMATION

Check out what's happening this month in Church School

November 6, All Saints Day:

Children gather in the parish hall for a special procession into church as we witness baptism. Children will sit up front so they can see and support those being baptized, including one of our own Church School children, Jake Pierson.



November 13:

Regular children's worship and activity stations.

November 20:

Older children go on a field trip to Botanica. Younger children have regular children's worship and activity stations.

November 27:

Regular children's worship followed by **Bible Game Day!**

Advent Crafts & Soup

Sunday, November 27
Following the 10:15 a.m. service
Suggested donation of \$15 for supplies

Join us for Advent crafts and soup on November 27

Join your church family for a soup and bread lunch immediately following the 10:15 service on the first Sunday in Advent, November 27. Set the tone for the Advent season. Make an Advent wreath to use at home. Visit with others over lunch and try your hand at several other craft stations. Enjoy one of the best gifts church has to offer—community life.



Explorations: Opportunities to cultivate, challenge and live our faith

Bible Basics:

The written word: a very short history

In the beginning, it was just stories told over and over again...the Bible, that is. According to scholars, the Hebrews probably didn't begin to write down their stories, what we know as the Old Testament, until the Babylonian Exile, when their upper classes were carried off to Babylon after the defeat of Judah, the southern kingdom, about 580 BCE. Not wanting to lose the sense of who they were and what their relationship with their God was, they felt it was important to preserve their old stories in writing. Although it didn't take as long for the New Testament writers to get their stories written, the Gospels were probably written between 70 and 80 CE, long after the death of Jesus, around 30-33 CE. The writings attributed to Paul were the first of the New Testament.

Books were not the format of the earliest writings. Jesus would most likely have read from scrolls made of papyrus, a plant "paper." When the New Testament writings began to be

collected, they were often gathered in codices (singular *codex*), an early book form, but still consisted of hand-written manuscripts on papyrus or vellum, an animal skin "paper." Scrolls and codices were expensive and not available to the average person, who



would not have been able to read them, in any event, since most people were illiterate. "Until Renaissance and

Reformation times, the large, expensive manuscript codex was the only form the Christian Bible took in the west." These were rare treasures, available to only a few.

(Resource: *Opening the Bible* by Roger Ferlo)

— THE REV. ANITA ROGNAS

Enter the season of Advent in quiet reflection

Mark your calendar now for our annual day of quiet on Saturday December 3rd from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. here at the church. Set the tone for the season of Advent. Allow yourself to exhale and decompress from the pace of daily life. We'll use our fall kick-off theme, *Rooted in Faith*, to explore security, balance and hope in this season of Advent. The day will be divided into three segments each starting with a short reflection followed by periods of silence. Experience Centering Prayer, led by Willie Hoffer. Spend time on your own around the church or the grounds. Light a candle. Pray. Meditate. And listen for God's voice as we enter a new church season. Silence will be kept throughout the day, including during our noontime soup and bread lunch. Please **sign up by November 20th** so that we can arrange for food for the day. Call 542-2167 or email the church office, Gretchen.hsp@qwestoffice.net, or sign up in the parish hall. Childcare can be available as needed. Please indicate your interest when you register.



An Advent Retreat of Quiet Reflection

Saturday, December 3
9:30 am – 2 pm

Must register by November 20
Email Gretchen to register:
Gretchen.hsp@qwestoffice.net

Make Centering Prayer a part of your Advent this year

Coming in December.....Willie Hoffer will lead Centering Prayer on Tuesdays, December 6, 13, and 20, from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Guild Room. Get an introduction to Centering Prayer at the Advent Quiet Day and plan to join her throughout Advent for this sacred practice.

Youth Ministry: Check out what's happening

November is a busy month in Youth Ministry. In addition to our weekly QUEST classes, we have several events throughout the month. On Thursday evening, November 10, Youth Pack is hosting a middle school overnight. The overnight will combine service, fun, and a "Big Questions of Faith" discussion. If you are in year-one of Confirmation, this event fulfills your Confirmation retreat requirement.

On Saturday, November 19, the youth group is headed to City Food, the food pantry of Clark Fork City Church. We'll be helping sort, bag, weigh, and process food boxes. If any adults want to volunteer to accompany us, I'd be happy to have you along. This is the weekend before Thanksgiving and a good time for us to consider food insecurity in our community.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 20—our pumpkin bread sale! Our youth will be baking and selling delicious pumpkin bread for our annual fundraiser.

Sunday, November 20, is our monthly Youth Pack. Emmaus Campus Ministry is leading this event. We'll meet at UCC from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. and will be combining service, worship and some fun. Stay tuned for more details!

Finally, the re-design of our Confirmation Program is up and going. If you haven't already registered and would like to, please contact me.

— THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF
YOUTH MINISTRY,
LINDSAY



Join us for Compline

Compline, the ancient service of plainchant and contemplative prayer, will take place at Holy Spirit on Sunday evening, November 6, and will continue throughout the year on the first Sunday evening of each month through May. The service will take place at 8 p.m., and will last no longer than a half hour. This will be a time of quiet, of meditation and prayer; the church will be candlelit, and music will be provided by members of the Choir. Our daily lives are full of activity and sound and multi-tasking and hurrying. Come join us, on the first Sunday of each month for a half hour of quiet and calm. Compline.

Baptism date announced

The next date for baptism will be on Sunday, January 8, at the 10:15 a.m. service. If you are interested in baptism at that time, either for yourself or for your child, please contact the church office at 542-2167 and ask to speak with Rev. Terri.

Check the schedule for what's happening at Holiday Market 2016!

Bring donations to HSP now through 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 8. Leave your boxed items outside the Guild Room, near the stairway, prior to Market Week.

Sunday, November 6: Volunteer Sign Up, Raffle Ticket Sales, and Silent Auction Bidding.

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Monday and Tuesday, November 7 and 8: Bring donations, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Monday – Thursday, November 7-10: Market set up and pricing, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Friday, November 11: Holiday Market Sale Day, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Luncheon served 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, November 12: Holiday Market Sale Day, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Clean-up, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Sunday, November 13: Raffle tickets will be sold and Silent Auction bids will be taken after both Sunday services. The Silent Auction and Raffle drawing winners will be chosen at noon.

Sunday, December 4 – Bake Sale



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**Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12
Raffle Drawing – Sunday, November 13**

The Holiday Market is just around the corner! Can you help?

We hope you are getting ready for one of fall's best weeks at Holy Spirit! Holiday Market Week 2016 is right around the corner. Please plan to help out on **Sunday, November 6**, with the conga line, bringing up displays and items for the sale. It's the perfect Sunday, too, for buying your winning raffle tickets, bringing your donations, and signing up to volunteer for the days ahead. Raffle tickets, Silent Auction bid sheets, and sign-up sheets for volunteering during Market Week will also be available in the parish hall on Sunday, October 23 and 30.

What to donate: Handmade crafts of all kinds. Antiques. Vintage and new or nearly-new re-giftable items. Jewelry. Fine art. Holiday decorations. (Please save **all** clothing, books, toys, and rummage items for our spring event.) Bring your donations to Holy Spirit through 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 8, leaving them outside the Guild Room near the stairway prior to Market Week.

Volunteer Opportunities include: setting up the market, pricing, and providing lunch for volunteers on Monday – Thursday, November 7-10. On Friday and Saturday—Holiday Market Sales Days—your help is needed with cashiering, bagging, and hosting, and for clean-up on Saturday at

1 p.m. You might also enjoy volunteering to help with Friday's luncheon. Guys—we need you, too, at every step of the way.

Shopping: You and your shopping companions are promised the finest selection of items ever at this year's Holiday Market! Surprises in every department. Unbelievable prices. Variety no other Missoula shop or bazaar could even imagine. Come early. Come often! From 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday, with a delicious lunch available on Friday from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Raffle tickets and Silent Auction bidding sheets will also be available during these times. Great parking in our lot across the street. Something special for everyone on your *and* Santa's lists.

Raffle and Auction Results: At noon on Sunday, November 13, winning raffle tickets and auction bids will be announced. Like this year's Holiday Market offerings, this year's raffle and auction items promise to delight, too. In the spirit of all that's Holy Spirit, plan to participate in and enjoy this year's special Holiday Market.

– TRACEY GAGE & DIANE RASMUSON
HOLIDAY MARKET 2016 CO-CHAIRS

Welcome to our new John Ellis Intern!

We have a new John Ellis intern: Emily Silks. She may already be familiar to many of you, having been



singing in our choir for over a year. She also played a memorable marimba piece at a service a year ago, which also has been included in the Hospice CD produced by John Ellis Board member Jeannie Warner and will be released this month.

Emily is a native of Los Alamos, New Mexico, and a member of Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church, Los Alamos, where her mom is the organist. Emily is a junior at UM, majoring in Percussion Performance and minoring in Psychology; she studies organ with Nancy Cooper.

— DR. NANCY COOPER
ORGANIST AND
CHOIR DIRECTOR

Nominees needed to fill Vestry vacancies

It is time once again to produce nominees for the Vestry. If the time is right for you to lend your expertise to help guide our growing parish, please let Rev. Terri know by November 23. Interested parishioners are invited to submit letters of interest containing a one-paragraph description of their experience in church life.

Here are the requirements to serve as a Vestry member:

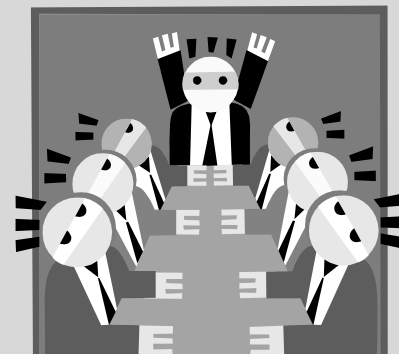
- Be confirmed or received in The Episcopal Church
- Have a demonstrated history of participation in the life of the church
- Be a regular communicant
- Contribute to the financial support of the church
- Have been an Episcopalian for at least two years
- Be willing to attend monthly Vestry meetings and special meetings as required
- Be prepared to serve on Vestry ministries
- Be prepared to count Sunday offerings periodically

The Wider Church: Meet the new Director of Government Relations

Our Wider Church...Director of Government Relations, a member of the presiding bishop's staff, has been appointed by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. Rebecca Linder Blachly will be based in Washington, DC in this full-time position responsible for representing the public policy positions adopted by the Episcopal Church's General Convention and Executive Council, and the ministry of the presiding bishop, to policymakers in Washington including the White House, Congress, the diplomatic community, Episcopal institutions and networks, visiting Anglican and Episcopal leaders, the ecumenical community and public interest organizations, so that the church has a direct presence and ability to advocate its positions to those who make or are concerned about government policy. Most recently Blachly served as the senior policy advisor for Africa for the Office of Religion and Global Affairs in the U.S. Department of State. As such, she advised the secretary of state and State Department officials on religious dynamics and the role of religious leaders and communities in Africa. Blachly holds a Master of Divinity from Harvard University. A published author, she was awarded the Medal for Exceptional Public Service in the office of the secretary of defense and a Harvard Humanitarian travel grant for research in South Sudan on the peacekeeping mission in 2011.

Further information is available at <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2016/08/15/presiding-bishop-names-rebecca-linder-blachly-as-director-of-government-relations/>

— PRU RANDALL



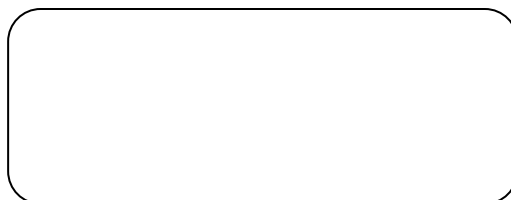
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Crafts • Antiques • Ornaments • Quilts • Collectibles • Jewelry • Raffle • Silent Auction
Lunch served on Friday, 11:30 am to 1 pm

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