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## What are you thankful for?

Our Fall Ingathering for the United Thank Offering (UTO) will take place on Sunday, October 2, at both services. Special envelopes will be in the bulletin that day for your donations, and you can bring your Blue Boxes to church and place them in the basket at the back of the church.

The monies raised from the thank offerings are given back in the form of grants in support of programs within the dioceses of The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion that address compelling human needs and supporting the alleviation of poverty, both domestically and internationally.

Please think of all you have to be grateful for and give generously to this faithful mission of the Episcopal Church worldwide.

## Invite your friends to the Blessing of the Animals on October 2

On Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate St. Francis (his day actually being October 4<sup>th</sup>) and offer a Blessing of the Animals at 3 p.m. in our courtyard. This is one of the simplest celebrations we offer and one that brings people of all ages and backgrounds together, whether Christian or not, to take a moment to lift up the gift of our relationship with other creatures and ask God's blessing upon them.

St. Francis of Assisi is one of the most beloved of our saints. He understood the needs of the poor, choosing to live life as one among them, and he saw the creatures of the earth—Creation as a whole—as kin. He saw the value of all creatures, not just for our

use but in the fact they were created by God, and stories of his actions to work out disputes between animals and humans, and in preaching to them, revealed his understanding of being in relationship with them as well as humanity. It is no surprise that, in our own day, some people have come to call St. Francis the Patron Saint of Ecology and the Environment.

While the Church has always recognized God's Creation in our Scripture and hymnody, our record of caring for it and seeing ourselves inter-related within it has not always been good. We painted a hierarchical view of Creation in many ways, first with humanity and then the ordering of

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## Youth – join us around our virtual campfire to share in storytelling

Imagine being part of a pre-literate culture where sacred memory was passed through storytelling around a campfire. *Who are we? Why are we here? What is God like? How should we act in the world?* Storytelling has always been a way to explore these essential human questions.

This year in Youth Ministry, we're looking at the Bible as our campfire, the place where, for generations, people have gathered to tell the stories and ask these fundamental questions. In QUEST, each week we'll gather around

our virtual campfire and share in this storytelling tradition. While in Youth Group and Confirmation, we'll explore faith-formation questions about the Bible, creeds, other world religions, and ethics.

Youth events for this month include our weekly Sunday-morning QUEST class, High School Youth Pack (October 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8 p.m.), and Youth Group (October 16<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30 p.m.).

Hope you can join us!

– WITH GRATITUDE FOR ALL OF YOU,  
LINDSAY IUDICELLO

## Continued from Page 1 Invite your friends...

creatures below it, with those that flew associated with the heavens and those that crawled upon the ground being the least upon the earth. We misinterpreted passages about the Creation stories in Genesis to justify overuse of the world around us and have only recently, in the history of Christianity in the West, begun to lift up our call to be good stewards of Creation and to see ourselves not as rulers over it but inter-related members of it.

Perhaps this is why the celebration of St. Francis and the Blessing of the Animals is an important day for so many. It is the one day we come together, side by side with our companion animals (or a stuffed animal to remember the wild creatures, or a photograph to remember those who have died), and offer thanks and ask God's blessing upon them. So invite your friends and spread the word! Be sure to respect the needs of all those who come: all dogs on leash, cats in carriers, and all other creatures on lead or in a carrier suitable for their needs. We will provide water and some basic treats...and yes, litter, clean-up bags and a can for disposal. Journey and I will see you there!

– Terri+

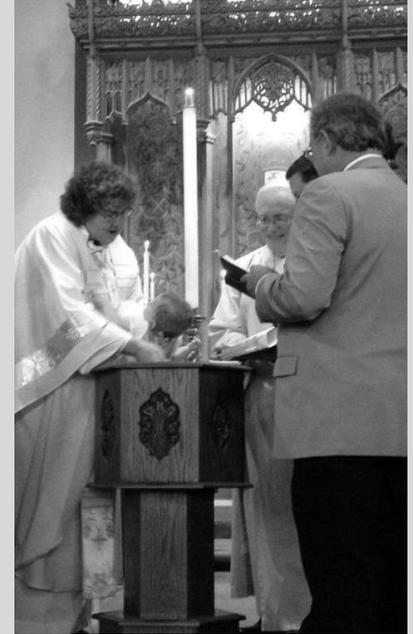
## Church School change equals moments of grace

Our Church School kick-off day was a buzz of activity with registration, photos, and a special seed project. It's always fun to start fresh in a new school year. And this year includes some other new beginnings as well. After 20+ years we are changing our Church School format. True to form the changes brought some anxiety, some confusion and some questions. But, as we should also expect, the changes *introduced new moments of grace and space for movement of the Spirit in new and surprising ways.*

Eight adult shepherds were present that morning to welcome and greet our kids. When the registration forms were filled out and most children had arrived, I went downstairs and found groups of

second grade boys playing a table game with a retired English professor. I found 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls playing dice with a group of young adults. I witnessed a high school junior shepherding a group of preschoolers in dramatic play. This sort of intergenerational mix is one of the best gifts the Church has to offer. And what's more, during the shared snack time, I overheard half a dozen conversations between children and adults as they shared about school activities, their new instruments, and the like. This is community building at its best!

— GRETCHEN STROHMAIER  
DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION



### Baptism date announced

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. Baptism takes place during the Easter Vigil service (Saturday evening, March or April), and at a Sunday service about three times a year.

The next date for baptism will be Sunday, November 6, 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 Rev. Terri at 542-2167. The deadline for the November 6 baptism date is October 9. Preparation for baptism needs to take place prior to the service, so please contact Rev. Terri soon!



## Here's what's happening at Church School in October

- October 2 Regular Children's Worship & Children attend Eucharist
- October 9 Regular Children's Worship & Activities; Jesse Jaeger shares about Social Concerns Ministry & Empower MT
- October 16 Regular Children's Worship & Activities
- October 23 No Church School due to MCPS PRI Days—Worship with your whole church family
- October 30 Regular Children's Worship & Activities



## Explorations:

Opportunities to cultivate, challenge and live our faith

Join our ongoing adult classes!

## Sunday morning Book Study looks at 'Life Together'

**Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the Guild Room through October 9<sup>th</sup>.** Join our book study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together*, facilitated by Jocelyn Siler. You are welcome to drop in on this class and glean from the discussion.

*This story of a unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years reads like one of Paul's letters. It gives practical advice on how*

*life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups. The role of personal prayer, worship in common, everyday work, and Christian service is treated in simple, almost biblical, words. Life Together is bread for all who are hungry for the real life of Christian fellowship.* –Harper & Row, Publishers

## Learn more about the personalities of the Old Testament

**Wednesday evenings through October 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall.** You are welcome to drop in on Tom Lee's class, *Old Testament Personalities*. Learn about figures like David and Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ruth, Esther and Judith. Learn about who they were, and why they matter to our life of faith. In the process gain further understanding of the history

of Israel, themes in the Hebrew Bible, and methods employed by biblical scholars for the study of scripture.

Class participants should bring a Bible to each session. A New Revised Standard Version, including Old Testament Apocrypha, is recommended.

Other Old Testament personalities to be studied are Moses, Aaron and Miriam, David and Solomon, and Isaiah.

## Women's Retreat 2016: Engage the Spirit

Plan to join other women at Camp Marshall on Flathead Lake for this fall retreat, October 28-30. Arrive on Friday for dinner and leave after brunch on Sunday morning (by noon). Allow yourself the opportunity to unwind, and begin to connect with other women. Enjoy a glass of wine, some singing, and perhaps a campfire. Savor your time away from the daily routine and allow yourself to catch your breath and *Engage the Spirit*. Spend time on your own, time with others, take a walk, try a craft, experience Centering Prayer and connect with the practices that enliven your spiritual life, and strengthen your roots of faith.

Registration forms are available at the church and via our website [holyspiritmissoula.org](http://holyspiritmissoula.org). **Register by Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.** Fee is \$100, and financial assistance is available. All lodging is heated, and participants have access to either indoor or outdoor bathroom facilities.

Women's Retreat planning team: Julie Benson, Willie Hoffer and Gretchen Strohmaier. Contact Gretchen with questions at the church office or [Gretchen.hsp@qwestoffice.net](mailto:Gretchen.hsp@qwestoffice.net).



## Building relationships in support of at-risk children, youth and families

With guidance from the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative, our spring listening sessions and discernment discussions brought forth the thoughts and ideas of more than 100 people in the church. That information led Holy Spirit to commit to building stronger relationships to support at-risk children, youth and families at Hellgate High School and The Parenting Place.

We are now ready to assemble our research and strategy teams who will help us learn from Hellgate, Parenting

Place and other churches what priority needs exist, what other support networks are already in place to build on, and what opportunities we might pursue over time with our gifts of time, talent and treasure. If you have a special interest in being a part of either the Hellgate or Parenting Place team, please contact Deacon Dorcie Dvarishkis at [dorcied@gmail.com](mailto:dorcied@gmail.com) or 239-7655. Your prayers and support are appreciated!

– DORCIE DVARISHKIS



### Our Wider Church

Our Wider Church... The 13th triennial Episcopal Youth Event (EYE), expected to draw hundreds of youth from throughout the Episcopal Church, is scheduled to be held July 10-14, 2017 at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma. A youth and adult Mission Planning Team with representatives from more than twenty dioceses is meeting throughout the year. Further information is available from Episcopal Officer for Youth Ministries, Bronwyn Clark Skov, at the Episcopal Church Center, [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org).

– Pru Randall

# Compline

The ancient service of plainchant and contemplative prayer

First Sunday of the Month, October - May

8 p.m. ~ All are welcome



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## Compline returns October 2 at 8 p.m.

Compline, the ancient service of plainchant and contemplative prayer, will take place at Holy Spirit on Sunday evening, October 2, 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 half an 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 Holy Spirit Choir. The church will be open a half hour before and after the service for individual silent prayer and contemplation as desired. All are welcome at this service, and we encourage you to enjoy the beautiful sounds and stillness.



### Knitting 101

Are you interested in learning how to knit? Let us know about your interest. A number of parishioners are willing to teach the basics. We are in the process of putting together an introductory class. Contact Gretchen at [Gretchen.hsp@qwestoffice.net](mailto:Gretchen.hsp@qwestoffice.net).

## Come make crafts for the Holiday Market

Do you enjoy visiting and getting to know your fellow Episcopalians? Can you talk and paint or cut and glue at the same time? Then the Holiday Market Craft Group is perfect for you! Join us on Fridays at 10 a.m. upstairs in the church office. We will meet every Friday until the Holiday Market on November 11 and 12, making ornaments, holiday decorations, and jewelry to sell. No experience is necessary, and you can come any Friday. For more information about the Craft Group, contact Sue Lowery at 546-8401 or smorasco@centric.net.

## Holiday Market Craft Group

Meets Fridays at 10 a.m.  
Upstairs in church office



## Request for Deer Antlers

The Craft Group is looking for a couple small antlers for use in wreaths for the Holiday Market. Nothing larger than a 3-point or smaller than a spike. If you have some you are willing to part with, please leave in the church office with Judy or contact Sue Lowery at 546-8401 or smorasco@centric.net.



# HOLIDAY MARKET

## Holiday Market Week – it's right around the corner!

Mark your calendars for this year's Holiday Market Week, November 7-13. From donating, setting-up, and cashiering to shopping and savoring, your involvement makes this week one of the highlights of our parish family life. First time volunteers through seasoned veterans are needed for all that Market Week involves. And, it's the perfect time to get a heads up on your own holiday list.

**Donations** include crafts and handmade items, antiques and vintage, new or nearly new "gift" items, framed art, and holiday decorations. (Save all clothing, books, toys and rummage for our spring event.) Bring your items to the church any time BEFORE Wednesday, November 2. Please place them in closed and marked boxes near the coat racks in the hallway outside the Parish Hall.

**Volunteer Sign-up Sheets** will be available in the Parish Hall on Sunday October 23, 30 and November 6. Your help is needed to set-up the market, price items, greet customers, help with sales, provide lunch for volunteers,

serve at Friday's luncheon, and tidy-up after the sale.

**Missoula's Best Shopping** occurs on Friday, November 11, from 9:00-4:00, with lunch being served from 11:30 – 1:00, and on Saturday from 9:00 – 1:00. Bring your friends, family and neighbors to this wonderful fall event and take home some of Missoula's best treasures, at its very best prices.

**Support the raffle and claim your winning items** at the raffle drawing following the 10:15 service on Sunday, November 13. Tickets for this year's raffle will be on sale during the Market as well as in the Parish Hall on Sunday, October 23, 30, and November 2.

Share the bounty that makes our Holy Spirit family and parish so special. Please join in and be a part of this year's Holiday Market. Your 2016 holidays promise to be that much brighter!

– TRACEY GAGE  
DIANE RASMUSON  
HOLIDAY MARKET 2016 CO-CHAIRS

## Raffle and Silent Auction items needed for the Holiday Market

Two of the most popular elements of each year's Holiday Market are the Raffle and Silent Auction, held Sunday, November 13, this year. We depend upon parishioners for donations that pique interest. Please consider a contribution you could make that would inspire ticket purchases and bids. Potential raffle and silent auction donors, please call **Diane Rasmuson** at 493-6192 or **Tracey Gage** at 219-207-0454.

## Help us fund a dental clinic in Myanmar

The Social Concerns Ministry has agreed to fund a dental clinic in Phalankone Monastery in Myanmar, where Lani Brewer, Bob Deaton, Pat King, and Carla Mettling taught young Myanmar teachers English, almost a year ago. This clinic will be created and supervised by Studer Trust, whose main activity is building and supporting elementary and secondary schools for the poor in Myanmar. Six students received scholarships, channeled through Studer, from funds HSP raised at the Burmese Banquet in 2014, and 16 volunteer teachers from HSP, under the supervision of Studer, went to Myanmar last year and plan to go again in 2017.

Myanmar is a country where there has been almost no preventive or treatment dental services. The clinic we will fund will serve over 17 nearby villages, in addition to the students, monks, and teachers at the monastery and its school. Studer has already

started a dental clinic in Mandalay, at the monastery where Charles and Kathy Swannack and Nancy Errebo taught last fall. The dentist there will allot 2 days a week to work at and supervise the new clinic at Phalankone.

We want to raise \$5,000 as soon as possible for the dental chair and equipment and have already gotten some of it together from HSP members and Social Concerns Ministry funds. There will be no fundraiser, but donations will be accepted with gratitude. Such donations being given to Holy Spirit for this parish project will be tax-deductible. Checks can be addressed to Holy Spirit Parish with "dental project" on the memo line and sent to the church office.

– BOB DEATON AND  
CARLA METTLING  
SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY



Pastor John Lund:  
john.lund@umontana.edu  
396-4974, www.ecm.org

### Here's what's happening with Campus Ministry

**Dinner and Discussions:**  
Dinner, discussions and activities around the things that matter. Sunday nights at Emmaus House from 6-8 pm; for all students and young adults. 532 University Ave.

**Oktoberfest Fundraiser for Emmaus Campus Ministry:**  
Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Fairgrounds Home Arts Building, 6:00 pm. Featuring brats, beer and wine, great live music, silent and live auction items, and Mayor John Engen as MC. Tickets are \$15/\$25 couple/\$40 family. Friends are most welcome! Emmaus is now asking for silent and live auction items for donation. Please call Pastor John Lund at 396-4974.

5th Annual  
2016  
**Oktoberfest**  
A Fall  
Fundraiser  
for Emmaus Campus Ministry  
**Friday, October 21st, at 6:00 pm**  
Missoula Fairgrounds - Home Arts Building  
Brats, Beer and More  
Live & Silent Auctions  
Mayor Engen Auctioneer  
Live Music  
Tickets: \$15 individual | \$25 couple | \$40 family  
Available at your church office,  
from an Emmaus Board Member,  
or at the Emmaus Campus Ministry office.  
Call (406) 549-7821 to purchase your ticket,  
donate an auction item, or for more information.

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