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We need YOU to make our new family directory complete!

We are in the process of creating a new church photo directory, and we need you to make it complete. By participating you will receive a printed directory and a complimentary 8x10 portrait. We are partnering with Lifetouch for professional photography. Photography sessions in September are September 13-17. Look for the sign-up table near the church doors on September 4 and 11 and schedule your photography session. You can also call the church office at 542-2167 to schedule your appointment. We are currently scheduling appointments for Tuesday, September 13, through Saturday, September 17. Sessions are available between 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. weekdays, or between 10 a.m. and 4:50 p.m. on Saturday. Our directory won't be complete without you. Please plan to participate!

Rooted in Faith

In the midst of our uncertain and unpredictable political life, social and cultural anger, and the ever increasing threats of violence around the globe, we often find ourselves worrying about the future and wondering about how to respond. This summer Terri and I have been prayerfully reflecting on these issues and seeking direction for the life of our parish in the midst of this societal pain and suffering.

We turned to Scripture, looking at the macro stories and themes that are woven throughout the text. We kept coming back to Moses and the themes that echo through his life. Through Moses we hear God's chiding: do not fear, don't look back, stretch out your hand [and participate]. There are also themes of restoration and renewal woven within these stories. There is hope that stretches from generation to generation. And always through Moses we see that God draws close, seeking intimacy and relationship with God's people.

We began to visualize God at the center, the very root and ground of us all, and from this base, this root of faith, spring the challenges and the assurances that we hear through Moses. How will we guard against fear? Can we stop looking back, longing for escape? How might we individually and collectively *reach out our hands*, take a risk and get involved? It is through this root of faith that we experience restoration, renewal and hope. It is through these challenges and assurances that we experience intimacy with God. These are themes that we will visit this fall and throughout the year through adult classes, book studies and workshops. Children will explore these themes as well through Church School.

— GRETCHEN STROHMAIER
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NEWSLETTER

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Enhancing Holy Ground: A Capital Campaign for Camp Marshall

Enhancing Holy Ground: A Capital Campaign for Camp Marshall is now underway within the Diocese of Montana. Over the next weeks, you will hear more about the planned construction and renovation projects. Please keep all involved with the campaign in your daily prayers as we

move forward. (Our campaign prayer is printed below.) The Capital Campaign is seeking to raise \$750,000 - \$1 million toward three projects: 1.) two camper sleeping pavilions (now complete), 2.) a renovation of Brewer Lodge, and 3.) two new, rustic double cabins for campers.

Our Campaign Prayer

Most gracious God, extravagant giver of all blessings, we seek your life-giving presence with all who are involved in the Camp Marshall Capital Campaign. For those who donate, grant joy in their generosity; for leaders, give wisdom; for campers and staff, bestow your transforming presence; and for all the people of this diocese, impart resurrection energy and commitment. We lay before you our dreams and desires for Camp Marshall, asking that you fulfill them so lives are made whole and your name glorified through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Youth activities gear up!

Hi Youth! Welcome back to a new year of QUEST, Youth Group, Youth Pack and Confirmation. I'm looking forward to a great year together as we explore the Bible's salvation history and connect our stories with that great story of God's work in the world. For our 6th-9th graders, QUEST starts on September 11th, the first day of the Church School year. Registration begins in the parish hall at 9:45am.

Youth group (grades 6-12) will kick off on September 18th, from 6-7:30pm. We'll have pizza, games, fellowship, and discussion and brainstorm about the year to come. Hope you can join us!

If you have a student in 7th or 8th grade, please look for information soon about joining our Confirmation Class.

LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR WITH ALL OF YOU,
- LINDSAY IUDICELLO, YOUTH DIRECTOR

Church School making some changes for the coming year

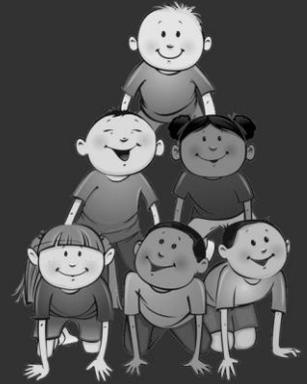
After many years of using the same format for Church School (at least 20) we've decided it is time to explore some changes. This fall we'll be experimenting, tweaking, and building something new for our kids. Our new format will build on the strengths and values we've established over time in our Church School program. We'll continue to focus on the Bible, helping kids to know the stories and flow of Scripture. We'll continue to build community, helping them to understand love as it extends even beyond family and nurturing their sense of ownership in this place. We will work towards an understanding of *neighbor* and how that applies to their world, giving them opportunities to practice service to others.

We'll be using Spark curriculum, published by Augsburg Fortress Press. The new format will still include children's worship time, when the kids gather together corporately to worship in a kid-friendly manner, but children will not have individual class time. After worship children will rotate in either one large group or two smaller groups to activity stations that will tease

out the Bible story of the day, using a variety of avenues to do that, everything from drama, to science, to art, to cooking. This new format will allow us to recruit leaders in more realistic time frames. Shepherds, adults who meet and greet kids and help them transition between worship and into the stations, will ideally commit to help on a rotation basis for one semester. Activity leaders, who lead the stations, will be recruited to help for 2 or 3 weeks at a time, rather than for a whole school year.

Have you always been interested in working with our kids but committing to a school year didn't seem realistic? Well.....now you have a chance. We are signing up volunteers to help for 2-week increments. We also have positions that offer the opportunity to rotate through over a semester. Get to know our kids. Share your love. Share your faith and be inspired in your own spiritual growth. Talk to Gretchen about volunteering in Church School, Gretchen.hsp@qwestoffice.net.

CHURCH SCHOOL KICKOFF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11



Church School Kickoff!

Church School Kickoff Sunday is September 11th. Programs are offered for children up through 9th grade. Come to the parish hall between 9:45 and 10:10 am to register for another year. Children will have their pictures taken. QUEST students (6th – 9th graders) will meet upstairs across from the Choir Room. All other children gather downstairs below the parish hall, in the children's worship area.



Baptism date announced

The next date for baptism at Holy Spirit 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. Baptism preparation needs to take place, so she needs to hear from you soon! If you wish to have baptism at the November 6 service, Terri needs to hear from you by Sunday, October 9. Thank you!

Church School 2016

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Join us for classes for preschool through grade 9
beginning on Sunday, September 11

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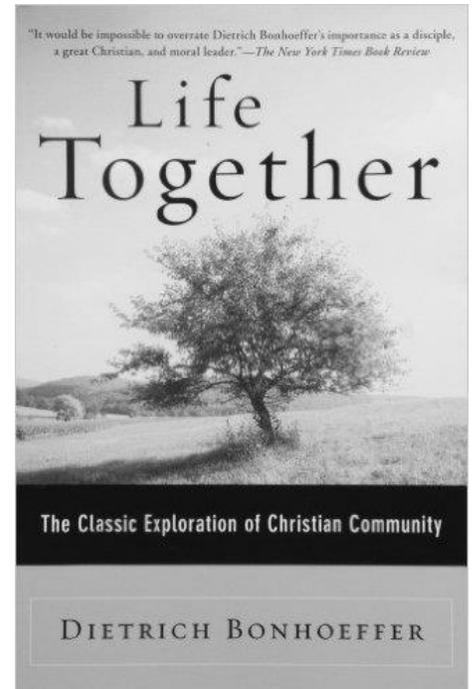
Explorations:
Opportunities to cultivate, challenge and live our faith

Our roots of faith are collective. Roots woven together give strength and endurance and longevity. Rely on this strength. Join others for our Sunday morning book study.

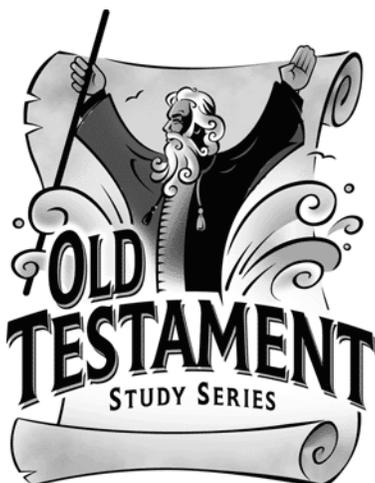
Life Together: Join Jocelyn Siler on Sunday mornings September 18, 25 and October 2, 9 for a book study of the classic Dietrich Bonhoeffer book, *Life Together*. This short book is an easy read and will be a delight to share with others in your church family. If you are interested in placing an order for a copy of the book (\$9), please contact the church office by Sunday September 4th. Group meets from 9 am to 10 am in the Guild Room. Childcare available, per request. Contact Gretchen at Gretchen.hsp@qwestoffice.net.

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



Digging into our roots of faith...experience the Old Testament like never before



Join Reverend Tom Lee and get to know Old Testament personalities like Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, or Ruth, Esther and Judith. Meet them close up, 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 meets on six Wednesday evenings, September 21 through October 26, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the parish hall.

Recommended book: *The Old Testament: A Very Short Introduction* by Michael Coogan, Oxford University Press 2008. Contact the church office by Sunday September 4th to order a copy (\$10).

Class participants should also 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; Isaiah; and Jeremiah.

Blessing of the Animals takes place October 2:
Let's celebrate and bless the animals that are dear to us!

Come one, come all: two-footed, four-footed, feathery, large or small! We will honor creation and the relationships we share with other creatures of the world on Sunday, October 2, at 3 p.m. when we remember St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology, and offer the Blessing of the Animals. We will gather in the church courtyard, weather-permitting, or inside

if needed. Please be sure to care for the needs of your pets by bringing them in a carrier or on leash. You are welcome to bring a photo of a pet that has died or cannot made the trip. Children may wish to bring a stuffed animal to represent wild animals they would like to have remembered as well. All are welcome!

— REV. TERRI



Compline returns on October 2

Our beautiful Compline service with its peace and gentle quietude will return on the first Sunday evening in October. The new time will be 8pm with a half hour before and after the short service for individual silent prayer and contemplation as desired.

Compline is a service for the close of day and has its roots in the 4th century, being instituted either by St. Basil (of the eastern Christian church) or by St. Benedict in the 6th century (of the western Christian church) depending on your information source. It is a time for contemplative prayer, taking place in a darkened sanctuary lit by candlelight. Other than for the reader and choir, it is conducted in silence.

We need two to four volunteers to commit to set up and breakdown. This can be considered as important as the service itself for it is about preparing the space with care and prayerfulness for receiving the Holy Spirit. We do it for ourselves, we do it to support the service, and we do it to support those who seek a sacred space for respite. If you would like to help, please contact Tanya Lodahl, 544-5542, or Barbara Barmeyer, 546-5959.



Our Wider Church

Every three years we become aware of newsworthy actions taken at the General Convention of our Episcopal Church that impact parishes and dioceses world-wide: legislation, elections, statements of advocacy and support, etc. What happens between these triennial sessions? Interim bodies actively seek to implement and accomplish their tasks. For example, a schedule for the next couple of months includes nation-wide gatherings and meetings of ongoing task forces and committees to deal with topics related to: the Episcopal Church in Cuba, updating our liturgy and music, corporate and social responsibility, leveraging social media for evangelism, racism, and our study of marriage. Extensive information on the 2015 General Convention and on-going activity is available at www.generalconvention.org.

— PRU RANDALL



Mark your calendar for the Women's Retreat, Generations of Faith, October 28-30 at Camp Marshall on Flathead Lake



Time to get crafting for the Holiday Market!

It's crafting time again! The Holiday Market Craft Group is getting started! Join us on Fridays at 10 a.m. upstairs in the church office starting September 9. 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.



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 2016: Time to circle the 2016 Holiday Market on your calendar!

Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12, are the dates for this year's Holiday Market. Fall's arrival is the perfect time to begin sorting out items for the sale and for starting those Christmas crafts that bring scores of Missoulians to this annual event.

The market needs handcrafted items of all kinds, antiques, jewelry, collectibles, holiday decorations, vintage treasures, Christmas themed books, and new or nearly new re-

giftables. (Please save all rummage items for that sale in May.)

Clear your calendar on the days prior to the sale (Monday – Thursday, November 7-10) and volunteer to help prepare the Parish Hall for the market. We always need your help, too, on the days of the sale.

More information in the weeks ahead – but get ahead now with noting these important November dates on your calendars.

Learn how our Outreach Ministry has developed: The history of Social Concerns at Holy Spirit

It all started about 15 years ago when “We almost had \$50,000,” and Rector Steve Oreskovich approached Bob Deaton about starting a Social Concerns Committee in the parish. The Memorial Board endowment was about to reach a million dollars, and Steve planned to ask the Board for \$50,000 to do a “big community project” in Missoula. However, the “dot com bubble” burst, and almost half the fund disappeared in the ensuing recession. Several church members and the Rector decided to go ahead in 2002, without any special funds, and capitalize on the personal resources of our talented, smart, committed members. Soon, we had a Social Concerns Committee of about a dozen members.

In 2002, Partnership Health Center (PHC) emerged as our first major project. PHC was ready to rapidly expand, but needed volunteers to fill non-medical jobs. So 20 volunteers from our parish began to do these jobs for several hours a week, and two Holy Spirit members served on the Board of Directors of PHC. Another church

member was volunteering in the behavioral health program at PHC. Another was a licensed mental health professional who had recently retired from a family service agency and was serving at PHC. The Social Concerns Committee was successful in applying for two different grants—totaling about \$90,000—from the United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church, to assist PHC during the growing years. In 2016, we still have 12 volunteers at PHC.

In 2002, the Social Concerns Committee also began sponsoring an annual blood drawing, coordinated by Orson Murray.

Around 10 years ago, the Committee started doing fund-raising events for special projects. They raised between \$6,000 and \$10,000 per project for the following: medical supplies for a clinic in Africa, supportive funding for a school in Haiti following the catastrophic earthquake, a generous yearly gift to Missoula's Habitat for Humanity, and scholarships for six young women in Myanmar in their

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The history of Social Concerns

senior year in high school and through tests for admission to university studies.

About five years ago, the church's Memorial Board decided to give the Social Concerns Committee about \$6,000 yearly for social concerns projects of the parish, which is 3% of the average balance in the fund over the previous three years. Social Concerns makes annual allocations to local, diocesan, national and international charities and social service projects. Recently, as part of its allocation of funds, the Committee has invited parish members to apply for "Butterfly Grants" of up to \$300 each, which may be used for any charitable purpose. Members have gotten grants to help ex-offenders with personal expenses when they get out of jail, to help dying persons with a special music CD, to transport unsold rummage to a reservation, to leverage funds from Kohl's to buy clothing for poor children at Lowell Elementary School, and to repair the 9-Mile Community Center, to name a few.

The Social Concerns Committee has had steady leadership these past 16 years. Bob Deaton was the first chair and served for three years. Then Clem and Lucia Work co-led the Committee for ten years. The group decided to elect chairs annually in 2014, and Joyce Latimer and Glenn Hladek were each chosen for a year. Carla Mettling is the current chair for 2016.

The Committee has always sought to use the funds and volunteers it has in the most useful and powerful ways. Our work has put members in direct contact with human needs that would not have been met without them. But we've also seen a lot of unmet needs in the local community and wider world.

Missoula Interfaith Collaborative has provided a way for Holy Spirit Parish to be more widely involved in meeting local needs by joining in the cooperative efforts of more than 20 faith

congregations. This year, HSP formally became a partner, and after a series of discernment meetings, the parish chose two projects to take on, starting this fall:

1. Along with St. Paul Lutheran and other congregations, we will collaborate with Hellgate High School to tutor, mentor, or help students in whatever ways we can.
2. We will work with Parenting Place to help the parents and children that Parenting Place serves.

The Social Concerns Committee is ever mindful of the many contributions made by individual members and the church as a whole, beyond the direct planned efforts of the Committee. Some examples are donating to Episcopal Relief & Development and United Thank Offering, at the wider church level, and volunteering for Family Promise, the Poverello Center, Food Bank, and Senior Citizens Center here in Missoula.

As a committee of the Vestry, Social Concerns initiates and receives requests from several sources for service projects that the parish could undertake as part of its responsibility in organized efforts to help others.

The Holy Spirit Social Concerns Committee has much to be proud of in its 14 years of development and service to the Missoula community and wider world. The Committee seeks to maintain its continued collaboration with the Holy Spirit congregation, the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative, and others in the community and beyond to follow Jesus Christ's command to serve others.

— BOB DEATON, MEMBER
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE



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.

The UTO Prayer

Gracious God, source of all true joy; accept we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all life. Keep each of us ever thoughtful for all the blessings of joy and challenges that come our way. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering. This we ask through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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