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OPPORTUNITY



*God, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
and makes me tread upon the heights.*

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Dear Friends,

In so many ways, our lives are marked by journeys—to a sparkling alpine lake here in Montana, perhaps, or across the country and even the world to see what we've not yet seen. To do this we pack and plan, equipping ourselves to reach our goals. We invest in what we need to get there, to that place of new possibilities.

This is the story of our journey at Holy Spirit, too. We have invested in the tools we need to reach our goals—broader ministries, more resources for youth, more ability to support and engage our parish in a host of pursuits. Now, we are in the second year of a Vestry-led effort that asks us to increase our giving by 6% year over year for five years to bring us to where we can sustain our budget and build for the future.

Together, we made great progress in 2016 thanks to the generosity of so many in the Holy Spirit community. We can look back at where we began—to the trailhead down below. And we can look ahead, up and over the next ridge, to new views of what is possible here at Holy Spirit.

Already we have a community of relationships—not just among longtime parishioners, but knitting together new and old, and in ways that connect with the larger Missoula community. Our church is energized by new teachers, growing small groups, fresh outreach efforts, committed pastoral care and new takes on what it means to serve God and each other. So while we're on a longer journey, the rewards—that waterfall along the way, the hawk soaring overhead—are here to refresh us as we go.

Setting out on this journey came from the heart of this congregation. You brought your dreams for a vital, opened and engaged church community that would be a place for people looking for meaning and ways to respond to God. To do this, we are charged to build our resources.

With steady, incremental growth in our pledging over these five years, we can fund the budget shortfall (now covered by investments and reserves) and then begin to either replenish our reserves or grow our ministries. Together we can journey to this place of possibilities—to new opportunities to live out God's desires for us—as a welcoming, inclusive community of worship, active social justice, Christian formation for every age and ongoing pastoral care, with strength for the journey.

Faithfully,

Terri+

The Reverend Terri Ann Grotzinger



We are asking you to consider your response as we continue to travel the road toward the goals of the Holy Spirit community.

We invite you to:

Continue to increase your current pledge by 6% each year over five years, or if you are already working toward a tithe, continue the journey toward that goal.

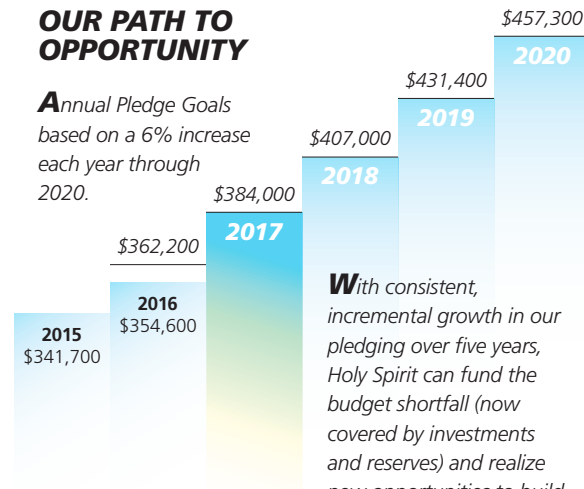
For many of us, this might be the right time to make sure our typical yearly pledge reflects what we truly value at Holy Spirit.

And if you have not made a pledge before, we encourage you to begin this fall with a commitment to support our life at Holy Spirit.

We are grateful for your prayerful consideration.

OUR PATH TO OPPORTUNITY

Annual Pledge Goals based on a 6% increase each year through 2020.



With consistent, incremental growth in our pledging over five years, Holy Spirit can fund the budget shortfall (now covered by investments and reserves) and realize new opportunities to build ministries within our parish and beyond.

What connects us to the Holy Spirit community? Two longtime parishioners share their experiences:

SUE TALBOT

Arrived with John in Missoula in 1970 and found a new home at Holy Spirit.

John is long retired as Publisher of the Missoulian and I from teaching French at Hellgate High School. Volunteer work, church life and family have made for a rich life. If I were to highlight some of my most meaningful involvement in Holy Spirit, on the list would be singing in the choir, helping to teach confirmation classes and supervising acolytes. The sense of community and philanthropy—true love of humankind—has been fulfilling for us in every way.”

ALBERT BORGMANN

Born in the shadow of the Black Forest, of a University, and, most important, of a great Gothic cathedral where Nancy and Albert were married in 1963.

We came to this country in 1964 and to Missoula in 1970. We discovered Holy Spirit Parish in the mid-eighties. Our daughter Caitlin and John Lovi were married in Holy Spirit in 1991.

I have been most grateful for the Parish of Holy Spirit, for the building and even more so for the grace and the solace it has harbored.”

Ingathering Sunday is November 6.

STEWARDSHIP 2017 / JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2017

Please complete the enclosed Financial Pledge Card and place it in the offertory plate on or before Sunday, November 6.

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Spirit community.

To make your pledge today, please call the church office at (406) 542-2167.



I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

