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Holy Spirit has given me a very real opportunity for joy in my life; it offers me the privilege of giving to others in many ways, and that reward is both gladness and joy.”

BARBARA HOSIER

*Dear Friends,*

**R**emember what it's like to give just the right gift to a dear friend or to someone you love? You know, the well-considered gift you know will be received with great joy, that very special gift that will have so much meaning? Such gifts are treasured by the recipient because they know how much thought and care you put into selecting it. It tells them they matter and that you know them oh so well. Their joy becomes a shared joy, right? The gift becomes a reminder over time of how special your relationship is. So you give the gift with gladness.

**W**hat if we thought about our financial stewardship of the parish in this way? What if our giving to the work of the church is gifting God in the best possible way?

As I think about it, we the family of Holy Spirit are the living embodiment of the gift God desires when we respond to God's love in Christ and live out our baptismal vows:

- when we show up to church despite feeling pressed for time or sleep...and unbeknown to us, our presence brings safety and comfort to a hurting soul who came for the first time;
- when we invest time and energy with our children and youth so that they know this is their church too, that God loves them and they can trust it, and they have something to tell us about God, too;
- and when we give to those in need through the Food Bank, teach young girls in Myanmar, or seek to collaborate with others to serve our neighbors at Hellgate High and the Parenting Place.

These are only a few of the ways we gift God through our life together and serve those in need.

**T**he life of good stewards is to do the work of God as a community that loves others as Christ loves us. In concrete terms, this is our financial giving to the staff who organize us, support our efforts, and care for us; to the care and upkeep of the church; and in support of our brothers and sisters in Christ across the Diocese and The Episcopal Church. In these ways, we make a gift to God in most extraordinary ways. Thanks be to God for those who in years past gladly gave to the church so we can do God's work today. Let us be moved to do the same.

I hope you will think and pray about your well-considered gift of a pledge to the life and ministry given through our Holy Spirit community. Let us give with gladness, knowing that our gift to God is meaningful and makes so much possible in our ability to reveal Christ's love in the world.

Faithfully,

*Terri+*

The Reverend Terri Ann Grotzinger



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# Giving with Gladness

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“The sheer beauty of the sanctuary immediately took me to a sacred space—a place that felt like ‘home’ to me.”

JENNIFER DOUSSET



“We love being a part of Holy Spirit. We are relatively new to Missoula, and being a part of this faith community for the past year has allowed us to grow and strengthen our faith, and also grounded us in this wonderful community. We have made many good friends, and enjoy the connection and meaning we find through Holy Spirit.”

GEORGE & ELIZABETH ETTENGER



“I give to the church to keep the lights on, the personnel paid, the organ working and the furnace working, the Christian Education program, the retreats, the lawn mowed and snow removed. I am so very happy that I found such an inspiring and loving church!”

TRACEY GAGE



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