



Bishop Marty Stebbins

Monday October 16, 2023

**Here are a few updates from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hamilton, MT:**

**Bishop Visit.** Join us **this Sunday October 22** for our annual bishop visit. Bishop Marty Stebbins will lead us in worship and then join us for a reception immediately after worship.

**Community Meals** . We serve our next Community Meal on Thursday October 26th. Contact Kathy Milne if you can help prepare and/or serve this meal 425-466-3934.

**Courageous Conversation as Spiritual Practice.** This four-week course ends on October 23rd. It continues to be a meaningful opportunity to build community here at St. Paul's and to practice our listening and speaking skills as we endeavor to live out our baptismal covenant and treat all people with dignity and respect.

**Pie Fundraiser** has begun. We are now taking preorders for holiday pies. We are hoping each member of the congregation will sell two pies. Order forms and posters are at the back of the church. Folks can choose from 7 different pies. Orders can be taken in person or over the phone by calling the church 406-363-3025. The message machine will be checked regularly for pie orders and all phone-in orders will be confirmed. Pies will be ready for pick up on Monday and Tuesday November 20 and 21. Our goal is to sell 100 pies. **We still need help: Can you help post posters around town? Can you loan us a bundt pan(s)? Can you help organize orders after church on Sunday November 19th? Can you take a shift on Monday or Tuesday November 20 or 21 during pie pick up time?** Please contact Debbie Andrews 208-544-0544 if you are able to help.

**Halloween** is coming! Please be thinking about coming to help that night. We'll be giving out hot chocolate and hot cider (and candy of course) and we'll have a fire pit in the side yard. Please leave donations of candy in the narthex at church. Also, if you are willing to make a batch of chili in your crock pot, we will be selling chili again that night. Please let Tom Schmit 406-381-6300 know if you can help with chili or other parts of our Halloween festivities.

**All Saints Day** is Sunday November 5th. You are invited to add the names of friends or loved ones who have died to our All Saints banners which are in the narthex. These banners will be a part of our worship service on Sunday November 5th. Also, if you would like to have your loved one's name read during that service please print the name in the orange book in the narthex.

**Stewardship Campaign** has begun. You have likely received a letter from the Vestry reflecting on our ministry and encouraging you to consider your estimate of giving to the church for 2024. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you intend to contribute to the church in this next year. Your estimates help us build a budget for our church and pay for our expenses. Thank you for your generosity! The end of our campaign is Sunday November 5th. We ask you to have your estimates of giving in by then. Either mail them back to the church in the self addressed envelope or put them in the offering plates. Thank you.

**Tai Chi** is offered in the side yard on Wednesdays and 3 pm. Instructor, Dan Lindhome, invites everyone at St. Paul's to join the class.

**Prayer Ministries:**

**Healing Prayer** is offered in the *Prayer Corner* following Communion and after the last hymn. Take advantage of this wonderful tool that can support you in your faith. Come with a specific need to share or request general healing prayers, either option works.

**Centering Prayer** in person is held every Monday at 11:00 am in the prayer corner at the back of the church. If you are new to Centering Prayer, contact Kathy Milne (425-466-3934) with questions or for instruction. We would love to have you join us.

**Rev. Gretchen's Schedule:** She is in Hamilton EVERY Monday and every other Sunday. She does St. Paul's work remotely on Tuesdays.

Rev. Gretchen will lead Holy Eucharist on the following Sundays: Oct 22. November 5, November 19

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