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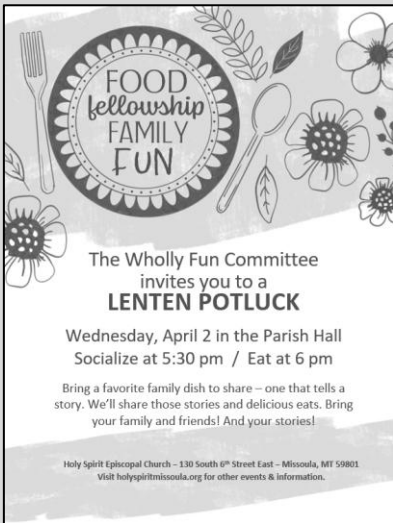


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## Lenten potluck coming soon!

Please plan to attend the Wednesday evening, April 2 Lenten Potluck at Holy Spirit. Bring a favorite family dish – one that tells a story. Even a disastrous one – a funny one – a traditional one! What's delightful to share about your appetizer? Your side dish or salad? Your entrée? Your dessert? Soft drinks and the best company in town await you. We'll eat at 6:00 – but please come earlier and enjoy some pre-dinner socializing. Bring your family and guests. And your stories. See you Wednesday, April 2.

What does it mean to be the visible Body of Christ in the world?

## Join us for a fireside chat!

Join us for a fireside chat! Terri and I will lead a discussion of what it means to be the Body of Christ in these changing and uncertain times. As we come together, we will acknowledge the whole host of feelings that folks are experiencing in the wake of so much societal change. This is not meant as a meeting to vent political frustrations but rather as an opportunity to support one another, lean into the gifts of our faith, and consider our corporate role as the visible Body of Christ in the world. We'll discuss tools for listening and

communication. We'll turn to Scripture for examples and inspiration. There will be opportunities to share about sources of strength. We'll seek our unique role as Christians within our society and work towards living out our baptismal covenant: to strive for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being. **Please join us on Tuesday April 8th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Guild Room.**

– REVS. GRETCHEN AND TERRI



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NEWSLETTER

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**Time to register for the Women’s Retreat – “Growing Connections”**

We’re so excited for the Holy Spirit Women’s Retreat coming up at Camp Marshall the weekend of April 25 to 27. Our theme is “Growing Connections,” and this is a great way to deepen relationships within our church family. We will start Friday evening and meet through Sunday morning (single night options available). Interested? Please fill out this [registration form](#) and pay fees by Sunday, April 6. The \$90 fee can be paid by check in the church office or by using the Holy Spirit App or on the church website on the “Give” page and choosing "Give one time" and "Women's Retreat Registration" in the "Fund" field. If you have questions or need the registration link sent to you or need help filling out the

registration form, please email Natalie Jaeger ([natalie@jaegerfamily.us](mailto:natalie@jaegerfamily.us)) or call/text to 406-207-3341. You can also scan the QR code below to get the registration link:



Help us put on puppet plays for our parishioners  
**Pulling strings**

Calling all Holy Spirit People and their unchurched friends. There will be an organizational meeting on April 2 at 11 a.m. in the Guild Room, to start HSP's very own marionette theater! No prior experience is needed, no artistic ability, no credentials in drama or ventriloquism.

Your interest and enthusiasm to participate qualify you. All ages and skills are welcome. Carpenters, writers, scene painters, singers, actors, managers, and followers are needed. Come have fun and help us put on puppet plays for our parishioners.

– BARBARA MORRISON



Experience Holy Week in our faith community  
**How will you choose to enter Holy Week?**

It may help you to think of Holy Week (Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday) as a weeklong story offered in more than one form. The first form is more condensed with Palm Sunday telling of the triumphal entry of Jesus riding on a donkey into Jerusalem with followers waving palms and celebrating his presence, only to turn to him on the cross, his death, and entombment. Then that story form continues the next weekend with Easter Sunday – the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The second story form allows you to experience the journey in more depth: Maundy Thursday (7p.m.) – Jesus’ last night with his disciples; Good Friday (12 noon) – Jesus’ betrayal by one of his disciples and his Crucifixion; the quiet of Holy Saturday; and then the Easter Vigil (7:30 p.m.) with the story of God’s great deeds of salvation from Creation to the experiences of Jesus’ followers

at his Resurrection. These are the worship services that allow us to go deeper and have more time for reflection. Whether you come to one or all three, you will find a deeper rendering of Jesus’ journey into Jerusalem, from death to life, and what it means when we say God loves us as experienced in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Consider this your invitation to come and experience Holy Week in our faith community. It is a powerful story and worthwhile time spent engaging scripture and allowing these worship liturgies to speak to us anew. The journey is one of “I” and “we,” what we do to one another individually and what we do as communities to one another. Most importantly, it is the journey of God’s love for all of creation. Join us!

Faithfully with you on the way,  
 – TERRI+

**Keep watch at the Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil**

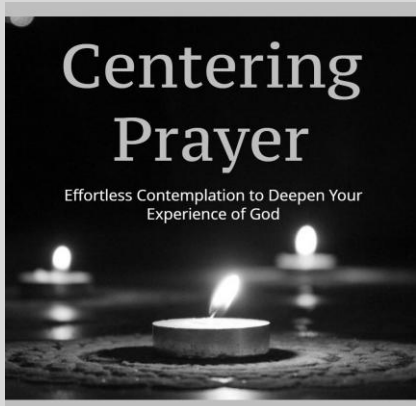
*Jesus said, “Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?” “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.” Matthew 26:49*

Please take an hour to pray with Jesus on Maundy Thursday night, April 17<sup>th</sup>, the night before Good Friday, where he is praying in Gethsemane with the disciples.

The Maundy Thursday Vigil sign up board is available in the Parish Hall. We begin the vigil in the church following the Maundy Thursday service. The vigil continues until 7:00 AM on Good Friday morning. Time slots are broken down by hour. We prefer two people sign up for each hour. The church doors will be locked when the vigil begins. When it is your time, knock on the door and the watcher will let you in to begin your set time. Please list your phone number when you sign up.

Please contact Holly Swartz at 406-542-1978 if you have any questions.





**Join us for Centering Prayer on April 15**

All are welcome to a circle of silent prayer. Centering Prayer is a meditation process that invites us to an inner sacred space to quiet our minds, open our hearts and take rest in the Love of God.

We begin by sitting in a circle in an attitude of openness of mind and heart. A leader will direct the circle to breathe deeply and to open one's heart and mind for the presence of God. A reading will be given, a chime will be rung, and the silence begins. We sit in this Holy silence for 20 to 25 minutes, and then another chime will ring, calling us quietly to return to the presence of others. The leader will offer a closing prayer or reading. At this point, some will choose to leave in silence. Others may remain for the rest of our time to ask questions or offer their experience of "sitting" in this Holy silence. We then leave at 5pm.

We meet in the Guild Room at Holy Spirit. We gather at 4pm and leave at 5pm every third Tuesday of the month. **We will meet on Tuesday, April 15.** All are welcome to join us.



April 6 at 8 p.m.  
**Lenten meditations in the quiet of Compline**

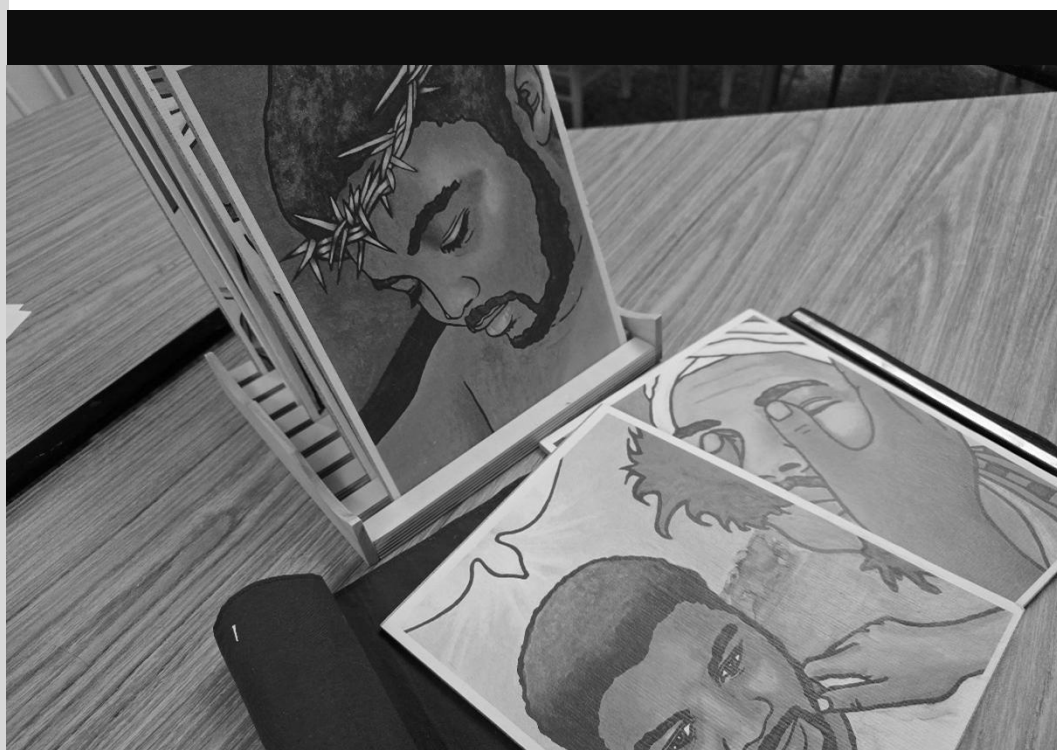


*Faith is seeking. Faith is the effort to move toward God, recognizing that God is beyond knowing. We hold God more than know God.*

Please join us for compline in the penitential darkness of Lent. The service will include Robert Wentzler's plaintive anthem "Oh Such Love, My Love, Still Ponder." Interspersed through the service

will be brief meditations on solitude based on the ancient text *The Cloud of Unknowing*.

– KEITH KUHN, COMPLINE COORDINATOR



**Could you offer your crafting talents for Godly Play?**

Lenten materials for Godly Play storytelling were created by contributions of time and talent from five parishioners: crafting, woodcraft, and decoupage the whole season. The kids know they are loved here, and it means so much. Would you offer your gifts in this way? Learn more. Let's talk!

– REV. TERRI  
[revterri@holyspiritmissoula.org](mailto:revterri@holyspiritmissoula.org)

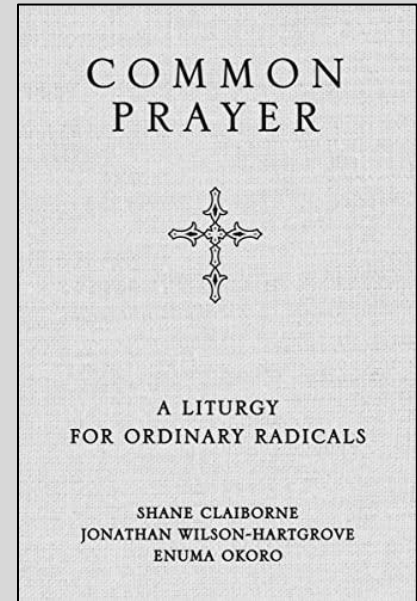
Community Ministries  
**Join us April 27<sup>th</sup> for Parenting Place Alms Sunday**

April is Strengthening Families month, and a perfect time for us to host The Parenting Place for our Alms Sunday. In addition to joining us for both services on April 27<sup>th</sup>, you may cross paths with The Parenting Place throughout the community in April:

- Each Thursday noon at Westside Lanes Community Room for special programs at the Missoula Exchange Club
- As a beneficiary of a comedy night Stand-Up for Kids: The Joys (and Chaos) of Kids, Parenting, & Family Life! on Friday, April 11, 7-9PM, at the Broadway Inn’s Still Room (get your \$40 tickets at parentingplace.net!)
- Partnering with CASA of Missoula in “Pinwheels for Prevention”
- Tabling at Watson Children’s Shelter community baby show on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4-7PM, at the Missoula Food Bank and Community Center
- At the Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Conference in Helena April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>
- At Adverse Childhood Experiences training sessions for area businesses and organizations

Join in the April Strengthening Families events throughout the month, and with us April 27<sup>th</sup> at Holy Spirit to learn and support!

As a Parenting Place Board member and advocate alongside you,  
 – THE VEN. DORCIE KAFKA DVARISHKIS  
[dorcied@gmail.com](mailto:dorcied@gmail.com) ~ 406-542-2167 church office



**Curious souls are always welcome at the Social Justice Prayer Group!**

For more than 10 years, Holy Spirit has hosted an engaged and faithful group of parishioners and friends who gather twice a month as a Social Justice Prayer Group. Using the resource Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals as our guide, we pray through the scriptures, prayers, song, and stories of the day, then discuss what connections we see to current issues and our lives. The group typically meets from 4:30-5:30PM on the second and fourth Tuesdays of most months. For more information or to join in, reach out to the church office at (406) 542-2167 or to Deacon Dorcie at [dorcied@gmail.com](mailto:dorcied@gmail.com). Curious souls are always welcome!

**Meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of most months**

**4:30-5:30 pm in the Guild Room**



**PARENTING PLACE SUNDAY**

**April 27**  
 At both Sunday services

**Learn about educational and service opportunities**

**When does Baptism take place at Holy Spirit?**

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, in April), and at a Sunday service about three times a year: the Day of Pentecost (at the beginning of June this year), the Sunday after All Saints' Day (early November), and the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the first Sunday after Epiphany, in early January). Baptism may also take place when the bishop visits (in December this year), and on a Sunday during the summer on a date to be determined. If you are interested in Baptism for yourself or for your child, preparation needs to take place. Please contact the office at (406) 542-2167 to speak with one of our co-rectors.

The next date for Baptism will be on Saturday, April 19, at the 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil service.



# Clergy Transition

Our Search for a New Rector

From the Vestry  
**Rector Search: A first step**

Here's something exciting – our search effort for a new rector is on the move. It's the beginning of a process to name our hopes and goals so we can reach for what the future holds at Holy Spirit.

We've taken a first step: Bill Drummond, longtime parishioner and utility executive, has agreed to head up the parish's search committee.

Right now, Bill is in the midst of building a committee that will handle the range of efforts comprising the rector search. A key goal is to create a team that represents the wide range of ages and experiences within our church. Duties will include (but are not limited to – a phrase you'll

remember from job descriptions), conducting research inside and outside the parish, listening to the congregation's needs and interests, and eventually translating this information into marketing outreach for our rector search. Ultimately, this group will organize and conduct interviews and make recommendations to the Vestry.

We'll look forward to an update from Bill later this spring. In the meantime, Keith Kuhn will step into fill Bill's place as a member of the Holy Spirit Vestry. It's great to have these kinds of resources in our parish family.

– MOLLY BOWLER, SENIOR WARDEN

## Courtyard greenery coming right up!

As winter takes a bow and spring arrives, our thoughts stray to – sprinklers, grass seed and shrubs.

Now that our infrastructure investments are complete, it's time to create a useful "phase one" landscape for our courtyard. With guidance from Kent Watson and Jim Taylor, we'll be putting in these basics this spring so we can all use this important space.

It's true, this parish would like to look ahead to create a vision of what's possible for our courtyard, but this will take time, agreement on project scope, and added resources to make it happen. For the near-term, our hope is to create a landscape that works for now, and that can be adjusted as plans evolve.

Look for more updates soon.  
 – MOLLY BOWLER, SENIOR WARDEN

# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH SPRING MARKET



**MAY  
9 & 10**

Come by any time from 9am to 2pm on Friday or Saturday at  
130 South 6th Street East, Missoula

Upscale clothing, jewelry, vintage and collectibles, books,  
home decor and kitchenware, sporting goods and much more!

## Market set for May 9 and 10 The Spring Market is just weeks away!

One of Holy Spirit's best spring events is the annual Spring Market. Our Spring Market '25 is just weeks away – and we need your donations to make it happen! Start with just one drawer. Then, a shelf. Next, a closet. How about all those "storage" boxes in your basement, garage, or storage unit? All the things no one else in your family really wants? Soon, you'll have caught the positive energy that will make Spring Market '25 a festive time for all who participate. Refer to the following list of needed donations and begin your spring sorting/cleaning today! Bring your items to the church from Sunday, May 4 through Tuesday, May 6. Please do not bring any donations before then – we just don't have the room. Ask your friends, relatives, and neighbors for their no-longer needed re-saleables, too! A great way to spread the energy. Spring Market '25

sale dates are Friday and Saturday, May 9-10. Watch for more information in the weeks ahead. Questions? Please contact Marva Gallegos: (406) 546-1611; marvagallegos@gmail.com.

Remember – Spring Market is NOT a rummage sale. We need your best (clean, unbroken, and usable) items from the following list:

- Vintage and Boutique Clothing – women's and men's
- Accessories and Jewelry
- Home Décor
- Glassware & Kitchen Linens
- Books (no manuals, encyclopedias, or tapes)
- Sport and Camping Equipment
- Luggage
- Pet Accessories
- Gardening & Outdoor / Healthy Plants
- Small Furniture

*Bring your donations to the church from Sunday, May 4 through Tuesday, May 6. Please do not bring any donations before then.*

### Butterfly Grants are back!

Your Holy Spirit Social Concerns Committee seeks to broaden our impact by supporting causes embraced by our parishioners. Toward that end, we intend to once again fund small grants (up to \$300) and invite our parishioners to submit proposals using the brief application form found on the church website at [www.holyspiritmissoula.org](http://www.holyspiritmissoula.org). Click on "Butterfly Grants" under the Ministries tab on the website. We look forward to learning about your outreach interests at the local, state, national, or international level.

Grant application deadlines are:

- June 1, 2025
- September 1, 2025
- December 1, 2025

We will respond to your request within 30 days of the submission deadline.

– HOLY SPIRIT SOCIAL  
CONCERNS COMMITTEE

**Holy Spirit Giving Grants**  
We'll pay you to flutter your wings



You can help those in need.  
And we'll help you!

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**HOLY SPIRIT  
BUTTERFLY GRANTS**

Do you have an idea for an outreach project?  
You can apply for a Butterfly Grant from the  
Social Concerns Committee.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**PALM SUNDAY**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 13  
8 AM AND 10:15 AM  
Blessing of the Palms (begins in the church)  
Reading of the Passion Gospel / Holy Eucharist

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
THURSDAY, APRIL 17 / 7 PM  
Foot Washing / Simple Table Eucharist / Stripping of the Altar  
Vigil with the Reserved Sacrament follows service.

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
FRIDAY, APRIL 18 / 12 NOON  
Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday with  
Veneration of the Cross

**EASTER**  
EASTER VIGIL / SATURDAY, APRIL 19 / 7:30 PM  
EASTER DAY / SUNDAY, APRIL 20 / 9 & 11 AM  
*Alleluia!*