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## Coming your way this Spring... Family Worship!

Plans are underway to kick off our first family worship experience. Stay tuned for details as our children's ministry leaders plan an early evening worship experience designed for kids and their families. You can expect time outside, lots of action, music, and some of our favorite Church School worship rituals.

**More details coming.  
Stay tuned!**

## Jocelyn begins an internship here in April and May Meet Jocelyn Snider

Jocelyn Snider will be doing an internship at Holy Spirit for six weeks this spring. If her face looks familiar, it might be because you've seen her in publicity for Camp Marshall. She will be the summer Program Director there.

Jocelyn has been a long-time member at St. Paul's in Hamilton. She has been active for years, serving as Senior Warden several times and leading Godly Play, and she is currently a worship leader. Jocelyn has been attending the diocese's School for Deacons, and in 2021 she completed a discernment group (with the support and participation of a few members of Holy Spirit as well). Through this process Jocelyn has discerned a call to the priesthood. At St. Paul's we are not surprised. We are thrilled for her and joyful as we witness so many new opportunities presenting themselves in her life.

She plans to begin seminary in the fall, and in preparation for this change in life direction the bishop has designed a two-step internship for her. She is currently doing six weeks at St. Stephens in Stevensville, learning about ministry in an ultra-small congregation. This will be followed by six weeks at Holy Spirit to learn about ministry in a large congregation.

Look for Jocelyn in April and May. She will be here about five hours a week. We don't yet know the exact shape her ministry will take while she is with us. We do know she'll be observing, learning, and practicing ministry within our presence. Please keep Jocelyn and her family in your prayers during this exciting and stressful time of life transition.

— REV. GRETCHEN STROHMAIER

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## Welcome Jocelyn Snider to Holy Spirit in April!

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## NEWSLETTER

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From the Rector

## God is still with us, and new growth is at hand

I have only recently begun to appreciate history of all kinds. Most of my advanced study was focused on the sciences, and it wasn't until seminary that I really began to learn history in a broader way. While I was home recuperating from surgery in recent weeks, I chose to do some continuing education from offerings of The Great Courses online that included archeology of the Bible; understanding how early Christian understanding of Jesus evolved over time; the Celtic world; and also, one about the great trials of history. The surprise was how much history I learned from each different subject and how they all intertwined. It was an interesting 48 hours of study.

Some periods of history clearly stand out. Each one of us is influenced by those experiences based on our age, where we have lived, and what events were particular to those times or the times in which our elders lived. Today is one of those periods that will stand out because of the Covid-19 pandemic and the fact that it

has touched everyone in a global way. Such events remind us that life has always involved upheaval and change, interpreted as good or ill, and never stops shifting for long. Our faith journeys have always been this way with some of the most impactful moments being those where we feel we are broken open beyond repair and then discover God is still with us and new growth is at hand.

We need to remember this when our hybrid lives of the present make us yearn for the past. The Spirit moves where it will, the scriptures tell us. Will we be open to the tilling and breaking open of the soil that are our lives in order for new life to emerge? Our journey is not so different in our own day from that of Jesus and his disciples heading toward Jerusalem. May we be open to the movement of the Spirit and whatever comes, the potential for new life always bursting forth.

— FAITHFULLY WITH YOU ON THE  
WAY,  
TERRI +



## Community Ministries Strengthening families through community awareness in April

The Parenting Place is a community-based, non-profit organization whose mission is the prevention of child abuse and neglect through strengthening families. Since their founding in 1981, families and communities throughout western Montana have been measurably improving caregiver knowledge, expectations, and skills across generations. This month, you can learn and act alongside others at these events:

- April 5 – Community Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) training – 5:30-7PM, Missoula Food Bank & Community Center
- April 7, 14, and 28 – Missoula Exchange Club luncheon presentations – noon-1PM, Jaker's (7 and 28) and the Missoula Public Library (14)

- April 18 – Films “Resilience” and “Healing Neen” – 4-7PM, Roxy Theater
- April/May – Parenting Place facilities work parties

For more information, additional events, and registration links, visit [parentingplace.net](http://parentingplace.net) or connect with me at [dorcied@gmail.com](mailto:dorcied@gmail.com) and through the church office.

What a difference an aware and engaged faith community can make! Join us, won't you?

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### 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 (the first Sunday in 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 our rector, The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger.

The next date for Baptism will be on the Day of Pentecost, June 5, at the 10:15 am service..





## Rio Grande Borderlands Ministries A reflection on immigration

By the time this edition of the *Paraclete* arrives in your mailbox, the listening pilgrimage to the borderlands will be complete. Next month the *Paraclete* will feature a new series, "Stories from the Border." Each month one of our pilgrims will offer a story or reflection from their journey. While we

wait to hear about their experiences, I invite you to use the "Immigrants' Creed" to reflect on immigration as part of your own family history. As you read, try placing yourself within the Creed, as a child of God and as a descendant of immigrants.

– AUDREY MURRAY

## Explorations:

Opportunities to cultivate, challenge and live our faith

### The Immigrants' Creed\*

I believe in Almighty God,  
who guided the people in exile and in exodus,  
the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,  
the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ,  
a displaced Galilean,  
who was born away from his people and his home,  
who fled his country with his parents when his life was danger,  
and returning to his own country suffered the oppression of the  
tyrant Pontius Pilate,  
the servant of a foreign power,  
who then was persecuted, beaten, and finally tortured,  
accused and condemned to death unjustly.  
But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead,  
not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven.

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Centering Prayer meets the third Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m.

## Join us for Centering Prayer in April

Centering Prayer meets again on April 19 from 4-5 p.m. We will be returning to the comfort of the Guild Room and following the COVID guidelines of spacing, fresh air and masking. This ancient meditation style called Centering Prayer is simple and easy to learn if it is new to you. The leader will be gently leading the group into and out of a 20-minute silent time.

We will meet on the third Tuesday of every month from 4-5 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Dousset at 406-880-1680 or Willie Hoffer at 541-815-9609.

# Centering Prayer

Effortless Contemplation to Deepen Your Experience of God



I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us,  
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries,  
and reunites all races.

I believe that the church is the secure home  
for the foreigner and for all believers who constitute it,  
who speak the same language and have the same purpose.  
I believe that the communion of the saints begins  
when we accept the diversity of the saints.

I believe in the forgiveness of sins, which makes us all equal,  
and in reconciliation, which identifies us more  
than does race, language, or nationality.

I believe that in the resurrection  
God will unite us as one people  
in which all are distinct  
and all are alike at the same time.

Beyond this world, I believe in life eternal  
in which no one will be an immigrant  
but all will be citizens of God's kingdom,  
which will never end. Amen.

\*The Immigrants' Creed was written  
by José Luis Casal, a Cuban immigrant  
and past director of the Presbyterian  
World Mission. Today the Immigrants' Creed is used in a variety of Christian

worship traditions and was recently  
featured in The Episcopal Church's  
"Virtual Lenten Borderland  
Experience."

## Join us for the Maundy Thursday prayer vigil

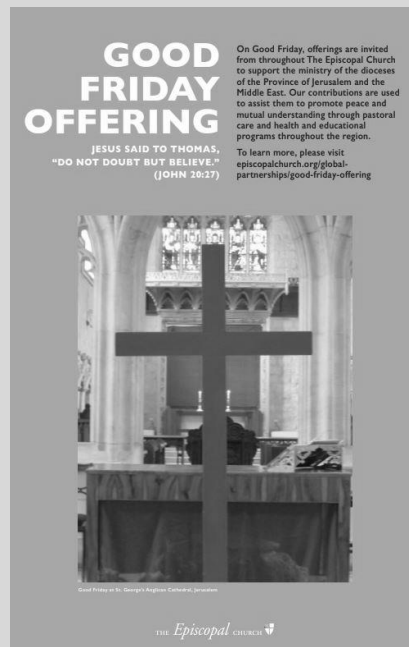
As we anticipate Holy Week, plan now to participate in our annual over-night prayer vigil which begins after the Maundy Thursday service on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Call the church office to sign up or write your name in on a one-hour time slot on the poster available at church. Prayer begins at 8:00 pm and runs through the night ending at 7:00 am.

On Maundy Thursday we remember the Last Supper, and we recall Jesus's time in the Garden of Gethsemane [See Matthew 26]. Jesus asked the disciples to watch and pray while he went further on to pray by himself. When Jesus returned, the disciples were sleeping. Again and

again, he went to pray and each time he returned, he discovered *their eyes were heavy*, and they were asleep. It was soon after this that Judas came with a whole crowd of chief priests and elders. They came carrying swords and clubs, and the disciples fled. So, on this night, Maundy Thursday, we choose intentionally to sit up, to watch, to pray with Jesus, as we remember his fervent prayer in the Garden and his arrest by the authorities.

Ideally, two participants sign up for each of the one-hour blocks and come to the church to pray. There will

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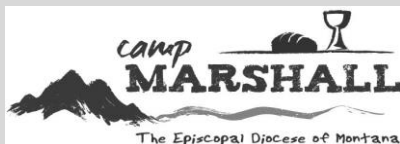


## The Good Friday Offering will support the Episcopal Church in the Middle East and Jerusalem

Since 1922, Episcopalians have supported the ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East through the Good Friday Offering. Through the work of the Episcopal dioceses in the Middle East, Christians maintain a peacemaking and stabilizing presence in the region, serving their neighbors regardless of faith background.

Whether funding a hospital in Gaza or the West Bank, or an eye clinic in Aden, or women's programs, or summer camps and leadership training for young people, the Good Friday Offering is making a difference in the lives of so many.

We hope you will participate in this effort. Use the church app to give (Choose "Good Friday" from the dropdown menu of funds) or place your gift in the offering plate at the back of the church on Good Friday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## Summer Dates for Youth & Family Programs:

**Grace Camp:** June 12 - 17, 2022

Price: Free to those who qualify.

For students entering grades 3 – 8 in the fall of 2022

**Family Camp One:** June 19 – 24, 2022

Accommodations: Camp cabins, RV space, tent space

**Family Camp Two:** July 3 – 8, 2022

Accommodations: Camp cabins, RV space, tent space

**Junior/Middler Camp:** June 26 – July 1, 2022

For students entering grades 3 – 8 in the fall of 2022

**Senior High Camp:** July 10 – 15.

For students entering grades 9 – 12 in the fall of 2022

## Ministry Growth Fund:

Through a generous donation, members of Episcopal Congregations in the Diocese of Montana may register for any of the above listed summer programs for \$100 with a completed Ministry Growth Fund camp application (while funds last). Ministry Growth Fund applications are ONLY available through local church offices (not online).



## Creation Care Ministry Going solar at home

There are many items to consider when thinking about going solar, including the cost and how much of your energy do you want to produce both now and in the coming years. These and a few other considerations are discussed briefly below.

**Cost.** The cost has come down considerably in recent years and continues to do so. However, we all have our own definition of ‘reasonable,’ so you won’t know until you get an estimate if this will work for you.

There are federal and state tax credits available to help offset the cost.

**Will you be paid for the excess energy you produce?** This may be true if you purchase electricity from a “cooperative” or a company other than NorthWestern Energy, but if you are dealing with NorthWestern Energy, this is not the case. They reset accounts to “zero” on March 31

of each year, and you lose any credits you may have built up.

**Finding a reliable and knowledgeable company to help sort through all of the information (and possible misinformation) circulating about solar panels.** Do you know anyone that has installed solar panels? Another source of information might be members of our Vestry as they have been involved in this project.

**Net-metering, contract with NorthWestern Energy.** I had some concern about negotiating permits, net-metering with NorthWestern Energy. However, I discovered that this was not as complicated as I had feared. In fact, the vendor I used took care of handling everything with NorthWestern Energy.

**Battery Backup.** I had hoped that I would be able to store my excess

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## Going solar

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energy but found this is fairly expensive at this time. I also found out that one battery would not back up everything; rather it would back up one circuit. You can't just switch from backing up your furnace to your air conditioner by simply flipping a switch.

My local vendor assured me that the price on these is coming down, and they will likely become more flexible or adaptable, so this is a possibility for the future.

**What percentage of your current electric consumption do you plan to produce, and will your needs increase significantly?** My original bid was to cover 80% of my consumption over the prior year. I increased the number of panels as I wanted to produce 100% + of my typical electricity consumption as I plan on switching to an all-electric vehicle at some point. My first winter with solar panels was a learning experience.

In addition to having less sunshine in the winter, the panels can be covered with snow thus producing nothing part of the year. We got so

much snow in December that my panels were not completely clear until February.

How rapidly the panels clear is somewhat dependent on the slope of the roof they are installed on. Driving around town I noticed panels on steeper roofs were clearer than mine. When I discussed this with the vendor, I was assured that this did not mean I was producing less electricity over the year as the panels on the flatter roofs produce more in the summer.

As the snow started to melt and slide off the panels, it created something of an ice dam at the bottom of the panels. I am considering adding heating coils to the roof to help clear the roof and to allow the snow to more easily slide off the panels. Having done this in the past for different reasons, I know that an on/off switch is essential so that you are not using electricity to heat these year-round and are only heating them when needed.

I noticed that there are companies that will "clean" solar panels. I checked with my vendor and was assured this is not necessary, that the snow sliding off of them cleans them adequately. Overall, this has been a very positive experience.

— KATE LANEY

## Maundy Thursday vigil

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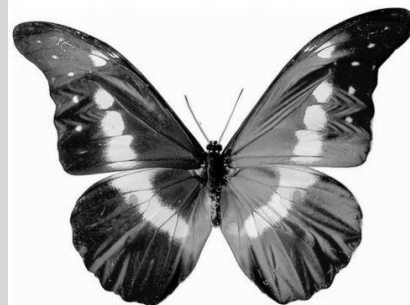
be a quiet prayer corner set up within the church with a lamp, candles, books, and journals. Feel free to pray

within this designated space or move about the sanctuary. At times participants have even brought along an instrument and spent the hour singing. Use the time in reverence for Jesus's actions during this Holy Week. Work with your church family so that *together* we can, *stay awake*, *watch*, and *pray*.



### Holy Spirit Giving Grants

We'll pay you to flutter your wings



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

Help improve the lives of others:  
**Apply for a Butterfly Grant!**

The Social Concerns Committee is continuing its Butterfly Grant program, giving the opportunity to parishioners to support their chosen charities. Grants in the past have been varied and have included a program supporting returning prisoners and helping them re-integrate into the community, funding for personal care products for the Poverello Center, supporting homeless youth through the Homeless Youth Incentives, and supporting adult and child naturalist days at the Montana Natural History Center. Altogether the Social Concerns Committee has awarded more than \$10,350 in grants since the program was founded in 2015!

Do you have a little project in mind that could help improve the lives of others, something that can maybe kick-start a bigger effort? Apply for a Butterfly Grant! The remaining deadlines for applications are June 1, September 1 and December 1. Application forms are available on the HSP website or in the church office.

— SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

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

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
THURSDAY, APRIL 14 / 7 PM  
Simple Table Eucharist / Foot Washing / Stripping of the Altar

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
FRIDAY, APRIL 15 / 12 NOON  
Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday with  
Veneration of the Cross

**EASTER**  
EASTER VIGIL / SATURDAY, APRIL 16 / 7:30 PM  
EASTER SUNDAY / SUNDAY, APRIL 17 / 10:15 AM  
*Alleluia!*