



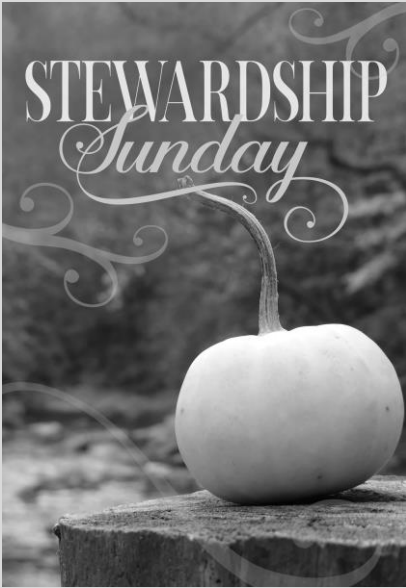
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## Please return your pledge cards by November 6

Please complete your Financial Pledge Card and mail it to church by Sunday, November 6, in the envelope that was provided in the stewardship mailing or place it in the offering plate any Sunday. You can also pledge online at <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/pledge/>. You can fill out the online pledge card there.

If you don't want to wait until Stewardship Sunday to make your pledge, you can also call the church office at (406) 542-2167 to pledge.

## Living in Gratitude Stewardship Sunday is November 6

Our annual stewardship effort this fall asks us to step into an abiding sense of thankfulness for our life today and realize we have what we need to meet a world of new opportunities.

Here at Holy Spirit, we're embracing a sense of renewal and gratitude. By the grace of God and the commitment of each of us, our church community is poised to explore where is the Spirit leading us as we look to the future.

As always, it is the faithful support of our people that makes possible

everything that happens at Holy Spirit. Our staff, programs, music and worship, outreach, church buildings and more rely on our yearly pledges. Rooted in gratitude, our gifts feed the life and work of this Holy Spirit community.

We hope you will look for your pledge card in a letter from Rev. Terri and consider your pledge commitment for 2023. Stewardship Sunday is November 6. Please join us for a special Coffee Hour that day.

— THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



## STEWARDSHIP 2023 Living in Gratitude

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 6**

Please bring your Financial Pledge Card and place it in the offering plate on or before November 6. Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Spirit Community.

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We will celebrate the Missoula Food Bank on Sunday, November 20

As a part of our alms-giving Sunday series, Holy Spirit will celebrate the long role we have played in supporting this important community organization.

Holy Spirit support for the Food Bank goes all the way back to the 1980s, when then rector Steve Oreskovich and other community leaders revitalized the Food Bank. As described by The Rev. Oreskovich:

*The [Food Bank] board was reconstituted with a group of younger members including Ray Risho, the restaurant owner, and myself. We started a monthly program of contacting and inviting downtown businesspeople to a free lunch at HSP to reintroduce them to the idea of the Food Bank. Worked great and support increased, and so did giving and support. About the time I went off the board Brenda Oreskovich went on, and during her term the Board*

*bought a building, and Holy Spirit helped retire the final debt.*

For several years, Holy Spirit parishioners brought food items to the church on one Sunday a month. The donations were blessed and then sent to the Food Bank. Today, we continue to support the Food Bank with the little yellow Food Fund envelopes found in all of our pews.

And our support today is just as important as it was 40 years ago! For the past several years, the number of unique customers being served by the Missoula Food Bank and Community Center has skyrocketed: in 2021, the Food Bank served **26%** of the entire population of Missoula County! And in 2022, the demand and need for the Food Bank has increased even more.

**Please join us on Sunday, November 20, as we once again show our support for this important community organization.**

— JAMES WILEY  
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE



**Join us for Family Worship in November!**

As we work to integrate children into Sunday morning worship, we don't want to ignore their changing developmental needs. So, we have created a once-a-month Family Worship experience that is designed particularly for kids and their families. Sometimes outside, sometimes in the parish hall, or sometimes in the choir pews, Family Worship is flexible to meet the movement and energy needs of our kids. This hour-long service includes music, movement, a Bible story, Communion and prayers. It's followed by a game or craft and a snack. It's a perfect opportunity for families to connect with one another too. Families with kids of all ages are invited to join us. **Our November Family Worship service will be Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm.**



**Join us for an Advent Festival on November 27!**

We enjoyed our outdoor Advent Festival so much last year . . . let's do it again! Bring your friends and neighbors and gather in the courtyard on Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm, the first Sunday in Advent. You'll find Advent wreath supplies to take and make at home. There will be craft stations, fire pits with s'more fixings, hot drinks, holiday lights and more! Come. Savor the season. Enjoy the beauty of this place and the joy of this community.

**Kids in Worship**  
**We invite kids to participate in Sunday worship**

We are so happy to have children in our worshipping community, and we know that their participation is good for them and for all of the rest of us. Kids learn by imitation. What better way to learn about faith, than watching the most important people in their lives—their parents—practice it in worship. Also, by being a part of our worshipping community and witnessing other adults in this practice, they begin to understand that faith is not something they will grow out of like moving on from elementary school to middle school. Faith is a life-long practice.

We know that one of the best ways to support kids in worship is to engage them. And thankfully an Episcopal worship service has a lot to engage children in, everything from beautiful windows, carvings, liturgical colors, and gestures to music and interesting architecture.

We want kids and families to know that children are welcome, and children are an integral part of worship. So, here's an invitation. Would your children or grandchildren like to be more participatory in worship? Bring them a little early (5 - 10 minutes early) and look for Terri, Dorcie or Gretchen in the back of the church, and we will work to fold your children into worship that day.

Kids can:

- Carry the Gospel book in the procession
  - Walk in the procession
  - Carry the cross in the procession
  - Help ushers with the offering plates
  - Help with the dismissal
- THE REV. GRETCHEN STROHMAIER  
 ASSISTANT PRIEST



## Explorations:

Opportunities to cultivate, challenge and live our faith

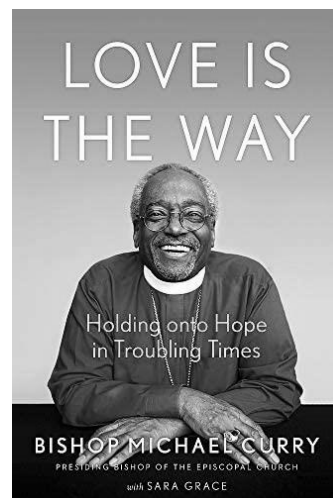
### A book discussion with Rev. Terri **Love is the Way** **Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times**

Perhaps you remember a certain sermon preached with humor, power, and grace at the royal wedding a few years ago. Remember? Of course, you do; that was Bishop Michael Curry! Everybody knows him, you say. The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry is the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, elected at General Convention in 2015 as the first African American to lead the denomination. He is a very spiritual man who brings Good News in a manner that can reach the masses and yet feel like he is talking just to you.

Bishop Curry is known for speaking about the power of Love. He recently published a book entitled “Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times” that weaves together his understanding of God’s love from years of preaching, prayer, singing, and daily reflection. It is easy to read and well worth the time to do so.

I will lead a small group in the discussion of this book on the four Monday evenings in November (7, 14,

21, 28). We will meet from 6:30 pm – 8 pm at the home of Sue Talbot, 69 Brookside Way, Missoula, MT 59802. I am opening this group to ten people



only so that participants can truly engage in the conversation from week to week. Please contact me at [revterri@holyspiritmissoula.org](mailto:revterri@holyspiritmissoula.org) to sign up! I look forward to seeing you!

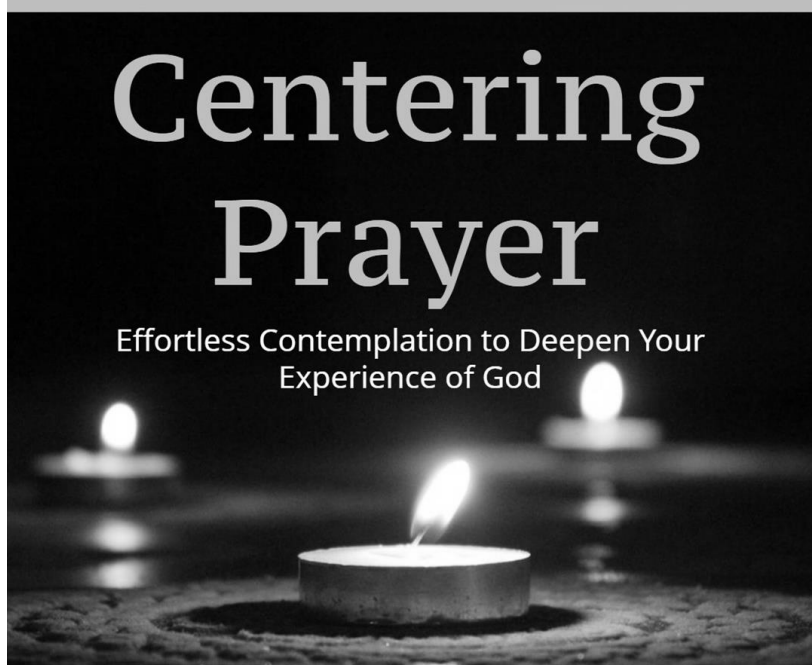
– REV. TERRI+

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

## Join us for Centering Prayer in November

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.

You will be gently led in and out of a 20-minute time of silence with prayer or readings. We gather in the Guild Room at Holy Spirit the third Tuesday of each month from 4 to 5 pm. That means we’ll meet on **Tuesday, November 15** in November. If you have any questions, please contact Willie Hoffer at 541-815-9609.



A class with The Rev. Steve Oreskovich  
**God is in the world or nowhere**

For centuries mystics, poets and monks have told us that God is deeply enmeshed in the created world. Our Celtic Christian cousins believed that God is as close as the air we breathe and that it is in creation that we most deeply find God. In this kind of theology God is understood as DIVINE CREATIVE LOVE, a LOVE whose very nature is to give birth and push and persuade, to suffer with and save every minute of an evolving Creation and every movement of the human

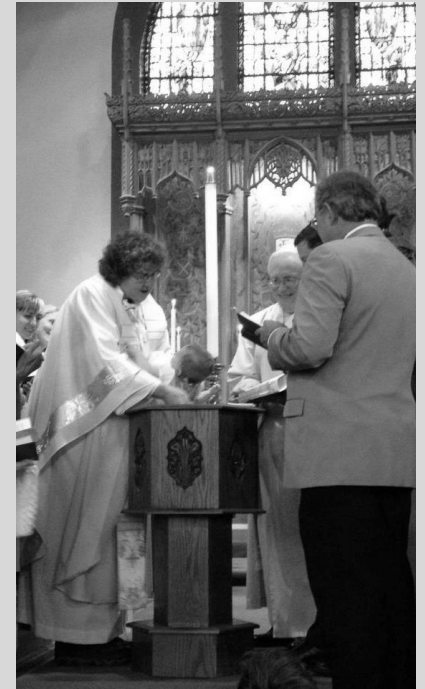
heart. Join Rev. Steve Oreskovich for a 1½-hour class as we travel from the Big Bang to the Crucifixion, from the “Burning Bush” of Moses to the Intimate God who whispers to us in the dark night of the soul, “I love You, You are Mine forever.”

**Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the parish hall. Please call the church office to let us know that you will be coming, (406) 542-2167) or email us at [office@holyspiritmissoula.org](mailto:office@holyspiritmissoula.org).**

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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 at the bishop’s visitation on December 4, at the 10:15 am service.

Community Ministries  
**Bundles of Warmth travel from Diocesan Convention**

With temperatures beginning to drop, our Poverello Center partners helped Diocesan Convention attendees to imagine walking alongside our neighbors living unsheltered. We took a two-pronged approach: gather warm blankets and clothes to share and gain a better understanding of Montanans of all ages who are living without permanent shelter.

Audrey Murray, Lucia Work, and Carla Mettling worked on a gallery walk of statistics, reflections, and communication ideas. Attendees then bundled weatherproof blankets, heat-retaining ponchos, hats, socks, gloves, and metal water bottles, together with notes of encouragement – 135 bundles in all – that traveled to schools, libraries, parishes, and shelter programs across the state. Bundle items were

purchased with the generosity of Bishop Marty, parishes, and delegates.

The morning after Convention, a young mom and her children on their way to school saw a person pushing a cart with their belongings. The children wondered if the person might be able to use the Bundle they had packed in their car. They pulled over, struck up a conversation, and the Bundle was received with a smile. Less than 24 hours....

Please consider building a few Bundles of Warmth to share this winter and listening to the stories of those who receive them.

– Alongside you for greater warmth and understanding,  
 THE VEN. DORCIE KAFKA  
 DVARISHKIS  
[dorcie@gmail.com](mailto:dorcie@gmail.com)

**This year's raffle features a Montana Nativity Set from the Old School House at Nine Mile!**

YES! It is a nativity set from the Nine Mile School House. And, YES, it could be yours this holiday season. Thanks to a lovely donation from the Cohen family, this Montana Nativity Set is among the incredible items in this year's Holiday Market raffle/auction. If you know the Hanneke and Les Ippisch story, you know the value of this offering. And, if you don't, many parishioners will be glad to tell you about the treasures this family and its years of beautifully handcrafted items. Thank you, Anne and Stan, and to everyone in our church family who is contributing to the November 11-13 Holiday Market, auction, and raffle. Check out the creche photos below.



# HOLIDAY MARKET

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Crafts • Antiques • Ornaments • Quilts • Collectibles • Jewelry • Raffle • Silent Auction

Friday, November 11, from 9 am – 3 pm  
Saturday, November 12, from 9 am – 1 pm

Holiday Market set for November 11 and 12

## The Holiday Market is just around the corner! Can you help?

We hope you are getting ready for one of Fall's best weeks at Holy Spirit! Holiday Market Week 2022 is right around the corner and our first indoor Market in three years! This year's Market is on Friday, November 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturday, November 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Raffle tickets, Silent Auction bid sheets, and sign-up sheets for volunteering during Market Week will be available in the parish hall on the two Sundays prior to November 13.

**What to donate:** We need your antiques, vintage goodies, framed fine art, Christmas décor, crafts and handmade items of ALL types, Griz items, jewelry, and re-giftable goodies for the Gift Shop. Please be sure all donations are in excellent or original condition. **Bring your donations on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, November 6, 7 and 8.** Questions? Contact Diane Rasmuson at 406-493-6192 or Sue Lowery at 406-546-8401.

**Volunteer Opportunities include:** setting up the market, pricing, and providing lunch for volunteers on Monday – Thursday,

November 7-10 of Market Week. On Friday and Saturday—Holiday Market Sale Days—your help is needed with cashiering, bagging, and hosting, and for clean-up on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Guys – we need you, too, at every step of the way!

**Shopping:** You and your shopping companions are promised the finest selection of items ever at this year's Holiday Market! Surprises in every department. Unbelievable prices. Variety no other Missoula shop or bazaar could even imagine. Come early. Come often! From 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday. Raffle tickets and Silent Auction bidding sheets will also be available during these times. Great parking in our lot across the street. Something special for everyone on your *and* Santa's lists.

**Raffle and Auction Results:** At noon on Sunday, November 13, winning raffle tickets and auction bids will be announced. Like this year's offerings, this year's raffle and auction items promise to delight too. Plan to participate in and enjoy this year's special Holiday Market.



Padre Hector Trejo (left) with Brother Angel Roque at Espiritu Santo Shelter in Juarez, Mexico.



## Stories from the border Hospitality at the border

**March 2022. Ciudad Juarez.** Father Hector, in collar, cross, and cowboy hat, greeted us at St. Matthias Church, where he extends the hospitality of Christ to migrants. To our humble amazement, the residents of St. Matthias, who had left everything in their flight to asylum, bestowed that Christian hospitality on us, serving food and stories.

In 2018, Father Hector arrived at crumbling, trash-filled St. Matthias with four screwdrivers, two crescent wrenches, one hammer, and a vision of a shelter where migrants would live as early Christians did. Today the shelter provides safety, rest, a certified school for children, vocational training, great haircuts, and clean, well-fitting clothing to migrants who arrive with nothing but blue pants and shirts issued at the US border. He guided us through immaculate chicken coops, pig pens, greenhouses, and a tilapia farm that provide income and food for the shelter. In the large community room, children attended classes. In the kitchen, silent, serious women stirred mahogany-colored sauce in an enormous pot. Politely refusing our

offer of help, they served us mole for lunch. The kitchen supervisor told us she fled violence in southern Mexico. She hopes to open a restaurant in El Paso.

After lunch we followed Father Hector across town to Holy Spirit Shelter and toured its cottage industry of sewing liturgical garments. Over café con leche, David and Keni told us of their harrowing trip to escape gang violence in El Salvador; their adorable daughter, Betsy Diana, blessed the visitors with hugs and Spanish lessons. Father Hector invited us to stay for a dinner of “very simple food.” Very simple, yes, and indescribably delicious: broccoli, cauliflower, and turnip stew, refried beans, and exquisite tortillas. Father Hector offered his special habanero salsa from a huge jar.

We waited in line on the bridge a long time to cross the border back to St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church, our home in El Paso. Plenty of time to talk and unwind. Back at St. Christopher’s we went straight to bed, drained, weary, and in wonder of what we had seen and heard.

– NANCY ERREBO, PILGRIM

## Bring home the world’s best singers

Every three years, the Montana International Choral Festival brings hundreds of outstanding singers from all over the world to Missoula, and we need host families! Host families not only house the singers, but also feed their guests, transport them to the Festival performances and introduce them to the beauty of Missoula and of Montana.

Our next Festival will take place from **July 19 - 22, 2023**. If you can host a couple of international singers, we would greatly appreciate your signing up on our web page:

<https://www.choralfestival.org/host-family-application/>

If you have beds, but cannot drive the singers to their performances, or are willing to provide a few meals for them but have no room to put them up, please consider sharing the responsibilities with a friend or neighbor! This has turned out to be a very convenient way to make the hosting process a big success for everyone!

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