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What are you thankful for?

Our Fall Ingathering for the United Thank Offering (UTO) will take place on Sunday, October 3, at both services. We will be bringing our donation to the Diocesan Convention in Billings, October 8-10, so please place your Blue Boxes or your checks for UTO in the offering plate at the back of the church. Your checks for UTO should be made payable to "Holy Spirit Parish" with UTO written on the memo line. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

The monies raised from the thank offerings are given back in the form of grants in support of programs within the dioceses of The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion that address compelling human needs and supporting the alleviation of poverty.

Join us for the Blessing of the Animals online and in person

We will be celebrating the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 3, at both our online and in-person services. Here's what to expect:

For the 10:15 service: The Blessing of the Animals in Sunday Worship, October 3

On Sunday, October 3rd, the last Sunday in the liturgical Season of Creation, we will incorporate the Blessing of the Animals directly into the 10:15 am in-person worship service. The church will be marked into areas: one for those with dogs on leash or in a carrier, one for those with cats in carriers, and those with other animals leashed or otherwise contained. The liturgy of worship will reflect a few adjustments to make this happen, and Covid-19 protocols for mask wearing and spacing will be in place. This has been done in churches worldwide, large

and small, and we can enjoy it too. Please plan to come with plenty of time to walk your pets before they come in. Water bowls, cleanup bags and garbage containers will be available outside for your use.

For the 8:00 am pre-recorded service:

A virtual Blessing of the Animals will be held on October 3rd for those who are unable to attend in-person worship. It is a joy for those who have no pets to see others with theirs so we invite you to send a picture of your pet, or a picture of you or your family with your pet(s) so that our videographer, James Gartner, can weave those into our online worship for the day.

— REV. TERRI+

Blessing of the Animals

Join us for the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 3, at 8 am online and in person at 10:15 am. All are welcome!



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Take Heart. Take Part.



A note from the Stewardship Committee

Stewardship season: Take Heart, Take Part

In a time of so many uncertainties, support for Holy Spirit is strong. There is a sureness in the way this community has continued its steadfast care for the staff, programs and buildings. Thank you for your faithfulness.

October brings another stewardship season and this year an invitation, Take Heart, Take Part. Over the past 18 months, the people of Holy Spirit have created new ministries, from the field trips of the Creation Ministries to a vibrant Courtyard sale. We've connected via nature-inspired virtual services and in book groups, Habitat

builds and in-person worship. In all of these ways, Holy Spirit is working to be a place of solace and sustenance. And a place to continue as community, especially now. Let's join in in whatever way we can.

Let's Take Heart and Take Part this stewardship season, as we celebrate this Church of the Holy Spirit and all that draws us together. Look for more information online and in your mail. Ingathering Sunday is November 7.

— MOLLY BOWLER
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Baptism date announced

The next date for baptism will be Sunday, October 31, our All Saints' Celebration at the 10:15 a.m. in-person service. If you are interested in baptism at that time, either for yourself or for your child, please contact Rev. Terri at 542-2167.

Baptism preparation has to take place, so she needs to hear from you

soon! If you wish to have baptism at the October 31 service, Rev. Terri needs to hear from you by Sunday, October 3. Thank you!

This is the final baptism date for this year. The next date will be on Sunday, January 9, 2022, at the 10:15 a.m. service.



From the Rector New Youth Director hired!

With the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic early in 2020, everything was turned on end including our youth program. The church buildings closed, staff shifted to working from home, and developing skills for online virtual worship with safe practices developed on the way. Parents found themselves working from home and juggling their families' schooling online. PJ Willett moved from Youth Ministry to recording worship for virtual services until moving to Colorado to be closer to family. At that point, our Youth Ministry was sadly paused, but we didn't give up thinking about and praying for a new beginning.

It is with much gratitude to God that we welcome our new Youth Director, Lewis Myers, to the staff! Lewis came to our parish a couple years back but due to the pandemic shutdown, you may

not have gotten to know him. Lewis brings a degree in History and also Religious Studies to the task and hopes to one day be a teacher. He is a lifelong Episcopalian and values his faith. He will be renewing our youth program while still in the midst of the pandemic, so he has been given creative license to build relationships with our youth and families in ways that work best for these times. As a referee for youth sports, he understands the challenges of various schedules. But for all he brings, it is important for the parish to understand that no one does ministry alone. He will need a few parents, youth, and other parish members to help minister to the needs of our Jr. and Sr. High youth. We are excited to have you working with us at Holy Spirit, Lewis!

— REV. TERRI+

*Please welcome Lewis Myers as our new Youth Director!
We're excited to have him working with us at Holy Spirit.*

Church School 2021: All God's Children

Who are God's children? In Church School we will continue to explore this concept, recognizing all people as God's children. We'll spend time identifying different age groups, genders, racial groups, cultural groups, geographical groups, and more, as we reinforce that all people are God's children. We'll even work on creating a dance that highlights this variety.

In October as we consider what all God's children need, we'll focus on clothing, and we'll learn about a kid-directed project: Saved Soles. This group is collecting shoes for immigrants at our southern border. Our children will discuss their own potential involvement in this project.

Here are the lectionary-based lessons that the children will hear during October:

Sunday October 3

Adam and Eve, Genesis 2:4-25

Sunday October 10

A Rich Man's Questions, Mark 10:17-31

Sunday October 17

James and John, Mark 10:35-45

Sunday October 24

Bartimaeus Sees, Mark 10:46-52

Sunday October 31

A Message from God, Deuteronomy 6:1-9





Explorations:

Opportunities
to cultivate,
challenge
and live our
faith

Join us for *Sacred Ground*

A curriculum from The Episcopal Church on Race and Faith

There are few issues in American life more fraught than the role race has played in our nation's history. Racial disparities have roots in past policies, prejudices, and harms that continue to affect and structure life today. As part of an ongoing commitment to racial healing and justice, The Episcopal Church has created *Sacred Ground*, a film- and readings-based curriculum designed to walk through chapters of America's history with race and racism. The 10-part series focuses on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.

Beginning October 27th, Glenn Hladek and Lindsay Iudicello will facilitate a *Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle*. This group will meet over ten sessions on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. The first five meetings will take place before Christmas (Oct. 27, Nov. 3, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, Dec. 15) and the second five sessions after the new year (dates TBD). Due to the discussion-

oriented nature of this series, participation will be capped at 12.

The curriculum requires a commitment to come prepared and to, as much as possible, commit to all ten sessions. Expect several hours of reading/film-viewing between sessions. While most of the *Sacred Ground* material will be available online, there are two core books, Debbie Irving's *Waking Up White* and Howard Thurman's *Jesus and the Disinherited*, which supplement the online materials. Participants should plan to purchase these books; however, a Butterfly Grant has been approved that will provide funding for the books if an individual is unable or not interested in purchasing the books. We do not want the cost of the books to be a hindrance to participation. There is no cost to enroll in the class.

Finally, *Sacred Ground* is not about a political stance or converting anyone to a particular way of thinking. It's about listening, learning, and

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

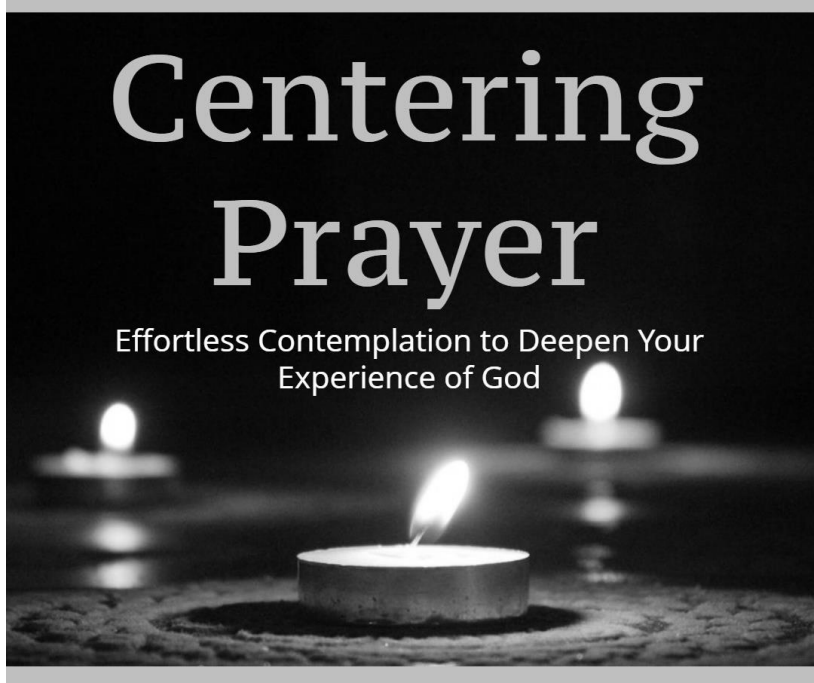
Join us for Centering Prayer in October

Centering Prayer meets again on October 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



Faber Fund grant received

We're another step closer to solar power at Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit's move to solar power is one big step closer to reality with a \$10,000 grant from the diocese's Faber Fund. Established by the Diocese of Montana in memory of its third bishop, William Faber, the fund receives money from the sale of closed churches and other Diocesan property that in turn is used to provide grants/loans that are used to make improvements or repairs to buildings.

Combined with a \$40,000 grant offer from NorthWestern Energy, the grants would make up nearly 87 percent of the installation cost of the 23-kilowatt system, which will be placed on the south side of the parish hall roof and the adjacent flat roof to the west. The balance, about \$7,700, will come from a fund established by the late Mary Blair for improvements and repairs to the church. Close to 90 percent of the electricity used by Holy Spirit will be generated by the solar panels, and the period of time to recover our capital costs through reduced power bills will be quite short.

Installation of the panels is scheduled for the end of October. Prior to that, Holy Spirit will sign an installation contract with SBS Solar of Missoula and a net metering agreement with NorthWestern Energy. Under such an agreement, Holy Spirit is credited with excess power generated by the solar panels in spring, summer and fall, balancing out much of the electricity charges in the winter, when the solar panels are least efficient.

— CLEM WORK, SENIOR WARDEN



Perhaps you took True Colors last fall, and you're interested in anti-racism training specific to Native Americans. Consider this program offered by Common Good Missoula:

Wrestling with the Truth of Colonization

A talented team of US Native Americans, Indigenous / First Nations Canadians, Aboriginal Australians and Maori New Zealanders have guided the development of a Wrestling with the Truth of Colonization process. It has been designed to take thousands of people from faith, labor, healthcare and community organizations through a 5-session, 10-hour process that sets the stage for right relationships and meaningful action with Indigenous people in their own communities.

As the former Chief of the Tsuut'ina Nation recently told members of the IAF affiliated Calgary Alliance, however, those right relationships must be earned. "People need to really wrestle with the Truth first, otherwise they will move too quickly to cheap apology or tokenistic land acknowledgements and think they have done something meaningful."

Sessions begin October 18th, 6:30-8:30 pm. Contact Lisa Davey at lisa@micmt.org or 406-240-4105 for more details and to sign up.

SACRED GROUND

A FILM-BASED DIALOGUE SERIES ON RACE & FAITH

For more information, contact Lindsay (lindsayiudicello@gmail.com / 406-529-3637) or Glenn (gahtrek@bresnan.net / 406-239-7346)

Sacred Ground

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continuing to grow as beloved community. Please join us with an open and humble heart. To register for the class, please contact Judy at the Parish office with your contact information (phone, email, address). Lindsay or Glenn will contact you with the necessary information to register for the

class. We would appreciate that you contact the office to indicate your interest by October 1, 2021. If you have questions regarding the program, please contact Lindsay (lindsayiudicello@gmail.com/406-529-3637) or Glenn (gahtrek@bresnan.net/406-239-7346). We are thrilled to be entering this important discussion with our Parish family.

— LINDSAY IUDICELLO



Musical Notes

Nancy Cooper spent most of the summer researching and learning anthems and organ repertoire by women composers. (Musical organizations have begun taking this gender inequity much more seriously of late, and many are now striving for a 50/50 division of compositions by men and women.) In order to emphasize this on a weekly basis, the bulletin will now always include both first and last names of all composers (with a few exceptions: JS Bach and GF Handel, for example). Because the choir is returning slowly to a full schedule, the rollout of anthems by women will be less immediate than the organ music, but you will eventually be seeing a more equitable balance.

On Another Note

Baroque composers wrote a wealth of music for use during their church services; many of them were "Chorale Preludes" - which means a piece of music based on a chorale (hymn), that precedes the singing of that hymn. Composers today still write chorale/hymn preludes, but often they are less meaningful because they are settings of hymns that not everyone sings anymore. So, to help make the listening experience more informed, when a prelude or postlude is based on a hymn that we either never sing, or that isn't even in our hymnal, the choir will sing a verse or two of the hymn, immediately before the setting is played.

Diocese of Montana Annual Convention

Here's some information about what we will be discussing at Convention

Our annual convention takes place in Billings (and also via Zoom) this year on October 8-10. There are two resolutions that we will vote on:

1. A resolution on the complicity of the Diocese of Montana in the history and ongoing impact of indigenous boarding schools and,
2. A resolution that our parishes support local food growers.

You can read the full resolutions at <https://diomontana.com/2021-diocesan-convention/>; scroll down to the business section.

Though we more frequently hear about the Catholic church's role in the indigenous boarding schools, The Episcopal Church was associated with approximately 19 boarding schools across the country. The closest Episcopal boarding school to Montana was in South Dakota. But we know about the horror of these schools from stories that originate from as close as St. Ignatius.

The resolution about the impact of indigenous boarding schools

acknowledges the intergenerational trauma caused by the forceable removal of children to attend these schools. It acknowledges our need to repair harm, and work towards reconciliation and healing. The resolution calls on all of us to pray for those who lost loved ones over the generations at these schools. It also calls on us to become informed about the Statement on Indigenous boarding schools by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and President of the House of Deputies Gay Clark Jennings, and to become apprised of the Federal Indian Boarding School initiative (find links to both statements on the diocese convention page within the resolution). The resolution further calls upon the leadership of our diocese to create a task force and funding for the task force to reach out to the tribes within Montana to learn of paths toward healing and reconciliation.

The second resolution calls on diocese churches to serve and promote

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Community Ministries

Growing trauma-informed and -responsive churches and communities

As a part of the Linking Systems of Care for children and families, I serve on a team who deliver an eight-module, 10-hour training to learn about and implement trauma-informed practices. These practices can help us to take a more active role in the healing of our neighbors, our church, and throughout our communities. Rooted in seven key principles – around Safety; Trustworthiness and transparency; Peer support; Collaboration and mutuality; Empowerment, voice, and choice; Equity for high-risk populations; and Leadership, administrative support, and policies – the practices aim to bring about healing and not retraumatize.

Hear what a fellow Episcopalian has to say about this important education:

“I am a licensed clinical social worker and an active member at St Peter's Episcopal Cathedral as the senior warden. In my work, I have assisted

and educated people on mental health policy and development. I would strongly recommend the trauma-informed community training for our Diocese and our communities. I have worked with many families professionally and personally who have experienced trauma and recovered. This training educates and gives hands-on ideas on how we can be a part of helping all God's people heal.”

Dan Carlson-Thompson LCSW

Please contact me at dorcied@gmail.com or through the church office at 406-542-2167 for more information about the training to be offered at Diocesan Convention or to discuss future training possibilities.

– EVER-LEARNING
ALONGSIDE YOU,
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Convention

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locally grown food.

Please read these resolutions and connect with our convention delegates to discuss these issues. **Our delegates are:** Bob Deaton, Lucy Deaton, Nancy

Errebo, Wendy Kuhn, Jeannie Warner, Jim Wiley, and Clem Work. **Also attending and voting are:** Keith Kuhn, Reverends Terri Grotzinger, Dorcie Dvarishkis, Gretchen Strohmaier, Doug Anderson, Judy Anderson, and Anita Rognas.

– REV. GRETCHEN STROHMAIER
ASSISTANT PRIEST



Bring home the world's best singers!

Every three years, the Montana International Choral Festival brings exciting choirs from all over the world to Missoula. Our Montana International Choral Festival has become known throughout the world for its artistic excellence and hospitality. The next Festival will take place from July 13-16, 2022, and marks the 35th Anniversary of the festival. We are already accepting applications from great choirs who are anxious to come to Missoula and experience the beautiful scenery, international camaraderie, and hospitality and we have to offer.

Hosting a couple of singers allows for a uniquely personal Festival experience, and many lasting friendships have developed between host families and guests throughout the years - sometimes lasting a lifetime! Next summer may seem a long way off, but we are already lining up hosts for our international singers. Please consider hosting in 2022 for our 35th Anniversary Festival! Visit the MICF website for more information about hosting. You and your family can sign up for the opportunity of a lifetime by filling out a Host Application on the website:

<https://www.choralfestival.org/hosting/>

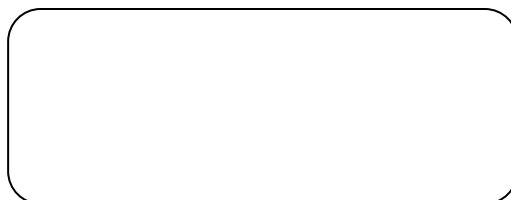
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A FILM-BASED DIALOGUE SERIES ON RACE & FAITH

Facilitated by Glenn Hladek and Lindsay Iudicello

Weekly small group on Wednesdays / 7 pm beginning October 27

Class size limited to 12 participants / Interest in class required by October 1

Fall Session: Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 17, Dec 1 & Dec 15; Winter Session: dates TBD

For more information, contact Lindsay (lindsayiudicello@gmail.com / 406-529-3637) or
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