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Join us for a

## Tree Walk

Led by Karen Shelly  
on the University of  
Montana campus

October 9  
following the  
10:15 service

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### Enjoy the glories of God's creation on a Tree Walk

Join Karen Shelly, Urban Forestry Inventory Coordinator for the DNRC, as she leads us on a tree walk on the University of Montana campus. Designated as a state arboretum by the Montana legislature in 1991, the campus has trees representing a variety of geographic regions within the United States. Celebrate the Holy in this created world and walk among the trees at U of M while enjoying the transition to autumn!

Gather during Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, to organize transportation to campus and bring a sack lunch.

## Holy Spirit's Social Concerns Committee Celebrate 20 years of connecting Holy Spirit with our communities!

Yes, hard to believe, but your Social Concerns Committee has been working for 20 years! And during those 20 years, contributions from Social Concerns and from our many generous parishioners have totaled \$700,000:

- We have supported over 70 different charities throughout the world, of which half work here in our local community.
- We have supported the Campus Ministry at UM.
- We have supported no fewer than 8 charities directly

associated with our Native American sisters and brothers.

- We have become a partner with the Rio Grande Borderlands Ministry and sponsored two pilgrimages to learn about the humanitarian crisis at our southern border.

And, we've had scores of dedicated parishioners over the past two decades volunteering at a local health center and at food banks, building houses for Habitat for Humanity and teaching English to teachers in Myanmar.

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### HOLY SPIRIT'S SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

## Celebrating 20 years of connecting Holy Spirit with our communities



Join us on Sunday,  
October 30 in the  
parish hall following the  
10:15 a.m. service

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NEWSLETTER

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Blessing of the  
Animals

Join us for the Blessing of the  
Animals on Sunday, October 2,  
at 3 pm in the church courtyard.  
All are welcome!

Bishop Marty will join us for this celebration  
**Invite your friends to the Blessing  
of the Animals on October 2**

On Sunday, October 2, we will celebrate St. Francis (his day actually being October 4) and offer a Blessing of the Animals at 3 p.m. in our courtyard. This is one of the simplest celebrations we offer and one that brings people of all ages together, whether Christian or not, to take a moment to lift up the gift of our relationship with other creatures and ask God's blessing upon them.

St. Francis of Assisi is one of the most beloved of our saints. He understood the needs of the poor, and he saw the creatures of the earth—Creation as a whole—as kin. He saw

the value of all creatures, not just for our use but in the fact that they were created by God.

We are blessed to have Bishop Marty Stebbins join us on that Sunday to celebrate a Blessing of the Animals at 3 p.m. The gathering will be outside this year, weather permitting, otherwise in the Parish Hall. Please care for the safety of all pets: bring cats and small animals in carriers; dogs on leashes; and anything larger on a halter. Spread the word and invite folks to come. Journey and Aspen, Rev. Terri's corgis, are excited to greet all creatures, great and small!

**Celebrate 20  
years**

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In addition, we have donated hundreds of pints of blood to the American Red Cross.

All Holy Spirit parishioners are invited to know about and join in

celebrating our collective impact!  
**The special 20th Anniversary  
celebration will follow our 10:15  
a.m. service on October 30<sup>th</sup> in the  
Parish Hall. Please plan to join in!**

– JAMES WILEY  
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE  
CHAIR



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

Our next Family Worship is Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the church courtyard as weather permits. Join other families for a Bible lesson prepped for big and little audiences, shared Communion, kid-friendly music, a game or craft, and a snack. See you there!

While we're waiting for the calendar to roll around to October 16, check out some photos from our previous Family Worship services!

**Dear Mom with that noisy kid in church**

*(adapted from an article by Daron Pratt on the website Mums at the Table)*

I want you to know you are doing something really important when you parent in the pew. I want you to know that what you do is significant now and for eternity. I want you to know that it is worth it.

I notice you flustered and overloaded with a diaper bag, snacks, and children, juggling them all as you come in the door and struggle to a seat. I know all too well the battle you have had to get the children up, fed, dressed and to church. It is real, it is messy, it seems so unholy at times, but know that it is worth it. I notice you nervously trying to shush the children and keep them quiet and occupied during church. I notice the disapproving stares, frowns, and clicks of the tongue.

I hear the children's questions and loud observations of what we do and why we do this thing we call worship. I notice the children watching the adults, observing as they sing, pray, give the offering, and read the scriptures. I notice them taking their turn sitting on Aunt Gertrude's lap because she is so welcoming to all the children. I notice them rubbing shoulders with the congregation, watching, listening, interacting, mimicking, making a joyful noise and playing their part—a very important part in the community of faith. Jesus noticed it too and rebuked the disciples when they declared, "Adults only."

I notice because the kingdom of heaven is present when children are present in our worship. Church worship is the nursery of the Holy Spirit. Church worship is messy, it is authentic, it is spontaneous, and it is real. In the long run, it seeps into their bones. I notice because I would rather have a fractious baby present as a sign of the kingdom than none at all. I would rather have interrupted moments of holy pandemonium than none at all. I would rather welcome a child into the pew than send them out the back. If I see a rambunctious child running towards the pulpit or an excited child dancing on the pews because it's church time, I inwardly fist pump (sometimes outwardly) because the kingdom of heaven is very near.

So mum, next week, when you struggle to get your child ready and present in the pew, remember it is worth it. Know that the thrills and spills of parenting in the pew are worth it and know that what you are doing for your children has eternal repercussions. We teach our children about God best when we parent in the pew in an intergenerational environment. It is you, with your children, worshipping God together.

Because of this, I applaud our parents and do all I can to encourage them in the pew—it's so worth it.

*Author Daron Pratt is a Kids' Chaplain with the Seventh Day Adventist Church*





## Community Ministries Imagining the possibilities for our Hellgate Neighbors October 16

We finished our parking lot welcome of Hellgate High School students and neighbors on the first days of school and took the remaining coffee and hot cocoa to the teachers' lounge. Susan "the Office Lady" then took us to the Family Resource Center (FRC) to see what supplies might need restocking. On the outside, the door looked familiar and sported a student-painted sign. Once we stepped inside, the room felt chaotic and in good need of some TLC.

I couldn't help but think how the room may well be like some of the students we met over those mornings – "student-y" on the outside, and a bit

chaotic and in need of some TLC on the inside. What might come out of growing our neighborly relationships? A smile; a shared cup of cocoa; a lawn for laughter and studying; a welcoming, lovingly stocked FRC; and maybe a little less chaos inside...

As Hellgate neighbors, we can continue to make a difference. Join us for Hellgate Sunday on October 16 to imagine some possibilities.

Alongside you as we share a little light with the Knights,

– THE VEN. DORCIE KAFKA  
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## Explorations:

Opportunities to cultivate, challenge and live our faith



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

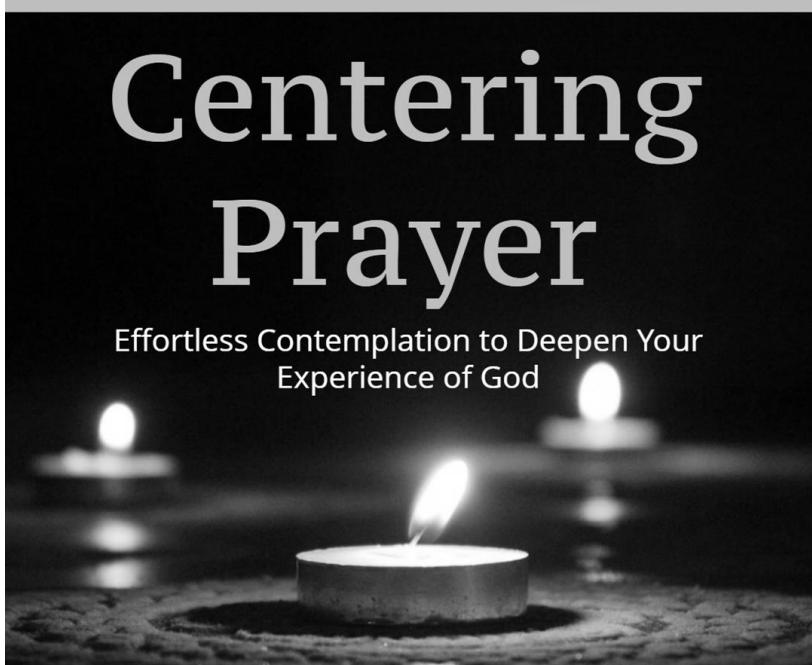
## Join us for Centering Prayer in October

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, October 18** in October. If you have any questions, please contact Willie Hoffer at 541-815-9609.

# Centering Prayer

Effortless Contemplation to Deepen Your Experience of God



From the Rector

## Several properties projects on tap

I often think of the Holy Spirit faith community as all moving about on a big ship. For a few years that ship has been docked, and now it is almost ready to set sail. Did you notice that the bubbling paint in the sanctuary has been repaired along with the gutter outside that created the problem? Check out the nice feathering paint job that was done by our contractor. Lovely!

Now the Vestry has approved the same contractor to repaint the Parish Hall and the small area just outside the kitchen and Guild Room. This is something we have been ready to do for several years, and now we have someone to do it. Once the painting is complete, get ready for the wood floor

to be sanded and refinished. No doubt, the Parish Hall will reflect all kinds of new energy and light! The Vestry also approved the cleaning and sealing of all the actual church building gutters along with installation of rain gutter covers to prevent the buildup of debris year after year. If it prevents the problem of debris buildup, then our other buildings with gutters may receive the same treatment.

The ship is leaving the harbor, and soon it will unfurl the sails for the adventure before us. Thanks be to God for all that has made this possible from those who have remembered the parish in their wills!

– REV. TERRI+



### 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 Sunday after All Saints' Day, November 6, at the 10:15 am service.



## Please note the change in service times for Convention weekend

As you read this edition of the *Paraclete*, elected delegates from every parish in the diocese will gather in Missoula for the Diocesan Convention. Holy Spirit parishioners are invited to worship at 9 a.m. on Sunday, October 2, with the bishop, clergy and lay delegates who have not returned home.

The service will be livestreamed as many congregations would like to join us live online. **Remember: Holy Spirit will have one service only at 9 a.m. on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, with a Blessing of the Animals in the Courtyard at 3 p.m.**

– REV. TERRI+



Here are just a few of the activities happening at Emmaus Campus Ministry this fall:

#### Oktoberfest Fundraiser

The Oktoberfest Party and Fundraiser for Emmaus Campus Ministry is back on at the Fairgrounds! Join us on Sunday, October 23, at the Home Arts Building at 5:30 p.m. You'll get a great meal, enjoy live music, bid on silent and live auction items, and hear about and sponsor one of the 30 new solar panels that are going up at Emmaus House. Mark your calendar and come help support the Emmaus community!

#### Wednesday Night Group

Meets every Wednesday from 6:15 p.m.-8 p.m. at Emmaus House (532 University Avenue). It's a chance for community, worship and grounding, connection, and discussion. We enjoy delicious food (yes, dinner is included!), and place an emphasis on stories, art, music, contemplation, prayer, and open sharing.

#### Confluence

Meets the first and third Sundays from 7-8 p.m. at University Congregational Church (405 University Avenue). Confluence is a community gathering for ecological and spiritual grounding based in Jesus' vision of liberation for all life. See website at [www.confluencemissoula.org](http://www.confluencemissoula.org).



# Living in Gratitude

## Stewardship Ministry Living in Gratitude

Living in Gratitude is our stewardship season theme this year.

In this time of release from many of the cares of the pandemic, we're thankful for so much, including our church community at Holy Spirit. We're celebrating the chance we have now to gather, create and build on what has endured. With gratitude, we are looking to the future.

Our parish's generosity supports the worship, programs and people of

Holy Spirit, outreach to our city and the world, and the care of our historic buildings and grounds. Your pledge for 2023 is important and welcomed. In October, look for more information in your mailbox and at Sunday services. We hope you'll join us for Ingathering Sunday on November 6.

— MOLLY BOWLER  
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

# HOLIDAY MARKET

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## Holiday Market is just around the corner!

Please start planning your donations for the 2022 Holiday Market, Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12. Donations will be accepted on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, November 6, 7, and 8. 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. All

donations must be in excellent or original condition. Next, consider volunteering during sale week preparing items and displays. Or could you help bring lunch for the volunteers? Your presence is always needed on sale days, too. Please contact Diane Rasmuson at 406-493-6192 or Sue Lowery at 406-546-8401 with your questions.



## Stories from the border Put yourself in their shoes

There are so many personal stories, reflections, inspirations, etc. generated by our journey to the Border and the work of the Rio Grande Borderland Ministry, and hopefully this series will give you that variety and flavor.

We are all children of parents, some of us are parents, and some of us grandparents. I ask that you put yourself in the mindset of a family in Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Haiti, any of the Central American countries. You have a job, you have a family that you love, you have meals together, you have celebrations, you have your faith community, and you have JOY! And then one day and over a series of days/months, that lifestyle is threatened. Your husband is beaten and threatened with his life. Your wife gets threatening phone calls that her family will be killed. You walk outside, and a stranger is talking with your little girl. You approach, and a gun is pointed at her head. The life that you celebrated is ending; everything that you hold dear is threatened, and unheard-of decisions must be made. You must

pack as little as possible, you must pay thousands of dollars, and you must put you and your family's well-being in the hands of strangers and trust they will be safe.

The journey itself will be life-threatening (engagement with cartel members along the way to extort/kill you), it will be frightening (left in the desert in the middle of the night), and the promised land is illusory. AND yet they come. They come with hope, with joy, with the expectation that they can escape an impossible situation. What is important to know these families do not want to be where they are headed, they do not want to be where they are delivered; what they really want is to return to their home and the life they had. AND yet they come.

Certainly, as a country with unlimited abundance, it is not too great a sacrifice for us to not only welcome them, but to welcome them joyously and lovingly. These families will help us be the type of country and people we aspire to be!

– GLENN HLADEK, PILGRIM



### Stay connected with the Holy Spirit app

Keep up to date on upcoming events, access Sunday worship, see the latest newsletter or service leaflet, or submit a prayer request – all that and so much more! This is also a convenient way to make electronic donations by ACH (bank account) or credit or debit cards in addition to making and managing recurring gifts.

Get a link to download the app by texting **HOLYSPIRITAPP** to **(833) 714-3270**. Be sure to put your caps lock feature on; that will bypass the auto-correct feature on your phone and ensure that the code is entered correctly! You may also download the app directly in the Apple iTunes App Store or on Google Play.

**Be sure to opt in to receive push notifications!**

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