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Our service schedule returns to in-person worship at 10:15 am on September 12 with a pre-recorded service available starting at 8 am on YouTube

Starting Sunday, September 12, we will have two Worship Services: a contemplative pre-recorded online Liturgy of the Word service that will be on YouTube by 8 am; and an in-person, non-recorded Eucharistic service with music at 10:15 am. We will use a variety of liturgies available to us over a period of some weeks. The ongoing pandemic of Covid 19 and its variants requires many members to remain out of in-person gatherings. We hope the pre-recorded service, while not offering Eucharist, will still bring a more normal rhythm of Sunday morning worship for those unable to attend in person.

As of the writing of this article, the wearing of masks is required yet again for indoor gatherings at Holy Spirit. Thank you for your understanding as we move forward during these on-going pandemic times.

— REV. TERRI+

Holy Spirit is going solar!

Holy Spirit is partnering with NorthWestern Energy and SBS Solar for this project

As it says in Ecclesiastes 1:5, “The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it arose.” The sun cycle that marks our days will now also mark a new chapter for Holy Spirit Episcopal Church. Holy Spirit is going solar! Spurred by the offer of a \$40,000 grant from NorthWestern Energy, which would pay for almost 70 percent of the cost, the Vestry voted on August 11 to install solar panels on the parish hall roof. The array should substantially reduce electricity costs and take a major step toward sustainable,

eco-friendly energy. The balance of the cost, about \$17,700, will come from an endowment established by former parishioner Mary Blair. SBS Solar of Missoula will install the 23-kilowatt array by the end of October. The grant is contingent upon a technical review by NWE and a signed contract. Holy Spirit will undertake an education campaign, explaining how solar energy will be harnessed and used to power the church buildings.

— CLEM WORK, SENIOR WARDEN



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NEWSLETTER

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Join us for an evening for Rio Grande Borderland Ministries

Migrant families at the U.S.-Mexico border live in inadequate and unsafe housing, leaving many children vulnerable to kidnapping by the drug cartels. An Episcopal diocese serving the borderlands of New Mexico and far West Texas works closely with the Anglican Diocese of Northern Mexico to support immigrants of all ages on both sides of the border. It keeps its mission non-political and focused on each person's humanity, rather than a divisive political debate. What, if anything, can an Episcopal parish in Missoula, Montana, do to help?

Come join members of the Social Concerns Committee on Thursday, September 16, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., to enjoy some chili, tamales and Mexican beverages, (yes, that includes beer!) and hear via teleconference from representatives of the Rio Grande Borderland Ministries (RGBM) about its decades-long work with immigrants. They will answer questions and discuss ways that distant parishes like Holy Spirit can aid in this important work. People wishing to familiarize themselves beforehand with the RGBM can view its website at riograndeborderland.org.

The meal is free, compliments of the Social Concerns Committee, but we ask that people planning to attend please sign up by Sunday, Sept. 12, so we know how many diners to expect. There also will be a sign-up list for

those parishioners who cannot attend the dinner but wish to participate in the presentation and discussion via Zoom. Folks interested in attending the event in person or via Zoom may also call the church office at (406) 542-2167 to sign up.

In addition to enjoying the tasty food and festive atmosphere while learning about RGBM's critical work, parishioners can buy raffle tickets for three prizes: a beautiful story cloth from Multicolores in Guatemala; a modern, migrant-focused icon from artist Kelly Latimore, who was recently featured in a Zoom discussion with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, and one dozen of the evening's homemade tamales, prepared by a Mexican cook in the Bitterroot. Raffle tickets will be available for sale in the parish hall after Sunday services and at the dinner. The price is \$5 for one ticket and \$20 for five.

The focus of the evening with the RGBM representatives will be on meeting people's needs, not critiquing or advocating for particular policies. Come join us on Thursday, Sept. 16, to explore ways that each of us can support a sister diocese in the borderlands and see and serve Christ in all persons. Hope to see you there in person or via Zoom!

— LUCIA SOLORZANO WORK
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE



CHURCH SCHOOL 2021

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Join us on Sunday, September 12, as we celebrate All God's Children. We'll be learning about what all God's children need, things like water, food, shelter and love!

Church School 2021 All God's Children

Kick-Off Sunday is September 12th. The Church School rooms have been cleaned and sanitized. And we will follow a protocol for cleaning after each use. Both children and adults will wear masks, and all adults working with children will be required to be vaccinated. We will work diligently to keep things clean and to keep our kids safe, so that we can meet in person! We miss our kids! The Church misses her children! This pandemic has taught us about the vitality of our youth and their integral role in the life of the Church.

Families, we'll be sending you Church School registration forms to complete. Plan now to join us in person on Sunday morning September 12th as we celebrate **All God's Children**. We'll be learning about what all God's children need, things like: water, food, shelter, clothing and love! During this Church School year the kids will turn their attention to each of these basics,

learning about the importance of each of these building blocks and discovering ways they can support these basic needs within the lives of others. We'll have opportunities for kids to get involved, learning about shelter through our local Habitat for Humanity build and supporting the Carey family who will be recipients of a Habitat house. Kids will also have an opportunity to get involved with Saved Soles, a kid-inspired ministry from the Diocese of the Rio Grande which is soliciting shoes for immigrants at the border. Opportunities to learn about water and food abound right here in Missoula, and, of course, we'll practice sharing love! Our country, world and earth can use all the LOVE it can get right now.

We sure hope your children will join us!

— REV. GRETCHEN
ASSISTANT PRIEST

Welcome Missoula Christian Montessori School!

We are happy to welcome the Missoula Christian Montessori School, serving up to fifteen children ages 6 years – 12 years, to lease a part of our buildings for the next year or two. The Vestry supports using our buildings more, especially those spaces that we use very irregularly during the week and which fit within our Vision and Mission. The Montessori School plans to build on recently purchased property and needed a place to meet for a few years until their new school campus is completed.

The school is run under the direction of Anna Sanor, an experienced Christian Montessori School teacher and Director. Working with Rev. Gretchen Strohmaier, the Vestry, and me, we have arranged for the school to have a designated two-thirds of the large room downstairs in the Parish Hall with access directly from outside (where bicycles are often parked). The Church School will retain the other third of the space as well as all the classrooms and the large area adjacent to the classrooms. There will be a cooking class from 1-3 pm on Mondays in the kitchen, some use of the out of doors area for such things as dance, and the teachers will have use of the Tower Room as a teachers' lounge during weekdays. Our mutual desire is to respect one another's needs and areas, and the lease reflects such specifics within it. More to come about all of this, but most importantly we celebrate their presence with us for a time!

— REV. TERRI+

Baptism date announced

The next date for baptism will be Sunday, November 7, at the 10:15 a.m. service. If you are interested in baptism at that time, either for yourself or for

your child, please contact Rev. Terri at (406) 542-2167. The deadline for the November 7 baptism date is October 3.





Explorations:

Opportunities
to cultivate,
challenge
and live our
faith

Join us as we celebrate the Season of Creation this fall

From September 1 to October 4, Christians are called to celebrate the good gift of creation. This global celebration began in 1989 as a day of prayer for creation. Now, as a liturgical season, it is embraced by a wide, ecumenical community.

In Genesis God set a dome over the earth. The word *dome* is where we get words such as domicile and domestic. In other words, God puts us all—all people, all life—under the same domed roof. We all belong to the house of God. The goal of this season of creation is to assist Christians in recognizing that all life—human, plant and animal—is an equal part of God's beloved community, though each has a different role to play. We also recognize that our shared home is now in danger because of greed, exploitation, disrespect, disconnection and systematic degradation. The whole creation is still crying out. Since the dawn of the Industrial Revolution the

geography where we recognize God's creative power has continued to shrink. We have forgotten that we all live in the household of God. It is the hope and prayer of the organizers of this season of creation that all Christians everywhere may recognize their interconnectedness with all of creation and work to renew life—all life—on this planet. This information was borrowed and adapted from resources for Season of Creation. Find more at www.seasonofcreation.org.

What you can expect at Holy Spirit from September 1 through October 4: listen for creation-focused prayers during worship, watch for resources from the Creation Care Ministry group, and anticipate sermons that highlight creation and our interconnectedness with it.

— REV. GRETCHEN STROHMAIER
ASSISTANT PRIEST

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home. Together, the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect God's creation.

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

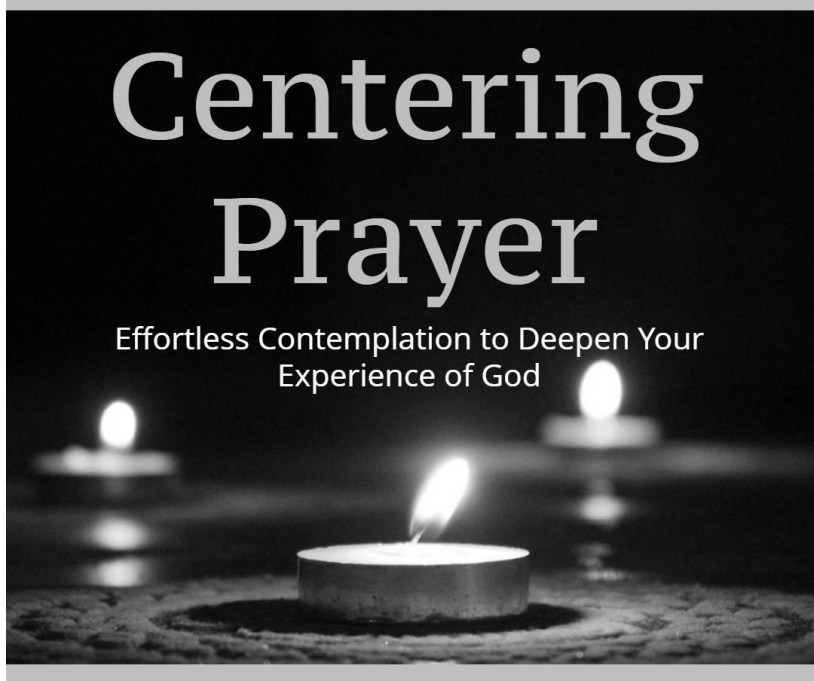
Join us for Centering Prayer in September

Centering Prayer begins again on September 21st 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



A new class meets Monday evenings this fall The restless Jesus of St. Mark

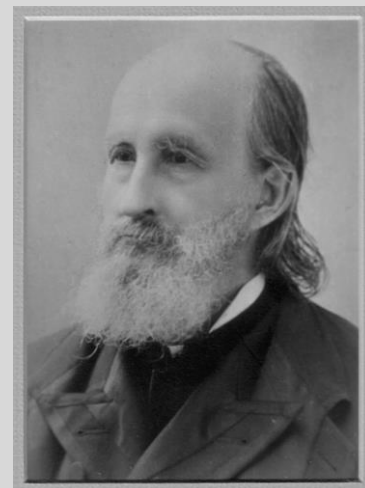
The Jesus persona held by the majority of Christians is most probably a composite of favorite sayings, incidents remembered from sermons and Sunday School and glimpses of religious art. In our imagination we unconsciously blend the mystical Jesus of John, Matthew's Rabbinic Jesus, Luke's Divine Man and the restless prophet of Mark.

Join us for four weeks this Fall as we explore St. Mark, the first gospel written and the prototype for the other three. Here we discover a Jesus vividly portrayed as a fiery preacher and bearer

of a revolutionary kingdom where hunger, blindness, disease and death are overcome. Here we will find the promise of a blessed place in time and beyond only possible through the grace of God and the confrontative love and radical self-giving as seen in the life of this Jesus from the nowhere town of Nazareth. Bring yourself, your Bible and a friend.

The class meets on four Mondays: September 13, 20, 27 and October 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the parish hall.

— THE REV. STEVE ORESKOVICH



Remembering George Stewart

This old photo may look familiar. It hangs on the wall in the church office. George Stewart, appointed by Bishop Tuttle, served a number of congregations in western Montana, visiting Hamilton, Stevensville, Missoula and even Thompson Falls periodically, before being assigned to Holy Spirit as the first resident priest in 1877.

Rev. Gretchen dug into George's history after discovering that George and his wife, Isabell, were the first owners of her home built on Pine Street in 1895. As it turns out, she discovered that she and George share a number of things in common. She has now established contact with some of George's relatives who live in the Seattle area.

George and Isabell Stewart and some of their children are buried in the Missoula City Cemetery, but George does not have a headstone. Out of respect for George's ministry and commitment to the Church we will be using some memorial funds designated by the family of Shirley Green to have a headstone placed on George's grave. Look for more details to come to learn about an opportunity to visit the cemetery and participate in a service to honor George.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

With The Rev. Steve Oreskovich

Class meets on Mondays, September 13, 20, 27 and October 4

6:30 PM to 8 PM in the parish hall

Something new planned for this year's Blessing of the Animals

This year we are trying something new! All over The Episcopal Church there are worship services that include The Blessing of the Animals at a regularly scheduled time. This year we will be doing the same at the 10:15 am service on October 3rd! The liturgy will be designed with all participants in mind, and the details will be given well in advance of the day. Specific areas will be designated (for example: dogs on one side of the church, other animals on the other side). All pets must be leashed or in a safe carrier. Detailed instructions will come soon. Please watch for additional word in our various communications!

— REV. TERRI+

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



Holy Spirit Fall Blood Drive

130 South 6th Street East
Parish Hall

Thursday, Sept. 23
1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Sign up online at
www.redcrossblood.org or at
audreymurray196@gmail.com.
Please plan to donate!



I give blood. Will you?

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

Blood donors needed!

Wildfires, record-breaking heat and a busy hurricane season can impact the nation's blood supply. On top of the toll extreme weather events can take on the lives of millions, disasters can cause blood drive closures or prevent donors from being able to give safely. Eligible donors can help overcome the critical need for blood and ensure blood is readily available by making an appointment to give at our blood drive by visiting www.RedCrossBlood.org or by contacting Audrey Murray: 612-968-2108 or audreymurray196@gmail.com
Thank you!

It's Blood Drive time again

Have you ever wondered where the donations go?
And, just what is a "Power Red" donation?

The fall blood drive will be here before we know it! Holy Spirit Parish will host a blood drive on **Thursday, September 23rd between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m.**, in the parish hall. Our fall and winter blood drives are quite a tradition at Holy Spirit. Some parishioners have already signed up for a fall donation appointment! You can **sign up on the Red Cross website:** <https://www.redcrossblood.org>. Or, contact **Audrey Murray:** audreymurray196@gmail.com, 612-968-2108.

Have you ever wondered where the donations from Holy Spirit blood drives end up? The Red Cross sends blood to locations all over the world. However, most of the donations from our February blood drive were put to use right here in Montana. The donations were sent to:

- Sidney Health Center - Sidney, MT
- Benefis Healthcare - Great Falls, MT
- Great Falls Clinic - Great Falls, MT
- Ft. Harrison VA Medical Center - Helena, MT
- North Vista Hospital - Las Vegas, NV

You may have noticed that some of the appointments available on the Red

Cross scheduling website are set aside for Power Red donations. Have you ever wondered what a Power Red donation is? At our February blood drawing, Gary Swartz signed up for a Power Red donation. This is his experience:

"As a long-time blood donor, I came to Holy Spirit last February ready to give a pint of blood. When asked about becoming a Power Red donor I had to be told what it entailed.

It sounded easy enough, and I had the extra 30 minutes to spare. The hook up was like a regular blood donation, but because they were taking two units of red blood cells, they would be replacing some of my blood mixed with saline as it was pumped back into my arm. The saline solution, being at room temperature, was cool and produced a refreshing feeling. Before too long I was done and felt good about helping twice as many people with the Power Red program. I would have to wait almost four months to donate again, but in September I plan to continue to be a Power Red donor."

As Gary notes, a Power Red donation allows you to safely donate two units of red blood cells during one donation. The Power Red is for donors

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Holy Spirit Blood Drive

Location: Parish Hall
130 South 6th Street East

Thursday,
September 23
1 pm - 6 pm

Sign up online at
www.redcrossblood.org or at
audreymurray196@gmail.com!

Community Ministries

Parenting Place Sunday September 19, with stories and resources to strengthen families

As Parenting Place begins their 41st year, you will witness them building on the proven programs that offer life-changing education and support for children and families across western Montana and the state. Please join us for Parenting Place Sunday on September 19 to learn more about the futures being changed through their Nurturing Parenting Program, PASTA (Parenting a Second Time Around), Trauma 101 and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) training, and Incarceration support, as well as their leadership in Prevent Child Abuse Montana. Parenting Place Executive Director, Marilyn Thorn, will be with us for our

10:15 a.m. service and coffee hour. With Marilyn, we will also celebrate their treasured partnerships with Donation Warehouse, the Missoula Exchange Club, and Holy Spirit. And if you are looking for ways to become more of a part of the life of Parenting Place, there will be good opportunities for you to consider. Come learn and move with us on September 19th!

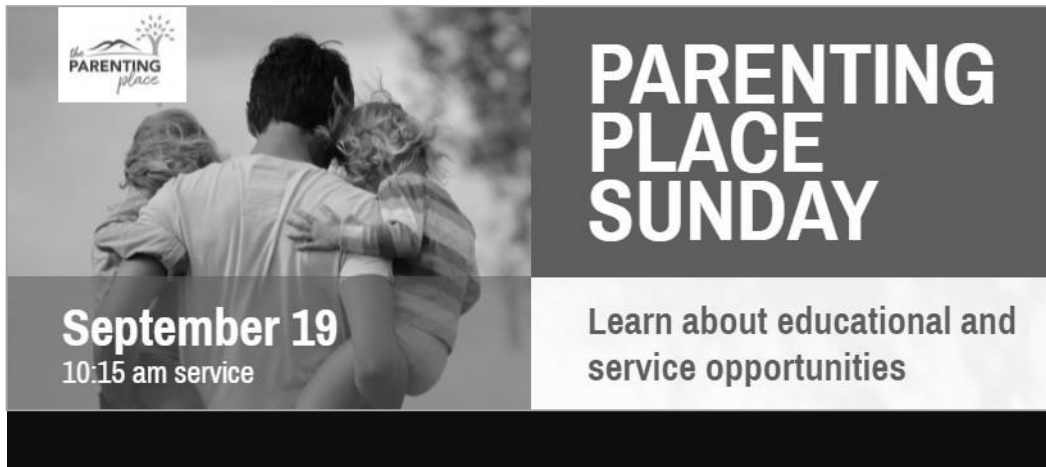
—YOUR PARENTING PLACE
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COORDINATOR,
THE VEN. DORCIE KAFKA
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News from St. Paul's in Hamilton

Serving the church in Hamilton is a great joy for me. The congregation has been welcoming, supportive and enthusiastic. The Holy Spirit is on the move there, and it is always a delight to witness God at work. It's been fun for me to watch the two congregations collaborate. St. Paul's participated in our Zoom Lenten class on the Way of Love. A couple of members from St. Paul's have also begun participating with us, learning more about the borderlands ministry in the Diocese of the Rio Grande. You may not be aware but of this, but nine members from Holy Spirit (and two members from Christ Church in Kalispell) have been participating in the ongoing discernment process for three members of St. Paul's. These groups have been meeting over the last nine months to support these three aspirants who are discerning God's call to ordained ministry. The longer I serve both parishes the more connections I discover between them. It is inspiring to look up from one small space and witness God moving in ever bigger and larger ways. The Episcopal Church—we are connected—one to another, and I am thankful for it!

My schedule: Monday & Tuesday St. Paul's, Wednesday & Thursday Holy Spirit. Sundays rotate between the two churches. If you need something time sensitive from me, it requires thinking ahead. At times it may take up to 5 days for me to respond. I appreciate all the lead time you can give me.

— REV. GRETCHEN



PARENTING PLACE SUNDAY

September 19
10:15 am service

Learn about educational and service opportunities

Blood Drive

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with type O, A negative or B negative blood types. With just a little extra time at your appointment—it takes about 1.5 hours—you can donate more red cells and increase your impact on patients in need. There are a few special requirements. Power Red donors can donate every 112 days, up to 3 times/year. In addition, male donors

must be at least 5'1" tall and weigh 130 lbs. or more. Female donors must be at least 5'5" tall and weigh 150 lbs. or more. And, as with any blood donation, you must be in good health and feeling well.

Please consider being a Power Red donor. You will double your impact! See you at the blood drive on September 23, 2021.

— AUDREY MURRAY
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

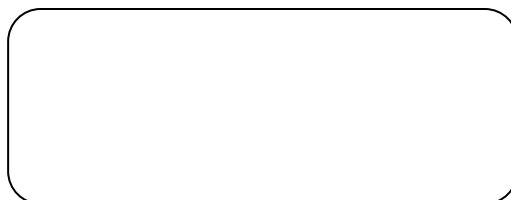
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**RIO GRANDE
BORDERLAND**