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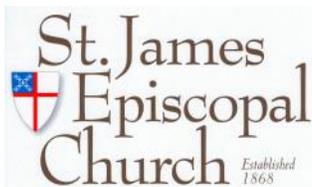
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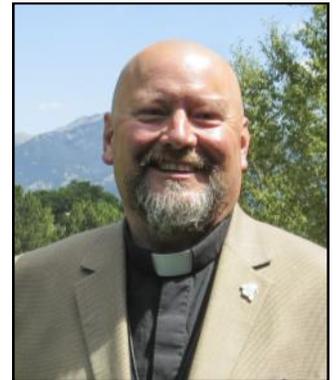
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FROM THE RECTOR ...

Exciting times!

A few weeks ago, the leadership of St. James met with The Rev. Canon Bradley Wirth for a workshop on Stewardship, Church Growth and Wellness. It was an amazing three days, during which we discussed the life and ministries of St. James, how to build a sound theology of stewardship, and what we can do to empower St. James to grow and serve. After working with the group, discussing the present and analyzing budgetary and membership figures, Canon Wirth created a parish narrative for our review, and it was not only informative, but inspiring. In the near future, you will see such a narrative.

This narrative finds that St. James is very balanced when considering internal and external ministry. This, of course, is not surprising, as we have always been known as a loving, caring parish, as well as a parish active in and vital to the community. The New Testament is clear: the Church is people – people who are to be loved and cared for and equipped for service. This service is both to one another and to the community. St. James must strive to meet the many needs of parishioners and care for them through pastoral care, fellowship and Christian formation, while equipping them to serve the greater community through ministries like Family Promise and Love INC. Balance is the key, and St. James is attaining that balance. We can, of course, continue to better ourselves – and we will. There will be challenges, but we are more than capable of meeting them with success.



Fr. Clark Sherman

I thank God for the many fine groups ministering at St. James. This includes our standing committees on Finance, Membership and Community & World Concerns. In the wake of our weekend with Canon Wirth, we have recently formed a standing community on Stewardship. This committee will focus on a “holistic” approach to stewardship, where we embrace the concepts of time, talent and treasure as being a part of healthy stewardship. The committee will seek to inform us about all that is happening in our parish, inspire and equip us to better participate in that life. These four standing committees will work with our dedicated vestry, staff and volunteers to provide for the needs of our parish.

We will continue to develop areas of pastoral care, Christian formation and community outreach. A new parents' advisory board is helping us address important needs in youth and children's ministry. We are committed to building

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SEPTEMBER ADULT POTLUCK

The September adult potluck will be hosted by Rich and Nancy Winget, Friday, Sept. 9, at 6:30 P.M. Their address is 2975 Branding Iron Rd., Bozeman. For directions, call them at (406) 587-2095 or on their cell phone at (406) 579-9867. **Rich and Nancy have recently moved into a new home and are anxious to share it with you!** You all come!

Please bring a dish to share and a beverage of your choice.

New members of the Parish are encouraged to come – definitely a great way to meet other church family members. These kinds of events are also a great way for “old” members to meet those who are new and to visit with those they do know.



Interested in hosting a potluck? **Hosts are needed for 2017!** Please volunteer for dates in 2017 – many are open!

Please call Deacon Roxanne at (406) 580-4748 or (406) 586-9093, Ext. 3, to volunteer. This is a great way to host a party the easy way – you provide the place; others bring the food – such a deal!

NOTE: Future hosts are Phil and Lori Rotherham in October, Bill and Margo McGinness in November, Deacons Connie and Roxy in December, Ruth Cooper in January, John and Jenny Lavey in February...lots more details to follow.

*Blessings,
Deacon Roxanne*

OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT:

Please take a moment to provide your input as to the future of Bozeman. What do you want to see happen in Bozeman? Please be certain to address the questions in as many categories as possible. Be sure to allow yourself time for thoughtful, in depth responses. Begin with those most important to you. Don't delay, the survey closes in October.

Personally, I would ask that you think about two areas:

1. Aging in Bozeman and what that means for you and/or your loved ones.
2. How to assist the marginalized, especially the chronically homeless.

Make your voice heard. Please pass this email on to your friends, neighbors, colleagues and family members. Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BozemanVision>

Deacon Connie



SPECIAL COFFEE HOURS

The St. James Parish Is Each Of Us!

To help you get to know your fellow St. James parishioners, special coffee hours will be held following each of the St. James Sunday services on Sept. 18 and Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 and Oct. 16.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend these special events. You will learn some things that you never knew before!

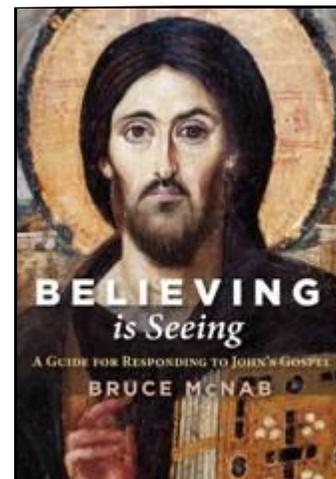
BELIEVING IS SEEING

Dear friends,

I am inviting my Bozeman friends who might be interested in participating in an upcoming class called *Believing is Seeing*, which I will be leading on Wednesday nights at 7 P.M. between Sept. 21 and Dec. 14 at St. James Episcopal Church.

Many of you already know that for more than two years I've been preoccupied with writing a book about the Gospel according to John. That new book, entitled *Believing is Seeing*, has just been published by Wipf & Stock. The book will be the subject matter for this class.

Believing is Seeing derives its title from the episode in John where Jesus orders Lazarus' tomb to be unsealed. Martha, the dead man's sister, tells Jesus, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus then says to her, "**Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?**" John's Gospel teaches that if we believe in Jesus the Son of God, we will see what God is doing in our lives and in the world around us. We will "see the glory of God."



I was formally trained as a historian and theologian. But this new book is a testimony of my own faith more than it is a work of scholarship. I wrote it for people who are more interested in building a deep, personal relationship with God than in debating questions about the historical Jesus. I invite each reader of the book and each member of the Sept. 21 – Dec. 14 class to focus on what this gospel "does to you." I hope each of you will ask, "Does what I read here connect with my life? ...Does it inspire me? ...Correct me? ...Challenge my value system? ...Move me emotionally? ...Bring other thoughts to my mind?" *Believing is Seeing* inquires after the Truth expressed in John, discerned within the *context* of our particular situation in history – life in America at the opening of the third Christian millennium.

I offer the book and this class in the hope that my thoughts might become a springboard to launch your own insights, reflections and ruminations on John. I divide each of the 21 chapters of the RSV text of John into manageable segments, each segment preceded by a semi-scholarly introduction and followed by my own subjective, frequently homiletical, response. Each chapter concludes with three personal questions about the text for the reader to ponder, a section called "Doing Your Own Theology."

I hope you will be a participant in this class. *Believing is Seeing* is being listed by the publisher at \$45, plus shipping. I am making it available to members of the class for \$25, including shipping. If you want to take the class, which entails ordering a book, you must let me know (or call Sarah Krumm in the St. James Parish Office, (406) 586-9093 no later than Sept. 11), in order to ensure that the books are available at the time of the introductory session on Sept. 21. For those who are curious, \$25 is my personal cost for each book. Couples who are taking the class can probably manage with a single copy of the book. Just let me know whether you want one book or two.

I invite you to accompany me on a spiritual journey as we read John's gospel together.

Yours faithfully,
The Rev. Bruce McNab

FLEEING OPPRESSION:



The Story of the Israelites, Ruth, Baby Jesus' Family and the Refugee

An Interfaith Bible Study focused on Exodus 1-15, the Book of Ruth and Matthew 2

Presenters: Rabbi Ed Stafman, Congregation Beth Shalom, and Pastor Stephen Schmidt, Hope Lutheran

Bringing Jewish and Christian scholarship to this interfaith study, we will examine passages and themes, pose questions and reflect on an ancient truths for contemporary times.

This **FREE** offering is sponsored by the Women's Ecumenical Bible Study (WEBS), Gallatin Valley Interfaith Association, Hope Lutheran Church and Congregation Beth Shalom.

THREE OPTIONS

for Participating in Fleeing Oppression

1. Offered **LIVE** 6:30-8:00 P.M. on Tuesdays Sept. 6 – Nov. 1 (except Yom Kippur on Sept. 11) at Hope Lutheran Church, 2152 Graf St, Bozeman, MT – free childcare offered
 - 6:30 P.M. Sunday, Nov 6 – watching and discussing *The Visitor*
2. Offered **for WEBS** as a DVD presentation with live discussion 9:30-11:15 A.M. on Mondays Sept. 12 – Nov. 7 (Oct. 10 Advance Care Directives), at St. James Episcopal Church, 5 East Olive St, Bozeman, MT
 - 6:30 P.M. Sunday, Nov 6 – watching and discussing *The Visitor*
3. Offered **FREE Online** for individuals, groups and houses of worship across Montana and beyond starting October 2016 at www.macmt.org and possibly at other websites.

LOGISTICS for Fleeing Oppression

Registering ahead is ideal, but if you cannot register ahead just come.

- **To register** ahead contact Nancy at (406) 581-0271 or nancyhopkins14@yahoo.com . She will get you the reading plan with focus passages and more.
- **Other questions** call study facilitator the Rev. Valerie Webster, All Saints-Big Sky, at (406) 579-3980 or vwebster587@gmail.com .

Or come early (6:00-6:20 P.M.) Tuesday Sept. 6, at Hope Lutheran Church (read Exodus 1-3)
Or come early (9:00-9:20 A.M.) Monday , Sept. 12, at St. James Episcopal Church (read Exodus 1-3)

OPERATION TINY HOUSES

When the Lord, opens a door, He empowers us to walk through it! I have been in prayer now for the last year and a half about exactly what the Lord has for me as a Deacon at Gethsemane and St. James. Yes, I've been preaching, working with worship, volunteering at the jail, serving with Deacon Roxanne in Survivors, working with the Montana Association of Christians (MAC), serving on the Collaborative Shower Project and most recently, serving on the Freedom in Christ Board of Directors, but it all hasn't quite fit the bill to satisfy what I was supposed to do as a deacon.

Two months ago, a friend sent me a link about Occupy Madison that showed a picture of a project called Tiny Houses that they were building to house the chronically homeless in their community. I mentioned the idea in a sermon, and suddenly I found myself trying to run alongside a large idea that seemed to find favor with many in the community.



For example, within a week, I went to the interim director of Bozeman Planning to talk about how such a project would be received in Bozeman. As I was leaving that meeting, I was introduced to the former head of the School of Architecture who offered a strategy to plan and build a community of tiny houses. I have since met with homeless men and women, representatives of HRDC, the ExComm of St. James and members of the St. James Vestry as we explore ways that such a project might be feasible.

It seems that the Lord is opening a wide door, and I am very excited about what is promising to become an extremely successful effort.

You'll be hearing more about what is being planned by a coalition of advocates for shelter for the chronically homeless. If you would like to become involved, please let me know by calling me at (406) 579-5408.

Deacon Connie

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and sustaining quality ministries for our kids. The number of college students at St. James is growing, and we are beginning a new College & Young Adult ministry that will reach out to MSU students, as well as young adults in the Bozeman area. Our deacons and vestry also are studying ways that we might address the necessity of housing for the homeless in Bozeman. With the closing of the Amos House, this issue has become increasingly urgent.

Our annual Budgetary Pledge Drive will begin in October. I ask that you keep this in your daily prayers and think of ways that you might faithfully respond to the financial needs of the parish. Your financial gifts empower God's ministry at St. James, as do your gifts of time and talent. Through a "holistic" approach to stewardship, we can build and maintain quality ministries of Christian formation, worship, pastoral care, evangelism and outreach to the community.

So, let's take a quick snapshot of life at St. James: quality music and worship, enriching formational programs, caring pastoral ministries, restorative works in the community and a welcoming community of faith.

Exciting times!

Faithfully, Fr. Clark

ST. JAMES MINISTRY LEADERS

A.B.B.A. Music Team - Susan Johnston
Acolytes - Jared Farrington
Adult Education - Fr. Greg Smith
Altar Flowers - Judi Farrington
Altar Guild - Sharon Eversman
Bozeman Collaborative Shower Project - Jennifer Wirth
Circle of Prayer - Vicki Van Rensselaer
Christian Formation (Christian Education Classes) - Fr. Clark Sherman, Fr. Greg Smith and Emily Thrasher
Christmas Greening of the St. James Nave - Bob Farrington, Linda Hoseth and Mary Wisman
Coffee Hours following the 8 A.M. service - Nancy Winget
Coffee Hours following the 9:30 A.M. service - Nancy Winget
Coffeeshouse Outreach - Fr. Clark Sherman
College Ministry - Fr. Clark Sherman
Communications Committee - Bill Haff
Community Cafe - Deacon Connie Campbell-Pearson
Community & World Concerns Committee - Carol Sharrock
Confirmation Classes - Fr. Greg Smith
Coventry Club - Emily Thrasher
Diocesan Convention Delegates - Fr. Clark Sherman
Easter Decorations for the St. James Nave - Bob Farrington, Linda Hoseth and Mary Wisman
Education for Ministry (EfM) - Deacon Connie Campbell-Pearson
Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) - Nancy Blake
Eucharistic Ministers - Fr. Greg Smith
Eucharistic Visitors - Deacon Roxanne Klingensmith
Facilities Manager - Ray Ross
Family Promise - Nancy Winget
Finance Committee - Mollie Eckman and Nancy Blake
Fresh Start (Reentry Outreach) - Patty Cowles
Funeral Coordinator - Karen Smalley
Gallatin Valley Food Bank - Thyrsa Zabriskie
Godly Play (Sunday School) - Emily Thrasher and Jamie Sherman
GreenFaith Committee - Susan Foster
Healing Prayer Ministry (Monthly Healing Service) - Thyrsa Zabriskie
Hospital Coordinator - Dr. Sandy Osborne
Inquirers' Classes (for people who would like to become members of The Episcopal Church or who would like to learn more about The Episcopal Church) - Fr. Greg Smith
Intercessors - Thyrsa Zabriskie
Jail Ministry - Deacon Roxanne Klingensmith and Deacon Connie Campbell-Pearson
Kitchen Committee - Marcella Babineaux
Lectors - Fr. Greg Smith
Love INC Liaison - Pat Ferkin
Love INC Personal Care Pantry - Amy Ross

ST. JAMES MINISTRY LEADERS, CONTINUED

Membership Committee (Parish Parties) - Daryl Todd and Markie Nathan
 Money Counters - Mary Fulton
 Monthly Adult Potluck Dinners - Deacon Roxanne Klingensmith
 Monthly “Friendship Coffee Hours” following the 11 A.M. service (these will start in November) - Marcella Babineaux
 Native American Campus Ministry - The Rev. Denise Rogers
 Needlepoint Altar Rail Kneelers Committee - Patty Cowles
 Nursery - Emily Thrasher
 Operation Christmas Child - Judi Farrington
 Operation Tiny Houses - Deacon Connie Campbell-Pearson
 Parish Grounds/Gardening - Bob Farrington, Rollie Simons and Rich Winget
 Parish Growth & Wellness Committee - Jim Britain
 Parish Response Team - Judi Farrington
 Personnel Committee - Fr. Clark Sherman, Nancy Blake and Mollie Eckman
 Prayer Shawl Ministry - Amy Ross
 Prison Ministry - Deacon Roxanne Klingensmith and Deacon Connie Campbell-Pearson
 Rector’s Study Fellowship - Fr. Clark Sherman
 Rectory Painting & Refurbishment - Marcella Babineaux and Linda Hoseth
 St. James Accompanist (services, funerals, weddings) - Deacon Connie Campbell-Pearson
 St. James Bookkeeper - Julie Suiter, sjbkkpr@gmail.com, 586-9093, Ext. 7
 St. James Calendars – Sarah Krumm, sj5westolive@gmail.com, 586-9093, Ext. 1
 St. James Choir - Dr. Lukas Graf, LukasBGraf@gmail.com
 St. James Office Manager - Sarah Krumm, sj5westolive@gmail.com, 586-9093, Ext. 1
 St. James Office Volunteers - Sarah Krumm, sj5westolive@gmail.com, 586-9093, Ext. 1
 St. James Treasurers - Keith Nathan and Wendy Wilson
 St. James Website - Sarah Krumm, Abby McMillen and Connie Campbell-Pearson
 Shepherding Groups - Ray and Amy Ross, Keith and Markie Nathan
 Stewardship - Fr. Clark Sherman
 Survivors Group - Deacon Roxanne Klingensmith, Daryl and Stan Todd and Deacon Connie Campbell-Pearson
 Survivors Treat Coordinator - Linda Hoseth
 The Pilgrim - Tricia Bailey
 The Weekly News - Sarah Krumm, sj5westolive@gmail.com, 586-9093, Ext. 1
 Transitional Housing for Women - Deacon Connie Campbell-Pearson
 United Thank Offering (UTO) - Sharon Eversman
 Ushers for the 8 a.m. service - Vicki Van Rensselaer
 Ushers for the 9:30 a.m. service - Mary Wisman
 Ushers for the 11 a.m. service - Jim Britain
 Vestry - Fr. Clark Sherman, Mollie Eckman and Nancy Blake
 Wedding Coordinator - Sarah Krumm, sj5westolive@gmail.com, 586-9093, Ext. 1
 Wednesday “Family Night” Dinners - St. James Clergy
 Worship - Fr. Clark Sherman
 Worship Leaders - Fr. Clark Sherman
 Youth Group - Emily Thrasher

FROM THE ARCHDEACON ...

For those of you that were unable to attend Fr. George Zabriskie's beautiful burial service on Saturday, Aug. 13, I share with you two things that appeared in his service bulletin – so like Fr. George to love these two pieces!

From a sermon on Philippians 3:13-14 Fr. George preached at Gethsemane, Manhattan:

“Looking deeper into our own lives, this verse reminds us that each of us constantly need to seek for the new thing God is doing in our own lives. Today is not the same as yesterday or last year or 10 years ago. Times are changing, and we are changing. What are the new duties, the new ministries, the new understandings to which God is calling me, calling you? Do you perceive it? Do I perceive it?”

And a poem by Michael Podesta called *IMAGINE*

“IMAGINE – stepping onto a shore and finding it heaven
 IMAGINE – taking hold of a hand and finding it God's hand
 IMAGINE – breathing new air and finding it celestial air
 IMAGINE – feeling invigorated and finding it immortality
 IMAGINE – passing from storm and tempest to an unknown calm
 IMAGINE – waking and finding it home

Dearest George, we all shall miss you. Thank you for passing through our lives.

Blessings, Deacon Roxy

TREASURER'S JOURNAL FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

Overall, July operating income exceeded expenses by \$1.3K.

Here are explanations of the significant July variances.

Revenues:

Plate Offerings were \$0.6K below the budget estimate.

Pledge Donations were \$0.4K below the budget estimate.

Expenses:

Diocesan Assessment was \$0.9K below the July forecast because June income was below expectations.

Repairs and maintenance costs were \$0.5K below the July forecast

Utilities costs were \$0.6K below the July forecast because of the billing rate reduction from NorthWestern Energy and lower irrigation expenses than forecast.

Christian Formation costs were \$0.5K below the forecast with no July expenditures.

Finance & Operations costs were \$0.5K below the forecast due to reduced office supply and postage expenditures.

Payroll was \$0.5K over the forecast with the Office Manager now being a full-time position.

Designated/Restricted Funds:

The total of all funds decreased by \$13.9K to \$198.6K.

Rector Discretionary Funds decreased by \$0.2K to \$3.7K..



The latest financial reports are always located on the St. James website. After you login, you can visit <http://stjamesbozeman.org/members/vestry/financials> to download the reports. Please send any questions to sjbkkpr@gmail.com or leave a message for Julie Suiter at (406) 586-9093, Ext 7. You can also reach Wendy Wilson at (406) 579-4382 or me at (406) 551-3921.

Keith Nathan, Co-treasurer

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

St. James Episcopal Church is all about hospitality. We all want everyone to feel welcome to St. James and all the activities and outreach. Read the *Weekly News* for our current activities. If you are not receiving the email or mailing of the *Weekly News*, please contact the church office and let them know, leaving a message for Sarah, our new Office Manager, at (406) 586-9093.

Please see that all newcomers sign our guest book and put on a nametag at the church entrance and receive a Welcome Packet from the ushers. In another article on Page 2 there is information regarding our “Friends of St. James” potluck dinner dates and hosts. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite your friends to come and meet other parishioners in each other’s homes. Also, please watch the *Weekly News* for details about the annual New Member Welcome potluck in October and the St. James Pie Party on Thanksgiving Day.

St. James Coffee Hours return this month (September) after the 8:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. services! We appreciate parishioners to host the coffee hours on a rotating basis by providing treats, mingling during the coffee hour and cleaning up after. Please contact Nancy Winget for more details and to volunteer for this very nice opportunity to meet and greet fellow St. James parishioners and visitors! Nancy’s contact information is: nwinget27@gmail.com or (406) 587-2095. Looking ahead to November, Marcella Babineaux will host her Fellowship Hour ministry again this year after the 11:00 A.M. service once a month (usually the fourth Sunday of the month). Marcella plans to begin the coffee hour on Nov. 27.

Wondering who that is in the next pew? The best thing for all of us to do is to wear a name tag. Name tags may be ordered through the Church Office using the Name Tag Order Form found in the foyer at the back of the church. The name tag (magnetic, pin or clip) cost is \$10.50 and is available in about two weeks from the order date.

Interested in joining the Membership Committee – the vibrant and fun committee? Let us know.

Membership Members: Carla Christ, Cassie Cameron, Ed Griswold, Linda Hoseth, Deacon Roxanne, Margo McGinness, Caryle Merrill, Jim Puckett, Lori Rotherham, Eileen Thompson-Sale, Nancy Winget. Co-chairs: Markie Nathan khn@aggienetwork.com or (406) 551-0267 and Daryl Todd daryltodd@onemain.com or (406) 579-7618.

Written by Markie Nathan

EPISCOPAL CHURCH MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

The Episcopal Memorial Foundation is a financial supporter of: Vestry approved capital improvements of the St. James physical plant, youth academic and camp scholarships, as well as Diocesan and local ministries consistent with its mission. Officers of the Non-Profit Foundation are: Bob Farrington (President), Jim Mitchell (Vice President), Pat Dunn (Treasurer), Sharon Eversman (Secretary).

ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST—SEPTEMBER 2016

If you would like to add or remove a name from the Prayer List, please contact the St. James church office at (406) 586-9093, Ext. 1, or sj5westolive@gmail.com

Prayers for the Church: For the Anglican Communion worldwide; for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop.

Prayers for the Diocese: For Franklin, our Bishop; for Carol our Assisting Bishop; for Clark Sherman, St. James, Bozeman.

Prayers for Healing: Sean Grabbe, Christina Harrell, Emily and Jon, Bob Farrington, Kelly Larson, Alan Dapore, B.J. Wright, Lester Wooden, Joyce Barton, Jane Stifter, Jerry Henderson, Ken Nelson, Daryl Nelson, Jay Treadwell, Patrick Eckman, Henry Auvil, Terry and George Bailey, Aaron and Lynn Holsinger, Abigail, A. J. Hancock, Jack Olson, Jenny Tucker, Mary Ken Chandler, Angus Macdonald, Thomas, Everett June, The Rev. Denise Rogers, Molly Baxter, Kathleen Collins, Rachel, Arlene Fiscus, Susan, Laura James, Debra, Tara.

Prayers For the Homebound: Joyce Barton, Joan Bray, Patty Carkeek, Arlene Fiscus, Jan McAndrew, Penny McClelland, Angus MacDonald, The Rev. Denise Rogers, Bev Wallace.

Continuing Prayers Requested For: Patrick Riesch, Ronald Riesch, Christopher Riesch, Cynthia, Pamela Duescher, Sarah, Janet R., Christina, Seth F., Leslie P., Margo, Annie M., Roxanne, Ginny Martin.

Prayers for Those Involved in the Defense of Freedom: Christian Lavinder; Andrew Gifford, U.S. Navy; James Fuemmeler, U.S. Navy; Skylar Gifford, U.S. Navy; and for those awaiting their safe return.

Prayers of Remembrance for September: Kathering Smalley, Lorene Yde, Art Nielsen, Donald MacDonald, Ardis Nemitz, Lynn Johnstone, Ralph Bray, Robert McClelland, Themetra Morgan, Dorothy McClelland, Jim Drain, Carolyn Crane Sears, Candace Clark.

ST. NICHOLAS CRAFT AND BAKED GOODS FAIR

The beginning of a new school year is here, and fall is just around the corner. It's time to start planning the St. Nicholas Craft and Baked Goods Fair! Donations of all types of handmade crafts from categories such as basketry, beading, calligraphy, carving, crocheting, enameling, jewelry, knitting, laser-crafting, leather-work, metalwork, mosaics, painting, photography, pottery, quilting, sewing, stained glass, weaving, woodworking and other creative pursuits are needed.

All proceeds benefit those in need, whether close to home or around the world. Past support has included the Warming Center, Community Café and Befrienders, as well as support for Syrian Refugees and victims of human trafficking.



The St. Nicholas Craft and Baked Goods Fair is Community and World Concerns' major fund-raiser. Last year we raised more than \$4,400, and we rely on St. James crafters, bakers and shoppers to make it a success.

This year the fair will be held 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. on Saturday, Dec. 3, in the Parish Hall.

Please contact Carol Sharrock (406) 585-9419 or Craft Coordinator Amy Ross at (406) 586-7208 with any questions.

LIVING IN A MULTI-RELIGIOUS WORLD, LEARNING FROM ONE ANOTHER

What do we have in common? How do we differ? How can we live in community with one another? In a world growing smaller, in a nation becoming more and more multi-religious, in a community becoming more diverse, it is important to understand our neighbors, their values and their traditions.

The purposes of the Interfaith Forum are:

1. To demonstrate visible respect for one another
2. To emphasize our commonalities
3. To celebrate and learn from our differences



2016-2017 Topics

- **Sept. 7: The urgency of interfaith dialogue**
Why is it important for us to talk with one another?
With Dave Johnston, LDS, and Sally Loble, Baha'i
- **Oct. 5: Gender, sexuality and faith**
Our culture is talking a lot about gender and sexuality: what do our religious faiths contribute?
With the Rev. Duffy Peet, Unitarian-Universalist
- **Nov. 2: The Power of Words**
Are words “just” words, or do they have power? What wisdom do our varied traditions offer?
With Floyd Fantelli, Buddhist, and the Rev. Joel Seifert, Lutheran (WELS)
- **Dec. 7: Caravan by Carol Lynn Pearson**
Enjoy “A Happy Journey Through the Wisdom Tales of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.” *Premiered at 2015 Parliament of Religions.*
- **Jan. 4: Climate change: A religious issue?**
What is the role of religion in discussions and finding solutions to climate change?
With the Rev. Duffy Peet, Unitarian-Universalist
- **Feb. 1: Jesus**
The central figure of the Christian faith: who is he to others?
With Dave Johnston, LDS, Tom Wells Buddhist, and the Rev. Joel Seifert (WELS)
- **March 8: Intermarriage**
What happens when we marry outside our faith? *With Florence Guest, Sufi*
- **April 5: Passover**
Does this Jewish festival play a role in other faiths?
- **May 3: Why are we hopeful?**
What are the reasons for hope our religious traditions offer?
With Sally Loble, Baha'I, and Karen DeCotis, Buddhist

Panel Participants

- **Rabbi Ed Stafman** has been rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom since 2008. For many years a trial lawyer in Florida, he also holds a master's degree in religion and has completed the coursework for a Ph.D. in Religion of Western Antiquity.
- **Dr. Ruhul Amin** is Professor of Mechanical Engineering at MSU. He is president of the Islamic Center of Bozeman and faculty advisor for the Muslim Student Association. **Shadmani Amin** is Lab Coordinator for the Dept. of Chemistry & Biochemistry at MSU. They are both natives of Bangladesh.
- **The Rev. Jody McDevitt** has been co-pastor of First Presbyterian Church (PC(USA)) since 1997. Her theology degrees are from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. She was ordained in 1988.
- **The Rev. Leo Proxell** has been pastor of Holy Rosary Catholic Church for 15 years. He was ordained in 1973 and has served parishes in western Montana. His nine years of campus ministry at Carroll College included three years of teaching theology.

Bring your lunch. These forums take place at **noon** so that working folks and others can “brown-bag” it. The forums will each last one hour. Please respect the Temple and do not bring pork or shellfish products.

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION

We are the Body of Christ. Christian Formation is the heart of our shared life in Christ. No matter our age, we are growing in faith; programming is offered for all ages. You may find out more about it here.

Your presence and participation brings life to our community and draws us closer to God. You are not only welcome but necessary. To find out more about serving or participating in the many offerings for faith formation in our community contact: Emily Thrasher, Christian Formation Associate, emilythrasher.stjames@gmail.com (406) 586-9093, Ext. 5. Cell: (702) 236-3153 Office Hours: Wednesday and Thursday 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Ongoing Events:

The Parent Advisory Committee, a group of parents committed to working in collaboration with the staff and clergy to help develop and maintain a comprehensive program of faith formation for our children and youth, had its first meeting on Sunday, Aug. 21. At that meeting, we expressed that the Christ-like love, inclusivity and social justice that we all hear preached at St James and see in the ministries of our church are what we want our children and youth programs to mirror. We believe that this is not only essential for our children, but is also essential for the world. In envisioning what we want the Christian formation program to look like for our children and youth, we considered both where our community is now and how we would like to see it grow. We determined that this year's goal is to develop a strong internal community that embraces our youth, giving them the foundation and the sense of belonging that allows them to extend themselves into service to our community and the community of Bozeman. We don't have the specifics of our year determined just yet, but we wanted you to know that we are intentionally planning events that help us strengthen that community. We are going for quality over quantity, recognizing the busy lives our children already lead. If you are interested in being a part of the Parent Advisory Committee or have ideas regarding our youth programs, please contact Emily Thrasher. We will begin Sunday morning and Wednesday evening offerings in September; stay tuned for additional plans!

Nursery in the Todd Center is provided during the 9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. services beginning Sept. 11; there will be no Nursery provided over Labor Day weekend. Attendants play games, color, read, build with Legos and care for your little ones up to age 3 while you attend the service in the Nave. Please retrieve your children directly after the service and no later than 12:15 P.M.

Godly Play is held in the Todd Center (ages 3-5 are Littles & 6-8 are Middlers) and Upstairs (up to grade 5 are the Olders) will resume on Sept. 11. Children are led by adult members of St. James as they impart our Christian beliefs and Episcopalian traditions to your children through this Montessori-based curriculum. If we can build up a big enough roster for the six members we need each week, your commitment to Godly Play need only be once a month. Join us and experience firsthand what it's like to help build the Christian foundation now in the Youth who will lead St. James in the future. See what Godly Play is all about here: <http://tinyurl.com/zkfudoj>

Youth Group – New leaders, new fun, and new ways to serve our church are in store for Youth Group. “Community Built from Within” is the theme for this fall. Youth Group begins their fall semester gatherings on Wednesday nights on Sept. 21.

Fall Youth Retreat - The Fall 2016 Youth Retreat is happening Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 at Camp Marshall. Here is the link for information on the youth retreat and to register.
<http://diomontana.com/fall-2016-youth-retreat/>