

Celebration of Ministries - August 23, 2026

Scripture Readers Needed

Scripture Readers for Worship Service in September and October are needed. Sign up in the Main Street entrance.



All you can eat chili & cornbread — \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

Every bite you share helps families in our community take the next step toward housing stability. We hope to see you there!

Chili Cookoff & Pie Extravaganza
A fundraiser for Family Promise of Missoula

Save the Date

Friday, October 2, 2026 at 6 pm
Revive Church, 2811 Latimer St

All you can Eat Chili & Cornbread
\$5 per person or \$15 per family

Family Promise Updates!
Silent & Live Auction!
Kid's Activities!



This month's presentation and discussion:
Health Care for the Aging

Aug 26
6PM
Parish Hall

community concerns

Join us for a community conversation on navigating health care as we age — what services are available, what's covered, and how to advocate for yourself or a loved one. Please join us at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, 130 South 6th Street East.

Each pew now has a Welcome clipboard. Thank you for passing it along to the folks in your pew! We hope newcomers and visitors will sign up for our weekly announcements. And remember, everyone is invited to share coffee, tea, treats and conversation after the service!



The Bell Choir will start practice on **Wednesday, August 26th at 6:00 pm**. We are playing the following Sundays this fall:
Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 22, and Dec 6 .

Volunteers needed to make sack lunches in September and October!

When: Saturday 9am-10:30.

Where: FUMC basement

If you can serve on one of those Saturdays, please let Lorraine Carlson know — madamecarlson@gmail.com



Sunday School begins on September 6 at 9:50 am. We will begin with Music. Our first day to sing in Church will be on September 27. We are still in need of more water for the children. Hope you are having a great summer. Cindy





NEW Adult Discussion “Living the Questions” starts Sept. 13

People know that at its core, Christianity has something good to offer the human race. At the same time, many of us feel that we’re alone in being a “thinking” Christian, with more questions than answers. And the meaning of “Christian” and “Christianity” has never been more in question than today. This fall, Faith & Justice is offering a 7-week discussion group exploring our questions.

Living the Questions is an opportunity to discuss beliefs we learned in childhood, and questions of life that Sunday school didn’t mention. The hour is built around short videos featuring leading progressive (and provocative) spiritual leaders of the 21 st century, with a lively discussion following. It won’t provide easy answers – it’s a resource for people in the midst of a life-long conversation about the mysteries of faith and life.

9:00- 9:50 Sundays in the Library (in hallway next to the Church office)

Part I, Invitation to the Journey begins September 13

Open to everyone

For more information, call Jana Staton 406-721-5558

Our congregation took its turn and made a budgeted donation to MIC to support the Family Promise Welcome Basket program. This



program provides needed household items to families when they move from the shelter into more permanent housing.

We got the following response:

"Thank you for your support of Missoula Interfaith Collaborative (MIC) and Family Promise of Missoula! We appreciate your generous donation of \$250.00 for Welcome Baskets which you gave on July 20, 2026. With your assistance and partnership this year, we continue to empower congregations and community organizations to work together, leveraging strengths to meet the needs of the community and address challenges such as hunger and homelessness. Your donation to Family Promise will directly support families in need in Missoula. Thank you for your important help in making our community a brighter place."



Treats For Tabling

Calling all bakers and treat makers! Emmaus has the rich tradition of “tabling” (literally setting up a table on the campus Oval) and serving homemade treats and iced coffee during the first week of fall classes! If anyone would like to bake something for us to share, please bring it to Emmaus (538 University Ave.) before Monday, August 24th. Thanks again for “sweetly” supporting our efforts to recruit students and talk about the importance of ministry!

For questions, please email office@emmausmontana.org.

Prayer List for August 23, 2026



Lord in your Mercy...Hear our Prayers...

- ♦ Joy for Mary M's 102nd birthday next Sunday (if you bring a card for her to church on the 16th, it will be delivered after the service).
- ♦ Traveling mercies for Rocky A's daughters as they head home and hope that Rocky's house will sell soon.
- ♦ That Cheryl's sons-of-the-heart in Sierra Leone will do well on their senior college finals for their degrees.
- ♦ Healing for Jack's sister Ellen, who is hospitalized with health problems.
- ♦ Joy that Winton's latest surgery went well and hope that his leg will soon be back to normal.
- ♦ Joy that an attendee now has a job; hope that he will be able to find housing he can afford.
- ♦ Thanksgiving from Winton for all the prayers during his knee difficulties/surgeries.
- ♦ Comfort for the family and friends of Dr. Dick who passed away yesterday.
- ♦ That a parishioner's cousin will quit making poor decisions.
- ♦ That a friend's CA125 blood test numbers keep going down.
- ♦ Thanksgiving for all the wonderful volunteers from Common Good, Grace, and First UMC who have staffed the Fair Booth, and thanksgiving for our partnership with Common Good in operating it.
- ♦ Relief from pain for Tish H, who is recovering from oral surgery.
- ♦ Joy that Helena's mom is retiring, hope that this big transition will go smoothly and well for her.
- ♦ Strength and comfort for Pastor John's father, Dan, who is experiencing health problems and his mother, Betty, with health and cognition issues during this time of change for them.
- ♦ Relief from pain and healing for Pastor John's sister Gay P, as she recovers from a torn meniscus.
- ♦ Safety for John & Terri D's daughter and family, and for all those in the Spokane area where wildfires are raging.
- ♦ Comfort and healing for those affected by the shootings in Idaho Falls and that our country will find a way to end violence as a "solution" to people's problems.
- ♦ Comfort, peace, and guidance for Helena's best friend who is depressed and considering whether to stop attending medical school. Thanksgiving that the friend is with family during this difficult time.
- ♦ Hope from Nick that the new MADAT group will be successful in insuring that data centers in Montana that pollute our environment or use excessive amounts of electricity or water that is needed by ordinary people and wildlife will not be allowed.



Please send your prayer requests in! E-mail Kathie Snodgrass at kathiewearsgreen@yahoo.com with your prayer requests. You can also email or call the office at fumcmissoula@gmail.com or (406) 549-6118.