

The Cathedral Times

St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral

Helena, MT December 2025



From the Dean

Every year Advent invites us into a season of waiting and quiet preparation. And nearly every year, Advent gets “hurried up” with our urgency to speed toward Christmas. We pull out the half-used jars of red and green sprinkles. We teeter on ladders as we staple up Christmas lights. We consume way too much cheese. We shop, wrap, stamp, and sing. It’s really no wonder--celebrating is so much more fun than the waiting and reflection prompted by Advent.

Waiting can be really hard. My most difficult season of waiting was waiting to become a parent. I had a plan. It did not happen as planned. Then, we waited. That time of unknowing revealed my vulnerability, my dependence and need, and my anxiety. Eventually, as I wrestled with this unknowing, the Holy Spirit also gave me times of patience, readiness to receive, and openness.

As you know, I did become a parent--not just once, but twice over through adoption! It did not happen on my schedule, nor did it happen in the way I had expected. Indeed, the journey to parenthood was far more miraculous than anything I could have imagined!

This highlights how this is also a season of surprises. That God would come to be with us as a poor, vulnerable human was completely unexpected.

What are you waiting for? Whatever or whomever it may be, know that God is with you in your waiting. Let go and expect the unexpected.

Dean Kendra

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“O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.”

O Little Town of Bethlehem” Phillips Brooks, 1867

December 24, Christmas Eve:

4:00 pm - Holy Eucharist with Piano & Christmas Pageant

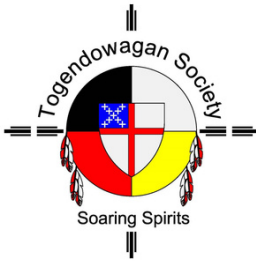
5:30 pm- Togendowagan Spirit Society

8:30 pm- Holy Eucharist with Choir, Brass & Candlelight

December 25, Christmas Day:

9:00 am - Holy Eucharist with Organ & Carols

Worship News: Togendowagan Spirit Society



A Reflection: Sharing Light in the Longest Night

In the hush of the longest night, light waits to be shared. From solstice dreams to Christmas dawn, may we walk together in hope.

As the year turns and the sun bows low, we arrive at the threshold of the longest night. The winter solstice reminds us that even in the deepest darkness, the promise of light endures.

In Anishinaabe tradition, winter is the season of dreaming and storytelling, when sacred words are spoken and the spirits draw near. It is a time to remember that the circle of life holds us all: people, animals, waters, and land.

Winter is also the season for communal round dances, winter dances, and the Sun Dance's preparatory ceremonies. These gatherings may last through the night, with songs, drumming, feasting, and giveaways. The round dance, in particular, symbolizes unity, the circle of life, and the hope that endures through hardship.

In some traditions, the winter solstice is marked by special dances to welcome the return of the sun, to honor the ancestors, and to pray for the wellbeing of the people, the animals, and the land. These ceremonies are both solemn and joyful, blending prayer with laughter, remembrance with celebration.

Here in Helena, the longest night is not only a cosmic turning but a lived reality for many of our neighbors who face the cold without shelter. The solstice invites us to see our homeless not as strangers but as kin, to recognize that the circle is incomplete until all are cared for. The drumbeat of compassion calls us to prayer, to generosity, and to action.

As we gather in warmth and celebration, may we also gather in solidarity. May our stories, our feasts, and our prayers extend outward, becoming blankets of hope for those who walk the night.

The return of the sun is not only a gift of creation; it is a call to renew our pledge with one another.

Worship News: Togendowagan Spirit Society

Heartfelt Christmas Wishes

May Christ be born anew among us,
bringing warmth to the weary,
guidance to the wandering,
and shelter in love.
May joy be our song,
peace our prayer,
and generosity our way.
And may the dawn of Christmas
find us faithful...
sharing light in the longest night,
until all are gathered in hope.

Aho, may we walk together into the dawn.
–Darcy

Ways to Share Light This Season

- Offer Warmth: Donate blankets, coats, or winter gear to local shelters.
- Give Nourishment: Contribute food or volunteer at community meals.
- Extend Hospitality: Support programs that provide safe shelter during the longest nights.
- Share Generosity: Consider financial gifts to organizations serving our unhoused neighbors.
- Lift in Prayer: Hold the homeless, the weary, and the wandering in your prayers this Christmas.



LONGEST NIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Lighting the path to a day when no one dies
homeless or as a result of homelessness.

Women's Park
off Fuller Street

Sunday
December 21, 2025 4:30pm

Honoring those in our community who have died this year due to
homelessness.

Presented by:

GOOD SAMARITAN
THRIFT STORE
MINISTRIES

 The Friendship Center

 **UNITED WAY**
Lewis and
Clark Area

eliminating racism
empowering women
ywca
helena

Worship News

AdventWord.org



AdventWord is a free inspirational online Advent calendar featuring a daily prompt word selected from the Advent Sunday Lectionary readings starting on November 30. Followers receive a daily meditation and image inspired by the day's word, and are invited to share their own personal reflections, art, poetry, or other creative expression. As we await the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we invite you to find daily moments of reflection to help you stay connected to your faith, to others, and to God.

Sign up for email updates and daily meditations at AdventWord.org

AdventWord is an offering of Forward Movement, a ministry of the Episcopal Church.

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

Baptisms

Thomas Hunter Driggers, November 2

Vivian Adele Boucher, November 25

Committals

Joseph Munzenrider, November 12

Celebration Sundays

Celebration Sundays, held the third Sunday of each month, are an opportunity to celebrate God's gifts being used in and through our community. The Celebration Sunday in December we will give thanks for the Search Committee who demonstrated great care, diligence, and perseverance during our search process. We are so thankful for their work!



Worship News



Festival of Lessons and Carols

Wednesday, December 17

7 p.m.

St. Peter's Cathedral



Patterned after the King's College historic celebration at Cambridge, England, this is the most widely observed Advent service in the world.

Free and open to all. A reception follows.



A Choral Chamber Ensemble
Kerry Krebill, Artistic Director

Ann Swisher, organist

Worship News

Liturgical Note

Let's talk about evolution ... evolution of the Prayer Book, that is! Some of you noted that during the Season after Pentecost, we varied texts in The Great Thanksgiving (aka the Eucharistic Prayer). This is the prayer the priest offers aloud at the altar—on behalf of all—after our gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought forward. Together during this prayer, we consecrate bread and wine; and after it, together, we receive Christ's body and blood.

The 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) provides six Eucharistic Prayers, each with a somewhat different focus, so as we move through the church year we may also shift emphasis on varying aspects of the mystery of God. Some prayers are almost direct descendants of the original prayer in the Church of England's (our Mother Church's) first BCP (1549); one has roots in an even more ancient tradition (Prayer D, p. 372); and one was drafted anew (Prayer C, p. 369) for the 1979 BCP.

- Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP 361) focuses on the mystery of the cross and resurrection, so is used in Lent and Easter and on some Sundays during the “green seasons,” the seasons after The Epiphany and after Pentecost (when the changing liturgical color is green). We used this prayer sometimes during this year's Season after Pentecost.
- Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP 367) focuses on the mystery of the Incarnation, making it particularly apt for Advent and Christmas, and again, sometimes in the “green seasons” depending on the particular Sunday's scriptural and preaching focus. We will use this prayer during Advent 2025, and have used it sometimes in past months.
- Eucharistic Prayers 1 and 2 (BCP 333 and 340) focus on Our Lord's suffering and on human sinfulness, an emphasis that reflects medieval Eucharistic theology that informed the Roman Church—from which Anglicanism was born.



Worship News



The Episcopal Church also provides Eucharistic Prayers in the first volume of its Enriching Our Worship (EOW) series. This series, which began publication in the 1990s, is offered to broaden and deepen our worship experience. In it the church reclaims its grounding in ancient theology and common worship—rather than medieval theology with its clerical focus. The EOW volumes reflect our understanding of the Church as a people redeemed and reborn in Christ; a people who serve together in the Church’s ministry; and a people who dwell on a planet enlivened by the diverse mysteries of God’s good creation.

To expand our prayer vocabulary, EOW liturgies recover ancient biblical and early-church images and its understanding of God, reminding us that the mystery of God transcends all categories of language and knowing. In the lead-up to “Christ the King” Sunday, we used a Great Thanksgiving from EOW that recalled the incomprehensible mystery of God-in-Christ at work “over the whole earth,” among “every tribe and language and people and nation.”

The EOW series is available free online (search: “enriching our worship pdf”); there are now five volumes in the series (Holy Eucharist in vol. 1). The Episcopal Church has opted not to publish a new single-volume BCP—which would now be 1500+ pages. So, the liturgies in the EOW series have instead been incorporated into the church’s official definition of the Book of Common Prayer. Over the past decade, our elected General Convention deputies: Lay persons, Deacons, Priests—and Bishops have conducted hundreds of churchwide public hearings and teaching sessions to explore future of the prayer book in the church. These culminated in the EOW being folded into the church’s official definition as part of the BCP, and it may be used wherever and whenever the “original” BCP is authorized.

We hope this helps deepen your understanding of some of the prayers we use—and why. After the first of January, we plan to offer an occasional in-person series that touches on our liturgies and worship at St. Peter’s—keep your eye out for it and learn more!

Worship News

Christmas Pageant

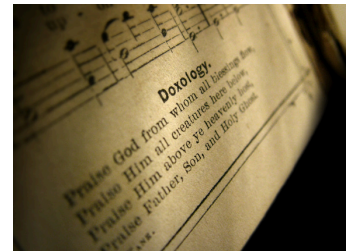
Yes, there will be a Christmas Pageant this Christmas Eve at 4:00 featuring all of your favorite Christmas hymns and our children retelling the story of Jesus' birth. Contact Sarah Fox to assist or with any questions.



Q & A on the Announcements, Milestone Blessings and the Doxology

You are going to notice a few changes in the order of worship starting in Advent (specifically, we are moving the announcements, birthday and anniversary blessings to the closing rite of worship and singing the doxology). Here's why:

First, what is the Doxology? The doxology are “words of glory” or praise to God. There are a couple of forms of the doxology with the most familiar being “Praise God from whom all blessings flow...”



Why are we singing the Doxology at the end of worship rather than while the offering is being processed? By including in in the concluding rites of worship, we are expressing thanks to God for EVERY good blessing we have received--the gifts we have to offer, the birthdays and anniversaries we celebrate, the gift of God's grace extended to through Holy Eucharist, the fellowship gathered...

Why are we moving the announcements to the end of worship? The announcements are a “bridge” between worship and being sent into the world and events outside of worship. All of the closing rite--the blessing, the announcements, the doxology, and the dismissal--act to draw the liturgy to a close and then send the congregation into mission in the world.

December 2025

Legend of Locations
 SPC: t. Peter's Cathedral Sanctuary
 T: Touchmark
 WH: Wilson Hall

G: Guild Room
 UC: Undercroft
 DH: Diocesan House
 V: Virtual

SUNDAY		2nd Sunday of Advent 7 8:15 am - Choir rehearsal, choir room 9:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 9:00 am - Sunday School, WH 10:00 am - Fellowship, UC 10:15- Flipper Sunday, UC	3rd Sunday of Advent 14 8:15 am - Choir Rehearsal, Choir room 9:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 9:00 am - Sunday School, WH 10:00 am - Fellowship, UC 12:30 pm- Holy Eucharist at Touchmark - Dean Kendra officiating	4th Sunday of Advent 21 8:15 am- Choir Rehearsal, Choir room 9:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 9:00 am- Sunday School, WH 10:00 am - Fellowship, UC 10:15 am- Celebration Sunday 4:30 pm Longest Night Service, Women's Park The First Sunday after Christmas 28 8:15 am - Choir Rehearsal, Choir room 9:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 10:00 am - Fellowship, UC
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THURSDAY	4 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 5:15 pm- Heart of Helena committee meeting, WH	11 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 5:15 pm - Social Concerns, WH Conf. room	18 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 9:30 am - Prayer Shawl Ministry, WH	25 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 9:00am- Holy Eucharist, SPC
	5 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 2:00 pm - Art Center Board Meeting, WH	12 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V	19 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V	26 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V
FRIDAY	6 8:00 am Pow wow meeting, UC 8:30 am Morning prayer, V	13 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 5:30 pm Togendowagan Society Service - Potluck following	20 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 12:00pm- Art Center Fellowship, UC 1:00 pm- Memorial Service and Committal for Joan Bishop, SPC & UC	27 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V
SATURDAY				

Christian Formation



Wonderful Wednesday Carol Singing

On Wonderful Wednesday, December 10, there will be a potluck from 5:30 to 6:00 pm, followed by a Carol Sing and optional cookie exchange from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Get your holiday sweaters out and plan to enjoy this prelude to holiday festivities!



CareNotes

Check out our tract racks. A variety of inspirational pamphlets called "CareNotes" are available. They are easy-to-read, inspirational booklets that offer guidance and support for various life moments, such as grief, stress, illness, loss of a companion animal, and more. Take one. Share one. They are free thanks to a gift made possible by Ann Dooling.

Advent Wreath Making

Join us for an Advent Wreath making party on Sunday, November 30 following worship in the Undercroft. You get to take the wreath home to enhance your personal devotional life.



Directory Update

Thank you to everyone who has returned their form to ensure we have your most up-to-date contact information. This is an important step to creating a new photo directory. If you have not yet sent in your form, you may still email the following information to admin@spchelena.org:

- Names of people in your household
 - Mailing address
 - Phone number(s)
 - Email address(es)
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Our Story

The Story of the Imogene Peek Memorial Organ by the Very Rev. Stephen Brehe, Dean and Rector of St. Peter's Cathedral 1991-2010

Imogene Peek served as St. Peter's Cathedral's organist and music director for more than fifty years, retiring near the end of Dean Arch Hewitt's tenure. She was "old school" and deeply loved the St. Peter's Möller organ. She had worked hard as a young musician to have it installed. The original pipe organ, a small tracker (mechanical action) instrument, was located above the "trap door" in the vesting room, which remains the access point for tuning today. In those days, organists had to climb a narrow ladder to reach the console next to the pipes.

Imogene championed the 1950s organ project and the power of its sound in worship, though few in the congregation understood how much a new instrument would enrich worship. I often say that most people like good music, but in fact, have "tin ears," while music lovers have "ten ears." It was an uphill battle for her, but she persevered. The list of donors is memorialized on a plaque just outside the epistle side of the sanctuary. She loved that instrument—and it became the soundtrack of her ministry.

Fast forward to the early 2000s. Church music changes over the years. The Möller instrument that Imogene Peek had played for so long no longer had the tonal resources for a new century. It was dated and in need of repair.

It had been installed in 1951, just before the Organ Reform Movement changed the way American instruments are built. Möller built hundreds of pre-reform instruments across North America. These organs favored orchestral and symphonic sounds—lots of principals, warm strings, and imitative solo stops—rather than the clear, crisp tones of classical organs. The result was often what we now describe as "mushy" or "tubby." Classical music like Bach's came out soft and round because these instruments had fewer bright flutes, reeds, and mixtures to give clarity. These instruments also made it next to impossible to play 19th and 20th-century French music, which requires many tone colors.

To make matters worse, Möller typically "buried" its instruments, hiding the pipes from view. Ours was no exception, tucked away in a closet-like chamber above the vesting room, which further dulled the sound. To my ears, the result was muddy and lifeless. Today's instrument has many pipes exposed so that they sing directly to us.

Imogene Peek Organ, cont.

When the 2006 rebuild by Marceau and Associates of Portland was completed, we named the new instrument the Imogene Peek Memorial Organ in honor of her half-century-plus music ministry. Marceau retained some of the original Möller pipework but added new ranks that brought clarity and brilliance, enabling the performance of classical, romantic, and modern music alike. He also reduced the air pressure in the wind chests, further improving tonal definition.

A note about the late Joe Munzenrider comes to mind at this point. Joe taught organ, harpsichord, and music theory at Carroll College for 42 years, concertized around the Pacific Northwest, and was a friend. Joe refused to play our Möller organ, however, because of its limited tonal variety and tubby sound. Still, he agreed to advise us on the rebuild, even though he had long relied on a friend from Balcom & Vaughan in the Seattle area. The late Dale Fleck, organist at the Cathedral of St. Helena, also consulted with us. With two outstanding organists helping guide our vision, we developed the plan that Marceau executed.

A humorous aside: Dale was then playing St. Helena's old, tubby Estey organ. When he met resistance to rebuilding it, he told the leadership, "If the Episcopalians can get a new instrument, why can't the Catholics?" Their Wicks Organ rebuild was completed two years after ours.

Both Joe and Dale loved the Marceau organ. Joe often substituted at the bench, performed concerts, and mentored both Sue Brookhart and, more recently, John Goodwin. He requested that his ashes be interred in St. Peter's Cathedral Memorial Garden. My friend, the Rev. Robin Biffle, mused that he wanted his final resting place near a pipe organ—and indeed, he even asked for (and received) a discount on his niche because of his long friendship and service at St. Peter's. In his obituary, Joe encouraged us to honk when we drive past his final resting place.

So how did we ever fund this magnificent instrument? Pipe organs come with a price tag that's hard to defend. Few people realize how much music—and worship itself—changes with time. The real question was how to help people see that we needed an organ suited to today's worship.



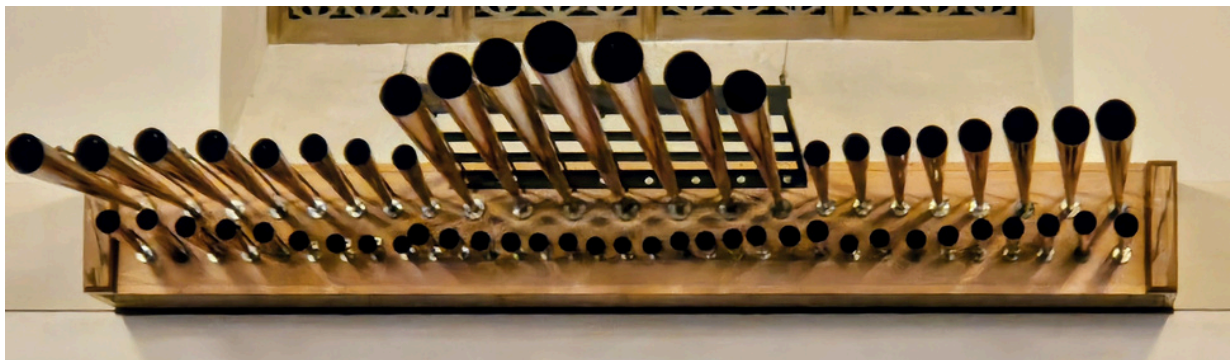
Imogene Peek Organ, cont.

Denise Finn sparked an idea in my mind. During her tenure in the early 2000s, she pointed out that parts of our organ—specifically the leathers—were wearing out. These thick, high-quality leathers serve as the support for the organ's lungs, sealing the bellows and reservoirs that provide the wind pressure to produce sound. Leaky bellows and reservoirs are like punctured lungs.

Denise and I began showing the congregation pieces of worn leather during announcements and coffee hours. People quickly grasped the comparison: “no belts, no car, no leathers, no organ.” The tactic worked. We could have talked about shifts in organ-building philosophy and worship trends until the cows came home, but something tangible and down-to-earth made far more sense to most people.

One Sunday, during the closing hymn, a parishioner reached out, grabbed my vestment, and asked, “How much do you need?” That was the moment the dream of a new pipe organ began reality. He and his wife, who have remained anonymous, made a generous pledge to inspire others. The late Dean Arch Hewitt chaired the fundraising committee, and we raised enough to complete the project—including the marvelous Trompette En-Chamade at the rear of the church. Lots of people became involved in various ways. Dean Mack, an organist, helped lug and tug organ pipes around. Jeff Hoffer, an electrician, did the behind-the-scenes wiring magic. Marceau even designed the air chest for the Trompette En-Chamade large enough to accommodate two additional ranks of pipes, still waiting to be installed. For now, 22 ranks.

Voilà! That is the story of the Imogene Peek Memorial Organ—a story of faith, music, and the people who loved both deeply.



Ministries and Outreach



Food Drive for the YWCA

"We truly appreciate your kindness and commitment in making a positive impact on the YWCA families. Your support makes a huge difference in the recovery process by alleviating the loss of food benefits, you fill a stomach and a heart. We are so grateful for your food drive in providing for one of the basic needs in our families lives."

Denise C. King, Interim Executive Director, YWCA



Emergency Packs for Helena Food Share

A team from St. Peter's assembled 150 Emergency Food packs for distribution through Helena Food Share in November. Thank you!



Christmas Angel Tree

The angel tree is back! In partnership with the Salvation Army, we have tags for local children which include what a child needs, their sizes, and also a "wish."



Project Warmth

Together we can do incredible things! This Ecumenical effort brought in \$12,830, which translated into:

- 95 sleeping bags
- 50 mats to get sleeping bags off of the ground
- 55 tarps
- 40 tents

All of the above are being distributed through Our Place, a drop-in day center ministry of the Good Samaritan, located at 1531 National Ave, Helena.



God's Love Serving Ministry

St Peter's folks are teaming to serve meals one Wednesday a month at God's Love. Food is prepared by other churches or God's Love staff. We show up, lend a helping hand, and share an encouraging word to those we serve. Please text/call Donna (406)439-6811 if you are interested in helping serve on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, 4:15 – 6:00 p.m.

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Family 1 – Mom, Dad, son(6) and two daughters(4, 1) are staying at First Christian Church (FCC) due to the children's high needs. All three children are non-verbal and have various physical, speech, and skill therapies.

The parents stay incredibly busy running the kids to their much needed services. When Dad is able, he works with Express Employment to bring in income. Together this couple is working very hard to provide the best life possible for their children. FP is looking for a couple of skilled volunteers who could occasionally watch the children.

Family 2 — Dad and 4 year old son. Dad has purchased his own vehicle and is working a construction job in Bozeman that pays him \$30 an hour. Because of his new job and commuting to Bozeman, FP is seeing very little of him. As Dad saves, FP is assisting him to find a place to live between Helena and Bozeman, so he is still close to his son for visits and eventual overnights once the parenting plan is reinforced.

Family 3 – Mom, son (7), son (5), and daughter (4). Mom has children from 7:30 pm on Wednesday through 7:30 pm on Sundays. Mom works for a cleaning service which also stages houses, teaches early morning yoga classes when she doesn't have the children. Mom is facing some medical struggles and is seeking treatment in Arizona where she has family support. Mom is currently without a vehicle but is working hard and utilizing a lot of resources to get back on her feet. The kids attend schools in East Helena.



THANK YOU!! What a blessing you were to our Family Promise guests during our recent host week by providing Holy Hospitality. Thank you Dean Wilde, husband Ben and children Christian & Anya, and Bob Church for providing and sharing a tasty meal and eating with our FP guests on Sunday. Delicious meals were provided throughout the week by Steve Brehe, and Cindy Bultena. Groceries were generously provided by the Hoag's, Marsha Baumeister, Darien Scott, Marlene Campbell, and Sharron Moran. Thank you Beth Demmons, Theresa Metropoulos, Jon Metropoulos, Katie Loveland, Marj Clark, Vicky Tiberi, Robin Biffle, Jean O'Connor, Mark Kelley, Chris Boyce, Hank Hudson, Maggie Stockwell, Chris Stockwell, and Donna Church for spending the night with our guests.

Ministries and Outreach



Benefit Concert for Family Promise
John Floridis, Jennifer Slayden and Ed
Stalling

4:00 pm - December 7, 2025

St Paul's United Methodist Church
512 Logan St, Helena

More Family Promise events:

Winter Craft & Bake Sale - Family Promise will hold winter craft markets at First Christian Church on the following dates:

- December 13, 2025 9am-1pm
- January 10, 2026 9am-1pm
- February 7, 2026 9am-1pm
- March 7, 2026 9am-1pm

They are asking if the churches to bake and sell baked good at this event to help support Family Promise. This is a fun opportunity for us to work together, and use our culinary talents while helping support this agency. If you are interested in helping, please contact Donna Church (406) 439-6811.

St Peter's upcoming 2026 host weeks:

- February 8-14, 2026
- April 26-May 2, 2026
- August 9-15, 2026
- November 15-21, 2026

To learn more or to find out how you can help, please contact:

Donna Church (406)439-6811, Maggie Stockwell (406) 465-0707, Tammy Andridge at (406)465-5976

Please continue to pray for FP families as they tackle some pretty tough circumstances, for FP volunteers, staff and Board.



News from Around the Diocese

Go Christmas shopping for Camp Marshall

Please [click on the link](#) (or type the one below into your browser) to view Camp Marshall's Wish List on Amazon and to make a purchase for camp. It would be greatly appreciated!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2AIR1ST2OTRIY/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex



Bells of Covenant to Present Annual Holiday Bell Choir Concert

Covenant United Methodist Church is pleased to announce their upcoming Holiday Handbell Concert, presented by the Bells of Covenant. This annual event has become a Helena area favorite, giving the community an opportunity for a break from the hustle and bustle. This year the concert will be on Saturday, December 13th at 3pm at the church, and will feature a wide variety of traditional, sacred and secular carols, from What Child is This and We Three Kings to Rudolph and Jingle Bells. This is a free event, and open to all.



The Bells of Covenant is one of Montana's premier bell choirs. The choir is ecumenical in makeup (including our own Deacon Roger Reynolds and Tammy Reynolds) but practices and plays primarily at Covenant United Methodist Church in Helena at 2330 East Broadway in Helena.

The Lewis and Clark Retired Educators Association needs your help!

Are you a retired educator and want to continue being involved in the education system around Helena? We need your support in joining our Helena branch so that we can rejuvenate the program. Please reach out to Karyl Beattie for more information.

News from around the Diocese

Holiday Grief Counseling Group

The holidays can be a difficult time of year when we are missing a loved one. Grief groups are a wonderful way to find understanding and support. This group is led by McKenzie Lyons, a local Helena counselor. Find comfort in a warm environment as we discuss the grieving process, as well as creative ways to honor our loved ones during this time of year. An in-person group is meeting in Helena on Mondays, December 1-January 5, 5:30-7:00 pm at 1808 11th Ave. Sign up by calling 406-410-1104 or by emailing helena.natureandnurture@gmail.com



Chapter News

Holy Cow!

The C.A.T. survey is coming !

Congregational
Assessment
Tool

We need your voice!

This survey is your opportunity to share your experiences and priorities for our congregation.

If you subscribe to our website you will receive a web link to complete the assessment. Computers and paper copies will also be available at the church.

All of our worshippers are asked to participate.

MORE INFORMATION TO COME.

- Thank you to all who have returned your pledge cards for 2026. Your generosity is outstanding! These also help enormously in planning for the coming year.
- Our Sexton, Bill Eyman, is no longer able to work for us. If you would like to sign a thank you card in appreciation for his service, please drop by the Cathedral office.
- We are searching for a sexton for Wilson Hall, the Cathedral, and the Diocesan House. The position is 16 hours a week, preferably Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The rate of pay is \$16-19 DOE. Please email cover letter and resume to admin@spchelena.org

Chapter News: Junior Warden

Our new Church year has begun with the Advent Season, and I am hopeful that you have reflected on the many great things that have happened at SPC this year. Looking forward to 2026, it is also time to engage with our time, talent, and treasure through our annual Stewardship Campaign to make our Mission of “Loving God, and our Neighbor; And make Disciples for Christ” happen at St Peter’s Cathedral and within our broader community of Helena/Montana. **Please return your pledge card by December 5th in order that we may properly budget our resources.** Our Chapter members will be in touch to check in with all our members and households.

You are always welcome to discuss any and all Stewardship Campaign and building/property items with me. Chris Boyce, JW

Security Reminder:

The rear & side doors will be locked just prior to the start of our service at the Cathedral, all who arrive after that time will need to enter through the main front **double doors (off Park Avenue).**

Call for New Chapter Members:

This is a volunteer leadership position that serves to deliver our Mission of “Loving God, and our Neighbor; And make Disciples for Christ” at St Peter’s Cathedral and within our broader community of Helena/Montana. We are in need of people to step forward and bring ideas and energy along with them. Please talk with the Dean, Wardens, or any of the other Chapter members if you have questions or are interested in stepping forward.

Cathedral Keepers:

If you have abilities and interest in small projects around our buildings such as painting, organizing, dusting, etc. pls let me know – any job or effort is appreciated to help us deliver our Mission and serve God! Pls talk with Chris Boyce, Junior Warden, on how you can help.

AV tech/Video Editor:

Do you like technology or video editing? We are in need of more AV techs and a video editor to help with our online worship efforts. Will train you in all that is needed to know. Pls talk with Chris Boyce, Junior Warden, on how you can help.

2026 Annual Meeting Date:

Sunday, January 25th following the Service – note this is a week later than previously announced.

Birthdays

Ingrid Jaynes, December 2
Roger Reynolds, December 2
William Jaynes, December 3
Timothy Johnson, December 3
Audrey Towery, December 3
Emmett Harris, December 4
Kyle Strode, December 5
Leighton Butler, December 6
Sam Gilbert, December 6
Charlie Phelps, December 8
Ruth Ann Massey, December 9
Chris Carparelli, December 11
Sullivan Wilmoth, December 11
Jenna Clark, December 12
Eddy Klanke, December 13
Patty Dean, December 17
Jacob Demmons, December 17
Peggy Smith, December 17
Herb Argabright, December 20
Jacob Bristow, December 20
Jessie Fox, December 21
Thomas Morrow, December 21
Manny Hoag, December 23
Jillian Diveley, December 27
Robin McHugh, December 29
Sora Robinson, December 30

Anniversaries

Tim & Sioux Roth, December 2
Kim & Lydia Kuderna, December 20
Mick & Heidi Blossom, December 27
Aub & Janet Kirkland, December 27
Robin & Sarah McHugh, December 27

Let Us Pray

The Church: our Archbishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Marty, our Bishop; for Kendra our Dean; for the Togendowagan Society, Darcy and Dan, their Elders; and for Church of the Ascension, Forsyth, Kay Roeslin, Senior Warden.

The Government: for Donald, our President; for Greg, our Governor; for Congress, especially Tim, Steve, Ryan and Troy. Also, for Kelly, Vickie, and Wilmot, our area mayors.

The Community: for the staff, volunteers, and beneficiaries of God's Love, Good Samaritan Ministries, Family Promise, Helena Food Share, Friendship Center, Head Start, and YWCA.

Comfort, Healing & Hope: for Kevin, Ray, Kathy J., Dick, Gene, Janet, Sarah, the family of Joseph Passamani, grieving his passing, Terry, For the family of Bob Dallas, grieving his passing, for the family of Vincent Hunsaker, for the family of Barbara Ellert, Joyce B., Les, Ann, Charlotte, Sarah, Dave, Joeseeph, Harry, Jackie, Steve, Hannah

Those Serving in our Armed

Forces: for David Emineth, Shane Medley, Charles Lewis, Kenneth V Liston, and Parker Jones.

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