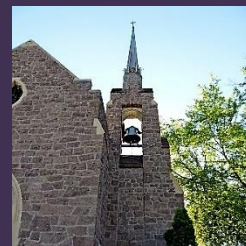


What's Happening at St. Peters?

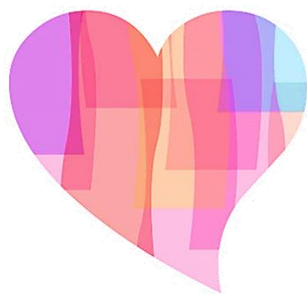


St. Peter's Cathedral **2024 ANNUAL MEETING** is scheduled for Sunday, January 21. We will gather for a combined service at 9:00 am followed by brunch and the Annual Meeting at 10:30 am.

ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS can be found in the back of the Nave filed alphabetically by last name. Please pick up yours to save the Cathedral postage expense. Many thanks

The **BARGAIN BASEMENT** had a great 2023 and is ready for an even greater 2024. They are now accepting donations of winter clothing, household items, books, CDs, and more. Please make sure your treasures are in clean usable condition. Don't forget to stop in often to see what new bargains you can take home!

WARM HEARTS, a drive for new blankets and towels to gift the poor on Valentine's Day" is in



its third year as an ecumenical ministry of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Associates of Helena, Mont. Donated new blankets, bath towels, hand towels and washcloths will be distributed through

organizations serving persons who are poor in Helena. The drive is running now through Feb. 2. If you are in the Helena area, you can drop off donations at St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral.

BIBLE STUDY Lively communal text review on Mondays at 10:15 am in the meeting room across the hall from the Parish office. We start by looking at the readings for the coming Sunday—and see where the Holy Spirit takes us. Find the month's readings at <https://www.lectionarypage.net/#january> or pick up a copy when you arrive. Join via Zoom at <https://www.spchelena.org/virtual>.

Ladies of the church: Come join the **BUNCO FUN!**



When: Thursday, January 18, 2023, 4:30 p.m. or soon after. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and we'll enjoy friendship, laughter and playing Bunco. Yes—there are

prizes. Get your game shoes on! All are welcome! We sure hope you can join the fun! *Sioux and Laura H.*

DID YOU KNOW? You can almost always connect via Zoom with St. Peter's worship, study, and meetings. Yes, we all suffer from a little "Zoom-fatigue" after the pandemic but, 'tis the season for icy road conditions, or maybe you don't drive at night, or maybe you just want to stay home! We get it. But don't let any of that stop you from participating. Check the links at the "Virtual Center" on our homepage <https://www.spchelena.org/>. And be sure to let us know if you try to join and are unable! -we want to fix it.

MID-WEEK EUCHARIST The Cathedral offers a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10:30 on Wednesdays in the side chapel in our worship space. More intimate than our Sunday gathering, healing prayer and anointing are offered for those who seek it. And of course ... coffee after for those who can stay!

Musikanten Montana will present an **EPIPHANY CONCERT** at St. Peter's Cathedral on Sunday, January 21 at 4:00 pm.

\$25 suggested donation. Students free.



SPOTLIGHT ON...



Today, the St. Peter's Spotlight shines on last week's Mystery Member, **Joyce Thompson!**

Ninety-four years old this year, Joyce is the last surviving member of the four-person Class of 1948 at Mildred High School, a consolidated rural school in Prairie County, long-since shuttered.

After graduation, buoyed by the nation's post-war enthusiasm, Joyce headed for business college in Billings. After the year-long course, she was snapped up for a coveted secretarial job at Taylor Distributing in Billings, where she served for seven years.

Perhaps her favorite employment was as secretary to the Head Librarian at the then-Montana State College in Bozeman. Highly valued for her skills with the big old manual typewriter and other business machines, she remembers having to create and copy complicated forms—in the days long-before auto-formatted word processing—as well as overseeing major publications from the association of librarians in the state's university system.

She and husband Al (of blessed memory), reared daughters Lizzie and Carolyn near Lockey Park, in the shadow of the Capitol. She ended her professional career at Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Since retirement she loves reading—"They all know me at Aunt Bonnie's," she says proudly. "I can go in there anytime and get whatever I want!" And she likes the old movies on TV, especially anything with William Holden, Humphrey Bogart, or Cary Grant. She figures she's seen *Gone With the Wind* at least five times!

Reared a Presbyterian, she later joined the Lutheran Church, embracing husband Al's denominational tradition. It was at the marriage of daughter Lizzie and son-in-law Dan Carlson-Thompson that she and Al were drawn to the Episcopal Church at St. Peter's. She found especially appealing St. Peter's lively ministries in the community and its vigorous spiritual formation, especially under the gentle guidance of Helen Vickers at His Place, then a retreat center on Harrison Avenue. When she and Al began regular attendance at St. Peter's, she said she recalls telling him, "No more church shopping. We're home."

When health permits, she's a "regular" at the 8:00 Sunday service, and also is delighted to attend worship twice monthly at Touchmark, her home. When at St. Peter's, she particularly enjoys "Chas on the piano"—although she's "not crazy about the organ!" If she could change one thing about worship, it would be eliminating "all the up and down"—which is tough on her joints.

"My church is St. Peter's," she concluded, "It just is. I wouldn't be anywhere else."

And St. Peter's is grateful for that. *Robin Biffle*



??? MYSTERY MEMBER ???

Which of our members relishes a peanut butter and honey sandwich on Italian white bread, whenever in need of a comfort meal? And—bonus hint!—one of their forebears helped lay the hardwood floor in Montana Hall at MSU? Use this as a conversation starter this week and see if you can figure out who our Mystery Member is. Watch next week's newsletter for the answer—and a little bit more about this week's Mystery Member.



FAMILY PROMISE Thank you for keeping the families, staff, volunteers, and board members in your prayers!! February 11-17, 2024 St Peter's will host Family Promise guests. To learn more and to find information on how to help, please contact

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Donna3439@msn.com
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Tickets are available online for the February 24, 2024 Dueling Pianos between Family Promise & Impact Montana.



To **Charlie Briggs** and **Lizzie Carlson-Thompson** who offer Morning Prayer and distribute Holy Communion to

our members and friends at Touchmark on the first Sunday of every month.

To **All of You** who remember to use the strategically placed recycling bins in our buildings and to **Chas Elliott** who delivers the recyclables to the transfer station.

To **Tammy Andridge** who weekly represents St. Peter's at the showers offered on Tuesday mornings by St. Paul's United Methodist Church for our houseless community members. Tammy is also a driving force in collecting hygiene supplies, winter clothing, etc. for the folks who come for the showers, for a bite to eat, and for loving community.

Today's **Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Kathy Brown and Katharine A. Brown from the Brown Family.

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH 



COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY What enthusiastic response to last week's announcement that we're putting a spark in our Cathedral Communications. Thank you all for your ideas, suggestions, and—so important!—your offers to do a piece of the work!

So many more ideas that you'll see in play over the coming weeks and months. For starters?

In each weekly "Happenings" look for:
Mystery Member—can you find out who it is by talking to folks at coffee hour?

Spotlight—Reveal ID of last week's Mystery Member—plus bonus info!

Updated reminders of some weekly

At the Annual Meeting:

Info from the Working Group

Opportunity to update your Cathedral Directory

Info / Photo—or get yourself in there!

"Suggestion Box"

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Weekly Finance Report

week ending the previous Sunday

Pledge \$ 3,768.00

Contributions \$ 55.00

Plate offering \$ 30.00

to Dean's Discretionary Fund

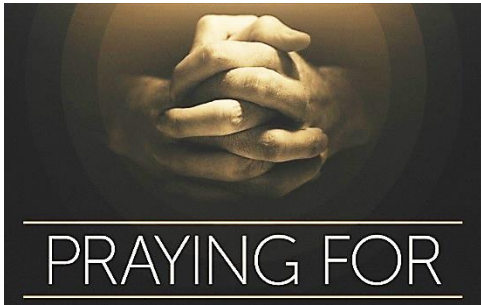
Flipper Sunday \$ 226.00

to Social Concerns

Dean's Discretionary Fund \$ 2,000.00

2024 Stewardship as 1/8/24

921 pledges received for total: \$228,337.00



The Church: for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Marty, our Bishop; for Scott, our Dean; for Ray, Steve, Robin, John, Bette, Rick, and John our retired clergy; for St. Paul's in Fort Benton, and Shirley Lenington, their Senior Warden.

The Government for Joe, our President; for Greg our Governor; for Congress, especially Jon, Matt, Ryan, and Steve. for Kelly, Vickie, and Wilmot, our area mayors.

The Community for the staff, volunteers, and women living at the YWCA Helena, and the Florence Crittenton Home

Comfort & Healing for Tammy, Bob and Marlene, Celinda, Mike, Peggy, Paul, Ann, Clint, Barb, Bishop Curry, Bill, Betty, Barb, Linda, Dustin, Mary, Matthew, Bamby, Debbie, Rebecca, Kathy, Kari, The Dahl Family, Nicholas, Bob, Maren, Meredith, Jennie, Kevin, Bobbi, and Terry.

Those serving in harm's way for Shane, Mike, Josh, Tom, John, Erica, Tom, Matthew, Parker, and Cody.

<i>Those celebrating Birthdays</i>	January	15	Grace Berger
		18	George Day Karen Hudson Kari Rinesmith
		19	Vickie Rauser
		20	Loy Chvilicek

This Week at the Cathedral

Today	8:00 am	Flipper Sunday!
	9:20 am	Holy Eucharist
	10:00 am	Cathedral Choir rehearsal
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	1:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
Mon-Sat	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist at Touchmark
Mon	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (virtual)
	10:15 am	Adult Bible Study
Tue	6:00 pm	Gamblers Anonymous
	7:00 am	Men's Fellowship
Wed	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
	12:00 pm	<i>Happenings</i> deadline
Thur	5:15 am	Social Concerns meeting
	5:00 pm	Togendowagan Society
Sat		
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Jan 21	9:00 am	Combined Service
	10:30 am	Cathedral Annual Meeting
	4:00 pm	Musikanten Montana Epiphany Concert