
BITTERROOT EPISCOPAL MINISTRIES

St. Paul's, Hamilton
St. Stephen's, Stevensville

September 2010

Events at St. Paul's

September 13, Vestry 7 pm

September 20, Family Service 5:40 pm

September 27, Family Service 5:40 pm

Every Sunday at 9:30 am, Holy Eucharist
with Rev. Oreskovich

September 26, Christina Burgess Baptism

Monday Night Family Service begins September 20th. The evening will begin at 5:40 with dinner provided by the church. We will celebrate the Eucharist together at the table. Christian Education will begin at 6:45 and conclude at 7:45. For more information or to see how you can help with this wonderful evening please call Alana 381-3534

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Prayers List Names: The Worship Committee, in its meeting with the Reverend Steve Oreskovich, prayerfully considered what to do with our lengthy prayer list that is faithfully read each Sunday during Prayers of the People. In some cases we have discovered names on the list who have passed away several months ago. We do not know many of the names personally, nor who initially placed them on the list. We were reluctant to simply take names off without knowledge of their relationship to members of our congregation. In many ways the names of our military members is similar. We decided that beginning September 5 we would change our practices for awhile and ask the congregation for their feedback. The Rev. Oreskovich will say an intercessory prayer for those who are ill, in trouble, or need during the Prayers of the People segment of our worship. Following his prayer; individuals in the congregation need to say, silently or aloud, the names of those known to us who need our prayers and intercessions. He will also pray for our military and the congregation should again say, silently or aloud, the names of those known to us. As a result of this change we will not have our Lay Eucharistic Ministers read aloud the names on the prayer list, or those in the military.

If you have concerns or suggestions about this change, please contact any member of the vestry or the Rev. Oreskovich so that we can deal with your concerns or suggestions.

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Vestry 2011 If any member of the congregation feels called to consider serving on our vestry in 2011, it is recommended that they attend one or more meetings this fall to learn how the vestry operates and help them discern their willingness to be involved.

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The Diocesan Convention is Sept. 24-26 at the Holiday Inn, Bozeman, and is hosted by St. James's Church. All people are welcome to attend.

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Women's Bible Study will begin a new book in September. We will be studying Listening Hearts: Discerning God's Call in Community. Join us Tuesdays 9am-11am for a joyful time of study and prayer. The planning committee lunch for our 2011 Joy Retreat will follow. For more information call Alana at 381-3534.

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PFLAG Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays meets September 23th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church. Call Terry at 363-7656 with questions.

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