



# ALL SAINTS' E-LETTER



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## A LETTER FROM YOUR VESTRY

October is going to be a busy month! As we head into fall, we begin stewardship season. Look for information about this in your mailbox! You will be receiving the Ministry Narrative, which is an amazing account of all of the wonderful things that we do here at All Saints'.

Don't forget, the Vestry is inviting people to "Get Involved" and consider our time and talents as part of our giving. Check out the cards in the pews and if there is an area or activity that sounds interesting to you, fill out the card and put it in the offering plate. We will get back to you to answer your questions.

Our search committee is continuing to work diligently on the process for finding candidates for our next rector. We are blessed to have wonderful priests who are taking turns ensuring that we have services every Sunday.

Some fun activities happening in October include the Blessing of the Pets on October 5th honoring St. Francis of Assisi and decorating small pumpkins to deliver as gifts to the residents of local assisted living homes. This will occur near the end of the month.

So, it would seem, the themes for October are blessings and giving! Join us and get involved.

Faithfully, Your Vestry

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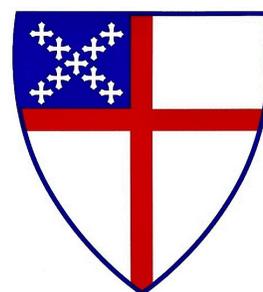
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**All are welcome to a Blessing of the Pets  
in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi,  
the patron saint of animals.**

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
11 a.m.**

**at All Saints' Episcopal Church**

*Pets will receive a St. Francis medal,  
a magnet commemorating their blessing, and a treat.*

*The Blessing of the Animals is an  
annual service welcoming pets and  
people of all denominations.  
Prayers with special intention will  
be offered for each pet present. As  
well, those wishing to honor their  
companion animals who have died  
are welcome to bring the ashes of  
the pet, a toy, a picture, or another  
article which reminds them of the  
pet for that portion of the service.*



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*All animals must be on a leash,  
in crates or kennels, or otherwise restrained  
for their and other's safety.*

## GAME NIGHT!

Join us for our first all-ages Game Night on Sunday, October 13th. We will begin with a soup supper at 5:30 pm and then spend time playing board games. From Candyland to Scrabble, there is something for everyone. If you have a favorite game that you would like to share, please bring it. This is an “intergenerational” activity, so all ages are encouraged to participate in the fun.



# GAME NIGHT

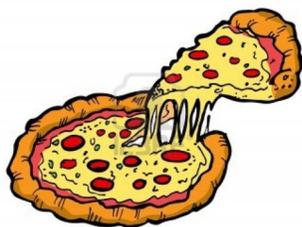


## ACOLYTE TRAINING AND YOUTH GROUP

By Cynthia Benkelman

We will have a brief training for any new youth acolytes immediately after the 11 am service on Sunday, October 20th. Any youth (usually 2nd grade and up) who would like to be an acolyte, please join us. Contact Cynthia Benkelman for more information at [cgraine@montanasky.us](mailto:cgraine@montanasky.us) or at 406-261-9636.

Immediately after the acolyte training, we are inviting our youth group, grades 5-12, to join us in the Christian Education room. We will have pizza and snacks and time to just get together. Please come!



## A NOTE FROM YOUR JUNIOR WARDEN

By Grace Benkelman

Happy Fall! I just wanted to check in and thank you all. For the past few weeks chatter has certainly improved during the services.

On another note, I have noticed that some parishioners tend to sit on the inside edge of the pew which makes it difficult for anyone else to sit in the same pew. I understand the appeal of being on the aisle, but it seems that it would be much more inclusive to leave room for others, especially through the eyes of newcomers. We are on our way to a single service; with the growth of our church, we are making room for the growth of our parish and better cultivated relationships with each other. Just something to keep in mind.



**FOLLOW UP ON THE MINISTRY FAIR**

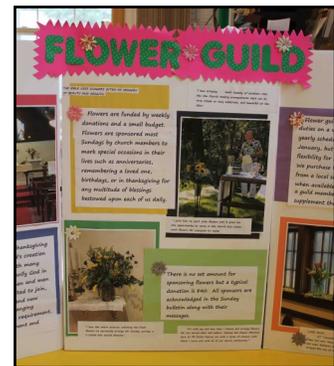
By Grace Benkelman

Thank you to everyone who attended the first Annual All Saints' Ministry Fair! This was something new for us and we hope to continue and improve on it in the future. It also coincided with the launch of several new webpages that highlight our ministries.

For those of you who missed it, we still have the posters displayed in the Parish Hall outlining each opportunity to serve.

From Altar Guild to Christian Education, there are many ways to get involved in our activities.

Keep an eye out for the cards in your pew to sign up and get involved!



**A VERY “♥️ Y” THANK YOU!**

The Vestry would like to thank the wonderful priests who filled in and supplied for us this summer. They inspired us every Sunday with their wonderful sermons. Steve Wendfeldt, David Cameron, Bill Baumgarten, you're the best!

We look forward to listening to those who will fill in and supply for us this fall while we continue our search for a new rector.



**Creating**  
  
**HOPE**  
**through the**  
**CROP Hunger Walk**

**Columbia Falls 10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
CROP Hunger Walk**  
**(Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty)**

**OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Marantette Park, Columbia Falls, MT  
**registration at 1 p.m. Step Off at 1:30 p.m.**  
1k or 5k walk

*You may walk, run, ride a bike, bring a baby in a carriage.  
Choose your mode of transportation. Pets welcome on a leash.  
Dress for the weather as we walk rain or shine.*

*BBQ serving hotdogs, chip, fruit, & water in the pavilion at Marantette Park  
following the walk.*

All donated funds are used to assist with disasters and needs  
around the world through Church World Services

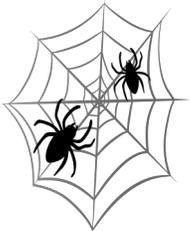
*and*

**25% of the funds stay right here in the Flathead Valley and go directly to  
support the monthly Canyon Community Dinners and the Wildcat Garden.**

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or talk to our own  
Betsy and Steve Paugh



# OCTOBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10 am service at The Springs	3 Noonday ser- vice AS	4	5 <b>Pet Blessing 11 am</b>
6 Services at 9 and 11 am	7	8	9 10 am service at The Springs	10 Noonday ser- vice AS	11	12
13 Services at 9 and 11 am <b>GAME NIGHT</b>	14	15	16 10 am service at The Springs	17 Noonday ser- vice AS	18	19
20 Services at 9 and 11 am <b>Acolyte Train- ing followed by Youth Group 12:15</b>	21 <b>Vestry Meeting 6:30 pm</b>	22	23 10 am service at The Springs	24 Noonday ser- vice AS	25	26
27 Services at 9 and 11 am	28	29	30 10 am service at The Springs 	31 Noonday ser- vice AS		

## THE WISDOM OF SAINTS, SEERS AND SAGES

By Beth Stamm

According to our Parish Survey, the most desired characteristic of a new rector for All Saints' is to be a good preacher. In this article, I write of one of the most famous of all preachers, Charles Hadden Spurgeon (1834-1892) who was known as "the prince of preachers".

Brought up in a Christian home in Essex, England, Spurgeon experienced a personal conversion at the age of 15 when he took shelter in a chapel during a snowstorm. In his autobiography, he remembers the preacher said "Young man you look very miserable...look to Jesus Christ! Look! Look! Look! You have nothing to do but to look and live."



While he had little formal education, he was well read in Puritan theology, natural history, Latin and Victorian literature. During his life as an English Particular Baptist preacher, he preached an estimated 3,600 sermons and wrote 46 books and treatises. When he began preaching at London's New Park Street Baptist Church in 1854, it sat 1, 200 people. By 1861 the church had been enlarged twice, re-named the Metropolitan Tabernacle and accommodated 5,000 people with 1,000 standing.

Spurgeon had a quick wit and knew joy. He spent time walking in the woods and in the company of friends. He also struggled with ill health and intermittent depression. He was deeply distressed when someone yelled "fire" during one of his sermons and several people were killed in the ensuing panic. Some of his sermons tell of his struggle with depression and his thankfulness for knowing despair so that he could reach out to others who suffered. He sought always to preach of and expect regeneration, which he believed was purely the work of grace.

One of his quotes: "You cannot sin so much as God can forgive. If it comes to a pitched battle between sin and grace, you shall not be so bad as God shall be good."

To read Spurgeon's sermons visit the Spurgeon Center at <https://www.spurgeon.org>

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*Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the church, and in Christ Jesus forever.*

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Just click on the link!

**Facebook link:** <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsmt>

**YouTube link:** [http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPZ\\_oAI6n1GwSPS5dIAkzdA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPZ_oAI6n1GwSPS5dIAkzdA)

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