

What's happening

Officiating: *The Very Rev. Stephen Brehe Officiating*
Organist *Ann Swisher*
Lay Reader: *Ann Dooling and Bill Shropshire*
LEM: *Charlie Briggs*

Sunday, October 27 All Saints Sunday, the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II The Very Rev. Stephen Brehe Officiating

9:00 am Oliver James Dellwo Baptism

9:00 am Sunday School



After the service, please joins us for cake in celebration of Oliver's baptism

5:30 pm Foyers (Undercroft)

Monday, October 28

8:30 am Morning Prayer (V)

10:15 am Bible Study (WH Conference Room)

Tuesday, October 29

Deadline for submitting names to musikantenmt@aol.com for "All Souls Candlelight Concert"

7:00 am Men's Fellowship (V)

8:30 am Morning Prayer (V)

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II Cathedral Chapel - Bishop Marty Leading

Wednesday, October 30

8:30 am Morning Prayer (V)

12:00 pm Endowment Committee (WH Conference Room)

5:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday - Potluck with The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem
Session 3 of Bearing Witness – Teaching

5:30 pm Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)

Thursday, October 31

8:30 am Morning Prayer (V)

Friday, November 1

Bargain Basement's Christmas Room OPENS!

8:30 am Morning Prayer (V)

Saturday, November 2

8:30 am Morning Prayer (V)

5:30 pm Candlelight All Souls Concert at St. Peters Cathedral

Sunday, November 3 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II The Very Rev. Stephen Brehe Officiating

1:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite I at Touchmark The Very Rev. Stephen Brehe

Celebrate

THOSE CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

October	27	Mary Jacobson
	27	Rick Johnson
	29	Barbara Howe
	24	Kerry Johnson
	31	Dan Carlson-Thompson
Anniversary	29	Bob and Cathy Morrison



Today's altar flowers are given by Charlie Briggs in loving memory of his wife, Christie.

The Church: for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; for Marty, our Bishop; for the Togendowagan Society, Ray, their Leader; Darcy and Dan, their Elders; and for St Andrew's, Livingston, Jean Collins, their Rector

Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

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

The Community: for the staff, volunteers, and beneficiaries of God's Love, Good Samaritan Ministries, Family Promise, and the Personal Care Pantry.

Comfort, Healing & Hope: for Debbie, Kari, Jennie, Dick, Billie, Ben and Family, Marge, Dale, Ray, Taylor, Bob D., Terry, Scott, Jordan, Kevin, Robin, Janet, Ray, Joyce, and Lynn

Those Serving in our Armed Forces: for Erica, David, and Shane

Did you Know?



November 1st
Bargain Basement
Christmas Room is Open
(now accepting Christmas donations)

FOYERS GROUP MEET TONIGHT

The Foyers groups will have a kickoff chili supper tonight at 5:30PM in the Undercroft. If you haven't already signed up to be a part of Foyers and think you would be interested in joining, call Darien at 406-431-7464

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

On October 30, November 13, and December 11 Bearing Witness will continue. This week's potluck meal begins at 5:30 PM with Session 3 of Bearing Witness to continue from 6 to 7 PM. Bearing Witness is an online program about The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and its mission.

THRIVENT IS A GOLD LEVEL SPONSOR

In a press release: The Heart of Helena Art Show and Auction is pleased to announce its first gold level (\$5,000) sponsor for the 2025 event. "We are excited to be a part of the Heart of Helena for 2025," said Autumn Keller, Wealth Advisor for Thrivent in Helena.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

A promotional poster for a Native American Heritage Celebration. The background is a photograph of people at an event. Overlaid on the photo is text in various colors and fonts. At the top, it says "Native American Heritage Celebration" in blue. Below that, in red, it says "FRYBREAD AND POW WOW TACOS!". In the center, there's a list of activities: "Drumming and Dancing!", "Stories from Elders!", and "Vendors!". At the bottom left, it gives the date "November 3, 2024", location "Townsend Public Schools (Use N. Pine St Entrance) Townsend, Montana", and time "11:00am - 2:00pm". At the bottom center, it says "For more info email: nativeamericanheritage.townsend@gmail.com". At the bottom right, it says "Special Thanks to:" followed by a logo for "Last Chance Community Pow Wow".

Native American Heritage Celebration
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Free Admission!!!
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Special Thanks to:
Last Chance Community Pow Wow

Construction Corner

The Next 100 Years Capital Campaign



The ramp project is set to continue the week of October 29, 2024.

SAFETY FIRST:

- The contractor is going to putting in the first ramp on the north side of the sanctuary and so will need the whole area outside the nursery blocked off for safety reasons. The parish hall will be accessible by the down the stairs at the front of the church or by going through the outside door closest to the YWCA and bathrooms and then by going on the stage and to the parish hall.
- The memorial garden door facing west will be closed for a couple weeks.
- The undercroft will be available during this phase of the project. Please enter the undercroft by the stairs at the front of the church.
- The north side of the sanctuary, and the Guild Room will not be available during this construction phase:
- Please use the center aisle to access the rail and return to the right via the south side of the sanctuary hallway.
- The nursery will temporarily be moved TBD (to be determined).

We are excited to continue this project that YOU made possible. Thank you.

Weekly Finance Reports

Week ending October 20, 2024

Pledge	\$	5,330.00
Contributions	\$	2,030.00
Togendowagan	\$	40.00
Social Concerns	\$	150.00
Episcopal Relief & Development	\$	20.00



Family Promise has two families.

Family 1 – Mom (23) is around 26 weeks pregnant, and two year old girl. Mom moved here from Great Falls. Mom recently was promoted to a managerial position at work. Mom has an appointment with her OBGYN this week to find out the sex of the baby.

Family 2 – Mom (20) is 15 weeks pregnant. Dad has been busy working. They are both seeking additional services to help them prepare for the future. Mom has been experiencing some health challenges with her pregnancy. Mom is allergic to strawberries.

Prayers for both families are welcome as they work to rebuild their lives and work toward sustainable independence.

November 17-24, 2024 – St. Peter's next Family Promise host week. To learn more or to find out how you can help, please contact:

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Musikanten Montana Memorial Concert for All Souls



Musikanten Montana invites all members of St. Peter's and friends to join them at 7:30 pm on Saturday, November 2 for their All Souls candlelight concert. This annual memorial concert is a time to remember our loved ones as we light individual candles for St. Peter's parishioners who have died in the past year. Their names will be chanted by Gerald Schafer, and there will be a time for silent prayer and meditation. Music

will include Wendy Yuen playing an organ solo, and Kerry Krebill will conduct the chamber choir in several movements from the Fauré Requiem, as well as the final chorus from Giacomo Carissimi's 1648 oratorio "Jepthe." Musikanten Montana will be joined by guest artists Art Bumgardner, Anne Kania and Robert Tudor. The concert is performed without intermission, and the congregation is requested to depart in silence, remembering those who have gone before us. Suggested donation at the door is \$20, but all are welcome.

To have a candle lighted and an additional name in the memorial program, please email the name you would like listed to musikantenmt@aol.com by October 29.

October 30th - In this third session of “*BEARING WITNESS - TEACHING*”, you will see, through the lens of the parable of the mustard seed, how the educational ministries of the Diocese of Jerusalem follow Jesus’s teachings that out of small beginnings can come great things. If you missed Session 1 or Session 2, you can access them online at:

<https://afedj.org/bearingwitness/belonging/>

<https://afedj.org/bearingwitness/healing/>



Bearing Witness

A Journey with Holy Land Christians



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF JERUSALEM

Matthew 13:31-32 *He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”*

Jesus was often called Rabbi, teacher, and uses a parable, a favorite device of Jewish teachers. Jesus’s parables rely on the commonplace experience of the hearers, inviting them to make a judgment on an ordinary situation, then transfer it to a spiritual setting. The parable of the mustard seed is a proverbial example of smallness. The three features of the mustard plant found in the Middle East are the small size of its seed, the large size of the plant in relation to the seed, and its rapid growth.

God can create wonderful things from inauspicious beginnings. How tiny and insignificant seems the tiny seed – yet how powerful its effect! This parable is subversive from a Palestinian perspective: Palestinians are seen as small and insignificant compared to those who hold power and wealth in the region. But the smallest can be the greatest through education.

Education is highly valued among Palestinian families, with 95.4% of children enrolled in basic education across the Palestinian Territories. The youth literacy

rate of Palestinians is over 99%. These impressive numbers mask the challenges of access to schools and quality education. Adolescent Palestinian boys and children with disabilities drop out of school at alarming rates. By age 15, nearly 25% of boys and 7% of girls have dropped out of school, while 23% of boys and 30% of girls aged 6-15 years with a disability have never enrolled in school.

Children in the West Bank and Gaza experience constant exposure to conflict, economic hardship, and poverty. These conditions have adverse effects on children's abilities to thrive in school and increase the need for specialized psychosocial support services, which are in short supply.

In Israel, the Arab Anglicans who run Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem schools in Nazareth and Haifa operate in a highly segregated society where Christian schools receive 1/3 the government funding of Jewish schools. In Jordan, Islam is the state religion and Christian schools – where more than 90% of the students are Muslim – must be exceedingly careful not to offend students, parents, or the authorities. In the West Bank and East Jerusalem students face fear and intimidation going to school in high-risk locations passing through military checkpoints and walking by settlements. Schools in Gaza are chronically overcrowded. Seventy percent of schools operate on double or even triple shifts systems. Recurring violence and the destruction of schools disrupt services and impact the psychosocial wellbeing of Gazan children and teachers. (This was written by the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem in early 2023 and reflects reality before October 2023.)

The Diocese of Jerusalem owns and operates 20 educational institutions enrolling about 6,500 children in Jordan, Israel, the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Lebanon. Parents seek out these Christian schools because they offer rigorous academic programs and model Christian values of peace, reconciliation, and respect for all. Students graduate with skills and a hopeful outlook to become leaders in their communities. The Diocese of Jerusalem's schools provide equal opportunities for girls and young women. They welcome children with disabilities. They provide vocational training. Their curriculum teaches the possibility of peaceful coexistence.

Episcopal Technological and Vocational Training Center (ETVTC) in Ramallah, West Bank. Students spend two years of hands-on learning in either hospitality

and culinary arts or information technology. Upon graduation 97% of students move to full-time employment, additional vocational training, or university studies.

Programs also include a technology summer camp, ballet summer camp for girls, one-year professional culinary arts certificate for adults, a 12-week culinary arts program offered to non-violent offenders in the Ramallah prison, and Sisterhood Academy which is a six-month culinary arts and entrepreneurship course empowering women to start home businesses. About 120 high school students and 80 adults are served each year.

Arab Evangelical Episcopal School (AEES) in Ramallah. As the only Diocese of Jerusalem school with mostly Christian students (54%), AEES serves the Palestinian community in all its diversity, regardless of students' religion, race, gender, and socioeconomic status. The academic program for middle and low-income students in grades K-12 helps develop the student as a whole person, to be respected as a human being. Secondary students choose from two tracks: science or humanities. The school offers an alternative program for students with special needs, learning disabilities, and psychological problems.

Christ Episcopal School Mission in Nazareth, Israel. Christ School provides an academic K-12 education for Palestinian students who are citizens of Israel. It offers a strong science program for junior high students, a media and communications certificate program, and a technology and application development certificate program. A diocesan-wide summer camp offers sports, art, music, and drama. With 1,200 students, Christ Episcopal School is the largest school of the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Sources: www.j-diocese.org Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, <https://afedj.org> American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem