

# All the flowers of tomorrow Are in the seeds of today.

STEWARDSHIP 2025  
A NOTE FROM THE CO-RECTORS

*To Our Dear Holy Spirit Community,*

**As we consider our annual financial gift to this place, we've been focused on these lovely, earthy images: seeds and planting, growth and harvest.** These are apt metaphors for our life at Holy Spirit these days and not just because of all the courtyard construction. Terri and I are aware of all the seeds that have been broadcast around this place over the last year. With great faith, together we all scattered seeds far and wide in preparation for what turned out to be a shared sabbatical time last year. New leaders offered up new skills in everything from worship enrichment to pastoral care and administration. We were encouraged by what we witnessed, and it built confidence and capacity. One endeavor spurred on another. New energy surfaced, and together we discovered a more collaborative leadership model. Our seeds bore fruit.

**As Terri rejoined us she too recognized the growth and momentum.** "It was palpable," she said: "It felt like Easter!" And she had no interest in going back, only a desire to help nurture this growth. So together, leaning on the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we crafted a plan with support of the Vestry to continue building up this soil and planting new seeds, watching with anticipation. We shifted to a Co-Rector model as part of this effort. How would ministry continue to change and grow?

**We have been Co-Rectors now for six months, and we continue to be surprised by the joy of this teamwork.** Not only are we able to support each other in our ministry, but the synergy energizes us and feeds that momentum. This diffuse leadership model has nurtured a more robust lay leadership team than ever before. Laity and clergy are more aware of all the ministries in the parish, and we actively look for ways to combine efforts where possible to enrich all that is going on here.

## **What does all this mean for our church?**

It means that we are stretching and growing and reaching new places like tendrils of pumpkin vines that will not be contained. It means that together we have more energy than we do on our own. Together we have more confidence and courage. Together we have more ideas. Together we can nurture and deepen relationships. Together we can listen and care for one another in ways that were not possible on our own. Together we can shine – shine Christ's light in this world. And then we watch – because who knows what wild thing the Spirit might just grow out of that?

Please prayerfully consider your annual financial gift to nurture the growth of this place and to strengthen our care for the world. Stewardship Sunday is November 3.

With much love and great joy,

*Gretchen Terri*

Rev. Gretchen and Rev. Terri





# Your annual gift is important to the ongoing life of Holy Spirit Church.

**In fact, annual gifts from parishioners** support fully 80 percent of our expenses for clergy and staff salaries, utilities, programs, supplies, insurance, upkeep and outreach.

We invite you to make a difference with a meaningful gift to support our Holy Spirit community as we follow God’s call to us.

The generous and ongoing stewardship of this congregation is most appreciated. We’re very grateful that many people have increased their support year by year and have kept our church income within reach of our financial needs. With your help we can do more.

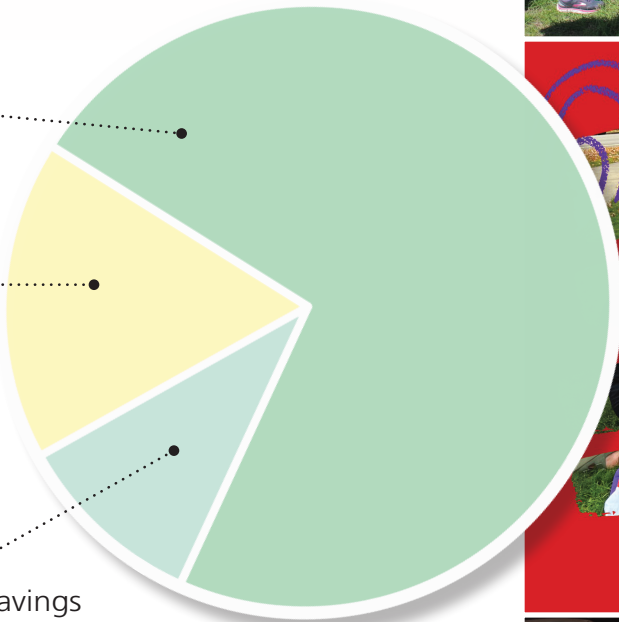
**Thank you** to the families and individuals who make Holy Spirit’s people, programs, worship and connection possible for everyone. We hope you will join in with a new gift or an increased gift on Stewardship Sunday, November 3.

\$502,200  
**Total Expenses**  
**Budgeted for 2024**

\$363,600  
**Annual Gifts**  
Pledges

\$88,300  
**Other Income**  
Memorial Foundation  
Bequests  
Plate Offerings  
Volunteer Activities

\$50,100  
**Projected Deficit**  
Drawdown on Vestry Savings  
Unscheduled Gifts



Everything at Holy Spirit is brought to you by you.

## NOVEMBER 3 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Spirit community. Please complete the enclosed Annual Gift Card and place it in the offering plate on or before Sunday, November 3.

To tell us about your annual gift today, please call the church office at (406) 542-2167 or make your gift online at:

[holyspiritmissoula.org](http://holyspiritmissoula.org)

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