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Gethsemane Episcopal

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### THE OLIVE PRESS

...words from the gardeners

(Did you know that Gethsemane means "olive press"?)

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# **New Handicap Ramp Installed**

Two years ago, at the urging of John Marchwick, one of our youth at the Vestry Meeting, we voted to install a handicap ramp. We applied for a Faber Loan from the Diocese and it was approved last year. Then COVID happened, the church was closed and lumber prices skyrocketed!

At the last vestry meeting, we knew that costs had gone up, but we decided that we had several members that would really benefit from having it installed this year. So with many thanks to our Jr. Warden, Brian Magee and his wife Heidi, the ramp was installed just a few days ago. That ramp isn't going anywhere (it's so solid!!). After church last week, we all went and out and Father Greg anointed it as we all walked up and down the fabulous ramp.

Thanks John, Brian, Heidi and all those that donated to see the project completed. Special



thanks to the Diocese for the \$2400.00 loan to help us see it installed.

## Treasurer's Coin Corner

Thank you all for your faithful donations of time, talents and finances. Apr-June 24 2021 we had **income of \$6,549.98** and **expenses of \$6582.15** a **net income of -\$33.17** These expenses included the building of the ramp and payment to Brian Magee for his amazing work. Deacons Roxy and Connie donated 10 copies of Prayers of Intercession for Common Worship



by Susan Sayers. We also had extra donations from members for the extra costs associated with building the ramp. Our total net income Jan 1 to June 24, 2021 is **-\$20.18.** Never doubt that every penny given helps us to meet our budget. We will begin repaying the loan next month. Thank you!!! Doug Ferkin, Treasurer

# Bishop Visit

Bishop Marty will be visiting Gethsemane on July 25, 2021 at 2:00P.M. We extend a warm welcome to her and already have much to be thankful for as she is leading the Diocese forward. Part of her vision is that we are the Episcopal branch in the



Jesus Movement (coined by Bishop Michael Curry) and that we do wish to live into the ethos that **all really are welcomed** into our Episcopal way of



being. Under her leadership, we are already moving forward with congregational development for our rural parishes as well as our larger parishes. It will be lovely to introduce her to our growing and productive parish. Please come and meet with her and celebrate our diversity!

#### WHY GETHSEMANE...

"To further the experience of living in a small town and worshipping in a church with a casual and caring congregation.." Sandy Osborne, co-Senior Warden, Emma and Tim Carlson

# The Doors Are Open... welcome back!!

We are having in-person services at Gethsemane. We also have a Zoom service for anyone to join in. We live stream every Sunday as well, You can find our videos on our <u>Youtube</u> <u>channel</u>. Please subscribe to our channel!

#### **Fixed Hour Prayer**

Join Deacons Roxy and/or Connie Monday-Friday at 12:00 noon and 5:00 pm for fixed hour prayer. Broadcasting live on Facebook.



Classes will be offered **in-person as well as Zoom** every Wednesday June 16-July 21st. The text for the class is <u>Your Faith</u>, <u>Your Life</u> which can be purchased at churchpublishing.org. If you would like to participate, please email Father Greg at frdgsmith@gmail.com. This is a great way to learn about Episcopalians & your church.

# WHAT WE NEED TO HAVE SAFE SERVICES

- Please come with a mask on that covers your nose and face
- Maintain social distance by sitting in a pew that no one else is sitting in (families sit together)
- We will celebrate the Eucharist and have individual cups available for each person and an individual wafer
- Use the hand sanitizer when you first enter the church.
- If you use the rest room, wash your hands and then use the hand sanitizer in the sacristy.



The May 30th concert at Gethsemane was awesome. We had 17 people in attendance. Carrie Krause was fantastic and so were her helpers. Many thanks to the Bach Roads of Montana for choosing Gethsemane to be on their Historic Churches Tour!!!!

# **Upcoming Events**

# **Birthdays**

#### July-August

Melissa Klarr 7/20 Wally Rauser 8/20 Dick Monroe 8/3 Heidi Jones-Magee 8/5 John Marchwick 8/6

# Anniversaries

**July-August** Brian and Heidi Magee 7/9

Be sure and let Deacon Connie know if we have missed someone for a birthday or anniversary!



# Please take time to welcome our newest members to Gethsemane:

Leo Schuman and Michael Henry have transferred their membership from St. Peter's in Helena and are officially now members of Gethsemane. Leo is a postulant for the priesthood and he will be assisting us with worship and as a Eucharistic Minister. WELCOME TO BOTH Michael and Leo!

### Next Vestry meeting is July 18 after church