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Monday-Saturday, 10 am-7 pm  
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JRPC Staff and Volunteers spreading peace and good cheer at the Downtown Association Holiday Party!



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**"Love is a conversation to humanity - a willingness to participate with others in the healing of a broken world and broken lives." ~Carter Heyward**

Dear friends,

Five years ago today 20 little children and 6 adults were shot in Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. I know we all remember the horror of that dark day and the certainty we all felt that surely this tragedy would fuel a national desire for more sensible gun laws. And yet here we are 5 years and so many senseless tragedies later. According to the [Gun Violence Archive](#), there have been at least 1,552 mass shootings, with at least 1,767 people killed and 6,227 wounded. Most never made the news, but they all represent families who suffer and communities who are devastated. Moms Demand Action has been working across the nation and locally to imagine a different future. **You are invited to join them in vigil and conversation tonight at 5:30 at Paxson School.** Further, you are called to participate in healing the world by asking yourself these questions: Who will I tend to today? Who will I soothe today? Who will I listen to today? Who will I protect today? Who will I take a stand for today? Who will I offer compassion to today? Let us be ready to answer with love, Betsy



## Calendar

Thursday, December 14, 5:30 pm, Paxson School (101 Evans Ave, Missoula). On the five-year anniversary of the Sandy Hook shooting, the Missoula chapter of **Moms Demand Action will host a vigil honoring those lost in the tragedy, as well as the thousands of victims killed by gun violence since.** In honor of Newtown, and in the wake of Las Vegas, Sutherland Springs, and continued gun violence that takes the lives of 93 Americans a day, we'll gather to reflect on these lives and share hopeful, effective ways to end gun violence. Please join us in coming together in hope and action. RSVP at <https://west-moms.ngpvanhost.com/ngpvanforms/4243>.

Thursday, December 14, 7-9 pm, Lewis & Clark Library, Helena (120 S Last Chance Gulch). **Palestine and Israel: The Palestinian Nakba** (Catastrophe) sponsored by Helena SERPAJ History Series, Part 2 of 4.

Monday, December 18, 6:30-8:00 pm, 210 N. Higgins, Suite #207. Need a calm moment? These two evening mini-retreats, will teach you some **simple, effective relaxation, guided imagery and self-hypnosis tools** to help you go through this holiday season more relaxed, calm and self-connected. You will learn simple, yet powerful tools to relax yourself when you're stressed or triggered, so you can feel safer and calmer. \$30 for both evenings. Preregistration Necessary! Register Online: <http://www.innerworkingsresources.com/StressRelief>

Thursday, December 21, 5:30 pm, Caras Park. The **2017 Missoula Homeless Persons' Memorial** to remember our homeless friends, family and neighbors who have passed this year.

**December 31, 4 pm-midnight, Caras Park.** Make time in your first night evening to stop by Caras and add a luminaria to the peace sign we make each year to usher in a new year and a new wish for peace. Volunteers needed -- contact us at [volunteer@jrpc.org](mailto:volunteer@jrpc.org)

Saturday, January 6, 208 E. Main (2nd floor Union Hall Building) **New Year Aikido Intro for Beginning Adults.** Try the martial art of harmony with an orientation followed by four guided basics classes. For more information visit <http://www.AikidoMissoula.com>, call 549-8387 or come by the dojo. Preregistration required by January 3.

Saturday-Sunday, February 17-18, UM. **Black Solidarity Summit: Reflecting on the Past, Preparing for the Future: Laying the Groundwork for the Next 50 Years.** This February marks the 50th anniversary of the University of Montana's Black Studies program, the third oldest program in the United States. The Black Solidarity Summit will bring together representatives from Black Student Union's, African Student Associations, and Black Studies programs around the United States to support one another and engage in discourse about vital issues impacting black students. Please visit the [Black Solidarity Summit website](#) for more details and information regarding the Summit.

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## Action Opportunities

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Roots Action asks us to send **video or text messages of support to the gathering for peace in Seoul, South Korea, December 23, 2017.** Send them by December 16th to [goodfriends.usa@gmail.com](mailto:goodfriends.usa@gmail.com)

Montana Campus Compact is looking for volunteers for **Montana's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Read for Peace event.** MLK Read for Peace is a statewide service project that places volunteers in kindergarten through fifth-grade classrooms to read students age-appropriate books about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as lead them through an activity about peace and equality. We have reading times available January 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Interested volunteers may sign up on our [Volunteer Google Sheet](#).

**War Abolition 201: Building the Alternative Global Security System.** World Beyond War is offering this course online from January 29 to March 19, 2018. It will include video and text, discussion forums, assignments, and feedback from the best instructors. It will not involve any scheduled live events; rather, you can do the course on your own schedule. This is the course to take if you've already taken our beginner's course on ending war, or if you simply want to focus on replacing war with systems of peace. Details are being added, but **you can read about it here and be the first to sign up.**

**Tips for Hosting Greener Holiday Gatherings** <https://www.womensvoices.org/2017/11/17/tip-of-the-month-greener-holiday-gatherings/> Plus remember, JRPC has a dish pantry so you can borrow cloth napkins, plates, silverware and even candle holders and vases -- for a small donatino or free for members of JRPC!

**Do you have any area rugs or pieces of fabric that you would be willing to donate to The Olive Branch for use in the store? We would love them to jazz up the store a bit. Please call or e-mail our store manager, Jenny Zaso, to let her know! E-mail [store@jrpc.org](mailto:store@jrpc.org) or call (406) 543-3955.**

Visit the **Missoula Resistance Library** for great reading lists on topics that are relevant today. <https://missoularesistancelibrary.wordpress.com/>

**We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2019 award. Go to <https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/>**



We are all decked out and stocked with great gift ideas -- with more things arriving every day! We hope to see you in the store this holiday season for all of your gift giving needs. There is nothing more rewarding than giving a fair trade gift or giving someone else the experience of shopping fair trade with a store gift certificate. Make sure your shopping matches your values at The Olive Branch -- or our neighbor Upcycled!

Check out our **online store** at <http://the-olive-branch.shoplightspeed.com>

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## Ongoing Events and Meetings

**Women in Black** Fridays, North end of the Higgins Bridge, 12:15-12:45 pm. [missoulawib@montana.com](mailto:missoulawib@montana.com)

**Balanced View Clarity Online Call** every Sunday, 11am-noon MT time. Contact: [CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org](mailto:CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org).

**Veterans For Peace** first Monday of each month (**September 11**), 4-6 pm, JRPC. [406-363-6150](tel:406-363-6150) or [pvaughan184@gmail.com](mailto:pvaughan184@gmail.com)

**Citizens Climate Lobby**. 2nd Monday of every month, 6pm, Imagine Nation Brewery. Contact Scott at [sebovard@gmail.com](mailto:sebovard@gmail.com)

**JRPC Coordinating Council** Third Monday of every month, 5:30 pm at JRPC. All are welcome to attend!

**350Missoula Coal & Renewables Committee** third Monday of each month, 5:30 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. [leemet@bigsky.net](mailto:leemet@bigsky.net)

**Women in Black of Polson** Mondays, 12-12:30 pm, Polson courthouse. [c211p110@earthlink.net](mailto:c211p110@earthlink.net)

**Knitting For Peace** every Tuesday, 1-3 pm, JRPC. 543-3955.

**Nonviolent Communication Practice Group** Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, JRPC [info@patrickmarsolek.com](mailto:info@patrickmarsolek.com)

**The Cranium** creates origami delights Wednesdays, 1:15-3:15, JRPC. [bonnie@bonnietarses.com](mailto:bonnie@bonnietarses.com)

**Time Bank Orientation** Contact [info@missoulatimebank.org](mailto:info@missoulatimebank.org) for individual and group orientation for new members at a location TBD.

**Missoula Moves To Amend** Contact Sue at 543-3254

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## Articles Of Interest

[Nobel Peace Prize 2017 Lecture: International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons \(ICAN\)](#)

Have you read an article that inspired you? Share it with us so we can share it with others!!

Check out the Library at JRPC for lots of great resources. Donations are always welcome!

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## Ways to Help JRPC

Consider a gift membership or honor donation as a great "green" holiday gift for that hard to buy for person on your list!

And we would be honored to have you consider a donation to JRPC as you plan your end-of-year giving.

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*Jeannette Rankin Peace Center has been in Missoula since 1986, working to build non-violence, social justice and sustainability. We are pleased to be a member of the Montana Shares Network, a partnership of Montana-based nonprofit groups devoted to improving the quality of life in communities throughout the state. Give to JRPC through your workplace. [www.montanashares.org](http://www.montanashares.org)*

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